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GUEST EDITORIAL

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Jn the beginning, was a simple idea, inspired by God, and shared among a small group of dedicated faculty. This simple idea was to create an online forum where Christian academicians could disseminate scholarly pedagogical research without fear of censorship of their Christianity in the process. Thus, *The Journal* was created and developed by these faculty at Oral Roberts University. One of those inspired professors was Dr. Tim Norton. While the idea may have been simple, the implementation was not, and Tim played an integral role in the development of all the intricacies of *The Journal*. In addition, Tim was a contributor to the Journal and later took over as the second General Editor. As the first General Editor and founder of *The Journal*, I found myself having to step away from an active role with the publication while I completed my Ph.D. While I knew that Tim would be more than capable of managing and editing *The Journal*, nothing prepared me for the realization that he was much better at it than I was! Tim embraced the role and fulfilled it with ease, producing four great issues before stepping down as editor. Now Tim is retiring from academia altogether. We will miss his contributions to *The Journal*, we will miss his friendship and smiling face, and we will miss his wisdom as we seek to do the Lord's will. We honor you, Tim, and all the works of your hands. May God bless you as you enter this next phase of your life. You will be missed!

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