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This subject is very important and the book is timely and likely to spark a lively discussion. Liveris is clearly the best informed scholar in this field. This book should open up a subject that many Orthodox want to duck. The text is well written and accessible to a lay as well as professional theological audience. Revd Dr Lawrence Cross, Senior Lecturer in Theology, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne This is a work of tremendous importance to the understanding of the more recent history of the Orthodox churches, as well as the ecumenical movement itself. The use of archival material from the World Council of Churches makes it a particularly striking account and provides a fresh vantage point to consider the work of the WCC. This work should find an influential and welcomed role within academic circles no less than in practical activity in the churches. Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, USA 'Liveris's book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of recent Orthodox thinking about the roles of women... Without pre-empting what forms women's leadership may take, Leonie Liveris has offered a carefully researched and yet passionately argued case for women's voices to be heard far more in the worship and governance of the Orthodox church. In this she has done her own church and the ecumenical movement a great service.' Anglican Theological Review

### About the Author

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