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By Diana Butler Bass

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Diana Butler Bass's Christianity for the Rest of Us A Conversation with the Author. By Letha Dawson Scanzoni, Editor, Christian Feminism Today. Who are the rest of us? That was my first question to Diana Butler Bass about the title of her latest book, Christianity for the Rest of Us (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006). "That's a good question," she said, laughing, as we talked by phone in May, 2007. She explained that the title came from a comment made during her research on spiritual vitality in mainline churches. Diana Butler Bass is the author of eight books on American religion, including Christianity After Religion, Christianity for the Rest of Us, and A People's History of Christianity. She holds a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Duke University, has taught at the college and graduate level, and is currently an independent scholar. She was a columnist for the New York Times Syndicate, and blogs for the Huffington Post and the Washington Post on issues of religion, spirituality, and culture. Bass is a popular speaker at conferences, colleges and universities, and churches across North America. Yes, there is Christianity for the rest of us, and it is not perverted by narrow minded people who claim diversity is wrong and that pluralism will be a curse to the nation. Christians will prove to the fundamentalists that they cannot forever fool the people on one-issue matters that do not have anything to do with good government. "Emerging Churches" deals with a reaction against the sometimes dead religion that results from fundamental evangelicalism and "Christianity for the Rest of Us" looks at how churches are emerging from the liberal secularism found in some mainline religion. However, both of these "emerging churches" are heading in the same direction.

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The other Christians practice this different kind of Christianity for the rest of us—a faith that is open and generous, intellectual and emotive, beautiful and just. In all the congregations, I discovered Christians who are reaching toward new language to express these ideals, recreating structures that embody spirituality, and relocating themselves in larger, public practices of faith and politics. Christianity is an Abrahamic monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Its adherents, known as Christians, believe that Jesus is the Christ, whose coming as the Messiah was prophesied in the Hebrew Bible, called the Old Testament in Christianity, and chronicled in the New Testament. It is the world's largest religion, with about 2.4 billion followers as of 2020. Christians make up a majority of the population in 157 countries and territories. See more of Christianity For The Rest Of Us on Facebook. Log In. Forgot account? Facebook is showing information to help you better understand the purpose of a Page. See actions taken by the people who manage and post content. Page created - November 15, 2014. People. Her surprising findings reveal just the opposite—that many of the churches are flourishing, and they are doing so without resorting to mimicking the mega-church, evangelical style. Christianity for the Rest of Us describes this phenomenon and offers a how-to approach for Protestants eager to remain faithful to their tradition while becoming a vital spiritual community. As Butler Bass delved into the rich spiritual life of various Episcopal, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Lutheran churches, certain consistent practices—such as hospitality, cont

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