

Letter from the Editor

As NACFLA celebrates its 10th annual conference this year by returning to Wheaton College where the first annual conference took place (the previous year an organizational meeting was held at Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, FL), it is almost inevitable that we look back at our past in order to get a clearer view of our future. We have come a long way in these 10 years: our conferences are larger, we've had much more experience in organizing them, the quality of our presentations has improved, many of us have formed lasting friendships with colleagues from other Christian institutions, and we are in our second year of publishing a scholarly journal. All of these are important steps. Indeed, without them we would have no future. At the same time, I trust that we will not be satisfied to simply continue on as we are. We must face new challenges, accept the need to be more professional and reach out to more people if NACFLA is to continue to meet its goals.

As an organization, we need to consider how we will rise to the next level of professionalism. One step in that direction is that the next issue of *JCFL* will have new editors. David Smith of Calvin College, and Donna West of Trinity Christian College will be sharing the job. I have greatly enjoyed my time in the position, but newly acquired responsibilities and a desire to do my own scholarship led me to the decision to step down. I want to thank everyone who helped get the Journal off the ground with last year's issue and who have contributed so graciously to these first two volumes. It has been my pleasure to work with you.

JCFL is a potentially important part of our step toward the future. This potential will, however, only be realized if we all work together to make it a quality publication. The editors will facilitate the process, but without our contributions, they cannot make it happen.