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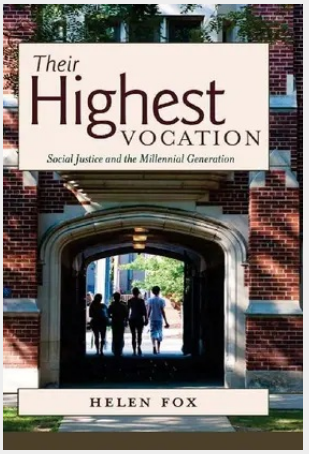
Their Highest Vocation

Social Justice and the Millennial Generation



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