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This issue deals with a great variety of topics. One of the best known American theologians of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Professor Vigen Guroian, provides an analysis of what the election of the new Catholicos, Karekin I, means to the role that the Armenian Church plays in the life of its nation and what kind of witness to the Gospel it is able to play at the turn of the century.

The role of religion in the war in Yugoslavia has been explored by a number of authors in this publication (Paul Mojzes, Gerald Shenk, Srdjan Vrcan, and David Steele) and by a number of documents. To this we are adding still another contribution by Larry Dunn and an interfaith document by three American religious leaders welcoming the Dayton peace process in Bosnia.

Gerard Powers presented a paper on religious liberty and the relationship of state churches with minority religions that was delivered at a Congressional Helsinki Commission briefing on November 28, 1995.

Beginning with this issue we shall present a series of papers on the general theme "Ecumenism, Evangelism, and Religious Liberty." It seems as this has become one of the most troubling issues in Eastern Europe and the former USSR. These papers were prepared for the contiguous meetings, the Annual Meeting of CAREE in Chicago, Illinois, November 17-18, 1994, and the Consultation on Eastern European and Former Soviet Concerns of the American Academy of Religion that followed it immediately afterward, also in Chicago. Professor Miroslav Volf's paper presented in this issue was not delivered at those meetings as he was unable to attend, but he submitted his paper to be part of this collection. The other papers are by Michael Christensen, Mark Elliott, Dane Gordon, Halina Grzymala-Moszczyńska, Andrii Krawchuk, Archbishop Anatoly Kuznetsov, Mikhail Sergeev, and Linford Stutzman. These essays, with the exception of Miroslav Volf's, will be published in the Winter 1996 issue of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies (Vol. 3?, No. 1). They will be reprinted in REE by permission of JES because REE is reaching many readers who do not have access to JES. We offer these essays in the hope that they will be of help to our readers as they confront the many-faceted conflicts between religious communities stemming from the missionary or proselytizing activities of religious communities in a situation that can be called anti-ecumenical. Issues of this sort jeopardize the prospects for greater religious liberties for which the religious communities fought so valiantly under Nazism and Communism.

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