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The old year still would try our hearts to torment,  
of evil times we still do bear the weight;  
O Lord, do grant our souls, now terror-stricken,  
salvation for which you did us create.

...

By powers of good so wondrously protected,  
we wait with confidence, befall what may.  
God is with us at night and in the morning  
and oh, most certainly on each new day.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *By Powers of Good* (1944)

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## **ABSTRACT**

Churches in Indonesia today face the vital challenge of developing a theologically robust foundation for engaging in mission while fostering peaceful living with other religious communities, without resorting to dualism or demonization. Contemporary pneumatology provides vital resources for constructing such a theological framework, particularly through the articulation of the Spirit's work among non-Christian faith communities.

In pursuit of this aim, this study engages Abraham Kuyper's programmatic vision of the Holy Spirit's work among religious communities. Kuyper's insights are then critically refined with Michael Welker's contemporary pneumatology, which facilitates discernment and enables interdisciplinary and interreligious dialogue. The study proposes: (1) a clarification of the embodied and embedded nature of religion, (2) a nuanced framework for discerning the Spirit's presence among non-Christian faith communities in light of biblical traditions, and (3) a differentiated account of the church's indispensable role in this ongoing discernment.