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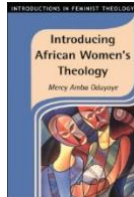


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## Book Chapter

Mercy Oduyoye, 'The Household of God: Studies in Ecclesiology', in Oduyoye, *Introducing African Women's Theology* (Bloomsbury, 2001), pp. 78–89 (ch. 6)



### Content:

Oduyoye explores the place of women in the churches in Africa, using the image of the church as the 'hearth-hold of God', where a hearth-hold is typically a community gathered around a hearth and the woman who tends it. She argues that the church needs to be a partnership of women and men, a 'household in which all count'.

### Author:

Mercy Oduyoye is a Ghanaian Methodist theologian. She has been active over several decades in championing the voices of African women theologians.

Justo L. Gonzalez, 'The Shepherd and the Donatists', in Gonzalez, *The Mestizo Augustine: A Theologian Between Two Cultures* (IVP, 2016), ch. 5



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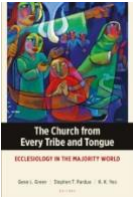
This chapter puts the Donatist controversy – a deep disagreement about the purity of the church – in its historical context (including Augustine's North African context), showing how our visions of the church are shaped by our cultural contexts.

### Author:

Justo L. González is a Cuban–American Methodist theologian and a key figure in Latino theology.

## Edited Volume

*The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology in the Majority World*, ed. by Gene L. Green, Stephen T. Pardue and K. K. Yeo (Langham, 2018)



### Content:

This is a collection of chapters from authors all around the world, illustrating how the doctrine of ecclesiology is being explored in various contexts. The chapters vary in style and approach, but they are all fairly accessible. The whole book is also included as part of the editors' larger collection, *Majority World Theology: Christian Doctrine in Global Context* (IVP, 2020).

## Video

Wilbert Van Saane, 'Many Dwelling-Places: The Search for an Ecumenical–Missionary Ecclesiology in the Middle East', lecture at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (2024), video, <https://www.ocms.ac.uk/lecture/many-dwelling-places-the-search-for-an-ecumenical-missionary-ecclesiology-in-the-middle-east/>



### Content:

Van Saane explores the idea that 'hospitality' is a fundamental feature of the church's life and mission. He notes that this idea is shared amongst many of the churches of the Middle East, but that it takes different forms in Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant contexts.

### Speaker:

Wilbert Van Saane is a Dutch theologian who has lived and worked in Lebanon for many years. He is currently Chaplain and Lecturer in Religion at Haigazian University, Beirut.

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## Journal Article

John Wilcken, 'Ecclesiology and Aboriginal Cultural Traditions', *The Australasian Catholic Record*, 82.1 (2005), pp. 74–82



### **Content:**

After telling the story of the arrival of Christianity in Australia as the religion of the European settlers/colonisers, and the way in which those Aboriginal people who became Christian were inducted into a thoroughly European version of the church, Wilcken asks what a church shaped more deeply by Aboriginal cultural traditions might look like.

### **Author:**

John Wilcken (1930–2017) was an Australian Jesuit theologian. Not himself an Aboriginal person, he wrote extensively on Aboriginal life and theology.