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The Catholic German Bishops' Conference is experiencing a rift due to the question of whether Protestant partners who go to Catholic mass are also permitted to have communion – and if they are, under which conditions. Pope Francis has instructed the bishops to find an amicable solution, but it appears to be a long way off. Theology and Church law allow different interpretations, and the Pastoral has its own aspects. The question of mutual communion has increasingly become the arena for inner-Catholic factional struggles. For outsiders and especially for those affected, the reservations are hardly comprehensible. And the Church is running out of time: More and more people are turning away while shaking their heads and satisfying their spiritual needs elsewhere. Others figure it out for themselves and do what they think is right.

This dedicated non-fiction book looks at and analyses the open questions. It takes up important ecumenical impulses brought forth by the 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation and pleads for constructive solutions to real and apparent problems.

About the author

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