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As we encounter a pluralism of social and religious actors working in different areas of society how do we, as religious and theological activists, accept the challenge to engage the complexities of the dilemmas we all face in our societies today and in possible futures? We need religious and theological tools to think in more complex ways and commensurate languages to express these thoughts. Where and how must we find, analyze, thematize and articulate the presence of God's challenges in our midst? In what ways can we authentically express the liberative potential and reality of religion and religious reflection today? How do we speak of enriching spirituality to a world that generally holds to "spiritual" belief but not to religious associations? In what ways can we promote religious and theological reflection when it seems that religions and religious institutional actors routinely side with dominant political economies at the expense of victims, submerged voices, displaced and dehumanized members of our societies? We have to find ways to theologically share the powerful presence of the Spirit supporting us in our commitment to justice. Exploring the broad and multiple interrelationships spawned between religion(s), politics and liberative praxis may give us the thematic space to shape ideas, languages and activities that can address some of these concerns. In addition, it is increasingly urgent to open such spaces for contemporary young people in different religions so that youth leadership can emerge.

Sonia Dayab HERXBRUN, *Secularity, Religions, Emancipation.*

Adam K. arap CHEPKWONY, *The Kenyan Constitution, Politics and the Christian Church: Who Will Speak for the Voiceless?*

J. B. BANAWIRATAMA (Bono), *Religion, Politics and Liberation.*

Lee CORMIE, *Epistemology of the South: New Spaces for Hope(s) and Faith(s).*

Maria Pilar AQUINO, *Justice and Gratitude: Embracing the World Forum on Theology and Liberation.*