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The *JASCG* is featuring a special book symposium in this issue. Certainly a major concern in Church Growth thought is the nature of the church, or what is theologically referred to as ecclesiology. For this symposium, we have asked four people to review *Revolution: Finding Vibrant Faith Beyond the Walls of the Sanctuary*: Dan Reeves, whose main area of expertise is missiology; Robb Redman, a leading voice in the innovation of worship; Bob Wenz, an experienced pastor and specialist in speech communication; and Greg Gilbert, a pastor and writer. Each of these reviewers has a deep and solid commitment to the Church, and their thoughts on George Barna's new perspective on the local church offers engaging insights.

Our lead article, by George G. hunter, III, focuses on the "Emotionally Relevant" Congregation. Projected to be a chapter in Hunter's forthcoming book on church growth reconceived for a new generation, this article looks at a neglected aspect of church growth. Timothy Robnett and Allen Quist give a short overview of their new book *The Spirit Driven Church* in our first article. Their main thesis is that Christian leadership is distinctive from non-Christian leadership, and they present a balanced approach on how to remain dependent on God and work strategically at the same time. This article is followed by an extensive overview of change theory in church growth literature. Building on the "collage" approach to change developed by Mary Jo Hatch; Bob Whitesel looks to see if Hatch's approach, born out of innovative reactions to indigenous cultures, is reflected in church growth literature.

—Editor

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