

The Grapevine

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From Pastor Lisa Schrott

Summer Rhythms at PCO

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease. — Genesis 8:22

These beautiful words from the Lord to Noah after the great flood are a reminder that we are blessed by changing seasons and their accompanying rhythms. I am so looking forward to my third Michigan summer! In addition to exploring this beautiful state Brian and I now consider home and enjoying the bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables, I also celebrate the different rhythms of the church during the summer.

Summer Worship Series

June 2- 23: Quest

Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and “journey” a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. This four week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation.

On June 2 we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper and recognize our graduates and the handbell choir. On June 9 we will recognize PCO education volunteers and commission the Intergenerational Mission Team

June 30 - August 4: Beguiled by Beauty. Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

We were made inherently worthy, not by our “doing,” but by our simply being. Practices of contemplation help us train our gaze to these deeper truths. In worship we will dwell with God and practice ways to return God’s love with creation and with one another.

Special Opportunities for Music During Worship

There are some special opportunities for music during the summer. If you would like to share your gifts of instrumental or vocal music with us this summer, please contact Marlene. Have you been wanting to sing in the choir, but were unable to commit to the Thursday rehearsals?

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Deadline for the July Grapevine is Friday, June 21st

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On June 16 and July 21 Westin will lead a pick-up choir, with practice before the service. Contact Westin for more information. Help PCO continue making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Looking ahead to *Pray and Play July*

Most of our committee meetings and programming will take a break for the month. Our worship services will include opportunities for contemplative practices that draw us closer to God. Our fellowship opportunities will emphasize play and relationship building. Stay tuned for more details.

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Emergency Preparedness at PCO

EMERGENCIES HAPPEN and we don't know when or where an emergency may take place. SO, the best we can do is be prepared. The Administration Committee has prepared a plan for our church. The plan includes the following emergency situations that could take place in the church, either during worship or committee meetings, or other events.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If a medical emergency occurs, after a quick evaluation, 9-1-1 would be called. This would be done by the head usher or designee. We do have an A.E.D (Automated External Defibrillator) located in Fellowship Hall, and staff plus other members have been trained in use of this equipment. (This unit is serviced each year to ensure it works properly.)

WEATHER ALERTS

In the event there is a meeting at church and a weather alert is issued, groups will be asked to move into a "SAFE AREA". This safe area has been identified as in the church interior, away from windows and doors. This includes the Sunday School wing hall, plus the Middle School and High School rooms, as these two rooms are interior rooms with no windows. Pastor Lisa has the "emergency alerts" on her phones in the case a storm pops up during church service.

FIRE PROCEDURES

In the event a fire is noticed, an alarm will sound. If the alarm sounds, everyone is expected to use the nearest fire exit and leave the building!

If in the sanctuary, everyone uses the nearest fire exit, and once outside, gathers in the parking lot near the side-walk on Okemos Road. Next time you are in the sanctuary, PLEASE LOOK AROUND AND NOTICE THE EXIT SIGNS.

If a fire breaks out during education hour, everyone exits the building using the closest fire exits. and once out-side, gathers in the parking lot near the sidewalk on Okemos Road where a head-count can be made. During this time, teachers walk and stay with their class to make sure all are safe. All must stay a safe distance from the building until an all-clear is given.

BUILDING LOCKDOWNS

A LOCKDOWN IS USED WHEN THERE IS A POTENTIAL DANGER OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. In the event this happens, our church would be notified and a designee would communicate this to people in the building.

A designee would lock all outside doors and make sure all windows are closed. Depending on the situation, a decision might be made to move groups to a specific safe area and all need to remain in place until notified the incident is over.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

Because of unfortunate circumstances with church shootings, we do need to be aware of "active shooter" incidents. We are fortunate Pastor Lisa has been involved in "plans of action" for these types of incidents, and now is involved in the continued process of planning in the event this ever happens. Planning for responding to a violent situation in the church will be handled in a separate training event by the Administration Committee.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INCIDENTS

We are grateful both Lisa and Rebecca have training in working with incidents involving those with mental health crisis. Both will continue to involve staff and leadership in this type of training.

The Administration Committee continues to evaluate and review present procedures and will make adjustments as needed.

Dave Rumminger

**Congregational Meeting
to call Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
Sunday, June 9 following worship
In person and on Zoom**

Youth Parents' Nights Out:

Gather at 8:00 p.m. at Joe's on Jolly, 2360 Jolly Road in Okemos on the 3rd Thursdays of the following months: June 20, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 15.

* No gatherings scheduled in July or December.

Intergenerational Service Opportunities

With a vision for providing intergenerational opportunities, partnering between PCO Committees and with the community, sign up now for **Intergenerational Mission Week! June 10-15, 2024**

Work with our mission partners playing bingo, having breakfast with kids, working in community gardens and food pantries, serving meals, and more! The week is full of drop in experiences: come for some or all. You can also support the mission team by providing lunch.

Adults are needed to accompany youth in order to make this week a success both for PCO and for our mission partners.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ikMDwi9rMjPQ2TRy5> or on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for sign up is June 4. Please contact Rebecca Mattern for more information.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39



What's Happening With Youth Group

June 2: Youth Council - 4:00 p.m.

June 2: Youth Group: Middle and High School together—5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m: Food, fun, fellowship and playground cleaning! Wear clothes that can get wet and come refresh the playground for your younger church siblings!

June 9: 5:00 p.m. (after the Carillon Concert and ice cream at MSU Dairy) Family celebration to celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer break. MSU Children's and Horticultural Gardens, 1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing MI 48824. Bring your whole family, a frisbee, football, baseball/softball gloves and a picnic.

Youth Group will take a sabbath for the summer AND there will be opportunities for spontaneous fellowship and fun after worship on Sundays and during the week, communicated through text and email. Youth and families are encouraged to initiate gatherings. Know you will be kept in prayer as you attend camps, travel, visit colleges, work, or just hang out at home! That prayer is for parents too!



Congratulations, 2024 Graduates!

- Kendall Jane Bobay will graduate from Ft Lauderdale High School on June 5. She plans to continue at a local community college. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Jane Bobay.
- Andrew Mayhew graduated from Okemos High School on May 29. He plans to attend the College of Wooster and study biology. He is the son of Steve and Sarah Mayhew.
- Rebecca Stokes graduated from James Madison College at Michigan State University this spring with her BA in Social Relations and Policy. She is the daughter of Mike and Tanya Stokes.



Parish Life Out on the Town Event

Sunday, June 9 at 3:00 p.m.
Carillon Concert and Tour
Led by Laurie Harkema
at Beaumont Tower at MSU
To followed by a visit to
the MSU Dairy Store

Blessing for Graduates

Holy One, Creator of our whole being:
body, spirit, and mind,
Bless those who venture out into the world
with new diplomas and degrees in hand.
Grant them guidance and courage for their path ahead.
Help them to know that they are not alone
as they embark on new adventures..

Surround them with those who will offer hospitality,
encouragement, and grace.
Remind them they always have a home here, and with you.
Hold them in their growing faith, be it full of confidence,
questions, or doubt, as they see the world with fresh eyes.

Guide them as they seek the work
you have for them to do in the world.

May the teachings of Jesus
and the comfort of the Holy Spirit
guide their way.

In your Holy name we pray,
Amen.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP JUNE 9

THANK YOU

**FAITH FORMATION
VOLUNTEERS**

for

- teaching us
- challenging us
- leading us

as we grow in faith together!

Children's Sunday School Adult Education on Sunday
Youth Sunday School Bible Study
Youth Group Conversation & Contemplation
CE-CY Committee Men's Group
Adult Ed Committee Women's Connection

Conversation & Contemplation

In June, the group will continue on Zoom # 905-709-1043 password 48864 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

Our final meeting of the academic year will be on **June 19 at East Gate Park off Meridian Road**. We will have a nature walk guided by Janet Mac Farlane. The cost of the Forest Bathing Walk is \$15.

This will be followed by a picnic in the park. Beverages, plates and silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with the group. Please let Jane Bobay know if you will be attending (*contact info is in the directory*), as Janet needs to plan for the group.

Retirees

The Retirees will meet at the home of Tom and Jane Bobay on **Monday June 24 at 12 noon** for a potluck. Beverages and grilled meat and alternatives will be provided. Please let Jane know if you are coming (*contact info is in the directory*). All are welcome even if you haven't been attending!

Caregivers Support Group

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, year around! Our June meeting is on **June 26 at 5:00 p.m.** Zoom in #517-329-2320; password hello. Anyone is welcomed to join us for an informal discussion of all aspects of caregiving. Health, medications, living situations, doctors, changes, joys and concerns are various topics that have arisen.

Birthday Cake Sunday

In June, we will celebrate Birthday Cake Sunday on **Sunday, June 16**. If you celebrate your birthday in June, please check the June Birthday List posted on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall and add your name by Sunday, June 9th if it is not there.

June Women's Dinner Out

The next Women's Dinner Out will be held **Monday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Persis Indian Grill, 3536 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos**. It is in the shopping/dining center at the corner of Jolly Rd and Okemos Rd.

Please let Candy Boldrey or Jennifer Gordon know asap if you plan on attending (*Contact info is in the directory*). When the reservation is made, a few extras are always included in the count in case someone does not know until that date whether she can attend or not, but please rsvp if you can..

Adult Christian Education & Fellowship

Password for Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted is 48864.

Days and times subject to change. Please watch Friday e-Announcements for changes, particularly during the summer months.

SUNDAYS

Adult Education—Weekly, 11:30 a.m., in person & on Zoom 434 304 558 (*check the Sunday bulletin for topics. Enjoy a time of fellowship after worship when no adult ed is scheduled*)

Writing Life's Stories – 1st Sundays, **2:00 p.m.**, Zoom 848 6124 7191— **next meeting is Sunday, June 2.**

Birthday Cake Sunday—3rd Sundays following worship unless otherwise noted. This month will be on **June 16.**

Women's Connection—*On hiatus for the summer. See you in September!*

MONDAYS

Retirees – 4th Sundays, 12 noon. On June 24 at Tom and Jane Bobay's house. See

Women's Dinner Out— 1 st Mondays, 5:30 p.m. at Persis Indian Grill, 3536 Meridian Crossing Drive in Okemos.

TUESDAYS

Men's Group – Weekly, 8:00 a.m. Zoom 813 7514 8286. *Tentative hybrid meetings are first Tuesdays but not this month.*

PCO Crafts Ministry— '*Officially*' on hiatus for the summer. *Watch your email for possible get-togethers.*

Artists Circle—*Watch the weekly Announcements for any summer artists' gatherings.*

WEDNESDAYS

Conversation & Contemplation— *see top of left column for summer schedule.*

Caregiver Support Group - 4th Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Next Meeting is **June 26** on Zoom 517 329 2320; password is **hello**

THURSDAYS

Bible Study – Weekly, 9:30 a.m. Zoom <https://msu.zoom.us/j/5147440526>

Youth Parents' Night Out— **3rd** Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. at Joe's on Jolly, 2360 Jolly Road in Okemos. June meeting is on **Thursday, June 20.**





Dear Church Family,

Working with the PCO 60 th Anniversary Committee was a Holy Experience; all along the way, the Presence of God was palpable as each person Showed Up and brought us their Gifts. Mickey Martin, Jennifer Gordon, Barb Given, Shirley Rumminger, Becky Gillespie, Barbara Dorr, Ellen Briggs and Sue Cobbett were the quintessential, historic “church ladies” (as coined by Barbara Dorr), those who always work tirelessly behind the scenes, bringing their creativity, impressive competence, decisiveness, and generous spirits. And: we had FUN!

Other Angels also came on board:

Siri and Dave Rainone, with their donation of wine (and pre-wine tasting party!), Sue

Schnackenberg and Eunice Creswell for their beautiful 60 th bulletin board, Jane Bobay for her memorable video program, Edward Ennen and Rich Martin for their design and set up of Fellowship Hall, Ron Dorr for his extensive work on the Memory Books, Jayne Zuhlke and Eunice Creswell for their hands-on work on set-up day, and Speakers Jane Bobay, Jane Paterson, Eunice Creswell, Roy Meland, Jill Tribell, Irene Shutt, Ron Dorr, Rebecca Mattern, Rich Martin, Alice Townley, Peggy Casteel-Huston, Bill Given, Tom Schaberg, Grace Townley, and Toastmistress Lisa Schrott.

Special Kudos also goes to our Staff, Pastor Lisa, Anna Thiel, and Edward Ennen, whose support and attention to details and tasks was made more challenging by the demands of the event, and who all rose beautifully to the challenge.

Best of all: the Holy Spirit worked among us to deepen friendships and, once again, to illuminate the Blessings of our incredible Church Community!

MEA CULPA: We did a mere smattering of people’s names, honoring either those not in attendance or those who had passed, and by doing so missed naming many important people, “who have stood among us and on whose shoulders we stand”. We honor them ALL and hold them in deep gratitude in our hearts and minds.

Love, Jill Schaberg

Dear PCO family,

Thank you so much for embracing me and my family with prayer, food, cards, visits, words of encouragement and flowers and more. I am truly blessed and encouraged by all of you. The beautiful afghan has been a comfort to me as it is easy to pull over my shoulders while I’m in bed at night and feel all snugly warm. The prayer shawls have been a comfort to my daughter and granddaughters.

Sue Nicholson

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the cards, flowers, prayers, food, and visits for both my surgery and birthday. I miss being with you at church.

With love, Jean Cymbalski

Dear PCO

The Edgewood Village kids thank you for the donations of healthy snacks! This will help them have extra treats throughout the summer months. I want to thank you as well for your generosity!

God bless you!

Jayne Z

To read more about Edgewood Village, visit page 8.

Don’t Miss a Message

E-mail Forwarding Causing Potential Email Loss

Many PCO members are auto-forwarding email to secondary accounts. About 10% of PCO email is getting flagged as potential spam by incorrect email forwarding server configuration, primarily by servers at MSU, UMich, outlook.com, hotmail.com. The messages are currently delivered but when spam security is tightened, they will be blocked. If you auto-forward email from okemospres.org from groups/announcements, please modify your membership to use the account where you read email. If you have questions about the subscribed account address, contact webmaster at okemospres dot org.

Refugee Awareness Week: June 20 – 28, 2024

We will have many opportunities to celebrate our newest neighbors, including graduation ceremonies at PCO mission partner **The Global Institute of Lansing**. On Friday, June 21, honor the accomplishments of our adult refugee & immigrant high school graduates. (See large graphic at the bottom of the page for details) For other events you may want to attend, see the list below, and invite a friend to join you...

Thursday, June 20: Peace Pole Unveiling from 12 noon 2:00 p.m.

At Peckham Inc. 3510 Capital City Blvd, Lansing, MI 48906

Peckham has created job opportunities for new Americans for many years.

Catering by Noosh Afghan Restaurant.



**Capital Area
District Libraries**

Friday, June 21 – Friday, June 28: Clothes that Tell a Story: Refugee Fashion

CADL – South Lansing Library, 3500 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910.

Saturday, June 21: Rays of Hope: Refugee Talent Show, 5:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI

Come and experience the wealth of talent that has settled right here in our community. Includes dancers, singers, poets, and artists from around the globe.



Tuesday, June 25: IRRRC Heritage Hearth & Plate Book

Reveal, 5:00-7:00 pm Lansing Shuffle: 325 Riverfront Dr, Lansing, MI 48912 Share a meal and be the first to hear the book title for the "Summer Community Read!" Reservations Required at

<https://forms.gle/77H5L99RGmxheG5y7>



**Immigrant & Refugee
Resource Collaborative**

Friday, June 28: Tour of the New Refugee Development

Center (RDC), 5:30 pm 5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI, 48911 Join us for a tour of RDC's New-comer Center and then enjoy a community potluck hosted by Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project.



refugee development center

June 20-June 30: Samaritas Refugee Art Show

Tabooli Restaurant, 515 West Grand River Ave., East Lansing MI 48823 Features pieces created by youth from around the world, now in refugee foster care in Michigan. Art creation provides an outlet for these youth to explore their hearts, losses, hopes, and dreams.



THE GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF LANSING



Graduation

The Global Institute of Lansing requests the honor of your presence at the high school graduation ceremony of the

Class of 2024

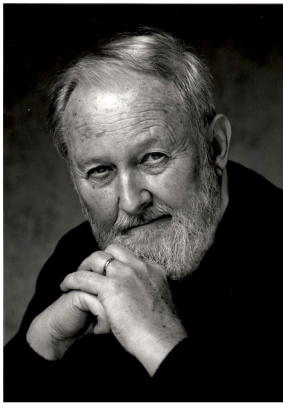
Friday, June 21, 2024

6:30 p.m.

*First Presbyterian Church
510 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan*

Please join us for dessert immediately following the ceremony.





Rev. John Duley (1920—2021)
was instrumental in establishing
Edgewood Village.

PCO Mission Partner: Edgewood Village

Edgewood Village is a low-income housing property located in East Lansing. Built in the early 1970s as part of a lifelong dream of PCO member, John Duley, to achieve social justice, and combat income inequality by providing clean, affordable housing to persons and families of very limited resources. It has evolved into a space that offers not only housing but educational opportunities for youth and adults, college access opportunities, support in times of crisis, and a committed, caring community.

PCO members can get personally involved as individuals or in small groups in this mission through volunteer opportunities in tutoring, connecting with youth, visiting and sharing with the elderly and infirmed, and working in the community garden. For those with an interest or questions please see Tom Schaberg.

Public Policy Report **By Ellen Hoekstra**

The state legislature is focusing on the state's 2024-2025 budget. One of the governor's priorities in this budget is replenishing the Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund, depleted by state disasters, especially tornadoes. Several superintendents around the state have publicized districts' challenges with increasing tobacco and marijuana vaping and chewables. One has suggested some of the state revenue from the sale of marijuana be dedicated to providing schools funding for detection devices and public service announcements.

Relatedly, **Meridian Township's Planning Commission** recently held a lightly attended public hearing on a request for a special use permit for a commercial adult use (recreational) marijuana provisioning center on Okemos Road near Jolly Road. If unable to attend this hearing, comments can be sent to the Planning Commission at Schmitt at meridian dot mi dot us

HB 5450 and 5451 -- Rep. Sharon McDonald (Troy) and Rep. Julie Brixie-- were reported out of the House Education Committee. These bills would require the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to draft safe storage of firearms information and require schools to distribute this information to parents. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for kids (ages 1-17), with firearms the most common method.

MDHHS has renewed Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan coverage, bringing the total to more than 1.5 million. Michigan residents who no longer qualify can find additional information under HealthCare.gov.

On Earth Day, a \$290 million expansion of the MI Clean Water Plan was announced. One of the beneficiaries of the Plan is the Delta Township Water Resource Recovery Facility, which was almost at capacity a few years ago.

HCR 0014, a concurrent resolution using the federal government to increase funding for the Double Up Food Bucks program, has passed the state senate. This funding enables low income individuals to afford fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets, like the program in Meridian Township, that John Duley initiated.

In federal news that is expected to benefit Michigan:

The EPA awarded the state \$159 million to lower the cost of community and rooftop solar for thousands of low-income and/or disadvantaged households.

- The Social Security Administration (SSA) is changing beneficially how it calculates In-Kind Support and Maintenance for people who receive Supplementary Security Income (SSI). These recipients will no longer have "free food" counted in its definition of income. For example, if a recipient lives with someone who pays for the groceries, the beneficiary's monthly payout would no longer be reduced. In 2024, the maximum SSI payment is \$943 per month.
- Changing federal regulations will soon close the gun show loophole that had permitted some firearm dealers to side skirt the safeguards that sporting goods stores must follow.

International news of concern:

Floods are creating major problems in many countries, including Brazil as well as Kenya and other East African countries. **Simbolei Academy** and the area around it have been dealing with reduced access to electric power. Latin America has seen dengue fever rates spike.

BOOK NOOK

By Ron Davr

Missionary Diplomacy: Religion and Nineteenth-century American Foreign Relations by Emily Conroy-Krutz

To read Emily Conroy-Krutz's new book, Missionary Diplomacy, is to be in the presence of a curious and probing mind, a careful and caring scholar, a historian's craft, and writing worth reading.

In the "Prologue," Emily makes her thesis clear. During the nineteenth century, "there was one constant in America's role overseas: Protestant missionaries and their supporters played a key role in protecting U. S. power and defining U. S. interests." Indeed, "the evolution of both [the State Department and the Protestant mission movement] together reveals how entangled their roots were and the ways that they would shape each other's growth over the century and into the next."

In elaborating her evidence for such propositions, she raises fascinating questions. "What exactly was missionary business?" "What is a missionary good for anyway?" "Will becoming a missionary . . . require a renunciation of the right to be respected as a U. S. citizen?" Tensions arose. "Were missionaries serving the interests of U. S. diplomacy? Or were they creating unnecessary problems?" Or both? Were assertive missionaries victims, troublemakers, or both? Were "missionary troubles" in the Caroline Islands "a conflict between a Catholic and a Protestant state?"

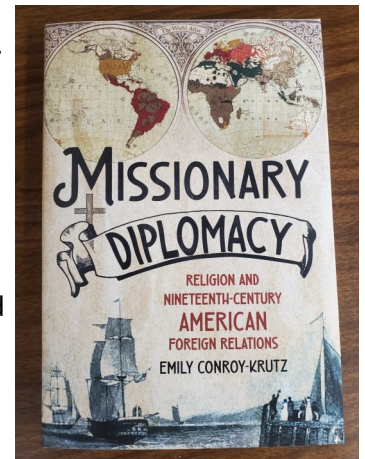
Such questions led to larger issues. "What did religious freedom mean, and who could claim it?" Was the U. S. a Christian nation? Was the U. S. an empire as well as a democratic republic? "Was the United States a moral force in the world?" After conquering the Philippines in 1898, should the U. S. practice "Christian diplomacy" or set up self-rule for the Filipinos?

To help answer such questions, in the "Prologue" and Part I, Conroy-Krutz introduces us to influential missionaries and politicians. Divie Bethune McCartee was an exemplary missionary and diplomat: serving God meant serving the U. S., and good diplomatic relations, McCartee believed, would advance the cause of Christianity. Samuel Wells Williams became a highly respected expert on China. In dozens of articles and a two-volume 1,200-page book, The Middle Kingdom (1848), "he educated American readers about Chinese geography, political history, natural history, government, the educational system, the written language, literature, the arts and sciences, architecture, dress, diet, social life, commerce, agriculture, the mechanical and industrial arts, and religion." And John Quincy Adams listened to missionaries preach in churches, took their views seriously and, on occasion, changed his mind because of what he read and heard. I was awed by Emily's portraits of these men.

Part I focuses on "Missionary Intelligence," or how knowledge about missionaries developed during the 1810s-1840s, especially by such politicians and experts. Part II, "Missionary Troubles, 1840s-1880s," involves citizens, consuls, victims, troublemakers, and workers. As the number of embassies and consulates grew, so did the number of missionaries, especially women. Missionary activities—translating foreign languages, interpreting documents, building schools, providing medical services—expanded. Tensions and ambiguities also increased. Some missionaries were harassed, beaten, even killed.

In Part III of the book, "Diplomatic Missions, 1890s-1920s," dramatic case studies appear. They involved the perspectives of imperialists and anti-imperialists, participants in the Boxer Rebellion in China, victims of and witnesses to massacres in the Congo and Armenia, and humanitarian workers. The most dramatic resolution, I submit, was William McKinley's rationalizing of the U. S. occupation in the Philippines in 1898. The president got down on his knees, prayed, eliminated all other options, and decided to "take them all, and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift them and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the very best we could by them, as our fellow-men for whom Christ also died." Here religion and diplomacy fused, but not without fierce opposition from anti-imperialists.

Sixty-four pages of notes, maps, illustrations, and sources buttress Emily's outstanding work here. She combines storytelling and analysis well. She includes sound generalizations, main support, specific examples, and telling facts. Clear and curious thinking, humane feeling, careful crafting, and wise wording—all appear here. Because of my experience among missionaries and diplomats in Bogota, Colombia, I could relate well to what she was writing. The result is a highly original and illuminating history of Religion and Nineteenth-century American Foreign Relations.



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