

THROUGHOUT CHINA'S RAPIDLY GROWING CITIES, A NEW WAVE OF UNREGISTERED HOUSE CHURCHES IS GROWING. They are developing rich theological perspectives that are both uniquely Chinese and rooted in the historical doctrines of the faith. To understand how they have endured despite government pressure and cultural marginalization, we must understand both their history and their theology.

In this volume, key writings from the house church have been compiled, translated, and made accessible to English speakers. Featured here is a manifesto by well-known pastor Wang Yi and his church, Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, to clarify their theological stance on the house church and its relationship to the Chinese government. There are also works by prominent voices such as Jin Tianming, Jin Mingri, and Sun Yi. The editors have provided introductions, notes, and a glossary to give context to each selection.

These writings are an important body of theology—historically and spiritually. Though defined by a specific set of circumstances, they have universal applications in a world where the relationship between church and state is more complicated than ever. This unique resource will be valuable to practical and political theologians as well as readers interested in international relations, political philosophy, history, and intercultural studies.

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WHETHER IN CHINA OR BEYOND—IN OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LIVING.”**

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**“WANG YI AND OTHERS [ARE] A WITNESS TO
CHINESE SOCIETY AND AN ENCOURAGEMENT
TO ALL GLOBAL CHRISTIANS.”**

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WANG YI is a leader of a Chinese house church. His views are not shared by all, but he is part of an important debate about freedom of religion in China. He is currently serving a nine-year prison sentence for refusing to comply with PRC regulations regarding church registration.

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