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Books

Bloomquist, Karen L., ed. *Communion, Responsibility, Accountability: Responding as a Lutheran Communion to Neoliberal Globalization* (LWF Documentation, 2004)

Bloomquist, Karen L., ed. *God, Creation and Climate Change: Spiritual and Ethical Perspectives* (LWF Studies, 2009)

Bloomquist, Karen L., ed. *"For the Healing of the World" (2003 Assembly Study Book)*

Bloomquist, Karen L., ed. *Lutheran Ethics at the Intersections of God's One World* (LWF Studies, 2005)

Bloomquist, Karen L., and Musa Panti Filibus, eds. *So the poor have hope and injustice shuts it mouth.* (LWF, 2007)

Bloomquist, Karen L. and Stumme, John R. eds. *The Promise of Lutheran Ethics* (Fortress, 1998)

Ten Lutheran ethicists explore Lutheran emphases, themes, and approaches to offer their account of Lutheran ethics as a way of life in today's world. Writing in dialogue, they raise foundational concerns of biblical and theological sources and norms, of Christian freedom and responsibility, of call and social witness, of justice and formation in prayer. This is an excellent resource for classrooms, group discussion, and individual study, and includes a comprehensive bibliography.

Bussert, Joy K. *Battered Women: From Suffering to Empowerment.* (LCA: New York, 1985)

Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. *U.S. War-culture, Sacrifice and Salvation.* Series: Religion and Violence, Rosemary Radford Ruether and Lisa Isherwood, Co-Editors. London, Great Britain: Equinox, 2011.

Despite the massive growth of the military industrial complex in the U.S., the sacred canopy of war as 'a necessary sacrifice' obfuscates the pernicious reality of U.S. war-culture. This book theologically explores and ethically interrogates sacrificial frameworks and assumptions that electrify and normalize war-culture in the post-9/11 period of the U.S. It questions whether theological sacrificial frameworks may be rehabilitated, and if it is possible to "detranscendentalize" war.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia D. *Healing a Broken World: Globalization and God*. (Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 2002).

Moe-Lobeda shows how the advent of globalization places a new horizon on the spiritual quest but, at the same time, has caused an enervation of people's sense of moral agency. What can I, one person, do to affect such a massive and systemic shift? The classic Christian contemplative tradition, she argues, can ignite critical vision and creative resistance to the seemingly inevitable march of globalization.

Chapters in Books

Bunge, Marcia J. "The Vocation of Children and Parents: Sacred Vision and Spiritual Practices," in *Children's Voices. Children's Perspectives in Ethics, Theology and Religious Education*, edited by Annemie Dillen and Didier Pollefeyt (Leuven, Belgium: BETL, Peeters-Publishing, 2010), 329-356.

Bunge, Marcia J. "Biblical Views of Nature: Foundations for an Environmental Ethic," *Care of the Earth*, edited by Tina B. Krause (Chicago: The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1994).

Bunge, Marcia J. Materials for "Care of Creation," *Our Children at Risk: Hope for Our Future Together*—an educational resource for the ELCA (Minneapolis: Augsburg-Fortress Press, 1991).

Bunge, Marcia J. "Ethical and Theological Arguments for Peace: An Examination of the Roman Catholic and Methodist Statements of Peace." In *Peace and Justice: Toward an Ecumenical Peace Ethic*, edited by Götz Planer-Friedrich (Geneva: LWF Studies, 1990). Parallel issue in German: *Frieden und Gerechtigkeit: Auf dem Weg zu einer ökumenischen Friedensethik*, (München: Kaiser, 1989).

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia and Larry Rasmussen. "The Reform Dynamic." In *The Promise of Lutheran Ethics*, edited by Karen L. Bloomquist and John R. Stumme, 131-150. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1998.

Riswold, Caryn D., Richard B. Hays, George Hunsinger, Richard V. Pierard, Glen Stassen, and Jim Wallis. "Confessing Christ in a World of Violence." In *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*, by Jim Wallis. Harper San Francisco, 2005.

Collaborative statement with Richard B. Hays, Duke Divinity School, George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Richard V. Pierard, Gordon College, Glen Stassen, Fuller

Theological Seminary, and Jim Wallis, *Sojourners*. Released to and covered by national media October 2004.

Wallace, B. R. (2010). "Hush No More – Constructing an African American Lutheran Womanist Ethic." In *Transformative Lutheran Theologies – Feminist, Womanist, and Mujerista Perspectives*, edited by Mary Streufert. (Fortress Press: Minneapolis, 2010)

This chapter challenges the long-standing tendency for Lutheran theology and ethics to be defined by white voices. Hearing the voices of African American Lutheran women in the constructing an ethical theology, findings suggest a "moderating ethical process" as a way to understanding more fully the process by which African American Lutheran women for ethical deliberation and responses. A Lutheran womanist ethic grounded both in Lutheran theological claims and the lived experiences of Lutheran African American women is proposed.

Journal Articles

Bunge, Marcia J. "A More Vibrant Theology of Children," *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 8 (Summer 2003):11-19. Versions of this article also appear in the following: "Retrieving a Biblically Informed View of Children: Implications for Religious Education, a Theology of Childhood, and Social Justice," *Lutheran Education* (Winter 2003):72-87*; Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (online journal, 2004)*;* and "Rediscovering the Dignity and Complexity of Children: Resources from the Christian Tradition," in *Sewanee Theological Review* 48 (Christmas, 2004):51-64.

Bunge, Marcia J. "Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children: Resources From the Christian Tradition," *The Cresset* (Easter 2001).

Bunge, Marcia J. "Children, the Church, and the Domestic Church: Supporting Parents in the Task of Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children," *New Theology Review* (August, 2001).

Bunge, Marcia J. "Christian Faith and Environmental Ethics: Martin Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian* and Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*," *AGORA* (Spring 1994).

Bunge, Marcia J. "Modelle feministischer Bibelauslegung," *Jahrbuch für biblische Theologie* 6 (1991):285-297.

Bunge, Marcia J. "The Church and the Cry for Freedom," *Story* (Spring 1990).

Bunge, Marcia J. "The Church's Key Role in East German Changes," *The Metro Lutheran* (March, 1990).

Bunge, Marcia J. "Früchte des Mutes: Beobachtungen am Leipziger Ring," *Evangelische Kommentare* (January, 1990).

Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. "Suffering, by Dorothee Soelle," *Masterplots II: Christian Literature*, September, 2007.

A brief synopsis of Soelle's book, *On Suffering.*

Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. "Knowing What Cosmos you're in," *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics.* August, 2006.

Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. "What's Not Being Talked about in the Current Election Season," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, fall, 2004. http://elca.org/jle/.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Subversive Virginity." *First Things* (October 1998).

An argument that chastity is more empowering to women than promiscuity.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Blessed Are the Barren." *Christianity Today* 51/12 (December 2007): 22-28.

An exegetical and personal exploration of infertility and adoption.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Sex, the Law, and Faith." *Lutheran Forum* 36/2 (Summer 2002).

A commendation of the classic biblical and traditional Christian ethic regarding sexuality.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Don't Write About Race." *First Things* (December 1999).

A reflection on the ongoing estrangement between the races.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. Essay for Symposium on *Humanae Vitae*. *First Things* (December 1998).

An argument against the Catholic position on contraception.

Jungling, Laurie. A Brief Case Study on Compromise." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 9, no. 7 (July 2009). www.elca.org/jle.

The recommendations on ministry policy made by the Task Force for the ELCA Studies on Sexuality and coming before the 2009 Churchwide Assembly have provoked disparate responses from differing constituencies within the ELCA. In this article I propose to describe, through a case study, the ways in which the actual

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recommendations of the task force represent a compromise between two opposing sides.

Jungling, Laurie. "A New Vision of Marriage as Vocation for the Lutheran Tradition." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*. 7, no. 2 (February 2007). http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Journal-of-Lutheran-Ethics/Issues/February-2007/A-New-Vision-of-Marriage-as-Vocation-for-the-Lutheran-Tradition.aspx

I argue for a helpful criterion in defining marriage that honors this foundational social relation yet does not exclude persons from it according to their "form." God's call should not be determined according to a static social order that is often defined according to human understandings of physical form. Instead, God's call to serve our neighbor is the Lutheran criterion that should structure the many relationships in which humans live, including marriage.

Jungling, Laurie. "Conscience-Bound or Conscience-Liberated: What is best for the ELCA?" *Journal of Lutheran Ethics.* 5, no. 7 (July 2005). www.elca.org/jle.

What is the bound-conscience and what does it have to do with deciding whether or not the ELCA should accept for ordination gay and lesbian persons in long-term, monogamous, faithful relationships? In this article, I ask whether or not we might do better to speak of a "liberated conscience" as opposed to a "bound" one in relationship to this question.

LaHurd, Carol. "Bowling Alone but Working and Worshiping Together." *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 47:4 (Winter 2008): 385-95.

The article summarizes the strengths and weaknesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on the occasion of the church's 20th anniversary, highlights the increasing diversity in the denomination, and emphasizes the importance of the strong ecumenical work that continues to take place, both nationally and internationally. Commitments to social justice, global connectedness and economic stewardship are also discussed.

LaHurd, Carol and Ryan A. LaHurd. "The Complexities of Economics and Justice in the Middle East." *Word & World* 12 (Fall 1992): 390-401.

In the aftermath of the first Persian Gulf War, the authors describe economic and political characteristics of the Arab Middle East, the effects of that 1991 conflict, and Arab aspirations for change. Also explored are potential positive roles for American churches and Christians.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "Christian Ethics toward Earth-Honoring Faiths." *Festschrift* in honor of

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Larry Rasmussen. *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 57:1-2 (2004): 132-150.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "Globalization and Luther's Eucharistic Economic Ethics." *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 42:1 (Fall 2003): 250-256.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "A Christian Ethical Framework." *Seattle Theology and Ministry Review* 2 (2002): 40-47.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "Being Human on Earth: Our Role in Reversing Environmental Degradation" (perspective review of *Being Human: Ethics, Environment, and Our Place in the World*, by Anna Lisa Peterson and of *The Care of Creation: Focusing Concern and Action*, by R. J. Berry). *Second Opinion*, refereed journal of the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics (April 2002): 84-94.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "Journey Between Worlds: Economic Globalization and Luther's God Indwelling Creation." *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry* XXI: 4 (Fall 2001): 413-423.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. "A Christian Ethical Re-read of Economic Globalization: A Step Toward Subversive Moral Agency." *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 52:3-4 (1998): 131-155.

Book Reviews

Denton, Borhaug, Kelly. Book Review: "A Review of *Performing the Faith: Bonhoeffer and the Practice of Nonviolence*, by Stanley Hauerwas," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, winter 2005, http://elca.org/jle/.

Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. Book Review: "A Review of *Reconciliation: Restoring Justice*, by John W. De Gruchy," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, March, 2004. http://elca.org/jle/.

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Reuniting Mary and Martha." Review of *When Life and Beliefs Collide: How Knowing God Makes a Difference*, by Carolyn Custis James. *Christianity Today* (October 22, 2001).

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "Urbane Bigotry." Review of *The Close: A Young Woman's First Year at Seminary*, by Chloe Breyer. *Books and Culture* (September/October 2000).

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "SWF Seeks Suitable Mate." Review of *Wing to Wing, Oar to Oar: Readings on Courting and Marrying*, by Amy A. Kass and Leon R. Kass. *Books and Culture* (July/August 2000).

Hinlicky-Wilson, Sarah. "The Sexual Counterrevolution." Review of *A Return to Modesty*, by Wendy Shalit. *First Things* (March 1999).

LaHurd, Carol. Review of *Holy War, Holy Peace: How Religion Can Bring Peace to the Middle East*, by Marc Gopin. *Pro Ecclesia*, Summer 2003.

Editorials

LaHurd, Carol. "Peace-making as One Response to Terrorist Violence." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (October 2002), http://www.elca.org/jle.

LaHurd, Carol. "This Lord Is Near to All Who Call on Him." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (February 2002), http://www.elca.org/jle.

Dissertations

Bussert, Joy K. "Violence Against Women and Children: A Critical Look at the Use of Scripture in Select Traditional, Liberation, Feminist, and Womanist Discussions of Suffering and their Relevance for Battered and Abused Women and Children." PhD diss., Union Theological Seminary, New York, Advisor: Larry Rasmussen, 2002.