

## ***From the Editor***

Greetings as we begin our second year of publication with *Didache: Faithful Teaching*.

This edition offers a broad range of educational as well as theological writings. With so many of our writers dedicated to the Global Theology Conference in Guatemala this time, we thought this edition might offer a bit more on cultural influences and education. Our section on “Insights into Educational Practice” may be a misnomer since the articles include excellent research concerning shifts in educational theory. The section opens with Matt Price’s historical introduction to the Church of the Nazarene’s liberal arts tradition, fostered by one of denomination’s leading theologians, H. Orton Wiley. Linda Alexander and Mike Vail, both education consultants for the Church of the Nazarene, introduce a newer educational theory, Outcomes Based Education, and its impact on ministerial education. Charles Tillman, an educator and Nazarene Pastor, provides insight into the current struggle to retain students in U. S. colleges, leaving us an opportunity to assess our own challenges and capabilities in this area. I take time to mention this section first since it will provide many of our readers some fresh educational material to share with colleagues.

Our opening section is a mixture of original publications and “digest” articles on theology primarily from the Asia-Pacific rim. They range from a discussion of communal Christlikeness in an Australian context (David McEwan), to overcoming cultural obstacles to holiness in Filipino context (Joseph Hallig), to re-visioning the role of women in ministry in the Philippines (Cynthia Datu). Roy Stults provides an overview of perceptions of the human condition in non-Christian settings, particularly in the East, while Shadakshari, T.K. gives us an excellent overview of religious movements in India.

I am thankful to Diane LeClerc for recommending Cynthia Datu’s work and we are also indebted to two other publications. *The Challenge of Culture: Articulating and Proclaiming Wesleyan-Holiness Message in the Asia Pacific Region*, supplied articles by David McEwan and Jason V. Hallig. Another volume, *European Explorations in Christian Holiness: On Original Sin*, which supplied Roy Stult’s article of “Turning to

the East,” While Didache does not purpose to be a digest journal, our unique electronic/CD format allows us the opportunity to highlight smaller print publications that also provide excellent theological, cultural and pedagogical resources in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. These papers came from international conferences hosted both by Korean Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological College, Manchester. For more information on obtaining copies of these journals you may contact the editors.

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Finally, with the recent Global Theology conference in Guatemala City, readers might also be interested in the range of theology papers offered on Memory, Mission, Holiness and Hope at the host site: <http://wesley.nnu.edu/2002-GNTC/> or you can connect via IBOE's home page (which hosts Didache).

### **Contributors to this Edition**

#### **Letter from the Editor**

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#### **Research Section**

##### *Being Holy is Being Christlike*

By David B. McEwan Ph.D. candidate, Academic Dean and Lecturer in Theology,  
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##### *Turning to the East*

By Roy Stults, Former Lecturer in Missions, European Nazarene College

*Hindu Fundamentalism and Christian Response in India*

By Shadakshari, T.K., Pastor Divyajyothi Church of the Nazarene and Extension Bible Instructor

*Communicating Holiness to the Filipinos*

By Jason V. Hallig, Th.M. Instructor at Luzon Nazarene Bible College, the Philippines

*Filipinas and the Church: The Recovery of Egalitarian Leadership*

By Cynthia Datu, Lecturer, Faith Bible College, the Philippines

### **Insights into Educational Practice**

*Liberal Arts and the Priorities of Nazarene Higher Education*

J. Matthew Price, Ph.D. Missionary, Educational Ministry, East Africa and former associate editor for WordAction publication

*Outcomes Based Education*

Linda Alexander, Ph.D. Candidate, Instructor Mid America Nazarene University

*Outcome-Based Ministerial Preparation – A Case Study*

Michael W. Vail, Ph.D. Educational Consultant for the International Board of Education (IBOE) Church of the Nazarene

*Barriers to Student Persistence in Higher Education*

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