Launching of Book on “Diakonia in a Gender Perspective”

This book is written within a context of academic reflection on the theory and the praxis of diakonia. It is the second book on Diakonia published by Regnum Books, and follows up Diakonia as Christian Social Practice: An Introduction (2014). By academic context is meant post graduate studies. This is expressed by the fact that many of the authors belong to VID Specialized University in Norway (Campuses in Oslo and Stavanger).

The authors are concerned about the role gender plays within the theory and practice of diakonia. Most of them have experience as diaconal practitioners. The academic context of this publication is thus not gender studies per se, but an interdisciplinary approach where diaconal theory is deepened through the lenses of a gender perspective, and where a number of examples and case studies are provided in order to exemplify the impact of a gender perspective on diaconal theory and practice.

Diaconal studies are concerned about describing and analyzing life conditions of people in different contexts, with the aim of finding methods to improve diaconal practice. Gender perspectives play a core role when it comes to both the theory and practice of diakonia.

The gender perspective looks at the impact of gender on people's opportunities, social roles and interactions. Gender is an integral component of every aspect of the economic, social, religious, daily and private lives of individuals and societies, and of the different roles ascribed by society to men and women, also within the field of diaconal theory and practice.

The book is a joint venture between VID, Digni and the publisher Regnum Books in Oxford.

The book will be launched and presented at a mini-seminar at Diakonhjemmet (konferanserommet), Diakonveien 14 in Oslo, September 8, 13.00-15.00. Refreshments will be served.

Welcome and Book Presentation: Stephanie Dietrich

Challenges for Diakonia and Gender: Kristian Larsen (Digni) and Ingunn Moser (VID)

Panel Discussion: How may diakonia contribute towards engendered praxis in church and society?

Anne Skjelmerud, Terese Bue Kessel, Tormod Kleiven, Moderator: Knud Jørgensen

Summing Up: Reading Scripture with New Glasses. Kjell Nordstokke

The book will be available for sale at a special introductory price.

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DIAKONIA IN A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

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Jørn Lemvik

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Stephanie Dietrich

Women’s Religious Experiences and Gender Justice Perspectives on Biblical Narratives – Building Bridges to Diaconal Practices
Elaine Neuenfeld

Feminization or Engendering of Diakonia – New Testament Perspectives
Kjell Nordstokke

Women Empowerment and Gender Equality: Pastoral-Theological Reflections from Africa
Elieshi Mungure

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Diapraxis in Response to Female Genital Mutilation
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Diakonia in a Practical Perspective: Orthodox Reflections on the Background of the Syrian Crisis
Interview with Abouna Alexi Chehadeh

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Learning Gender Mainstreaming through Practice
Lessons Learned from Digni’s Program Women Empowerment and Gender Equality (WEGE)
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Walking with Hope. Transforming Lives in a Context of Violence through Diaconal Reading and Accompaniment  
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Women en Route to Justice: Migration, Gender and Gender-specific Human Rights  
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"Women, use your talents". Empowerment in the Malagasy Lutheran Church - Madagascar  
Zo Ramiandra Rakotoarison

Africanisation of Diakonia – Care in Community with Femmes Pour Christ in Cameroon  
Terese Bue Kessel

Gender Analysis and Development work – a Case Study from Ethiopia  
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Isabel A. Phiri and Chammah J. Kaunda

Mainstreaming Gender Leadership in Diakonia  
Knud Jørgensen

Global Development – Why a Religious and Gender Perspective Matters  
Marianne Skjortnes

Human Rights and Diakonia in a Gender perspective  
Hans Morten Haugen

Dialogical Spaces of Gender in Pastoral Care and Counseling  
Anne Austad

Sexual Misconduct in Church—a Gender Perspective  
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