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Frances Adeney offers a comprehensive treatment of evangelism, showing that new evangelism theologies and methods are necessary in today's religiously pluralistic and secular contexts. By understanding different approaches to evangelism and accepting the views of others on this crucial topic, the church can move forward with a more graceful approach to sharing God's good news with the world.

"In *Graceful Evangelism*, Professor Adeney combines her proficiency as a scholar with her talent and wisdom as a teacher to provide an extremely valuable resource for those learning and teaching evangelism today. She carefully draws from biblical, theological, and historical foundations to frame thoughtful and balanced practices, offering a comprehensive guide to evangelism in today's complicated North American context."--Laceye Warner, Duke University Divinity School

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