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EDITORIAL

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We are still behind with our publishing schedule and decided to publish the articles for the year 2017 in one bigger issue. The same will probably happen for the 2018 volume, until our publication is current again. We are thankful for the continuing article submissions and for the reviews of faculty members and doctoral students that ensure a high quality of the published material. The articles and the entire issue are accessible on <http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/aussj/>. As in the previous issues of the journal, this issue contains stimulating and thought provoking articles. We hope that they are beneficial to you.

The sponsoring faculty member for the present issue is Dr. Boubakar Sanou, Assistant Professor of World Mission and Leadership. Before joining the faculty of the Theological Seminary, he served as a pastor in his native country Burkina Faso for more than a decade. In his article, he offers a biblical and missiological reflection on the concept of being “in the world” but “not of the world” (John 17:14–18). Discussing Richard Niebuhr’s theological paradigms on culture, Dr. Sanou suggests a framework for how culture can be approached in mission and ministry.

A second article comes from Iriann Marie Irizarry Hausted, a Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. In her article, she explores the concept of the “eternal functional subordination” among the members of the Trinity in the writings of the Evangelical systematic theologian Wayne Grudem. She further notes the reception and rejection of Grudem’s ideas by Seventh-day Adventist scholars. She suggests that a proper understanding of the nature, arguments, context, and significance of the “eternal functional subordination” view among Evangelicals may help Adventist scholars better understand why some Adventists adopted that view.

The third article was written by Nathaniel Gibbs, another Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary. Like the previous article, this one also addresses the subject of the Son’s subordination to the Father, albeit from a different perspective. Responding to writers who employ the writings of the early Adventist visionary Ellen G. White to support their subordinationist views, Gibbs shows that her earlier statements on the relation of Christ to the Father are ambiguous and her later statements stress the equality between them. Her writings can therefore not be utilized to support a one-way subordination.

The fourth article in this issue comes from Thomas John Rasmussen, a recent graduate from the M.Div. program at the Theological Seminary. During his course work, he compared *The Living Temple* (1903), by John Harvey Kellogg, with Ellen G. White’s *Ministry of Healing* (1905), and observed several striking thematic similarities between those two books. In this article, he makes his observations

available to a broader readership and shows that in her book Ellen White responded to some of Kellogg's panentheistic ideas without every directly addressing him. Thus, her book may still be appreciated by readers in modern time because the book is not only tied to a specific issue in Adventist history.

We hope that you will enjoy those articles and find them thought-provoking. We also hope that they inspire further study, prove beneficial to the readers of this issue, and encourage other graduate students to engage in scholarly writing too.