

here and appreciate all that Vatican II engendered. This book is not simply a trip down memory lane (although it is that for some of us!). Much more, it chronicles the profound theological, spiritual, and ministerial renewal that the church has embarked upon in the past fifty years, with women religious often leading the way. The struggles and joys we have known are told with wit and grace. Above all, the book points to a profound sense of hope for an unknown future, resting on the sure promise of the Spirit who blows where she will.

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*Asia's Dynamic Local Churches: Servicing Dialogue and Mission.* By James H. Kroeger. Quezon City: Claretian, 2014. Pp. xii + 197. \$15.87.

Kroeger, a long-term Maryknoll missionary based in the Philippines, has given us a summary of the past forty years of theology of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) in his latest work—a collection of seven lectures delivered at Dharmaram Vidya Ksheram Pontifical College in Bangalore, India, during the academic year 2013–14.

K.'s book emerges from an intense interest in and serious study of the Asian Catholic Church over the last four decades. Since its inception in 1972, the FABC has held ten plenary assemblies in different locations across Asia, and its theological fruits have influenced the direction of Asian Catholicism, both at the local and international levels. In this short introductory book, K. captures the dynamics of Asian theological reflection. The reality of Asian Catholics largely as a religious minority shapes their self-understanding both as a missionary church and a church of witness, engaging with the social, economic, and political conditions and rich cultures and religious heritages of Asia.

K. begins the discussion by recounting the “nine waves of renewal in mission theology” (chap. 1), followed by a report of the most recent FABC meeting in 2012 (chap. 2). The next five chapters explore in greater detail questions emerging from the dialogue between faith and culture (chap. 3), interfaith dialogue (chap. 4), integral evangelization (chap. 5), the identity and role of the local church (chap. 6), and the new evangelization (chap. 7).

Since K. intends each chapter as an “integral presentation” of FABC theology, repetition of the same information is inevitable. K. ends each chapter with a bibliographical list for further reading and research. This book is useful for anyone who wants a bird's-eye view of the theology of the FABC, a topic not so well known in Europe and North America.

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