

DIDACHE 14:1 INTRODUCTION

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Greetings and welcome to *Didache: Faithful Teaching* Volume 14, no 1 (Summer 2014). This edition serves as a continuation of our last volume and the Global Theology Conference held in South Africa last March. The following articles comprise the rest of the material submitted as a resource to the conference. We are delighted that we have twenty more articles to offer our readership from around the globe. Readers will note that all of the Spanish language articles include English translation. Our thanks to Dorothy Patton Bullón and Simone Twibell, who worked so diligently to provide these translations for the Global Review Teams mentioned below. The translators' efforts made possible the publication of these articles in both languages.

As noted last edition, the sheer size of the number of original submissions required we form global review teams to ascertain which articles to publish prior to the conference. I chose not to publish the reviewers' names prior to the conference, but thought it appropriate to acknowledge their contribution at this time. Just to note, we originally hoped to have a larger, global, team working with the final review. However, global commitments hindered such an arrangement (particularly with so many participating scholars working on submissions). Many of the reviewers accepted their responsibility on short notice and worked diligently to select a solid, representative, set of papers that you will find published in *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 13:2. The review teams included:

Context

David Wesley (NTS)
Bruce Alder (NTC Australia)
Rebecca Laird (PLNU)

History

Stan Ingersol (Archivist, Church of the Nazarene)
Diane LeClerc (NNU)
Carla Sunberg (NTS)

Bible

Kent Brower (NTC-Manchester)
Marty Michaelson (SNU)
Svetlana Khnobyia (NTC-Manchester)
Musa Kunene (NTC-Manchester residing in Swaziland)

Theology

Sam Powell (PLNU)
Henry Spaulding (MVNU)
Eric Vail (MVNU)

All articles underwent regional review before being sent to the Global Conference Program Committee and subsequent review teams. Overall, the conference generated

forty-two articles from six global regions, all attempting to address our denomination's interest in ecclesiology. As a participant, I have to admit the difficulty capturing the full impact of the conference. However, readers might be interested in several articles written on my personal blog, Discipleship Commons, which gives some perspective to the event. <http://discipleshipcommons.wordpress.com/category/global-theology/>

While we celebrate the range of materials written for the conference, the journal also recognizes resources that inform our global, ecclesial, efforts. One example comes from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc. One of the secondary conversations surfacing at the conference revolved around the need to address the ongoing, global, problem of human trafficking. To acknowledge this challenge to society in general, and particularly to our Christian witness as the church, we close this edition of the journal with a statement by the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium for Freedom Network. Our thanks go particularly to Dr. Jamie Gates at Point Loma Nazarene University who provided this document.

Just a reminder, the journal also publishes articles along the themes of culture and education as well. With the sheer volume of conference papers, I elected to hold any additional papers to the next edition to give them a better reading. Professors with outstanding offerings this spring should remember to submit those student papers as long as they will agree to serve as the reviewer. Beginning next edition you will see those efforts as well.

I continue to extend thanks to Tammy Condon, Dana Porter, and Ernalyn Longcop with the staff of the Asia Pacific Region, for insuring the quality of the website and this edition of the journal. In addition we want to alert everyone that copies of all editions are now being housed through the Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library (WHDL). You will find their website an incredible resource and I wholeheartedly encourage you to visit it as soon as possible. <https://www.whdl.org/>

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