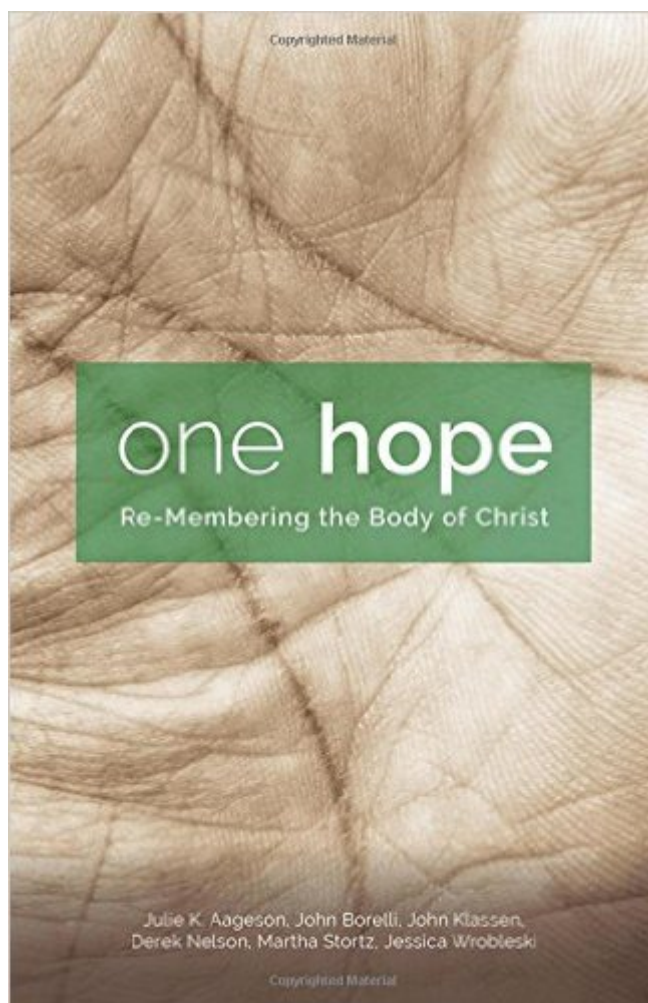


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Synopsis

One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ is a rich ecumenical resource designed to help Catholic and Lutheran communities mark the approaching 500th anniversary of the Reformation. By gathering together to reflect on and discuss its contents, Christians will foster the church's unity on a grassroots level and grow in their awareness of the ways that unity already exists. The essays in One Hope are the product of an intense collaborative process by six gifted scholars and pastoral leaders, three Lutheran and three Catholic: Julie K. Aageson, John Borelli, John Klassen, Derek Nelson, Martha Stortz, and Jessica Wrobleski. They explore experiences and activities that Catholics and Lutherans share and which connect to the living of their faith in embodied ways: breathing, eating, singing, forgiving, serving, and dying. One Hope will serve as a welcome resource for adult faith formation and parish discussion groups made up of Catholics, Lutherans, members of other denominations, or combinations thereof.

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3 1/2 stars This was read as a discussion book through our church. Our church is a bit of an anomaly, as it is an ecumenical church (inclusive of all Christian denominations) founded and mostly attended by Lutherans & Catholics. The community is actively living this "re-membering" between the two denominations. I'm a recent addition, with minimal experience of either denomination. It was nice to learn more about the reformation, of which I knew very little. This book is excellent for discussion groups, especially with lively members and hopefully with people who have

Lutheran or/and Catholic backgrounds. We met for four weeks and would always have to reign in the conversation so we could stay within our 2 hour meetings. The book itself is pretty good. I would give it 3 stars for the book alone, but I think it's an excellent starting point for conversations and book groups. The only chapter (out of 7, since I don't really count the last one) that I felt was weak was Dying and Grieving (the last one). It was the only chapter that didn't have, "These are our things that divide us, but we're actually the same" theme to it. It had a whole page with an example will, which felt like filler. Overall good book, super quick read, and perfect for discussion groups.

This is a very good introduction to the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue written by theologians from both faith communities and intended for congregations. While the focus in some chapters is a little diffuse for my taste, there are many very fine discussions about what the two religious bodies have in common, and good suggestions for discussion and questions.

I hope that many groups will read and discuss this book. I pray for positive communication between the two churches and their members. Let us listen, share, eat together and love as Jesus, our brother, wanted us to do. There is great potential for all of us led by our Lord and Savior.

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