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College and University Chaplaincy in the 21st Century,

edited by Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith. Woodstock, VT: Skylight Paths Publishing,
2013. 330 pp. \$40.00. ISBN: 9781594735165

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“Diverse” is the single word to describe this collection of essays put together by Dr. Forster-Smith. The authors – all practicing university chaplains – offer a range of perspectives and experience based on institutional affiliation, religious affiliation, and gender. There is an essay from Reverend Gail Bowman (Dillard University) about how to “chaplain” during a time of true crisis and displacement from Hurricane Katrina. There is a section of four essays to explore how to connect with college students in a multi-faith context and how to balance assumptions about students’ faith journeys. Throughout all 17 essays is the constant refrain of defining what a chaplain is and does, on any campus and in any context. The book provides a glimpse into the lives and work of an office on campus whose entire existence is focused on service, understanding and guidance.

The essays themselves are grouped into five sections: Chaplaincy and the Changing World; Multifaith Chaplains, Multifaith Campuses; A Heart for the Community; Caring at the Crossroads; and The Chaplain and the Secular. This collection offers a unique look into world of higher education, a world where incoming students tend to identify as “spiritual” but not “religious,” and is a valuable addition to any library’s higher education collection.

Commentary on Hebrews: Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation,

by Thomas R. Schreiner. Nashville: Holman Reference, 2015. 539 pp. \$38.99.

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Thomas Schreiner, a professor and associate dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, should be a familiar name among students of theology and Christianity.

Schreiner states that his purpose in writing the commentary is: “to focus on the letter’s biblical theology. The emphasis on biblical theology shows up especially in the introduction and conclusion of this commentary where I consider theological