

FAITH MEETS FAITH SERIES

Hospitality and the Other

Pentecost, Christian Practices,
and the Neighbor

Amos Yong

ORBIS  BOOKS
Maryknoll, New York 10545

FAITH MEETS FAITH

An Orbis Series in Interreligious Dialogue

William R. Burrows, General Editor

Editorial Advisors

John Berthrong

Diana Eck

Karl-Josef Kuschel

Lamin Sanneh

George E. Tinker

Felix Wilfred

In the contemporary world, the many religions and spiritualities stand in need of greater communication and cooperation. More than ever before, they must speak to, learn from, and work with each other in order to maintain their vital identities and to contribute to fashioning a better world.

The FAITH MEETS FAITH Series seeks to promote interreligious dialogue by providing an open forum for exchange among followers of different religious paths. While the Series wants to encourage creative and bold responses to questions arising from contemporary appreciations of religious plurality, it also recognizes the multiplicity of basic perspectives concerning the methods and content of interreligious dialogue.

Although rooted in a Christian theological perspective, the Series does not limit itself to endorsing any single school of thought or approach. By making available to both the scholarly community and the general public works that represent a variety of religious and methodological viewpoints, FAITH MEETS FAITH seeks to foster an encounter among followers of the religions of the world on matters of common concern.

Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the opinions of their authors and are not meant to represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To obtain more information about Maryknoll and Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.maryknoll.org.

Copyright © 2008 by Amos Yong.

Published by Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, U.S.A. All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publishers. For permissions, write to Orbis Books, P. O. Box 308, Maryknoll NY 10545-0308, U.S.A.

Unless otherwise noted, the Scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and are used by permission. All rights reserved.

Manufactured in the United States of America.

Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data

Yong, Amos.

Hospitality and the other : Pentecost, Christian practices, and the neighbor / Amos Yong.

p. cm. — (Faith meets faith series)

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 978-1-57075-772-3

1. Hospitality—Religious aspects—Christianity. I. Title.

BV4647.H67Y66 2008

241'.671—dc22

2007036513

	<i>“Suffering Divine Things”: The Spirit and the Practices of the Church</i>	59
	<i>Pneumatological Performance: Many Tongues, Many Practices</i>	62
3. Performing Theology of Religions		65
	<i>Christian Practices and the Religions</i>	
	Traditional Exclusivism: Doctrines and Practices	67
	<i>“No Other Name”: Marking Christian Identity</i>	68
	<i>“How Shall They Believe if They’ve Not Heard?” Performing Christian Evangelism</i>	70
	<i>“No Salvation outside the Church”: Forming Christian Community</i>	73
	Inclusivism and the Religions: Theologies and Performances	76
	<i>Incarnation and Pentecost: Performing Contextual Missiology</i>	77
	<i>Mutuality and Vulnerability: Engaging the Interreligious Dialogue</i>	80
	<i>One God, Many Religious Ends: Transforming the Interreligious Encounter</i>	84
	Pluralistic Theologies of Religions: What Practices?	86
	<i>John Hick and the Copernican Revolution: Practices in a Pluralistic World</i>	87
	<i>Raimon Panikkar and Religious Hybridity: Transforming “Syncretism”</i>	90
	<i>Aloysius Pieris, S.J., and Eco-Social-Justice: Performing Liberation Theology of Religions</i>	94
4. Performing Hospitality		99
	<i>Toward a Pneumatological Theology of Interreligious Engagement</i>	
	Luke-Acts and the Trinitarian Shape of Hospitality	100
	<i>Jesus and Hospitality</i>	101
	<i>Hospitality and the Early Church</i>	103
	<i>Pentecost, Hospitality, and the Trinitarian Economy of God</i>	105
	Hospitality, the People of God, and the Stranger	108
	<i>The Alien and the Stranger: Hospitality in Ancient Israel</i>	108
	<i>Hospitality in Many Tongues: The Wisdom of the Ancients</i>	112
	<i>Hospitality, the Christian Diaspora, and the Religion of Melchizedek</i>	115
	Practicing Hospitality: Toward a Pneumatological Theology of Guests and Hosts	118
	<i>Unconditionality and the Abundant Hospitality of God</i>	118

<i>Conditionality and the Redemptive Hospitality of God</i>	122
<i>The Spirit of Hospitality: Trinitarian Beliefs—Pneumatic Practices</i>	126
5. The Welcoming Spirit	129
<i>Theology of Hospitality and Interreligious Practices</i>	
Performing Christian Mission: Ecclesial Practices and the Hospitable God	130
<i>Welcoming Others: Missio Dei and the Hospitality of God</i>	131
<i>Embracing Others: Ecclesial Hospitality and the New Evangelism</i>	134
<i>Discerning Mission: Many Practices in a Pluralistic World</i>	137
Performing Peace and Justice: Kingdom Practices and Eschatological Hospitality	139
<i>Religion and Violence in the Late Modern World</i>	140
<i>Hospitality, Shalom, and the Reign of God</i>	143
<i>Interreligious Ecumenism: Many Tongues, Healing Practices</i>	146
Performing Interreligious Dialogue: Christian Practices in “the Between”	150
<i>Loving God and Neighbor in a World of Many Faiths</i>	150
<i>Befriending Strangers and Neighbors: Guests, Hosts, and the Holy Spirit</i>	153
<i>Living and Seeking the Truth: Interreligious Dialogue as Christian Practice</i>	156
Select Bibliography	161
Author Index	165
Subject Index	167