

Editorial

A primary focus of the *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies* has been the continuing engagement of Pentecostal scholarship both by Asian Pentecostal scholars and by Pentecostal scholars on topics that are pertinent to the Asia and Pacific Rim region. As such, it is the endeavor of this journal and its editors to actively encourage appropriate writing and research. To this end, in this issue (e.g. Panthakan Phanon; like in previous and forthcoming issues) there are submissions by current theology students or recent graduates. Whereas their submissions must still go through the typical peer-review process, it is noted that these are referred to this journal due to their insight and compelling arguments that further the focus of this journal. It is the hope of the editors that this proactive stance would further the cause of Asian Pentecostal scholarship both now and in the years to come.

In this issue, the first essay is the second part of the two parts on the development of the Pentecost movement in Rajasthan, India. Wessly Lukose, in this part, emphasizes the growth of the Pentecostal movement in Rajasthan, India. The following essay, by Panthakan Phanon, looks into greater detail of the story of Naomi in Ruth with special reference to Ruth 1:19-22. The author highlights the depth of God's goodness in regards to Naomi.

Joel Tejedo focuses his research on the Ilocano speaking region of the Northern Luzon area of the Philippines. He compares and contrasts through qualitative analysis the highland (in the mountainous region of the Cordilleras) and the lowland Ilocano Pentecostal churches in regards to their perspective and action in Pentecostal civic engagement. The following essay also deals with the issue of civic engagement. Dhan Prakash, an Indian Pentecostal, proposes a framework by which to promote a Pentecostal theology of social concern.

Roli dela Cruz, writing for the Philippine Homiletics Society, delineates how preaching through a 'testimonial hermeneutics' can be used within a Filipino context. A goal of this essay is to both demonstrate the utility of this approach for the Assemblies of God of the Philippines (Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God—PGCAG) and make a contribution to Evangelicalism in the Philippines. The subsequent essay is jointly written by Edward Neil

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Benavidez and Doreen Benavidez, who propose a reading of Judges 9: 7-21. The focus is on 'Truth and Integrity' of Jotham's speech.

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