



Religion and Profit: Moravians in Early America

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University of Pennsylvania Press. 1 Paperback(s), 2009. soft. Book Condition: New. The Moravians, a Protestant sect founded in 1727 by Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf and based in Germany, were key players in the rise of international evangelicalism, notes historian Katherine Carté Engel. In 1741, after planting communities on the frontiers of empires throughout the Atlantic world, they settled in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, spreading the gospel to nearby colonists and Native Americans, and becoming some of early America's most successful missionaries. The cost of these missions was considerable, however, and Engel traces how the fallout of the French and Indian War reconfigured the Moravians' missionary work, altering their religious lives and economic practices. "Engel's account of change over the last part of the century features careful attention to the interplay of local and world events, the continuing integrity of Moravian religious motives, but also the compelling force of circumstances that ended the earlier dynamism of this pilgrim community. A noteworthy example of Atlantic history at its best." Catholic Historical Review "Engel fills a significant gap in the history of the Moravian Brethren in America by focusing on the connection between their spiritual ideal and economic activity. In doing so, she also spotlights the significance..."

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