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This book is a wonderful indication of not only the great relevance of Hauerwas' theological-ethical vision for the wider church of Christ in general, but also with regard to particular contexts such as the Nordic lands. Thoroughly knowledgeable of the intricacies of the post-secular European ecclesiastical context and the theological nuances of the leading American ethicist, Miika Tolonen's patient and insightful investigation is a call for the church to live up to its message. Indeed, having read this inspiring text convinced me that whatever else it might be, primarily witness is presence. --Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Fuller Theological Seminary

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