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#### Abstract

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The menu for this issue includes 4 articles and a book review of James Smith's latest book. Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, worldview and cultural formation. Within these articles, some new interdisciplinary themes and subject disciplines come to the fore that serve to broaden our view of the work being done by Christian peers in academia. Topics include: Christian counseling; The development of Christian professional learning communities (Part II); Special education and spiritual formation; and Building a community of shalom in multicultural education. Enjoy!

Volume 6, Issue 1 will consider the theme "Christian colleagues in secular institutions: iron sharpening iron", so get your manuscripts ready for that! Additional manuscripts not on this theme will also be welcomed, so you have no excuse not to boot up your computer and send those manuscripts our way. Both reviewer information and manuscript information are posted on our journal website. Consider our first theme as an experiment into the idea of 'theme issues' and a starting point for your own article. Plan now to attend the next ICCTE conference in 2012 at Azusa Pacific University – you will be so glad you came! More information will be forthcoming.

Once again, I gratefully recognize the unnamed reviewers of these articles that labour (labor for my American audience), behind the scenes prior to getting this journal to publication. I also take this opportunity to welcome and introduce Laura Barwegen as a new Associate editor in the area of manuscript submission, membership and review matters. It is wonderful to have such gracious colleagues.

Special appreciation is also due to our new Associate Editor, James Swezey, as well as to Editor at Large, Scot Headley. Your interaction, diligence, communication and gracious participation are deeply appreciated.

In closing, I urge you to submit your manuscripts for the next issue by November 1st, 2010. New submissions may be sent to myself, <u>cbelcher@redeemer.ca</u> or Laura Barwegan <u>laura.barwegen@wheaton.edu</u>.

Under God's grace,

Christina Belcher, Editor

And your Editorial Community at ICCTE