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Rethinking Conversion Why aren't we converting any more? Why has Christianity become so much less popular? Does the decline in religious observance mean we've lost faith, or simply that faith is no longer important? In this thought-provoking and engaging book, Shabnam R. Rezaei explores these questions and many more in the context of religious life today.


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project which was funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft are of special relevance for counseling and pastoral care, for religious education and for people concerned with administration and management of religious groups and charities, but also for a wider audience interested in contemporary changes in the religious fields in the USA and Germany.

Getting to Church: Sally K. Gallagher 2017-08-04 Why do people go to church? What about a congregation attracts new members? What is it that draws women and men differently into diverse types of congregations? Getting to Church assesses the deeply personal and gendered narratives around how women and men move toward identifying with three very different Christian congregations: one Orthodox, one conservative, and one mainline. Drawing on extensive research and ranging across layers of congregational history, leadership, architecture, new member process, programs, and service ministries, Sally Gallagher explores trajectories of joining, as well as membership loss and change over a seven-year period. By following both those who join a community and those who explore but choose not to, Gallagher avoids the methodological limitations of other studies and assesses the degree to which the spaces, programs, and doctrines within distinctive traditions draw women and men toward affiliation and involvement. Getting to Church demonstrates that women are attracted to specific doctrines and ideas, opportunities for individual reflection, experience and expanded personal agency, while men find in these congregations a sense of community within which they experience greater connection with other men, appreciate beauty, and yield to something greater than themselves. Drawing on extensive field work, personal interviews, and focus groups, Getting to Church challenges extant theories of gender and religious involvement.