

# Friday digest

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- Ken Carter on [why congregations need denominations](#): "We are not always at our best, taking into account our temptation to turn in upon ourselves (and the reformers defined sin in this way) and the complexity of creating and sustaining community."
- I [briefly review](#) Kate & Anna McGarrigle's new box set

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Links from elsewhere:

- The [plenitude economy](#)
- I'll second Mark Silk's [cheer](#) for Rod Dreher's return to the blogosphere.