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EDITORIAL

It gives us immense joy to introduce JCOTRTS with its first edition of the second volume. We want to thank the Triune God for enabling us to bring forth this edition. It becomes a prerogative to take part in the wider and glorious ministry of God through this journal. "Synergy is energy" as one of the famous sayings goes. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who were involved in shaping this journal (contributors, editors, press and management).

The articles in this book are contributed by various scholars in their fields of expertise. Mr. Viju Wilson writes about "Christian Witness in the Changing Context of India." Dr. Jessy Jaison states that Practical Theology is a transformative praxis which brings holistic formation in theological education. Dr. Gladstone Robert gives an overview of Ecumenism from a Biblical perspective. Mr. Abraham Thomas gives a historical perspective on the emergence of Christianity in India with a special emphasis on St. Thomas Tradition. Dr. Ambrose Selvaraj provides a challenge to fight for the transformation of Dalits in contemporary society. Dr. Gladson Jathanna gives an account of the "Zenana Mission" which is a women's mission wing of Hermannsburg Mission society in the state of A.P., India. Rev. Sunil Kumar portrays the concept of non-human weakness from undisputed Pauline writings.

Finally, the journal ends with a review on P.G.George's edited work on "Theological Research in the Global South: Prospects and Challenges," by Mr. Josfin Raj.

The articles in this journal in common leave a note of our responsibility towards the various issues related to church, evangelism, theological education, and social involvement. Our knowledge, relationship and study of God's word must make us feel responsible for the issues in and outside the church, and lead us to praxis. The more we grow, the more we become

mature; the more we are informed, the more we become responsible. This reminds me of the vision statement of COTRTS: "Transforming the world through anointed and informed servants of God." Transformation of both church and society can happen when we have the strength of God and knowledge of issues. So, this is our prayer that as we continue to share knowledge, may God fill us with His grace to transform the world through His power.

D. Suhas

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