

about loving, forgiving, healing, redeeming, and having compassion? Does justice have a part in our faith?

What does it mean for more terrorists to have come into being as a result of our policies? And what does it mean when people blow themselves

up like kamikaze pilots in order to kill others for the sake of their convictions in comparison to what we in the church are willing to give up for the pursuit of our convictions — which are what?

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Book Note

Erika Geiger, *Erdmuth Dorothea Countess von Zinzendorf: Noble Servant*, tr. Julie Tomerlin Weber (Winston-Salem, NC: Blair Publisher, 2006).

Erdmuth Dorothea von Zinzendorf was one of the most significant women in the history of the Moravian Church. In fact, she was one of the most interesting and active women of the 18th century in Europe and her story should be known outside the Moravian Church. Thanks to Blair Publisher, now it can be. Julie Tomerlin Weber's translation of Erika Geiger's biography of the countess is a lively read designed for non-specialists that will be enjoyed by Moravians and non-Moravians alike. In it we learn that Erdmuth was an active co-laborer with her more famous husband, and she deserves credit for being one of the architects of the famous Moravian communal system, developed at Herrnhut, that was brought

to Pennsylvania and North Carolina. She was also one of the business managers of the far-flung Moravian mission endeavor. Though she was a mother who gave birth to twelve children, she risked her life traveling through the Baltic in a vain attempt to win the release of Moravians imprisoned in Russia. By her work and personal example, she also helped break down the barriers of race and class that continue to bedevil the world. We see her on the cover in the simple garb of a Moravian woman illuminated by an inner happiness. Her biography offers a shining example of a life of active faith and sincere devotion to Christ.