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Greetings from the New Editor

Genevieve L James

Never before was there a more momentous time to examine the assertions of Christian witness than the dawning of the 21st century. Waves of change are sweeping across contexts of mission and missiology. In several countries across Africa unprecedented change continues with political, economic, environmental and social disorientation. Many changes bring disaster and devastation yet, there are some transformations, which bring renewal and rejuvenation. I trust that this change of editorship will be favourable and constructive, and not, distressful for SAMS and the journal. I want to place on record my thanks to the Secretary General of SAMS Prof. Nico Botha for his support, encouragement and vote of confidence in my role as editor. The nature of support from Botha was certainly a significant contributing factor to my academic and leadership formation.

Thank you Prof. Klippies Kritzinger

As the Missionalia issue of April 1992 had gone to print David Bosch did not know that it would be the last issue he saw to completion. Since 1992 Prof. Klippies Kritzinger assumed the position of editor under emergency conditions. He established Missionalia as a world class journal with full accreditation. His stamp of excellence and quality is evidenced in each issue of Missionalia during the past sixteen years. Colleagues and friends around the world attest to the Kritzinger genius. He is not only a brilliant mind but a beautiful mind. Contrary to the capitalist ideology of publication for profit Kritzinger facilitated the enrichment of Missionalia through a wide range of international contributions (contributions that were outside of the South African Department of Education subsidy range). Kritzinger’s own missiological genius had to take second place to his role as editor which ensured that other scholars’ research was fine tuned and published with excellence. In the period from 2008 to June 2009 I was kindly mentored by Kritzinger on the Missionalia publication process. He provided me with the vital space to think, to speak, to act and to grow. He was always accessible to respond to a barrage of my queries despite his own tremendous work load in post-graduate supervision, course development and a myriad of other pressing responsibilities. On behalf of Missionalia I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the man affectionately known as
“Klippets”. At this time it is also fitting to acknowledge the sacrifices of his wife, Prof. Alta Kritzinger and daughter, Marita Kritzinger for forgoing valuable family time which Kritzinger had spent on the production of the journal.

**Bosch we know, Kritzinger we know but who is Genevieve L James?**

At the 2008 SAMS business meeting a decision was made that I would officially succeed Kritzinger after his final issue as editor (June 2009). I worked closely with the editorial team for a year and half. During this time I began to learn about the administrative and publication stages for an international journal of Missionalia’s standing. I realised that the leadership and editing of the journal is certainly a mammoth task which demands accountability to SAMS, academics, accrediting bodies, researchers, mission organisations, practitioners and church workers. I discovered the sacrifice, commitment, resolve, and often fancy footwork involved in ensuring the production of a quality issue. I am deeply moved and appreciative of the Bosch legacy and the Kritzinger heritage.

Since this is my first issue as editor, I thought it necessary to introduce myself to you. I am a fourth generation South African woman of Indian decent. I could be viewed as a ‘political’ appointment for being the first ‘black’ (and woman) editor of Missionalia in a context of affirmative action, however, I certainly do not regard myself as such. I believe my life story would not lend itself to such a convenient thesis.

**The People and Places in my story**

It is necessary to acquaint you with the people and places in my story in order for you to have an understanding of my background. My parents Leslie and Geetha James inspired my missiological learning and facilitated my missiological training in countless ways. One story has significant resonance in my life and work in mission and missiology. Having accompanied my parents on a mission trip to the border of Mozambique and South Africa I saw the devastation of war through the eyes of refugees who had crossed the Kruger National Park to escape the carnage in Mozambique. I was twelve years old at the time and after reflecting on this poignant experience I shared that, when I grow up, I want to be a missionary doctor. I had forgotten this statement and only when I received my PhD in Missiology did my family and I recall (to our amusement) my desire to be a missionary doctor at the age of twelve.

I was in high school when the country had its first democratic election. During my bachelors degree in theology, transformation was the national buzz word. It was clear though, that the discourse of transformation rarely coincided with convincing action. My undergraduate years were spent at the former University of Durban-Westville (UDW) which was racked with protest action and shut downs. Despite the chaos, I had the privilege to be trained by the likes of Bongani Mazibuko (the first black South African missiologist), Daryl Balia who was the Dean of Theology, Pieter Martins and Neville Heuer. Under the kind supervision of Dirk Buchner I continued at UDW for my masters degree,
where the push for transformation included discussions on the disbanding of the Faculty of Theology. My missiology master’s examiner was Prof. Tinyiko Maluleke. After a guiding, informative and insightful meeting with Maluleke I decided to enrol for my PhD at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg (now University of Kwa-Zulu Natal). Here I was expertly supervised and inspired for research by Prof. Anthony Balcomb. The head of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Prof. Steve de Gruchy has been instrumental in encouraging and facilitating my academic growth and development. I have also had the pleasure to work with Prof. Gerald West on exciting community Bible study interventions that integrate theological insight with relevant and practical action.

A missiology teaching stint at a theological collage in Lahore Pakistan exposed me to the strange and amazing differences in our world. I later met a dear friend Sarojini Nadar who was the coordinator of the International Network of Advanced Theological Education. Through her encouragement I spent what would be an unforgettable term in Brazil where I studied under Rudolf Von Sinner at the Lutheran School of Theology in São Leopoldo. The passions I developed in Brazil had best be left for another paper, but it was here, I learnt more intensely about the fascinating field of Latin American theologies. On my return to South Africa I had a new sense of excitement and enthusiasm about missiology. I later met inspirational urban missiologist Stephan de Beer from the Tshwane Leadership Foundation and the Institute for Urban Mission; here I also connected with other scholars that shared my passion for doing mission in the urban context.

My ecumenical training and experiences thus far have provided me with amazing life, learning and research opportunities. It was a pleasure to be part of a group called the Young Missiologists, initiated by Jaques Matthey of the World Council of Churches (WCC). Our time of ecumenical mission reflection at the Vatican was simply priceless. I was also part of the Young Ecumenists of the WCC and well as Lausanne’s Younger Leaders Gathering in Malaysia. I have the privilege of working with Mission Executive Secretary for the Council for World Mission, Elizabeth Joy, in exciting mission projects in several countries from the UK to Samoa. I am a member of IAMS as well as, closely involved in study group five of the Edinburgh 2010 research process. These ecumenical encounters and engagements have broadened my horizon and facilitated a unique understanding and perception of missiology.

As I look back at the people and places in my story, I am acutely aware that the God of the Mission has been the protagonist in my story. I have no plans on the length of time I will serve as editor, but I will remain committed to our awesome task as co-workers and co-creators in God’s household.

Missiology and its fuzzy identity and future

Far removed from the period of the Edinburgh 1910 conference, missiology today is in a fuzzy zone. It appears that we explore degrees of truth and
probabilities. Who are we, as scholars and practitioners of mission and who, are we not? Arguments for the name changes of missionary to missional or Missiology to Intercultural Studies or Contextual Theology need careful exploration. Mission Studies or Missiology is often on the defensive in the general field of Theology and Human Sciences. Mission scholars face ridicule and disparagement for the ‘insanity’ of the pursuit of the ‘critical’ study of mission. Old images of narrow minded, ignorant, insensitive and conversion-hungry missionaries still plague our enterprise.

With regards to our future, I am alarmed by the number of missiologists who are on the threshold of retirement or, who have already retired. Some may say that we are not facing a crisis, I believe we are! Have you seen the number of obituaries printed in mission journals lately? I call on missiologists or students of mission to acknowledge and examine the challenges and tensions that are prevalent in our field. We need to develop niche areas and conscientiously learn to demonstrate research excellence. I encourage emerging scholars to produce in the area of Classical Missiology and as well as Contextual Missiology. In Africa, in addition to doing mission, we need critical reflection on mission as the purpose, meaning and identity of the Church.

The Ethos of Missionalia

Missionalia is dedicated to the academic study of mission and as such, all articles published in this journal will seek to explore issues that would enrich and enliven mission discourse, lead to an integrated mission consciousness and encourage credible and effective mission action. We seek to produce relevant and contemporary research that will enhance the study and praxis of mission primarily, but not exclusive to, the African continent.

We hope to serve missiologists, mission practitioners and religious researchers with cutting edge findings and analysis on the mission intent and ventures of the church.

Our Missionalia goals are as follows:

- Produce translations of Missionalia articles in African languages.
- Become widely and freely available through open access
- Encourage mentorship of African missiologists in writing for publication.

It is crucial for reviewers to understand their role as mentors. It is elitist for reviewers to simply mark a submission as unpublishable without attempting to assist the contributor with constructive criticism. We must remember many scholars in the African context did not have the privilege of generations of higher education. Language impediments and contextual challenges continue to hinder African scholars in English publications. The publication playing field is by no means fair therefore a revolution in the way of mentorship for writing for publication is long overdue. The unrelenting avalanche of literature from the west can only be impeded through an uprising of dominated knowledge.
➢ Provide the space for emerging scholars to position themselves as sound missiological scholars.

I appeal to emerging scholars to contribute to this journal. The profile of writers will continue to be one-sided if you continue to be complacent and hesitant about submitting your research and considering constructive criticism.

➢ Become environmentally friendly.

We are well acquainted with the importance of doing our part to preserve our fragile environment. The following green initiatives are part of our business operations: electronic submissions, online peer review system, e-mail author and editor proofs, print on demand to reduce inventories, mailing journals without polybags, online customer services, email renewals, online ordering and payment. In the near future you can look forward to online distribution.

**Administrative and Publication process**

From 2010 we endeavour to produce your Missionalia issues on time. I will ensure you efficient and effective service through new systems and structures for article administration and general operations. New policies with regards to the active involvement of the editorial board are in place with members of the board now more involved in the journal through service in the referee process and a yearly assessment of the journal.

In this issue

The articles included in this issue, feature some of the world leaders in mission and theology reflecting on a range of implicit and explicit missiological subject matter. Andrew Warmback reflects on a pivotal document The Oikos Journey and its urban implications while Stephan de Beer presents an alternative Christian spatial praxis in the context of homelessness and injustice in inner-cities. Steve de Gruchy examines the 30 year history of the Council for World Mission with regards to their mission practise and reflection and the lessons to be learnt. Ramathate Dolamo, now based in Ethiopia, suggests a new path towards Africanising Christian theology by taking into account African narratives, language and culture. Gerald West considers the distinct and valuable role of North Africa in both the construction, as well as interpretation of the Bible. Moving to West Africa, Olufunke Adeboye describes the practice and presence of a Nigerian, Pentecostal church that has been established in North America. She discusses the challenges and tensions of identity in this immigrant church. Down south, Simangaliso Kumalo
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acknowledges the life and work of Joshua Bhekinkosi Mzizi towards justice and integrity in Swaziland. While in Zimbabwe, Masiwa Gunda discusses the complexities of church and state relations represented in the controversial exploits of an Anglican Bishop in Mugabe’s Zimbabwe. Finally, Adriaan Van Klinken considers the theological impact of the metaphor of the body of Christ as specifically used by African theologians. Our creative contribution in this issue is from Klippies Kritzinger, who offers us a meaningful liturgy set in the urban context of Tshwane, entitled: From where does our help come from.

Final Word

To all our reviewers, a special thank you for your invaluable efforts. I wish to sincerely thank Jansie Kilian for her years of service and her continued involvement in the financial administration of the journal, Reggie Nel for keeping our readers up to date on our website as well as Facebook and Twitter, and, our publisher Manfred Jung and copyeditor Audrey Williams for service excellence. I wish to thank you, our loyal and supportive subscribers. We will continue to seek ways to offer you more value and improved service.

God Bless.

Genevieve Lerina James

Greetings from the New Administrator

Lee-Anne Roux

I am pleased to introduce myself to the Missionalia readership. As of 2009 I took over the administration of the articles and book reviews for Missionalia. I am presently working in the Department of Missiology at UNISA, as well as busy with my Masters degree in Theology. As administrative officer, I am the point of contact for articles and book reviews and work very closely under Dr Genevieve James to ensure the efficient processing of Missionalia correspondence in these areas.

I enjoy the dynamic process involved in the production of the journal and have acquired a wide variety of skills. I bring with me a deep and active interest in people, faith and theology. I look forward to communicating with you.
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Questions or possible themes

➢ How relevant are these new ecclesiologies for the Southern African context; is this phenomenon only relevant for the Northern church, grappling with rampant secularization and postmodernism?
➢ What are the theological roots of the missional ecclesiologies and how do we continue the dialogue with the interlocutors?
➢ How do we reflect biblically on missional ecclesiologies? What are the different ways in which the Bible is read and interpreted? What creative means of reading can be explored?
➢ What stories of hope can we tell from Southern Africa, suggesting a new, or emerging postcolonial expression of being church.

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