

Valuing Ethnic Diversity

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- 'Building Multicultural Churches' by Tony Thompson tackles a critical issue in today's church:

 fostering genuine unity amid growing ethnic and cultural diversity without succumbing to superficial conformity.
- Drawing from his experience leading a multicultural church in Luton, a town renowned for its diversity, Thompson provides a roadmap for churches to reflect the rich, inclusive vision of God's kingdom.

Inspired by the transformative impact of immigration on Britain since the 1945 British Nationality Act, Thompson explores the church's historical reluctance to embrace immigrants and offers practical insights for authentically integrating people from all backgrounds into worship, leadership and community. He emphasises that unity in Christ celebrates differences rather than erases them, challenging churches to break down barriers of ethnicity, culture, and class as envisioned in Scripture.

Rejecting claims that engaging in diversity is merely 'woke', Thompson urges Christians to reclaim the biblical mandate for reconciliation and unity. Incorporating global perspectives, he highlights the importance of learning from diverse voices to build inclusive, gospel-centred communities.

