



SPIRITUALITY
Toward a 21st Century
Lutheran Understanding
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**“THE STARTING POINT
OF ALL OF THE
ARTICLES IN THIS BOOK
IS AN APPRECIATION OF
THE BROADNESS OF THE
TERM SPIRITUALITY,
AND THE PREMISE IS
THAT SPIRITUALITY IS
ABOUT LIVING A LIFE
WITH GOD AND THAT
THERE IS MORE THAN
ONE WAY TO ‘DO’ AND
SPEAK ABOUT THAT.”**

THE BOOK: Spirituality grows from the Christian understanding of who God is and how God acts in creation. It is a personal and communal recognition of the God in one’s life and a celebration of the presence of God. The writers of this book examine spirituality in relation to the various theological disciplines and show how inclusive, broad, and complex spirituality can be.

THE REVIEWS: “This is an important study of spirituality in our world that is confused by a myriad of definitions of ‘the spiritual.’ Faculty from the various disciplines approach this topic showing how inclusive, broad, and complex the term spirituality can be....We owe the Gettysburg faculty a debt of thanks for bringing a variety of minds to a topic of genuine importance in the life of the church today.” -*Richard Jensen, Professor Emeritus, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

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