

EDITORIAL

After eight years of existence, transition is in the offing from the original format and scope of the *Torch Trinity Journal* to a new one. Since its inception, Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology has expanded considerably in terms of program offerings, institutional objectives, vision, and academic influence. The time has come for an extensive change in the production of the works of its faculty members.

This volume will culminate eight years of contribution to the international readership under the original format. *Torch Trinity Journal* will “retire” in this volume, but an entirely new journal will be born with a more global outlook, wider peer-review base, and international Advisory Board. Indeed, “glocalization” (global in outlook; local in application) has caught up with the way the original version of *TTJ* was presented to the international academic community.

This volume’s guest writer is the world-renown scholar of Islamic studies, David W. Shenk, who taught a modular course at Torch Trinity in Fall. Shenk is currently serving as global missions consultant with Eastern Mennonite Missions and has served in North America, Africa, and Europe as teacher, church planter, writer and administrator. His provocative essay, “Revelation in Islam and the Gospel,” “explores the implications of the Word sent down as book and the Word incarnate as person.” Contributing also to this volume is Eunnie Rhee who joined the Torch Trinity Department of Christian Counseling in Spring. Rhee received her training as a counselor in the USA, but her grasp of counseling needs in Korea is notable. Her article examines the psychosocial well-being of Korean children and the role that helping professionals can play in meeting their needs.

This volume covers seven departments: New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, Missiology-Intercultural Studies, Educational Ministries, Practical Theology, and Christian Counseling. The “departmental order” is basically “canonical” in nature and has nothing to do with the academic value of an article over another.

As this old format of *Torch Trinity Journal* folds up, deep appreciation goes to past editors: Glenn Jent, Steve Chang, James Breckenridge, and Yoon-Hee Kim. These editors put their unique stamp on each volume, which contributed to the increasing acceptance of the journal abroad. Special thanks goes to Professor Steve Chang for his able assistance in preparing the blueprint of this issue.

Like the previous issues, this volume will be added to the TTJ archives that are available on the school's homepage at <http://www.ttgst.ac.kr> (click on "Publications). Request for previous issues and subscription for the forthcoming new journal version should be directed to Ms. H. J. Joo, Torch Trinity periodicals librarian, at hjoo@ttgst.ac.kr. Questions or comments related to this issue should be addressed to this volume's editor at drterry63@ttgst.ac.kr.

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