

BOOK NOTICES

Black, Kathy, ed. *Worship Across Cultures: A Handbook*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1998. 248 pp. Paper, \$17.00.

Black, in conjunction with twenty-five United Methodist clergy from twenty-one different cultures, introduces the reader to ethnic and cultural traditions, patterns of worship and liturgy, and rites of passage such as weddings and funerals, from twenty-one cultural groups found in North American United Methodism: Native-, Euro-, Hispanic-, and African-Americans, and seventeen other immigrant groups.

Cetuk, Virginia Samuel. *What to Expect in Seminary: Theological Education as Spiritual Formation*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1998. 240 pp. Paper, \$20.00.

What to Expect in Seminary examines various facets of theological education: the call to ministry, expectations about classroom learning and field education, financial realities, and time management challenges. Cetuk encourages students to reframe challenges as growth opportunities.

Coats, George W. *Exodus 1-18. The Forms of the Old Testament Literature*, vol. 2A. Ed. Rolf P. Knierim and Gene M. Tucker. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999. 178 + xiv pp. Paper, \$24.00.

More than twenty-five years in preparation, *Exodus 1-18* provides a form-critical exploration of the structure,

genre, setting, and authorial intention, followed by suggestions for interpretation.

Cooper, John W. *Our Father in Heaven: Christian Faith and Inclusive Language for God*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998. 294 pp. Paper, \$19.99.

Cooper explores both the movement for inclusive language and scriptural references to God. From his study of masculine and feminine references to God, he concludes that "gender-inclusive language for God and the biblical-historical Christian faith are incompatible" (8). Cooper, however, encourages the usage of "female imagery for God within its traditional, biblically based pattern of speech" (8).

Stoffer, Dale R., ed. *The Lord's Supper: Believer's Church Perspectives*. Scottsdale, PA; Waterloo, ON: Herald, 1997. 334 pp. \$24.99.

The Free Churches have historically been identified with Reformed or Zwinglian concepts of the Supper. Twenty-seven presentations from the Eleventh Believers' Church Conference show how much detail and variety there is beyond those generalizations. The papers are grouped under headings: historical, biblical, theological, special, denominational, and ecumenical. Views represented include African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Brethren, Churches of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Mennonite, Methodist, Moravian, Orthodox, Quaker, and Seventh-day Adventist.