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In this issue, you will find your colleagues' thoughts on culturally-relevant educational practices and how to thoughtfully serve students with diverse beliefs in faith-based educational settings. You'll read about the importance of self-care and how we can make school environments more hospitable to parents. We also offer several book reviews on important topics. We trust each offering is of some help or blessing in your work.

At our most recent ICCTE conference at Trinity this past May, many expressed appreciations for the Journal's existence as an outlet for the scholarly activity that grounds and sustains our teaching. We need your voice added to the conversation; please consider submitting your high-quality scholarship to ICCTE-J for consideration. Our reviewers are thorough and generous, our editorial team diligent. We publish twice yearly and are always accepting manuscripts. See our author's guidelines for additional information.

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generous service, along with that of our reviewers and readers, there would be no journal.

Blessings to each of you in your respective places of ministry.

Susanna Steeg

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