EDITOR'S NOTES

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We conclude this banner year of 2009 with the second issue featuring the contributions made by the Genevan Reformer, John Calvin, on this occasion of the 500th anniversary of his birth in 1509. This issue of the *WRS Journal* emphasizes his teachings and their impact in history. We're grateful for the many guest articles contributed by students, graduates, and friends of Western Reformed Seminary.

Tim Prussic shows that Calvin's doctrine of the inspiration of Scripture was the same as that of later Reformed writers, and Jason Anspach emphasizes how the teachings of Calvin in general were preserved in his disciples, near and far. Pastors James Huff and Garry Cole explain Calvin's teachings regarding church government and civil government, and Allister Stone explains how Calvinism produced the work ethic and doctrine of vocation that so reshaped and blessed many countries. Calvin's continuing influence in the New World and particularly in America is profound, as shown by Len Pine and Hans Zeiger. We have included several book reviews, written by Morris McDonald, Ben Robinson, Judith Collins, and me. Because of printing limitations there is not enough space in this printed issue for these reviews; however, they are available online at the Seminary's website (www.wrs.edu).

The Seminary faces the same time and financial pressures as many other institutions, and has found it necessary to change the way we convey our articles and academic material to you, our constituent. Nearly all schools are turning to the Internet, which is much more efficient and cost effective, and provides opportunities for immediate conversation and feedback. So this will be the final issue of the printed *WRS Journal*. It has been a pleasure serving you through this *Journal* for the last sixteen years, and we look forward to continuing to serve you and the churches by presenting educational and important materials through this new medium. May the Lord continue to help us be a blessing to you in the years to come!