

# Endorsements

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—Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary, author of *The Spirituality of African Peoples*