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Summer finds many of our teacher education colleagues taking time for refreshment and renewal as they break from the typical academic calendar. For others, summer brings graduate students on campus for intense professional development and continuing education opportunities. For teacher educators involved with these graduate programs, renewal may have a different meaning and refreshment may be harder to come by. For all, I restate the words of the Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians (2:16-17); **May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.**

This issue of the journal contains four articles. David Anderson, in his article entitled *Special Education as Spiritual Warfare*, presents the idea that reconciliation amongst all in the school and the recognition of our interdependence encourages shalom in the educational community. David Gyertson in his article, *A Lamp, The Cross, and a Waiting World* takes readers on a personal journey of many years in the development of the character and commitments needed to be a disciple of Christ and an educator. In *Wheels within Wheels: Some Thoughts about the Industrialization of American Higher*

Education, David Robinson presents a view of American higher education which has shifted dramatically from its roots in disciple making to our modern period of academic development that has produced colleges and universities that reflect the values of a commercial-industrial society. Christina Belcher in her *Is The Heart Of Education The Education Of The Heart?* reviews her ongoing study of the place of educating the heart in Christian institutions of higher education.

Here is hoping that your reflections on these authors' work will produce questions to spur you on in your work in preparing educators ready to serve. I trust that as you reflect on the character and wisdom of Christ that you will reflect the character and wisdom of Christ, as well.