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*Understanding the Needs of Elderly African Immigrants* focuses on African immigrant elders' culture, religion, and spirituality in the United States. The ultimate aim is to provide a resource guide on African immigrant elders for the social workers, nursing homes, physicians, pharmacists, bankers, lawyers, police officers, community leaders, senior centers, religious leaders, and universities in the United States that will allow them to focus their services appropriately.

Over the last few decades, there has been a significant increase in the number of African immigrants to the United States and specifically to central Minnesota, particularly among those aged fifty-five and over. With *Understanding the Needs of Elderly African Immigrants*, Pastor Komla Happy Ocloo provides an overview of their unique culture and examines the specific needs of this special group.

This study extends knowledge and practical wisdom of religion, spirituality and culture in terms of their constitutive impact on gerontology education and programs for African immigrants. *Understanding the Needs of Elderly African Immigrants* provides a framework for service providers to better understand the challenges African immigrant elders experience in the United States.



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