

"*The Black Church Studies Reader* adds breadth, depth, and clarity to a field of study within the theological curriculum and the teaching ministry of the church. The contributors represent a broad array of fields, but they are uniform in the quality of their credentials and scholarly contribution. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have contributed to this seminal publication."

—Marvin Andrew McMickle, President and Professor of Church Leadership, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, USA

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—Ebony Marshall Turman, Assistant Research Professor of Theological Ethics and Black Church Studies and Director of the Office of Black Church Studies, Duke University, USA

This book addresses a wide range of issues, from biblical studies and ethics to homiletics and pastoral care. The contributors examine salient themes of social and religious significance, such as gender, sexuality, race, social class, health care, and public policy. While the volume centers around African American experiences and studies, it also attends to broader African continental and Diasporan religious contexts. The contributors reflect an interdisciplinary blend of Black Church Studies scholars and practitioners from across the country. The text seeks to address the following fundamental questions: What constitutes Black Church Studies as a discipline or field of study? What is the significance of Black Church Studies for theological education? What is the relationship between Black Church Studies and the broader academic study of Black religions? What is the relationship between Black Church Studies and local congregations (as well as other faith-based entities)? The book's search for the answers to these questions is compelling and illuminating.

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