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Religion - Christianity

Paul's Gender Theology and the Ordained Women's Ministry in the CCAP in Zambia / Lazarus Chilenje Zomba, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2021 162p.; 210x148mm. 978996060922 \$ 30.00 / PB

The Ministry of Women in the church for has for a long time attracted scholarly attention. This book investigates Paul's Gender Theology in the book of Galatians in the light of understanding contentious biblical texts and on the background of the position of women in the Greco-Roman World. The results attained are then related to wides issues about the role of women, particularly in CCAP Zambia, and divergent positions are noted. A historical critical reading of these texts, especially Gal 3:28, provides an alternative Pauline Gender Theology to achieve respect, equal opportunities and equal roles for all.

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Setting the Record Straight: Essays on Ecclesiology, Missiology and

Evangelism / Hany Longwe

Mzuzu, Malawi: Luviri Press, 2021

334p.; 210x148mm. 9789996066429 \$ 40.00 / PB

"Kusadziwa Nkufa Komwe" (Łąck of Knowledge is as Being Dead) is a Nyanja maxim, African Philosophy that is true the world over. A person who lacks knowledge is as good as dead, inactive and insensitive. A dead person does not contribute to good life. Lack of knowledge leads to destruction, but having knowledge leads to informed decisions and freedom. Setting the Record Straight is about correction wrong understanding and replacing it with liberating knowledge, to the benefit of both church and society. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=765519

Theology in Malawi: Prospects for the 2020s / (Eds) Kenneth R. Ross & Mzee Hermann Yokoniah Mvula Zomba, Malawi: Kachere Series, 2021 310p.; 210x148mm. 9789996053320 \$40.00 / PB

A small piece of academic history was enacted when a National Theology Conference convened at Nkhoma Mission from 24 to 26 September 2020. Despite the challenging conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the conference attracted some 50 theologians, coming from at least 12 different institutions. This book offers the results of their deliberations to a wider audience. With a particular orientation to biblical studies, faith and culture, and faith and society, they have set the tone for theology in Malawi in the 2020s. One result of the conference was a fresh appreciation of the benefits of working together and the creation of the Theological Society. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=765522

Churches of Christ: A History of the Restoration Movement in Malawi 1906 - 1981/ Mark Thiesen Zomba, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2021 664p.; 210x140mm. 9789996060342

\$ 55.00 / PB

While a significant amount of scholars research has been on the history and theology of the mainline denominations in Malawi, and more recently on smaller groups like the Seventh-day Adventists, Baptists, and Charismatic, little research exists in print on Church(es) of Christ. Yet these churches are ubiquitous across the country, their place of worship dotting the rural landscape north to south and standing alongside other faith communities in every sizable township. Where did these churches come from? What do they believe? How did they spread so widely? This book attempts to answer these questions and in doing so it describes how historical circumstances have shaped the Church(es) of Christ into a family of diverse churches that

share a common history, but whole divergent understandings of how to restore the New Testament church have kept them from being a unified body.

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