

## Introduction

Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

This issue completes sixteen years of publication for the Journal of the American Society for Church Growth. The articles contained within are a mix of church growth history and thoughtful insights for the future.

"A Short History of Winfield C. Arn and The Institute for American Church Growth" provides a historical look at the first thirty years of the American Church Growth Movement. A later article continues our publication of a church growth conference presented by Donald A. McGavran at Manhattan Christian College in 1981. Both of these articles recall historical elements of the burgeoning Church Growth Movement in the last half of the twentieth century.

The rest of the articles in this issue focus on new church growth ideas. J.D. Payne, a regular contributor to this journal, shares fresh insights on "The Art of Vision Casting for Church Multiplication." Another regular writer, Elmer Towns, offers some thoughtful commentary on "A Theology of Methodology."

J. Mark DeYmaz is a brand new writer for our journal. His church was recently featured in an article in Christianity Today. As the pastor of Mosaic Church, located in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mark presents a new interpretation and understanding of Ephesians from a multi-ethnic perspective that is sure to challenge all of our readers.

I hope you enjoy reading these articles as much as I did while compiling them for this issue.

—Editor