

Preface

We must apologize again for the delay in getting this issue out. We have had a series of complicating factors with our staff and our equipment that have made it impossible to publish this issue on time. We do anticipate getting the next issue out on time, however, if all goes well.

We would like to introduce the authors of our main articles again. They have each published articles in previous issues of *AASS*, so they are not new this year, but for some readers they may be new. They constitute a diverse group.

Aecio E. Cairus, Ph.D., is Professor of Systematic Theology, but is a specialist also in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. He is from Argentina and has been at AIIAS since 1998.

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Besides the major articles, we again are proud to present a variety of other papers, in which the authors are introduced at the head of the respective papers. There is a paper from the First Professorial Lecture in a new series instituted by AIIAS, wherein those who are promoted to the rank of full professor are expected to present a scholarly lecture before their colleagues to mark the promotion. There are also a variety of devotional presentations, papers, and even a response selected from the AIIAS Theological Forum 2001, held at AIIAS on 8-11 August 2001. Some of these are from AIIAS professors, while others are from specialists in their

respective areas from around the world. The theme of the Forum 2001 was The Church: Unity Amidst Change.

We continue to publish abstracts of the theses and dissertations accepted for degree programs at the AIIAS Theological Seminary. These serve notice of the academic work being done by our students here. Critical book reviews submitted by our faculty and students are also included.

We continue to solicit your regular subscription to the journal as a way of enabling us to continue producing it as more than just an academic exercise. If you still receive the journal on a complimentary basis, please consider subscribing. Thank you for your support.

We also continue to offer exchange agreements with other journals that specialize in biblical studies, theology, church history, church ministries, and world mission. We have entered into many such agreements already and are willing to consider any offers.

The Editor