

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Fall issue of the *Midwestern Journal of Theology*. I am indebted once again, to several people who give so sacrificially to ensure the Journal appears each Semester. My sincere thanks go to Dr. Jason Duesing, Provost and Academic Editor for all his invaluable assistance. Thanks are also due to our Book Review Editor, Dr. Blake Hearson, for all the hours spent in procuring and editing the reviews he always manages to secure. Thanks also go to Mrs. Kaylee Freeman, for all her invaluable support as Journal secretary.

This issue is dedicated maybe not surprisingly, to thinking about aspects of the Reformation and later controversies. The articles begin with a brief Theological Commentary by Midwestern's own Dr. Matthew Barrett, on the question of what exactly are thinking of when we speak of *sola Scriptura*? This is followed by the first of our three guest articles we are very happy to publish in this issue, with Dr. Octavio's Esqueda's, 'The Reformation in light of a Christian Formation Perspective.' Midwestern's Dr. Tom Johnston then shares the fruit of his scholarly research into the issue of the marriage of clergy at the time of the Reformation. We then have the second piece from Dr. Barrett, his expert and pertinent analysis, 'Balancing *Sola Scriptura* and Catholic Trinitarianism'.

We then have the second guest contribution, and that from a great friend of Midwestern Dr. Michael Haykin, wherein he introduces us to the life and theological contribution of Anne Dutton, an 18th century English Baptist poet and writer. We conclude our guest articles with Dr. Alan Thompson's insightful piece in which he examines C. H. Spurgeon's use and endorsement of Lament Psalms in worship. Our final article comes from our Provost Dr. Jason Duesing, in which he reminds us of, and expertly comments on, the very significant debate that occurred thirty years ago between SBC theologians Paige Patterson and Fisher Humphreys. The debate, though often overlooked reveals some of the depth of what was in play in SBC theological life.

We again conclude this issue of the *MJT* with several relevant and thought provoking book reviews secured and edited by Dr. Blake Hearson.