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EDITORIAL

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This is the second issue of the Andrews University Seminary Student Journal (AUSSJ). In the editorial of the first issue, Dr. Moskala (Dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University) introduced AUSSJ by recording its birth and wishing a long life to this journal. The publication of the second issue attests that AUSSJ is alive and it intends to offer scholarly articles on a continual basis (bi-annually) in its steps toward maturity as an academic venue.

The sponsoring faculty member for the present issue is Dr. John Reeve, Assistant Professor of Church History and Co-editor of *Andrews University Seminary Studies*. In his invited article “Future Views of the Past: Models of the Development of the Early Church,” Reeve insightfully delineates eight models of historiography of the early church and highlights the complexity of a proper assessment of individuals and trends in the early church. This complexity comprises positive and negative aspects, instead of leading to a general evaluation that simply classifies an individual as “good” or “bad” theologian.

This volume includes an article by Dr. Vanderlei Dorneles, who is one of the editors of Brazil Publishing House (Casa Publicadora Brasileira) and was a visiting student at Andrews University at the time of his dissertation research in 2009-2010. Dorneles argues for a hypothesis for the interpretation of the symbols of Rev 17, which focuses on the eighth empire and compares Rev 17 with chapters 12 and 13.

The remaining three articles have been written by three doctoral candidates respectively: Cory Wetterlin explores “Ellen White’s Understanding of Indwelling of the Holy Spirit” in his chronological study of four passages written by her, namely, sections in *Steps to Christ*, *Special Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, *Desire of Ages*, and *Testimonies for the Church*. Wetterlin concludes that White understands the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as an abiding in Christ through a devotional interpersonal relationship of faith.

Dojcin Zivadinovic provides an account of Wesley’s view of spiritual gifts. Zivadinovic argues that Wesley was not a cessationist, as far as the interpretation of spiritual gifts is concerned. On the other hand, Wesley also challenged strongly what he considered “fanatical” usage of spiritual gifts.

Finally, Denis Kaiser describes in “Leo the Great on the Supremacy of the Bishop of Rome” the rationale formulated by Pope Leo the Great to affirm the supremacy of the bishop of Rome. This rationale provided a theoretical framework for later papal claims regarding absolute power in ecclesiastical and secular realms.

I believe that the reader will take advantage of these scholarly contributions in the fields of church history, theology, and biblical studies.