

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Journal of Christian Ministry*!

*The Journal of Christian Ministry* (JCM) is a publication of *The Association for Doctor of Ministry Education* (ADME.) The purpose of this journal is to encourage theological reflection regarding the training for and practice of Christian ministry at the highest level.

While recognizing and appreciating the religious diversity that exists across the globe, this journal, as its name implies, recognizes the fundamental uniqueness of Jesus Christ. He is the one the Apostle Paul described as

... the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:15-20 NIV)

Effective Christian ministry flows out of a sound understanding of and relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that this journal will encourage the development of truly effective Christian ministry.

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