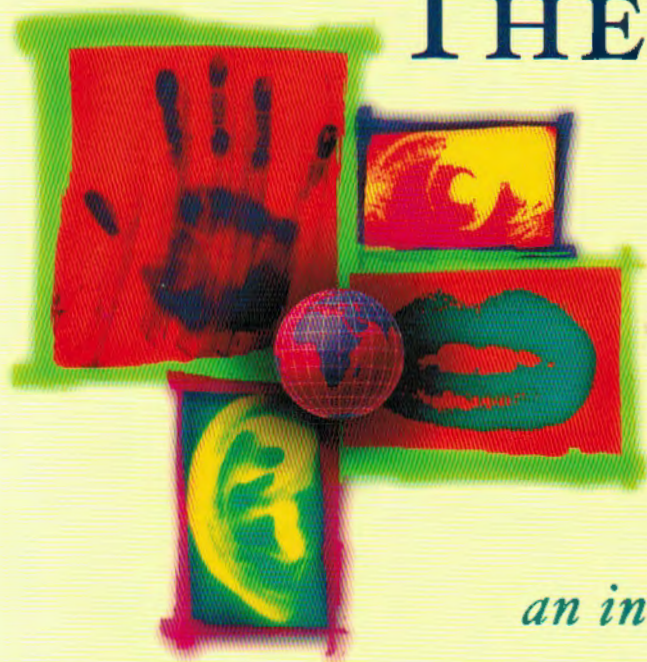


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COMMUNICATIVE THEOLOGY



*an introduction
to a new
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How can individuals and local communities, especially those who are disaffected, be invited into a meaningful conversation about the heart of the gospel and the mission of the church in the world? How can people at all levels of the church—lay people, priests, bishops, and theologians—communicate with each other so as to learn from each other about the challenges of living faith today, together fashioning a collective gospel witness?

Communicative Theology is an approach to theology developed by Matthias Scharer and Bernd Jochen Hilberath. It employs the group process of “Theme-Centered Interaction” to show how a dynamic interaction of one’s self (the I), the community (the We), and the social realities affecting individuals and communities (“the Globe”) with the beliefs and practices of Christianity can lead to practices of lifelong learning and the creation of “local theologies.”

This volume emerges from a growing movement of seminars, workshops, and conferences held around the world and attended by lay ecclesial ministers, priests, religious educators, social workers, and theologians over the past decade. *The Practice of Communicative Theology* enables people to come together to discuss core beliefs and how, in a globalized world, faith can be discussed and lived out intelligently. The book’s field-tested chapters include useful diagrams and lists as well as helpful questions for group reflection.

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