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### **From the Editor**

The U.S. continues to live through the COVID-19 pandemic and through a signal period of civil unrest. Both have demonstrable causes and effects, and these effects are very much affecting Latinoax, Black, Native American, and Asian/Pacific Islander communities across the country. To long-known systemic inequalities and injustices we must add the depths of racism and xenophobia unveiled by the country's responses to both the pandemic and the civil unrest. Among the millions of the unemployed, of the uninsured, of the food insecure, of the homeless, and of those exposed to infection because they have no alternative but to continue working, are members of the communities mentioned above in much higher proportions than their demographic representations would suggest. The undocumented and the asylum seekers continue to be victimized by a "homeland security" system that has not hesitated to commit violence and injustice. We must also add to the national and global challenges the growing consequences of climate change, as evidenced by the western wildfires and the long Gulf and Atlantic coasts' hurricane season. 2020 has not been kind to the vulnerable in the U.S. and across the world. We at the *JHLT* commit ourselves in solidarity with the struggle for justice and healing.

This new *JHLT* issue brings us three insightful articles—one of them the text of a conference presentation—and five book reviews.

The article "*Latin@s en la Fe: Gender, Solidarity and the Common Good*," by Elena Foulis (Ohio State University) is part of a larger project, *Oral Narratives of Latin@s in Ohio* (ONLO), a digital-video oral history project archived at OSU's Center for Folklore Studies. Juan M. C. Oliver,

a priest and highly respected liturgist in the Anglican tradition, is the Custodian of the *Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church. His article, "The Shrinking Eucharist and the Exile of the Poor," offers us an insightful interpretation of the development of the Eucharist from apostolic times to the present, an interpretation that places the *protagonismo* of the poor, or the absence thereof, as pivotal to a grounded historical-theological understanding of the Lord's Supper. Ricardo Gallego, Director of Latinoax Services at the San Diego LGBTQ Community Center, shares his presentation from the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, "Immigration and LGBTQ Intersections: A Pioneering Project on the San Diego/Tijuana Border." These three texts are followed by the book reviews.

Once again, I thank Prof. María Teresa Dávila, Associate Editor, Prof. Rebecca Berrú-Davis, Book Reviews Editor, the members of our Editorial Board, and Prof. Jane C. Redmont, who serves our journal as Copy Editor.

As always, I urge our readers to request that libraries subscribe to, and colleagues read and assign, the *JHLT*. There is no cost for subscribing, since the journal has been open-access for many years, but we do covet and need a larger and wider readership. We continue to need and welcome more articles and book reviews. Articles (all of which will be peer-reviewed) are to be sent to me directly, at [espin@san Diego.edu](mailto:espin@san Diego.edu), and book reviews to the corresponding editor.

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