Editorial

Darren Cronshaw and colleagues from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific have done a magnificent job of representing Oceania in this guest-edited issue of *Mission Studies*. Not only the articles but also the book reviews relate to this region of the world, making this issue preparatory material for the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) quadrennial assembly which takes place in Sydney on 9–15th July this year.¹

Furthermore, in making this a special issue on the concept of *missio Dei*,² Cronshaw and colleagues have gone to the theological heart of missiology since the mid-twentieth century. While generally upholding the continued usefulness of this much-debated term, they have enriched it from Oceanian experience and also subjected it to renewed scrutiny from Indigenous and women's perspectives especially. In addition, they show how this theological concept, and its trinitarian foundation, continues to inform mission practice in secular contexts, among the economically poor, in community engagement of people of European heritage and Indigenous people, and in church congregations. I commend this issue to you.

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- 1 Note from the editor at the time of going to press: This conference was postponed due to COVID-19.
 - 2 See Darren Cronshaw's editorial for an explanation of why "*missio Dei*" is not italicized here or in the rest of this issue.