Editorial

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This special issue of *Mission Studies*, on the theme, “Locating European Missions in a Wounded World,” is guest-edited by Prof. Dr. Norbert Hintersteiner, director of the Institute for Missiology and the Study of Theologies Beyond Europe at the University of Münster, Germany. I am grateful to Dr. Hintersteiner for bringing together here a selection of the outstanding papers presented at the very successful IAMS Europe conference which he organized last summer for the associations for mission studies in the various regions of continent.

In addition, it is my pleasure and privilege to introduce Dr. Hintersteiner as the incoming editor-in-chief for *Mission Studies* from January 2021. He has assembled a strong editorial team consisting of Dr. Sara Fretheim and Dr. Dorottya Nagy as assistant editors, with Anja Heinz as editorial assistant. To ensure a smooth transition, Dr. Fretheim has been learning the ropes of the journal by serving as editorial assistant to me since the beginning of this year and I highly commend her for the work she has done on the previous issue as well.

As I step down after eight years as editor, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to many others who have helped to make the journal what it is. I particularly appreciate the hard work of my previous editorial assistants, Dr. Jung Soo Jo and Dr. Gary McKee. I am especially grateful to Dr. McKee for his additional help in this transition process. During my editorship, first Dr. Paul Kollmann and now Dr. Atola Longkumer have faithfully prepared the book reviews for each issue. For the last few years, Dr. Mariel Deluca Voth and Dr. Xiaoli Yang have diligently translated the abstracts of each article into Spanish and Chinese respectively. Throughout, Dr. John Mansford Prior has provided valuable continuity as deputy editor and the IAMS executive and the *Mission Studies* editorial board have given significant advice and direction. Moreover, the publication team at Brill, under Dr. Miriam Elbers followed by Dr. Tessel Jonquière, has been consistently responsive and supportive.

Lastly, no academic journal can function without its reviewers. So, I also thank all those – especially associate and contributing editors – who have served *Mission Studies* in that vital capacity. I look forward to seeing the journal go from strength to strength under new editorship. To that end, I encourage you all, the readers to promote it, to cite it, and to contribute articles and reviews.