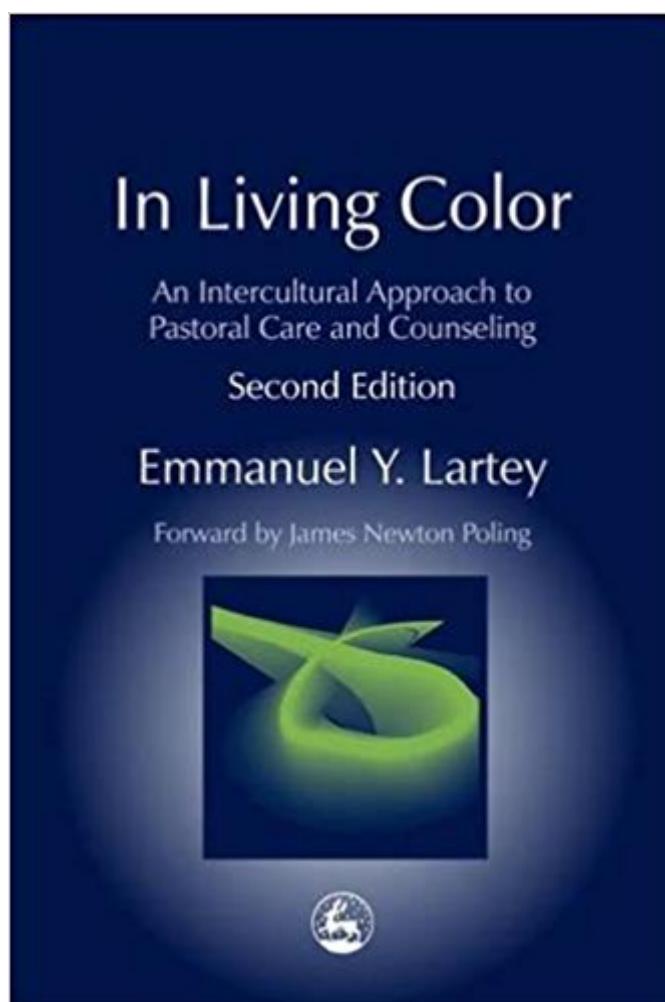


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# In Living Color: An Intercultural Approach To Pastoral Care And Counseling Second Edition (Practical Theology)



## **Synopsis**

The meaning of pastoral care in modern multicultural societies is challenged and re-examined from a pluralistic, global perspective in this book. Emmanuel Lartey stresses the importance of recognizing different cultural influences on individuals in order to effectively counsel, guide and empower them. He provides a clear and concise history of pastoral care and considers its relationship to different models of counseling and spirituality. This new edition has been updated to reflect postmodern and postcolonial studies and provides illustrations of how an intercultural approach can work in practice. Theological teachers and students will welcome its return as an indispensable introduction to the field of pastoral care. In Living Color is an essential source of inspiration to leaders from any religious stream who wish to provide pastoral care in a way that reflects their community's cultural diversity. This book is also a useful resource for practitioners in a wider range of caring contexts who work in multicultural environments.

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Although I have to give this author credit for his unique approach to this topic (for example, his fusion of liberation theology with the practice of pastoral care), the book is TOO organized, delineated far beyond the point of helpfulness. This is one of those books that has a point within a point with 3 subpoints and 4 explanations beneath each subpoint, etc. The author possesses the knowledge to offer good content, but it gets lost in his excessive organization of his material.

Great book and Lartey does a great job at expressing techniques and different approaches to pastoral care around a multicultural perspective! I have used this book in two educational settings and received great insight to the approaches and techniques mentioned in this book. Each encounter with studying this book is better than the last.

"*In Living Color*" is a must read for pastors, counselors, & all church/community leaders. It is well written and offers valuable insights, illustrations and instructions.

Good read!

I purchased for a class.

This is really a brilliant book, brings out important issues when it comes to pastoral care counselling it broadens the thinking by including all humans and different challenges that we all face, not the many books we've had on the field that are only western culture oriented.

Excellent. Given to my wife as part of her spiritual journey into becoming a pastor.

Great for Pastoral Care. Still using in class for Ministers In Training.

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