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## We Yet Beloving?.

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### Sommario/riassunto

This book examines the role of American churches, particularly the United Methodist Church (UMC), in perpetuating a mindset of segregation and normalizing whiteness. Focusing on the UMC's Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural (CR/CC) appointments, it critiques the need to address racial and cultural challenges to prevent erasure, silencing, and forced assimilation. Highlighting the experiences of Asian American clergy, the book explores both the opportunities and obstacles faced in Mainline church contexts. Introducing the concept of re(de)defined Christian Conferencing, it emphasizes the importance of integrating and honoring diverse narratives, particularly through the Transformative Community Conferencing framework. This narrative mediation approach challenges white cultural norms within the UMC, advocating for collaboration between predominantly white congregations and non-white clergy. Through a case study of a New York UMC congregation, the book demonstrates the potential for real change and provides actionable steps for meaningful transformation within one of the U.S.'s largest mainline denominations. Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim, a 1.5-generation Korean American ordained Elder in the New York Annual Conference, is deeply committed to innovative approaches to ministry, with a focus on racial justice and peace, and inclusion. He serves as a co-chair of the Racial Justice Task Force of the Korean Ministry Plan of the United Methodist Church and a vice-chair of the Commission on Religion and Race of the New York Annual Conference. He is a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), practicing his dedication to genuine belonging and compassionate mutuality. He is presently engaged in the "In-Jeong Project," an initiative of the Racial Justice Task Force that seeks to address racism for the Korean Americans as Asian Americans in the U.S. Outside of ministry, Steve cherishes time with his wife Rose, a talented violinist and a music educator, and their three children, Joseph, Daniel, and Miriel, enjoying board games, baseball, and the joys of parenthood.

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