



## **Bridges Instead of Walls**

Christian-Muslim Interaction in  
Denmark, Indonesia, and Nigeria

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*“We are interdependent,  
and it is not enough  
merely to understand  
our own culture and  
values. We also have to  
try to understand other  
cultures and take  
seriously how they  
understand us.”*

**THE BOOK:** In the present world order religion is seen as the cause of wars, conflicts and clashes between peoples. A study team, sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation, consisting of Christians and Muslims from Denmark, Indonesia and Nigeria, visited select sites in these three countries where religious strife has been pronounced. The study team’s experiences, observations, interviews, and discussions with relevant persons in these countries are presented in this book. The analyses and comparison of specific conflicts and peace building efforts between Christians and Muslims in Denmark, Indonesia and Nigeria, and attempts to determine the role of religion in each of these situations reveals insights on how effective bridges can be built in contexts such as these.

**THE REVIEWS:** *“This book is extremely important in the Danish/European context where the ‘Us vs Them’ dichotomy is one of the main factors creating walls between Christians and Muslims. The book points to ways in which this dichotomy can be overcome and bridges built.”* -Theodor Jørgensen, Professor, dr.theol. & h.c. University of Copenhagen

*“Traveling with the team and reading the various reflections in this book was really an eye opener for me. I heard first-hand accounts about what Christians experience in my own country and learned much about the struggles of the Muslim communities in the West. This invaluable information needs to be read by Muslims and Christians all over the world.”*

-Amin Abdullah, President of the Islamic State University Sunan Kalijaga (UIN, Yogyakarta)

*“Dialogue and mutual understanding is desperately needed in Nigeria. This book provides an invaluable service to Nigerian Muslims and Christians.”* -Musa Gaiya, Professor of Church History, University of Jos, Nigeria

**LWF:** The Lutheran World Federation is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition. Founded in 1947 in Lund, Sweden, the LWF now has 140 member churches in 78 countries all over the world, representing 66.7 million Christians.