The first section—"Surveying the landscape of migration"—may be considered foundational in the sense of including multidisciplinary material necessary for both theory and practice. The authors offer a rich harvest of conceptual resources stemming from biblical hermeneutics, the social and political sciences, philosophy, theology, religion and spirituality. The second section—"Cultivating care for migrants"—presents a sample of contextualized considerations explicitly connecting migrations and caregiving. It also describes in detail a number of illustrations of international and intercultural dynamics at play. The third and final section—"Mediating spaces: Reflections on pastoral care with migrants"—extends the discussion of migrations and care by focusing on the dynamics of hospitable space. It includes new models for assessing the interaction between immigrants and hosting communities, and faith communities practices in particular. A selected and annotated bibliography provides orientation for further reflection and dialogue.

Where are we? Pastoral environments and care of migrants asks a question often on the lips of migrants. By extending it to care givers and inquiring as to how far we have come in our care giving response, it offers a crucial, timely, and insightful pastoral response to a pressing human crisis of global proportions. In these pages you will find thoughtful, experiential, practice-based, and theory-informed suggestions in response to the realities of the global migrant phenomenon.

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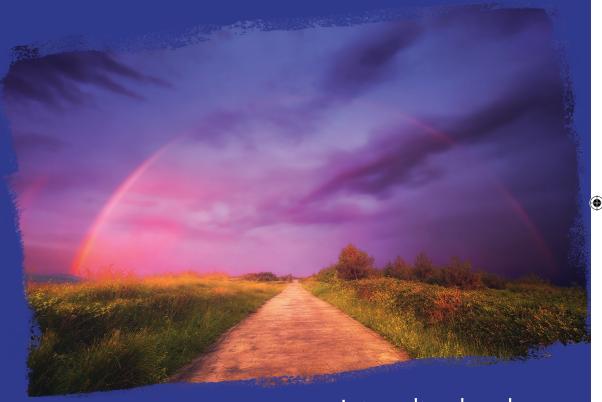


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