Welcome to one more issue of the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies*. The theme chosen for this edition is “Responding to the Challenges: Mission Strategies in South America.” The various articles included not only deal with issues pertaining to the missional realities and challenges on the South American continent, but also deal with issues that are relevant and applicable to the study and practice of mission by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various parts of the world.

What are some of the consequences of postmodernism and what are possible mission actions the church is taking in the midst of these remarkable socio-cultural and religious changes now happening in South America? Some have argued that the Adventist Church’s strong emphasis on cognitive knowledge and change of behavior instead of conversion and changes at the worldview level (heart and mind) will not work for those living under the new paradigms of a postmodern condition. Therefore, it has been suggested that Adventists need to work towards communicating the gospel in ways that produce genuine transformation at the deepest levels of individuals and cultures. Principles for witnessing in a postmodern world can be found in the interconnectedness of the stories of Daniel and his friends and the last-day events in Revelation.

Emphasis is also given to both theological and missiological education as part of a strategic plan to fulfill the church’s mission in reaching the unreached in South America. These various modes of training and mission approaches aim to strengthen ministerial curriculums and other training programs by providing both a strong Adventist theological basis and a flexible and adaptable methodology to the living situations and mission programs of the local, regional, and global church.

One of our main goals as editors of the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies* is that this special edition, “Responding to the Challenges: Mission Strategies in South America,” will also contribute to the objectives of the major symposium on *Teologia e Metodologia da Missão* (Theology and Methodology of Mission) hosted by the Latin American Adventist Theological Seminary (SALT-IAENE), Bahia, Brazil, 16-19 July 2009. And hopefully all these contributions will be instruments used by God in the advancement of his mission.

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