

# SYNOPSIS



## God Is With Us - Georgia's Church and State in Times of Crisis

### Gott mit uns - Kirche und Politik in Georgien

Georgia, the land of countless churches and monasteries, has cultivated its religious image. The national flag used since the November 2003 Rose Revolution, with its white background and five red crosses, symbolises the passion of Christ. Recent events however have signalled a change in the relationship between church and state. The Russian Orthodox Church wants to adhere to the old church borders, while unrest spreads in the breakaway of the Georgian provinces of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. This film takes a look at the current turbulent direction of the Georgian Orthodox Church, following the sudden death of Patriarch Alexi II and the actions of the country's politically weakened President Mikheil Saakashvili.

**Year:** 2008

**Run-Time:** 1 x 37 min.

**Directed by** Regina Strassegger

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**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL) , English (DUBBED)

**Format:** 16:9 , 16:9

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