II. THE MARKERS
CHAPTER THREE

EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES: THEOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES ARISING FROM THE STRUGGLE OF THE FILIPINA DOMESTIC WORKERS IN HONG KONG

Theology is always on the way.
—Samuel Rayan, sj—

INTRODUCTION

Divine Wisdom, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza maintains, does not dwell in kyriarchal institutions or in texts but “among people” and/or in wo/men’s struggles to survive and transform relations of domination. Such struggles, in other words, have divine Wisdom as their hermeneutical horizon. It is my intention, in this chapter, to begin to detect and explore this divine Wisdom as embodied in the struggle of the DHs by identifying and discussing the theological challenges of their experience of struggle.

The theological challenges are thematized into three clusters which are further thematized into sub-topics or sub-themes for greater clarity and coherence. The first cluster explores the backdrop of the DHs’ struggle, i.e., migration, which I propose as a new locus for theological reflection. Under this cluster the three sub-themes which will be discussed are as follows: 1) The Challenge of Borders and Strangers; 2) The Call to Hospitality; and 3) The Implications of Migrant Religion.

The second cluster brings in the concern of/for a gendered subject (in this case the woman) in theological reflection. More explicitly this
