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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

Christian leaders throughout history modeled many church growth principles, as seen in the first article of this issue of the *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth*. "George Fox: A Man of Fiery Passion on a Mission for Jesus" by Tom Crawford, demonstrates Fox's commitments to prayer, scripture, lay ministry, and practical ministry. He employed several church growth insights well before church growth became a field of study.

Charles Arn explores the difference between evangelism and disciple-making. He addressed key questions, such as "What is success?" "What is the method?" and "Who is involved?" Evangelizing senior adults is a key component of many churches' discipleship plans. "Senior Adult Evangelism" by David Moore, applies church growth thinking to this topic to assist leaders in being more intentional in their evangelistic practices.

Shuma Iwai writes about the impact of syncretism on the Christian church in Japan. Iwai discusses the biblical foundations, historical background, and Shintoistic Christianity on church growth in Japan.

"The Protean Church" offers a new way of thinking about church growth. Allan Karr suggests that, "Protean is descriptive of a church model which tenuously combines a foundational grounding of the tenets of faith to scripture while at the same time being fluid, diverse, and versatile, possessing the ability to 'shape-shift' according to the needs of the community and culture."

Several critical book reviews conclude this issue. It is our plan to offer at least four book reviews in every issue of future journals.

—Editor