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## Davis and Lerner's "Worship Together in Your Church as in Heaven" (Book Review)

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Calvinist view of soteriology embraced by the majority of Southern Baptists and Evangelicals. Equally or perhaps even more importantly, essays detail the implications of the doctrines discussed for the church at large and the world as a whole. The book is recommended as food for thought to all who wish to be challenged to think deeply about what they believe on the foundational issues of salvation.

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**Worship Together in Your Church as in Heaven,**

by Josh Davis and Nikki Lerner. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015. 202 pp.

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*Worship Together in Your Church as in Heaven* is authored by Josh Davis and Nikki Lerner. Josh is the founder of Proskuneo Ministries ([www.proskuneo.org](http://www.proskuneo.org)) in Clarkston, Georgia, which promotes unity in the Body of Christ through multilingual and multicultural worship gatherings, worship resources and worship training for leaders. Nikki serves as the worship ministry director at Bridgeway Community Church, a large multicultural congregation near Baltimore, Maryland. Both Davis and Lerner coach, speak and teach worldwide.

Before the topic of leading a multicultural worship service is broached, the authors lay a firm foundation of developing relationships leading to a diverse worshipping community. Topics addressed are: Why God desires the nations worship together, the importance of immersing in other cultures, and the attitude of the worship leader being other-focused (pastor, staff and congregation). As exciting as being a multicultural worship leader can be, they are trail blazers and hence challenges abound.

Only after covering preparatory issues do the authors delve into the practicalities of multicultural worship. Topics in this section include: who/what do you have, worship is more than music, the power of language, introducing multiple languages and models of multicultural worship.

I highly recommend this title for use in developing a multicultural mindset in one's congregation and for specifics for someone leading a worship team. The reflection sections throughout make it a great choice for a textbook and/or tool for pastoral staff, worship teams, etc. Several institutions in both the United States and United Kingdom have adopted it for their curriculums. The readability will further stimulate and stir the hearts of interested laypersons.