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Introduction

Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

Team ministry is one of the new trends in church ministry. Of course, team ministry is not all that new. Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt with a team, Jesus trained a team of leaders to start the church, and Paul planted churches through a team. Working with teams, however, does present us with new challenges in today's complex world. As an experienced executive pastor responsible to lead staff teams in larger churches, Chuck Olson presents some new ideas on how to build team unity and spirit in his article "The Values of a Team."

Another new trend is the growing interest in New Apostolic Ministry and Apostles. The second article in this issue by Peter Wagner offers new insights on the new apostolic goal of social transformation and speaks to the issue of unity among apostolic leaders.

"Evangelism in a Postmodern World" is Elmer Town's article on the trend of postmodernism. He will help you understand this trend by looking at five words: Interstate, Internet, Cell, Phone, and Seinfeld.

Worship continues to be a hot topic, which makes Alvin Reid's article on "Evangelistic Worship: The Front Door of Church Growth in the New Millennium" a top read. His principles for worship and evangelism will be welcome reading for all of us concerned for finding the lost.

The last article calls attention to a theological view that has been missing in much of church growth literature—the glory of God. Gary McIntosh suggests that the ultimate purpose of the church is to bring God glory, and this goal demands church

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growth.

As we enter the summer months, the *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth* is calling for papers for the 2002-2003 issues. We are especially interested in up-to-date case studies of growing churches, as well as articles on the spiritual factors of church growth. Other articles, of course, are welcome. For information on submitting articles or book reviews, please see the last page of this issue.

—Editor