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black churches in america have long been recognized as the most independent stable and dominant institutions in black communities in the black church in the african american experience based on a ten year study is the largest nongovernmental study of urban and rural churches ever undertaken and the first major field study on the subject since the 1930s drawing on interviews with more than 1 800 black clergy in both urban and rural settings combined with a comprehensive historical overview of seven mainline black denominations c eric lincoln and lawrence h mamiya present an analysis of the black church as it relates to the history of african americans and to contemporary black culture in examining both the internal structure of the church and the reactions of the church to external societal changes the authors provide important insights into the church s relationship to politics economics women youth and music among other topics lincoln and mamiya discuss the attitude of the clergy toward women pastors the reaction of the church to the civil rights movement the attempts of the church to involve young people the impact of the black consciousness movement and black liberation theology and clergy and trends that will define the black church well into the next century this study is complete with a comprehensive bibliography of literature on the black experience in religion funding for the ten year survey was made possible by the lilly endowment and the ford foundation

frazier s study of the black church and an essay by lincoln arguing that the civil rights movement saw the splintering of the traditional black church and the creation of new roles for religion

religious studies over the last thirty years african american voices and perspectives have become essential to the study of the various theological disciplines writing out of their particular position in the north american context african american thinkers have contributed significantly to biblical studies theology church history ethics sociology of religion homiletics pastoral care and a number of other fields frequently

the work of these african american scholars is brought together in the seminary curriculum under the rubric of the black church studies class drawing on these several disciplines the black church studies class seeks to give an account of the broad meaning of christian faith in the african american experience up to now however there has not been a single comprehensive textbook designed to meet the needs of students and instructors in these classes black church studies an introduction will meet that need drawing on the work of specialists in several fields it introduces all of the core theological disciplines from an african american standpoint from african american biblical interpretation to womanist theology and ethics to sociological understandings of the life of african american churches it will become an indispensable resource for all those preparing to serve in african american congregations or to understand african american contributions to the study of christian faith looks at the diverse definitions and functions of the black church as well as the ways in which race class religion and gender inform its evolution provides a comprehensive view of the contributions of african american scholarship to the current theological discussion written by scholars with broad expertise in a number of subject areas and disciplines will enable the reader to relate the work of african american theological scholars to the tasks of preaching teaching and leading in local congregations will provide the reader the most comprehensive understanding of african american theological scholarship available in one volume stacey floyd thomas brite divinity school juan floyd thomas texas christian university carol b duncan wilfrid laurier university stephen g ray jr lutheran theological seminary philadelphia nancy lynne westfield drew university theology theology and doctrine contemporary theology

unique as it is the black church of america appears to be confused if the church really has elevated the culture experience and tradition of its people above the truth of the word of god then now is the time to observe study and ultimately transform the black church into all it can be nathaniel wilson draws on his personal experiences as the son of a pastor and active member of the black church for his entire life to

present a challenge to others to revisit basic biblical ideas teachings and philosophies and confront the truth of biblical spirituality while examining how the black church has unwittingly taken popular clichs and elevated them above the scripture wilson encourages churchgoers to allow the spirit of god to take the scripture and let him teach us which has been gods design from the beginning with honesty faith and positivity wilson also shares observations on how to improve the current state of black churches why the black church has failed shares a practical assessment that challenges churchgoers to think about the scriptures and how their own church relates to certain biblical truths

a nongovernmental survey of urban and rural churches of black communities based on a ten year study

the instant new york times bestseller and companion book to the pbs series absolutely brilliant a necessary and moving work eddie s glaude jr author of begin again engaging in gates s telling the black church shines bright even as the nation itself moves uncertainly through the gloaming seeking justice on earth as it is in heaven jon meacham new york times book review from the new york times bestselling author of stony the road and the black box and one of our most important voices on the african american experience comes a powerful new history of the black church as a foundation of black life and a driving force in the larger freedom struggle in america for the young henry louis gates jr growing up in a small residentially segregated west virginia town the church was a center of gravity an intimate place where voices rose up in song and neighbors gathered to celebrate life s blessings and offer comfort amid its trials and tribulations in this tender and expansive reckoning with the meaning of the black church in america gates takes us on a journey spanning more than five centuries from the intersection of christianity and the transatlantic slave trade to today s political landscape at road s end and after gates s distinctive meditation on the churches of his childhood we emerge with a new understanding of the importance of african american religion to the larger national narrative as a center of resistance to slavery and white supremacy as

a magnet for political mobilization as an incubator of musical and oratorical talent that would transform the culture and as a crucible for working through the black community's most critical personal and social issues in a country that has historically afforded its citizens from the african diaspora tragically few safe spaces the black church has always been more than a sanctuary this fact was never lost on white supremacists from the earliest days of slavery when enslaved people were allowed to worship at all their meetinghouses were subject to surveillance and destruction long after slavery's formal eradication church burnings and bombings by anti black racists continued a hallmark of the violent effort to suppress the african american struggle for equality the past often isn't even past dylann roof committed his slaughter in the mother emanuel ame church 193 years after it was first burned down by white citizens of charleston south carolina following a thwarted slave rebellion but as gates brilliantly shows the black church has never been only one thing its story lies at the heart of the black political struggle and it has produced many of the black community's most notable leaders at the same time some churches and denominations have eschewed political engagement and exemplified practices of exclusion and intolerance that have caused polarization and pain those tensions remain today as a rising generation demands freedom and dignity for all within and beyond their communities regardless of race sex or gender still as a source of faith and refuge spiritual sustenance and struggle against society's darkest forces the black church has been central as this enthralling history makes vividly clear

throughout the history of the african american people there has been no stronger resource for overcoming adversity than the black church from its role in leading a group of free blacks to form a colony in sierra leone in the 1790s to helping ex slaves after the civil war and from playing major roles in the civil rights movement to offering community outreach programs in american cities today black churches have been the focal point of social change in their communities based on extensive research over several years mighty like a river is the first comprehensive account of

how black churches have helped shape american society an expert in african american culture andrew billingsley surveys nearly a thousand black churches across the country including its oldest the first african baptist church in savannah georgia these black churches whose roots extend back to antebellum times have periodically confronted social economic and political problems facing the african american community mighty like a river addresses such questions as how widespread and effective is the community activity of black churches what are the patterns of activities being undertaken today how do activist churches confront such problems as family instability youth development aids and other health issues and care for the elderly with profiles of the remarkable black heroes and heroines who helped create the activist church and a compelling agenda for expanding the black church s role in society at large mighty like a river is an inspirational visionary and definitive account of the subject

the pinns s book will help a new generation of black americans assess the religious legacy of the black churches and the larger society to gauge their social import book jacket

is the black church dying the picture is mixed and there are many challenges the church needs spiritual revival but reviving and strengthening the black church will require great wisdom and courage reviving the black church calls us back to another time borrowing the wisdom of earlier faithful christians but more importantly it calls us back to the bible itself for there we find the divine wisdom needed to see all quarters of the black church live again thriving in the spirit of god it s pastor and church planter thabiti anyabwile s humble prayer that this book might be useful to pastors and faithful lay members in reviving at least some quarters of the black church and churches of every ethnicity and context all for the glory of god

an exuberant thought provoking assessment of the dilemmas facing black churches examining their historic role in today s cultural landscape publishers weekly starred review in the ground has shifted walter earl fluker discusses the historical and

current role of the black church and argues that the older race based language and metaphors of religious discourse have outlived their utility he offers instead a larger global vision for the black church that focuses on young black men and other disenfranchised groups who have been left behind in a world of globalized capital lyrically written with an emphasis on the dynamic and fluid movement of life itself fluker argues that the church must find new ways to use race as an emancipatory instrument if it is to remain central in black life he points the way for a new generation of church leaders scholars and activists to reclaim the black church s historical identity and to turn to the task of infusing character civility and a sense of community among its congregants honorable mention theology and religious studies prose award

one of the causes of the discovery of america was the translation into action of the desire of european zealots to extend the catholic religion into other parts columbus we are told was decidedly missionary in his efforts and felt that he could not make a more significant contribution to the church than to open new fields for christian endeavor his final success in securing the equipment adequate to the adventure upon the high seas was to some extent determined by the christian motives impelling the sovereigns of spain to finance the expedition for the reason that it might afford an opportunity for promoting the cause of christ some of the french who came to the new world to establish their claims by further discovery and exploration moreover were either actuated by similar motives or welcomed the cooperation of earnest workers thus interested the first persons proselyted by the spanish and french missionaries were indians there was not any particular thought of the negro

reginald f davis believes there is a crisis in black america disproportionately black americans rank at the top in crime murders drug abuse unemployment incarceration poverty education deficiencies and hiv aids cases physical slavery is past and the civil rights bill has been signed yet the black community is not saved is not healed is not organized is not liberated davis s latest book the black church relevant or

irrelevant in the 21st century emerges from his great love admiration and deep concern for the future of the black community and the black church davis contends that a relevant church struggles to correct oppression not maintain it an irrelevant church sees the self destructive behavior oppression and powerlessness of the oppressed but refuses to take the necessary steps to eradicate it how can the black church focus on the liberation of the black community thereby reclaiming the loyalty and respect of the black community davis also challenges the white church to understand and acknowledge what the malignancy of racism has done and still does to the body of christ he asserts that the white church cannot continue to remain silent on issues of oppression it must preach against racism as well as be an agent of justice and liberation ultimately churches both black and white must come together to be the word of god to the poor the oppressed the marginalized

this book gives readers a broad understanding of the black church in america and a sense of its uniqueness in the wider world explores the history of the black church in america its african roots beliefs practices politics and contemporary moral dilemmas argues that in the black church individual and communal destiny are bound together the author is a priest in the episcopal church and teaches spirituality and black church studies at duke university

looks at the history of black theology discusses its relationship to white and liberation theology and identifies new directions for black churches to take in the eighties

w e b du bois is the founding figure of the sociological study of the black church his discussion of the six functions of philadelphia s black church in the philadelphia negro 1899 represented an early example of a functional analysis of a religious group in the negro church 1903 he integrated the findings from religious census data denominational statistics small area surveys ethnographic fieldwork and historical studies to paint a picture of the vibrant role the black church played in the african american community du bois discusses the black church in three of the essays

included in the souls of black folk 1903 other sociological essays and several atlanta university conference annual reports additionally du bois perspective on the black church and the role of religion in the african american community can be gleaned from various poetic works prayers and editorials w e b du bois and the sociological study of the black church and religion 1897 1914 showcases a representative sample of classic studies on the black church and religion by a pioneer of american sociology

an altar call to action from the u s senator and senior pastor at atlanta s ebenezer baptist church publishers weekly what is the true nature and mission of the church is its proper christian purpose to save souls or to transform the social order this question is especially fraught when the church is one built by an enslaved people and formed from its beginning at the center of an oppressed community s fight for personhood and freedom such is the central tension in the identity and mission of the black church in the united states for decades the black church and black theology have held each other at arm s length black theology has emphasized the role of christian faith in addressing racism and other forms of oppression arguing that jesus urged his disciples to seek the freedom of all peoples meanwhile the black church even when focused on social concerns has often emphasized personal piety rather than social protest with the rising influence of white evangelicalism biblical fundamentalism and the prosperity gospel the divide has become even more pronounced this book traces the historical significance of the rise and development of black theology as an important conversation partner for the black church calling for honest dialogue between black and womanist theologians and black pastors this fresh theological treatment demands a new look at the church s essential mission an informative work for historians theologians and humanities scholars interested in debating what the black church needs to be doing in the 21st century journal of african american history as a person who is not black reading this book provided a learning experience for me i could also see this book serving as a way to spark discussion involving all ethnic groups as to how we can all as fellow christians blend the goals of saving lost people and moving the culture toward equality for everyone

ministry well written and meticulously researched the christian century

charts the changing dynamics of religion and spirituality among african americans recent decades have ushered in a profound transformation within the american religious landscape characterized by an explosion of religious diversification and individualism as well as a rising number of nones the contemporary black church makes the case that the story of this changing religious landscape needs to be told incorporating more data as it applies specifically to african americans jason e shelton draws from survey data as well as interviews with individuals from a wide variety of religious backgrounds to argue that social reforms and the resulting freedoms have paved the way for a pronounced diversification among african americans in matters of faith many african americans have switched denominational affiliations within the black church others now adhere to historically white traditions and a record number of african americans have left organized religion altogether in recent decades these changing demographics and affiliations are having a real and measurable effect on american politics particularly as members of the historic black church are much more likely than those of other faiths to vote and to strongly support government policies aimed at bridging the racial divide though not the first work to note that african americans are not monolithic in their religious affiliation or to argue that there is a trend toward secularism in black america this book is the first to substantiate these claims with extensive empirical data charting these changing dynamics and their ramifications for american society and politics

throughout the 1950s and 1960s the black church stood as the stronghold of the black community fighting for equality and economic self sufficiency and challenging its body to be self determined and self aware hip hop culture grew from disenfranchised urban youth who felt that they had no support system or resources impassioned with the same urgent desires for survival and hope that their parents and grandparents had carried these youth forged their way from the bottom of america s belly one rhyme at a time for many young people hip hop culture is a

supplement or even an alternative to the weekly dose of sunday morning faith in this collection of provocative essays leading thinkers preachers and scholars from around the country confront both the black church and the hip hop generation to realize their shared responsibilities to one another and the greater society arranged into three sections this volume addresses key issues in the debate between two of the most significant institutions of black culture the first part from civil rights to hip hop explores the transition from one generation to another through the transmission or lack thereof of legacy and heritage part ii hip hop culture and the black church in dialogue explores the numerous ways in which the conversation is already occurring from sermons to theoretical examinations and spiritual ponderings part iii gospel rap holy hip hop and the hip hop matrix clarifies the perspectives and insights of practitioners scholars and activists who explore various expressions of faith and the diversity of locations where these expressions take place in the black church and hip hop culture pastors ministers theologians educators and laypersons wrestle with the duties of providing timely commentary critical analysis and in some cases practical strategies toward forgiveness healing restoration and reconciliation with inspiring reflections and empowering discourse this collection demonstrates why and how the black church must re engage in the lives of those who comprise the hip hop generation

the black church studies reader addresses the depth and breadth of black theological studies from biblical studies and ethics to homiletics and pastoral care the book examines 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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