

Editorial

Conspectus 38 comes out at a time when our world is in desperate need of a sense of direction. What hope does Christianity have to offer to bear witness to the reality of a good God who is concerned for his church and the world at large? The volume focuses on the work and person of the Holy Spirit in counseling, Christian living, and mission work. It emphasizes one of SATS's core values—being Spirit-led—and serves as an important reminder to develop a healthy and engaging theology of the Spirit that can guide the church to achieve God's mission in the world.

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In her article, “A Case for the Holy Spirit in Christian Counseling Praxis: The 5E Model,” Candida S. Miller introduces a Christian counseling approach that is Spirit-centered in the search to achieve flourishing in Christ. The author recognizes psychological interventions but argues that the Holy Spirit needs to be central in leading clients to the fullness of life.

Next is the article, “An Investigation of the Pneumatological Praxes of Montanism with Lessons for the Contemporary African Church,” in which Ayotunde Olayori Oguntade provides historical lessons of heresies but also warns against resistance to the work of the Holy Spirit today. In this work, Oguntade calls the African church to watch against false teachings and abuses of spiritual gifts and create an environment for sound theology in which members utilize their spiritual gifts to edify the church.

In his article, “Spirit Hermeneutics for African Pentecostalism: A Hermeneutic for a Jubilar Mission,” Samson Tadelles Demo raises an awareness of the need for African Pentecostalism to be self-critical and develop a theology that is rooted in sound hermeneutics to enable its mission. He argues for a

contextual hermeneutic that is informed by the Holy Spirit and integrates both cognitive and experiential aspects for a sound Pentecostal spirituality.

Lastly is the article “Keeping in Step with the Spirit (Gal 5:25): Godliness as Evidence of God's Abiding Presence,” by Bitrus A. Sarma, in which he argues that living a godly life rather than signs often used to exploit the vulnerable is the primary evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence. While he does not dispute that signs are possible, he argues that living in conformity with the character of God is the perceptible indicator of having received the Holy Spirit.

The volume concludes with three book reviews: 1) Dan K. Kidha reviews Scot McKnight and Cody Matchett's book *Revelation for the Rest of Us: A Prophetic Call to Follow Jesus as a Dissident Discipline*, 2) Stephanie A. Lowery reviews *Apologetics in Africa: An Introduction*, a book edited by Kevin Muriithi Ndereba, and Tianji Ma reviews Peter Nyende's book *The Restoration of God's Dwelling and Kingdom*.

New Editorial Team Members

Recently, *Conspectus* has undergone a tremendous change in staff. Notably, we welcome the following individuals to the team:

Editor

Basilius M. Kasera has over 14 years of experience in university teaching and management and has established himself as a skilled and passionate lecturer in Theology, Religion, and Applied Ethics. He specializes in a range of disciplines, including Systematic Theology, Philosophy, Contextual Studies, Religious Studies, Economic Theology, Applied Ethics, and Social Justice. His expertise in these fields reflects his passion for engaging with complex issues

and equipping others with the knowledge and critical thinking skills needed to address contemporary challenges. He is married to Justene, and they have two children.

Associate Editor

Born and raised in Newfoundland, Canada, Sarah Apps has lived on the African continent since 2012. She holds a Ph.D. (Biblical studies) in women and ministry from SATS. She also serves as a lecturer and postgraduate supervisor at SATS. Her passion is to see the gospel spread throughout the African continent and the world. Having seen the need for women to bring their own unique perspective and contribution to theological education, she desires to equip men and women for ministry throughout Africa and the world (Matt 28:18). She currently lives in Cape Town, South Africa, with her husband Jono.

New Editorial Board Members

On behalf of the Chairperson of the board, Dr. Desmond Henry, I would like to welcome the following new members to the Editorial Board:

Paul Cookey (PhD, Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN), Bukuru, Jos, Nigeria) currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and Bible Translation/Biblical Studies at TCNN. He also teaches as an adjunct and visiting Lecturer in several theological Institutions in and outside Jos, Nigeria. He majors in Biblical Studies and is a certified Bible Translation Consultant with Global Partners. His research areas include semantic studies of words used in the OT to express practices of magic and divination, and the use and interpretation of Exodus 22:17[MT] in Sub-Saharan Africa and related areas.

Robert Falconer holds degrees in architecture and theology. He works as the Head of Research and Publishing at the South African Theological

Seminary (SATS). His primary research interests are Architectonic Theology, African Philosophical-Theology, Architecture and Theology, Soteriology, and Eschatology. Robert also serves as an Anglican priest and lives in St. Francis Bay with his wife, Catherine, and their two sons.

Roseline Luka Vandi is a Lecturer and Theologian. She holds a PhD from Saint Paul's University in Kenya. Prior to her doctoral studies, Roseline was a lecturer at TCNN. Her area of expertise is Practical Theology, specializing in counseling. Roseline serves as Secretary of the Research Committee at TCNN, and Secretary of the Northern Nigerian Circle of Concern and as a board member of Christian Faithful Fight AIDS in Nigeria.

I wish to conclude by extending our gratitude to the authors and book reviewers, the Editorial Board, the Review Board, the Editorial Team, and everyone at SATS who ensured the successful publication of this volume. We look back at this year with gratitude for the team of people and their efforts to keep this work going. It is humbling to know God has chosen to work through us.

In Christ,

Basilus M. Kasera, PhD

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