

“ACENTURY PAST, A CENTURY FORWARD”

Two important events contributed to the production of this issue: Papers presented in the two meetings from the Asian Pentecostal Society (APS) held in Malaysia and the Asia Pacific Theological Association's (APTA) Theological Commission Forum in Singapore.

Last year's eighth annual meeting of the Asian Pentecostal Society in Malaysia brought several Pentecostal scholars from Asia and their counterparts from other parts of the world. The event in some ways was commemorative of last year's Azusa centennial celebration. Prof. David Daniels who is currently the president of the Society of Pentecostal Studies gave a paper on “Pentecostals and Peoplehood in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Probing the Past Proleptically.” One of the questions Daniels asked in the paper was, “How is Pentecostal peoplehood being re/constructed during the early 21<sup>st</sup> Century?” Amos Yong of Regent University discussed “The what, whether, why, how, and wither of Asian Pentecostal Theology” (The Future of Asian Pentecostal Theology: An Asian American Assessment). Writing from a South African perspective, Mathew Clark reflects on contemporary Pentecostal leadership. In his paper, he argued for the need to affirm leadership values which are based on Scripture. Two Pentecostal scholars read papers from their respective field of discipline. Vincent Leoh, who is also the general superintendent of the Assemblies of God Malaysia presented a case study of David Yonggi Cho with a view to pneumatic preaching and eschatology. Lim Yeu Chuen provided an insightful analysis of the growth of Chinese churches in the Assemblies of God Malaysia. Wonsuk Ma, *AJPS* co-editor did his share by presenting a paper on Pentecostal worship.

The conference in Singapore held in August 2006 at the Theological Centre for Asia was an APTA Theological Commission Symposium. Three writers from the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) wrote on leadership and missions. Paul Lewis gave a good exposition on the challenges in missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Wayne Cagle who also serves as

president of APTS wrote on real-change leadership. David Hymes fulfilled the second and final part of his earlier paper in *AJPS* 9.2 on “Heroic Leadership in the Wilderness.”

A word of appreciation is due to all the contributors of this issue who willingly agreed to share their articles with us. I would like also to give special recognition to Dr. Wonsuk Ma for the many years of hard work in making *AJPS* available to the reading public. Although he will be less involved in the editorial work of this journal, he is committed to remain active as a regular contributor.

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