

## CONTENTS

<i>Preface</i>	ix
<i>Abbreviations</i>	xi
1. INTRODUCTION	1
1.1. Purpose of study	1
1.2. The issues raised	1
1.3. Romans 16: an integral part of the letter to the Romans	3
1.4. The women named in Romans 16	4
1.5. Women's leadership in Pauline churches	10
1.6. Greetings as a letter form	13
1.7. Mutualism in Paul's communal ethos	15
1.8. The contribution	18
1.9. Method and procedure	19
2. THE FORM OF GREETINGS IN THE ROMANS	
LETTER CLOSING	21
2.1. Introduction	21
2.2. Letter closing in the Hellenistic letters	22
2.3. Letter closing in the Semitic letters	28
2.4. Letter closing in the Pauline letters	29
2.5. The Romans letter closing	35
2.6. Greetings in the Romans letter closing	37
2.7. Conclusion	45
3. WOMEN IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE	46
3.1. Introduction	46
3.2. Women in courts	47
3.3. Women in politics	48
3.4. Women magistrates and patronage	49
3.5. Priesthood (Greco-Roman)	52
3.6. Jewish synagogues	54
3.7. Conclusion	64
4. WOMEN IN ROMANS 16.1-16	65
4.1. Introduction	65
4.2. The role of Phoebe (Rom. 16.1, 2)	65
4.3. The role of Prisca (Rom. 16.3, 4, 5)	85

4.4. The role of Junia (Rom. 16.7)	96
4.5. Hardworking members: Mary, Persis, Tryphoena and Tryphosa	108
4.6. Rufus' mother (Rom. 16.13)	111
4.7. Nereus' sister (Rom. 16.15)	111
4.8. Julia (Rom. 16.15)	112
4.9. Conclusion	112
5. THE BODY METAPHOR AND ἀλλήλους: A PARADIGM OF MUTUALITY IN ROMANS 12, 13	114
5.1. Introduction	114
5.2. The body metaphor in the Pauline epistles	115
5.3. Love enhancing mutuality in Romans (Rom. 12.9-13; 13.8-10)	123
5.4. The Pauline emphases	133
5.5. Conclusion	135
6. RECEIVING ONE ANOTHER: A PARADIGM OF MUTUALITY IN ROMANS 14, 15	136
6.1. Introduction	136
6.2. The social context: the weak/strong dichotomy	136
6.3. Mutual welcome: exegetical analysis of Paul's exhortations	141
6.4. Judging as hindrance to welcoming	146
6.5. Cost and effect of welcoming	150
6.6. The Pauline ethos of mutuality	155
6.7. Conclusion	157
7. CONCLUSION: TOWARDS A THEOLOGY OF LOVE MUTUALISM	159
7.1. A retrospect	159
7.2. The impact of ἀσπάσασθε	160
7.3. The women in leadership within the structures of mutualism	161
7.4. 1 Corinthians 11.2-16: restriction or mutuality in gender roles?	162
7.5. 'Pauline love mutualism': a challenge to communitarian ethics	165
<i>Bibliography</i>	169
<i>Index of Biblical and Other Ancient Sources</i>	185
<i>Index of Authors</i>	195
<i>Index of Subjects</i>	199