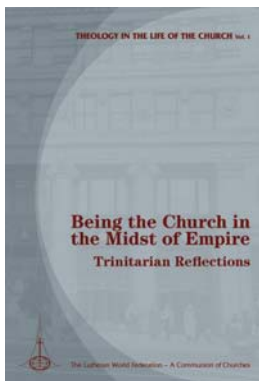


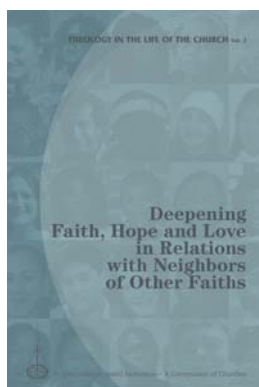
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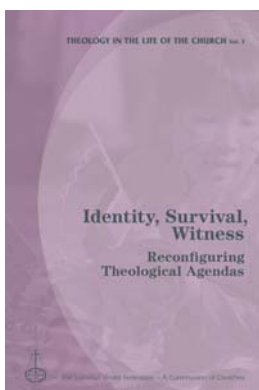
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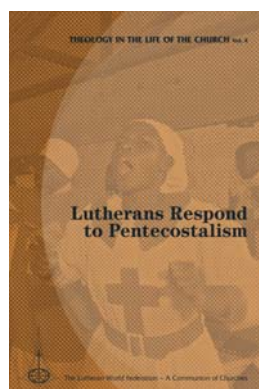
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**THE BOOK:** This fourth book of the Theology in the Life of the Church series, discusses the spread and influence of diverse expressions of Pentecostalism throughout the world, especially Africa, which are posing significant challenges to Lutheran as well as other churches. At a seminar of the Lutheran World Federation in South Africa, theologians debated how they are responding to these challenges. Articles in this book highlight how some Lutheran convictions and understandings can counter, balance or expand upon Pentecostal beliefs and practices.

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