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Introduction

Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

The editorial team of the *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth* has been working to improve the quality of production, articles, and look of the journal. Several changes are in process, one of which takes place with this issue. As regular readers will know, this journal has been published three times a year (Winter, Spring, and Fall). However, beginning with this issue we are moving to a new publishing schedule of two times per year in Winter and Summer. This will make publication more workable for the editorial staff, and we will be enlarging each issue. Our plan is to increase the number of articles by including additional ones on church growth outside of North America, and adding more book reviews. You will be hearing more about these changes in coming issues.

The current issue highlights the life and ministry of Bill Sullivan. Bill served for many years as Director of the Church Growth Division of the Church of the Nazarene. He is well remembered as a pioneer in applying church growth insights in a denominational context, and was a past president of the American Society for Church Growth. Gary McIntosh's article presents a case study of how Bill Sullivan and others applied church growth theory within the Church of the Nazarene.

Peter Burch discusses the real reasons people do not attend church, Thomas Hammond and Steve Wilkes address the impact of conflict on church growth, J.D. Payne gives a glimpse of the missional house church movement, and Allen Quist reveals the importance of having a Christ-centered strategy. Two book reviews conclude this issue of the journal.

—Editor

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