

THE CHILD'S NEW GARB: JAAS BETWEEN CONTINUITY AND INNOVATION

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In the editorial of the first issue of the journal *Asia Adventist Seminary Studies* (ISSN 0119-8432) Edwin E. Reynolds used the wonderful metaphor of a newly born child.¹ Eight years down the road the child is still well and has matured considerably over the past ten months of planning, maintaining all the good things that had characterized it and improving some of the weaker areas.

As the new editor of the journal, let me share some of these new developments: First, we have changed the name to *Journal of Asia Adventist Seminary* and due to legal considerations we have received a new ISSN number. However, we will continue with the volume count begun in 1998 with the first issue of *Asia Adventist Seminary Studies*. Second, we decided to publish two issues per year (instead of one). Third, since we are committed to publishing quality biblical-theological research, we have instituted an international review board, including some thirty leading scholars, that will provide the expertise for a vigorous peer-review process. These scholars represent a global community of biblical scholarship (Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Asia), different areas of expertise, and many renowned universities and seminaries (such as New York University [USA], University of Wisconsin [USA], Copenhagen Lutheran School of Theology [Denmark], Kenyatta University [Kenya], Fribourg University [Switzerland], Andrews University [USA], Fuller Theological Seminary [USA]). We are indeed grateful to these scholars for their unselfish support of biblical-theological research in Asia. Fourth, we have redesigned both the cover as well as the inside of the journal to provide an esthetically appealing product, which will speak to students, professors, and pastors in the twenty-first century. Fifth, we are negotiating with an important international distributor in order to facilitate international subscriptions via credit card payment, an option we could not offer before locally. Finally, we have named an enthusiastic editorial team, including Gerald A. Klingbeil (editor), Clinton Wahlen (associate editor), South African Ph.D. student Michael Sokupa

¹ Compare here Edwin E. Reynolds, "A Child is Born (Editorial)," *Asia Adventist Seminary Studies* 1 (1998): 1-3.

(book review editor), and Venezuelan Ph.D. student Emmer Chacon (subscription manager).

We hope that, as you hold this first issue of 2006 in your hands, you will not only like the new garb of *JAAS* but will consider subscribing to the journal to be kept up-to-date on quality biblical-theological research with an Asian perspective, important critical book reviews, as well as abstracts of completed theses and dissertations from the Theological Seminary at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS). As we are always looking for new articles or research notes we encourage you to consider sending submissions to *JAAS*. The editorial policies that we are implementing and that may guide the format of your submission can be found on the back cover page, together with the relevant contact details. Enjoy the new look of an old member of the AIAS family!