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The contributors discuss the interface between HIV, AIDS and religion 30 years after the virus was first identified, emphasizing the importance of religious engagement in the battle against the illness. The 16 essays, each with a response by a person engaged in HIV/AIDS work, are divided into 4 sections. The Introduction is by B. Haddad. Part 1, Engaging in the Public Realm, is composed of essays on religion and medicine in the context of HIV and AIDS (J. Olivier and G. Paterson; response G. Manning); HIV/AIDS and religion in sub-Saharan Africa (P. Denis; response A. Munro); shifting ideas in religion and policy on HIV/AIDS (J. Olivier; response B. Zengele); and statements by religious organizations (M. Frederiks; response P. Clifford). Part 2, Engaging the Religious and Theological Realm, contains ideas in sacred texts, especially the Bible and the Koran (G. West; response M.J. Melanchthon); Christian theological reflection on HIV and AIDS (S. de Gruchy; response J.B. Sødal); comparative ethics (D.L. Manda; response F. Esack); and missiology (U. Hedrich; response B. Okyere-Manu). Part 3, Engaging the Socio-cultural Realm, examines African traditional religions and HIV/AIDS (E. Chitando; response P. Zondi-Mabizela); African cultures and gender in the context of HIV and AIDS (N. Kamau; response E. Chitando); transforming masculinities towards gender justice (A. van Klinken; response L. Siwila); and children in the religious HIV and AIDS discourse (G. James; response B. Zengele). Part 4, Engaging the Communal Realm, looks at religion and HIV prevention (G. Manning; response J.P. Mokgethi-Heath); the stigma of HIV and AIDS (G. Paterson; response G. Byamugisha); religious community care and support for sufferers (J. Olivier, P. Clifford; response E. Ward). The book ends with a group of stories of hope told by P. Zondi-Mabizela, F. Miller, N. Biyela, and J.P. Mokgethi-Heath. [ASC Leiden abstract]