

ABOUT THIS BOOK

In recent years religion has received a good deal of attention in the discourse on globalization. Christianity in its Pentecostal-charismatic, evangelical and fundamentalist forms, seems to have thrived in the globalizing climate.

There is overwhelming world-wide evidence that Pentecostal-charismatic, evangelical-fundamentalist and a number of marginal Protestant groups have experienced rapid growth. In the Pacific region this has led to a re-shaping of the religious landscape in the different Pacific Island nations. The changes in religious affiliation have also led to an unprecedented diversity of Christian denominations in the region.

The information presented in this book is based on research carried out over the past four years in fourteen island nations of the region. It attempts to give an accurate account of changes to religious affiliation in the Pacific Islands over the past 50 years. The authors examine the reasons for the ongoing re-shaping of Christianity in the Pacific Islands and provide background information about the newer religious

groups, as well as the mainline denominations and para-church organizations. They explore the extent to which globalization processes have contributed to the rapid growth and proliferation of a variety of Pentecostal-charismatic-evangelical-fundamentalist and other new religious groups in the region.

Globalization and the Re-Shaping of Christianity in the Pacific is the most systematic account available of contemporary developments of Christianity in the Pacific Islands. The book will be enlightening not only to students and academics, but also to policy-makers, and all those interested in the profound effects of modernization processes on individuals and societies in the Pacific Islands.

The editor of *Globalization and the Re-Shaping of Christianity in the Pacific*, Manfred Ernst, is the Director for Projects and Research at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji Islands.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- 56 tables & graphs
- 15 detailed Maps
- 24 full colored photo pages
- Comprehensive bibliography and index



The research behind *Globalization and the Re-Shaping of Christianity in the Pacific*

Going beyond a mere description of what is labelled 'The Re-shaping of Christianity in the Pacific Islands', answers are offered to the questions that sparked off the research project, namely:

- What is the relationship (if any) between globalization and changes in religious affiliation?
- Why do people join new religious groups, often breaking away from families, relatives, communities, and traditional ways of life, causing personal and community pain and conflict?
- Why are the historic mainline churches in a long term state of decline and apparently unable to re-adjust their structures, programmes and activities to the challenges of a rapidly changing social environment?

- The increasing number of people joining new religious groups are forming a conservative social movement, which, in some Pacific island nations, already displays features of the New Religious Right or the so-called Moral Majority in the USA. What are the economic, political and cultural implications for the Pacific region?

As a response to these challenges, the research proposes for the historic mainline churches a new visionary model of being church, with reference to the rediscovery and reformulation of ecumenical co-operation in all areas of work and a strong move towards a theoretical and practical theology that places the marginalized, disadvantaged, oppressed and the poor in its centre.

ORDER FORM

Please send me _____ copies of *Globalization and the Re-Shaping of Christianity in the Pacific Islands*. My payment details are:

Bankdraft enclosed for (currency) _____

Account Number 9800617020

To: The Pacific Theological College Bookshop

Private Mail Bag, Suva, FIJI ISLANDS

Telegraphic Transfer sent on _____

SWIFT CODE: wpacjfx Branch Number: 03900

Westpac, 1 Thomson Street, Suva, Fiji Islands.

Account holder: PTC Bookshop. A/C No. 9800617020

Payment details "Globalization Book"

Credit Card Payments

Payments can be made with the following credit cards (please tick)

Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Diners Club(NZ) ☐

Card Holders Name _____

Card Number _____ (16 digits)

Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Please send my order to:

Name _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Fax _____

Globalization and the Re-Shaping of Christianity in the Pacific Islands



From Rev Dr Felicitika Nokise,
Principal, The Pacific Theological
College

There has been considerable anticipation by the Pacific Church community and ecumenical organizations of Dr Ernst's book, a sentiment equally shared by overseas partners, mission boards and world organizations. *Globalization and the Reshaping of Christianity in the Pacific* is an important and necessary research carried out for our churches and the ecumenical movement in our region. The book is a must for all who genuinely desire to understand today's religious landscape. It is an essential resource for all ecumenical organizations and theological training institutions. In the initial stages of our journey into the 21st century, this book is a timely contribution to our efforts to chart and navigate our way forward.

Postal Address:
The Bookshop
The Pacific Theological
College
Private Mail Bag
Suva
FIJI ISLANDS

Contact the Pacific Theological College at:
Fax: (679) 3301 728
Phone: (679) 331 1100
E-mail: admin@ptc.ac.fj

Reduced postage and packaging price for two or more books sent to the same address. Discount of 20 per cent off book price for orders of five books or more. For further information email: liala@ptc.ac.fj or mernst@ptc.ac.fj

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| North America incl. Hawaii, Canada, Central America, South East Asia | US\$36.00 | US\$26.00 | US\$62.00 |
| Europe | EUR030.00 | EUR036.00 | EUR066.00 |
| Australia | AU\$45.00 | AU\$28.00 | AU\$73.00 |
| New Zealand | NZ\$55.00 | NZ\$34.00 | NZ\$89.00 |
| Oceania (all islands) | US\$36.00 | US\$26.00 | US\$62.00 |
| Fiji Islands | FJ\$60.00 | | |

Pricing Information:

| Country/Region | Book Price | Postage and Packaging | Total |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|-------|
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|-------|