

I liken this anthology to a magnificent patchwork quilt. The contributors are like my quilting ancestors in America. Like the quilters, the theologians in this volume come from many different cultures and perspectives; each offers her unique gift that is brought together in this 'quilt'. This finished piece becomes a contemporary snapshot that tells us where the spirit is moving at a given time within our community. In time, I believe this work like a great quilt will become a treasured heirloom of the family of God in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and beyond, so the global community will come to know the richness and diversity of this church.

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