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By the time of the Calvinist Reformation, the cities of Holland had established a very long tradition of social provision for the poor in the civic community. Calvinists, however, intended to care for their own church members, who were by definition “within the household of faith,” through the diaconate, a confessional relief agency. This book examines the relationship between municipal and ecclesiastical relief agencies in the six chief cities of Holland – Dordrecht, Haarlem, Delft, Leiden, Amsterdam, and Gouda – from the public establishment of the Reformed Church in 1572 to the aftermath of the Synod of Dort.

The author argues that the conflict between charitable organizations reveals competing conceptions of Christian community that came to the fore as a result of the Dutch Reformation. He analyzes how civic and church leaders faced these tensions and how the general settlements led to a unique blend of religious pluralism and confessional identity in seventeenth-century Holland.

This is the first comparative study of poor relief in Holland, which contributes to our understanding of the Reformation throughout Europe.

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<i>GAA. Kerkeraad</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Archief van de Nederlands Hervormd Gemeente te Amsterdam, Protocollen van de Bijzonderen Kerkeraad, 1578–1621</i>
<i>GAA. Keurboek</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Archief van de Burgermeesteren, Keurboeken</i>
<i>GAA. Memorialboek</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Archief van de Burgermeesteren, Groot Memorial Boek vande Burgermeesteren</i>
<i>GAA. Predikanten</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Kerkeraad, Register van Predikanten, Ouderlingen, ende Diaconen, 1578–1734</i>
<i>GAA. Thesaurien</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Archief van de Thesaurien Ordinaris</i>
<i>GAA. Vroedschapresoluties</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Amsterdam. Archief van de Vroedschap, Resoluties van de Vroedschap</i>
<i>GAD. ACC</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Kerkeraad van de Nederlands Hermormd Gemeente, Verzameling van Arent Corneliszoon Crusius</i>
<i>GAD. Burgermeesteren</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Vroedschap, Burgermeesteren</i>
<i>GAD. Kamer</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Kamer van Charitate</i>
<i>GAD. Kerkeraad</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Kerkeraad van de Nederlands Hervormde Gemeente, Handelingen van de Algemene Kerkeraad</i>
<i>GAD. Keurboek</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Vroedschap, Keurboek</i>
<i>GAD. KrCor</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Kerkeraad van de Nederlands Hervormde Gemeente, Ingekomen stukken, minuten en afschriften van uitgegane stukken</i>
<i>GAD. Memorialboek</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Vroedschap, Memoriaelboek van de Burgermeesteren</i>

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<i>GAD. Wetresoluties</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Delft. Archief van de Vroedschap, Resolutien van de Heeren van de Wet</i>
<i>GADR. Kerkeraad</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Dordrecht. Archief van de Kerkeraad</i>
<i>GAG. Vroedschapboeken</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Gouda. Oud Archief te Gouda, Vroedschapboeken</i>
<i>GAH. Kerkeraad</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Haarlem. Oud Archief van de Kerkeraad, Acta van de Kerkeraad</i>
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<i>GAH. Vroedschapresolutien</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Haarlem. Netresoluties van de Haarlemse Vroedschap</i>
<i>GAL. Kerkeraad</i>	<i>Gemeente Archief te Leiden. Archief van de Kerkeraad, De Bouck des Kerckenraets, 1584-1590</i>
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