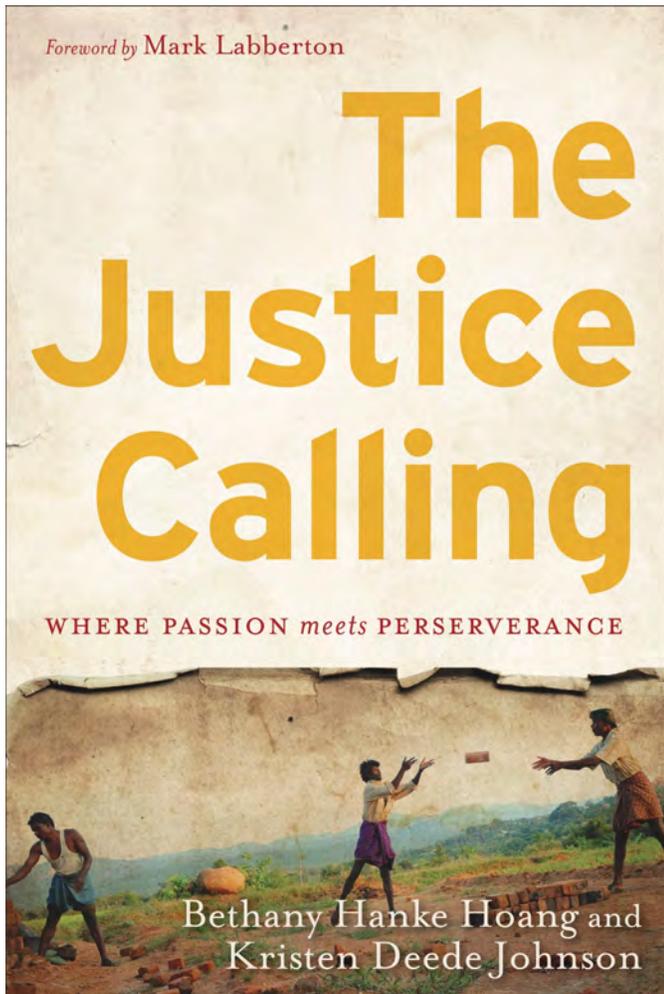




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## THE JUSTICE CALLING

*Where Passion Meets Perseverance*

**Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson**

### Grounding Our Passion for Justice in Deeply Rooted Faith

Justice requires perseverance--a deep perseverance we can't muster on our own. The world's needs are staggering and even the most passion-driven reactions, strategies, and good intentions can falter. But we serve a God who never falters, who sees the needs, hears the cries, and gives strength--through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit--to his people.

Offering a comprehensive biblical theology of justice drawn from the whole story of Scripture, this book invites us to know more intimately the God who loves justice and calls us to give our lives to seek the flourishing of others. The authors explore stories of injustice around the globe today and spur Christians to root their passion for justice in the persevering hope of Christ. They also offer practices that can further form us into people who join God's work of setting things right in the world.

**Bethany Hanke Hoang** (MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary) engages Christian leaders around the world and regularly speaks on behalf of International Justice Mission (IJM), a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of violent oppression. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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### Reclaiming an Evangelical History of Activism

In recent years, there has been renewed interest by evangelicals in the topic of biblical social justice. Younger evangelicals and millennials, in particular, have shown increased concern for social issues. But this is not a recent development. Following World War II, a new movement of American evangelicals emerged who gradually increased their efforts on behalf of justice.

This work explains the important historical context for evangelical reengagement with social justice issues. The authors provide an overview of post-World War II evangelical social justice and compassion ministries, introducing key figures and seminal organizations that propelled the rediscovery of biblical justice. They explore historical and theological lessons learned and offer a way forward for contemporary Christians.

**Soong-Chan Rah** (DMin, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; ThD candidate, Duke University) is Milton B. Engebretson Associate Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He is the author of *Many Colors* (an *Outreach* book award winner) and *The Next Evangelicalism*.

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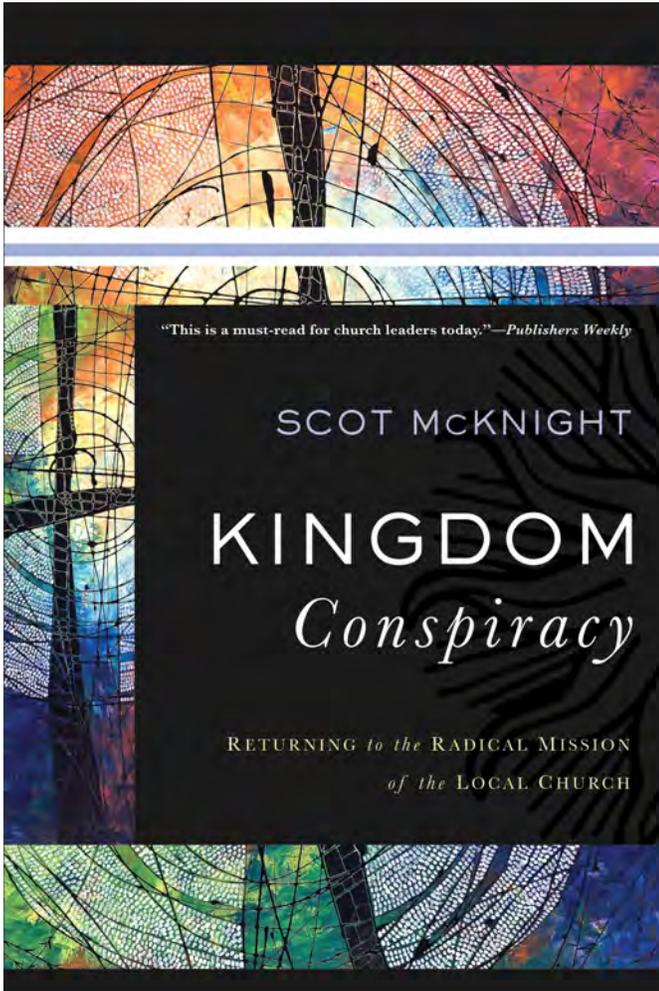
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**Scot McKnight** (PhD, University of Nottingham), a world-renowned scholar, writer, and speaker, is Julius R. Mantey Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. His blog, *Jesus Creed*, is one of the most popular and influential evangelical blogs. He is the author or editor of more than fifty books, including *The Jesus Creed*, *The Blue Parakeet*, *The King Jesus Gospel*, and *Sermon on the Mount*.



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**Victor Lee Austin**

### The Story of Brain Disease and the Priest's Wife

This is the story of Susan--a wife, mother, Christian believer, lover of children, writer of stories, and woman of extraordinary intellect. Susan was diagnosed with a brain tumor in her late thirties. Although it was successfully treated, the process led to her slow, unending decline.

In this personal story of love and loss, Victor Lee Austin shares how caring for his wife during her painful struggle with brain cancer and its aftereffects brought him face-to-face with his God and with his faith in unsettling ways. God gave Victor what his heart most desired--marriage to Susan--then God took away what he had given. Yet God never withdrew his presence. Weaving together autobiographical details and profound theological insights, this powerful narrative shows that we are called to turn to God in the face of suffering.

**Victor Lee Austin** (PhD, Fordham University), an Episcopal priest in the diocese of New York, is the theologian-in-residence at the historic Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in Midtown Manhattan. He has taught in various academic settings and is the author of several books, including *Christian Ethics: A Guide for the Perplexed* and *Up with Authority*. He lives in New York, New York.

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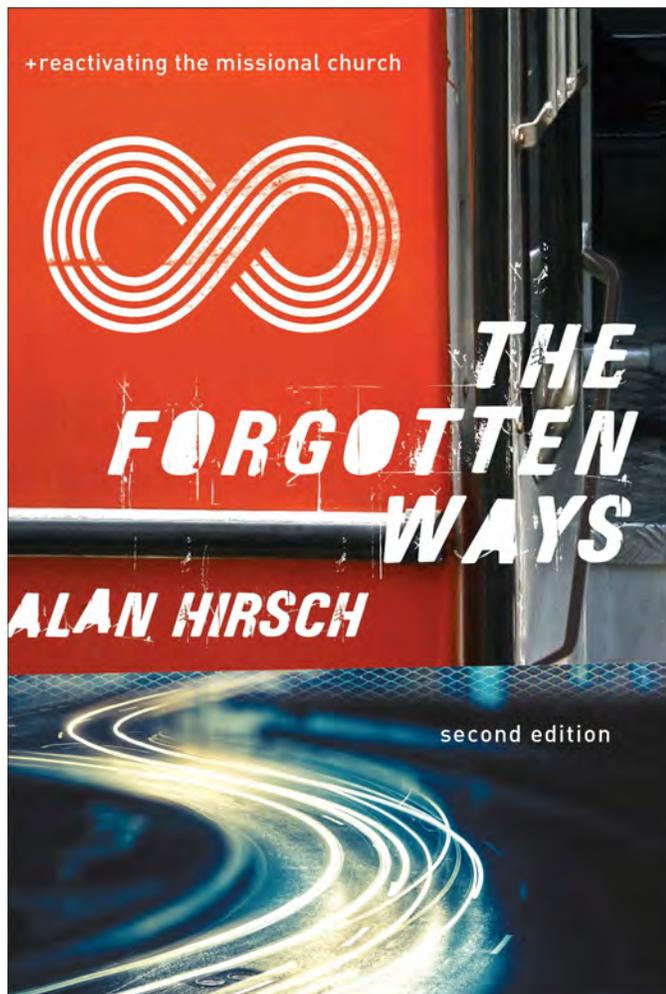
Christian citizens have a responsibility to make political and ethical judgments in light of their faith and to participate in the political lives of their communities--from their local neighborhoods to the national scene. But it can be difficult to discern which candidates to vote for and which policies to support.

This nonpartisan handbook offers Christians practical guidance for thinking through complicated political issues and faithfully following Jesus as citizens of their countries. The book focuses on enduring Christian commitments that should guide readers in their judgments and encourages legitimate debate among Christians over how to live out core values. End-of-chapter reflection questions and bibliographic resources are included.

**Miroslav Volf** (DrTheol, University of Tübingen) is Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School and founding director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture in New Haven, Connecticut. He has written more than fifteen books.

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**Alan Hirsch** is an international speaker and the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. He co-leads Future Travelers, a program that helps megachurches become missional movements, and has authored numerous books. Hirsch is cofounder and adjunct faculty for the MA in missional church movements at Wheaton College and an adjunct professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and George Fox Seminary, among other schools. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

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