

# Mission and Migration

Fifty-two African and Asian  
Congregations in Minnesota

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During the last half century the centers of the Christian world have moved decisively to Africa, to Latin America, and to Asia—the Global South. Through changing patterns of immigration into the United States, new networks are being built and new mission strategies adopted. A good number of the new immigrants are Christians and their congregations are of primary significance to them. This volume focuses specifically on African and Asian Christians in the Twin Cities.

Many of these congregations started as small prayer groups, meeting in private homes. Some do not have a permanent church building. During the weekdays many pastors often work in other jobs to secure a regular income.

The aim of this book is to provide glimpses of church life and insights into the backgrounds of congregations whose history has not yet been written. This material is based on interviews, pamphlets, and participation in worship services.

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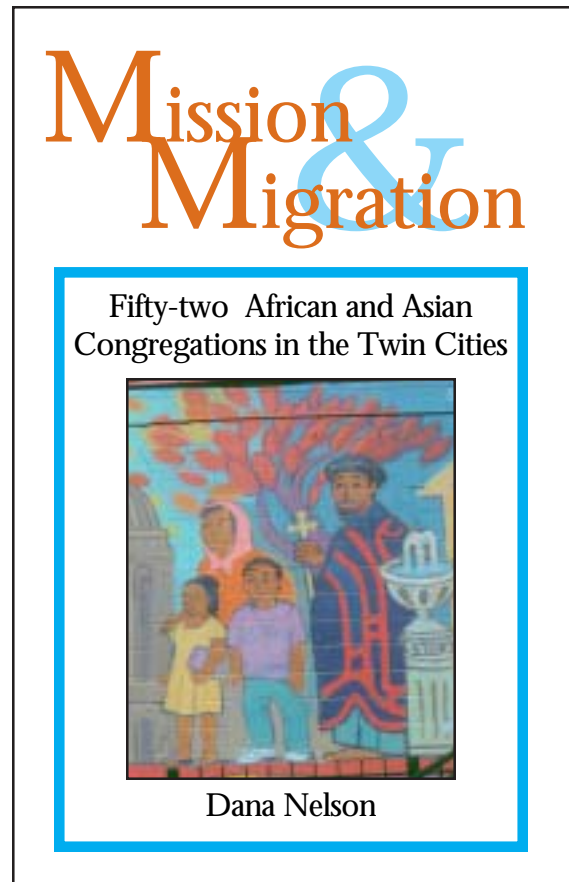
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