

Lambeth Conference Issue

While this report is being written, the Lambeth Conference Issue of AEH is in production! Thanks to all who made this possible on a short timeline. Matthew Payne worked to prepare special publicity in *The Living Church* and is awaiting copies for Episcopal bishops. Benjamin Guyer served as contributing editor by writing one of the articles himself and in recruiting Andrew Chandler and Peter Webster to produce articles as well. As contributing editor Benjamin also acted as one of the peer reviewers for two of the articles, thus speeding up the editorial process. With the agreement of the Publications Committee, copies of the articles from this issue will be made available in PDF format on the website and for easy distribution. In addition, Stephen Spencer, director of theological education in the Anglican Communion will make the articles available internationally. Hopefully, this will be an opportunity to gain wider exposure for the journal!

Production

KnowledgeWorks Global Ltd. has worked assiduously with us to streamline the production process for the journal. After three issues the process is mostly in place, and less time consuming than our old process. However, there are still issues due to COVID-19 that must be factored in. For example, the March 2022 and June 2022 issues faced paper shortages, and rather than delay the journal, we opted to go with more expensive stock. There are shipping delays to contend with, and issues with managing the interface between KGL and Sheridan. This said, we have stayed ahead of the production schedule. My hope is that with the production issues managed, I can do what I hoped to do earlier in my tenure as editor, that is, continue to improve the content of the journal itself. One of the ways to gain subscribers/members is to work on the quality of the product. To this end, with a modest increase in page count, we have gone to three articles in each issue. Overall, we need to balance the need for more content with rising costs.

Content

We have some excellent submissions, but we need more. We could use additional content from published historians. Presently, we have enough to cover through March 2023, and while we do not want to get too far ahead, more choice would be advantageous to the journal. One of my goals during the summer is to make contacts with published historians over the summer to encourage submissions. The Prayer Book Revision special issue, June 2023, is on track, as is the 50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination issue in June 2024. It would also be helpful to consider a special issue for June 2026 to coincide with the 250th anniversary of Independence, per Matthew Payne's suggestion. An issue on material History has also been mentioned. Conference travel to the AAR (November 2022) and ASCH/AHA (January 2023) are opportunities to make professional connections. Presently, I am also working the book reviews, as I can do it very quickly, to ensure that the content is coordinated, and the journal can move forward smoothly.

Needs

We are fortunate to have a committed core of peer reviewers and book reviewers. I am also beginning to cultivate some of those sources in the terms of other content. However, we need more peer reviewers and book reviewers who have the time and availability to take on shorter-term requests – otherwise I default to the same people. We have an ongoing need for peer reviewers and book reviewers in Global/World Anglicanism. More submissions come in for this area than we have peer reviewers who feel competent to do the assessment. Though we do have book reviewers who live overseas, given the costs involved it makes sense to try to cultivate more reviewers in Global/World Anglicanism who are in the United States. Of course, peer reviewers and book reviewers with other specialties are also welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of the journal!

Respectfully submitted,
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