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Since Christianity has a long tradition, it is important that the Church of today learns from the rich past. Topical issues like Church hierarchy and ministries in the Church cannot be properly understood without looking back to the early Church. This work specifically looks at "Church Ministries in the First Century". By Church ministry we refer to the office of apostles, bishops, presbyters, deacons, teachers and prophets. This book explores these ministries in the context of the New Testament Books and in the Christian writings from the first century. It seems this work can be useful for three reasons. Firstly, the old Church ministries are, once again, being discussed; there are some simplified opinions in this matter. Secondly, this work can help people who deal with problems of order and authority in early Christianity. Thirdly, it can be considered a small contribution to the great debate within the Synodal Way opened by Pope Francis on 9 October 2021.

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