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Editors' Notes

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This is the first issue of Volume III, a volume marked by a number of changes we believe will provide a quality journal on a dependable schedule. What are some of these changes?

- **Leaven** is now edited by D'Esta Love and Stuart Love. Working closely with the Editorial Board as the journal's first general editors, we will bring needed centralized management to the publication.

- **Leaven** has a new and permanent home at Pepperdine. It is not a Pepperdine publication, but we have an ongoing cooperative relationship that should positively contribute to the efficiency of the journal's production concerning such vital functions as editing, mailing and accounting. Bringing the journal to Pepperdine not only combines major production functions but it also enables us to utilize the rich professional resources of the University's faculty, staff and students.

- **Leaven** has established ties with the Pepperdine University Lectures in two ways. First, Jerry Rushford has created a three-day **Leaven** Colloquium for the 1995 lectures. Four well known Christians will share their thoughts on the speeches and classes and in addition write articles for our "John" issue. Those chosen and their topics for the first **Leaven** Colloquium are:

Karen Hood, "The Ministry of Women in the Gospel of John";

Larry James, "Feed My Lambs,' The Ministry of Pastoral Care in the Gospel of John;"

Eddie Sharp, "The Word Became Flesh,' Incarnation and Ministry in the Gospel of John;" and,
Billie Silvey. "Sent by God to Testify, the Ministry of Witnessing in the Gospel of John."

Second, the overall theme of the Pepperdine Lectures will be the basis of one issue each year.

For example, the issue you are now reading grows out of last year's lectures. Several of the articles are major speeches and/or classes edited now for publication. In addition, we have asked others to write to give additional breadth and depth. Or, looking ahead to the 1995 Lectures on the theme, "Eternal Truth from an Upper Room," several have already consented to prepare their materials in written form including Milton Jones, John Allen Chalk, Kregg Hood, John York, D'Esta Love, Mark Love and Randy Chesnutt.

- Besides the current issue on Galatians, we have commissioned eight new issues beginning in 1995. In other words, definite planning now spans over two years. Commissioned issues are:

- Christian Ministry and the Gospel of John (edited by D'Esta and Stuart Love)
- Children and the Church (edited by Lynn Mitchell)
- Favorite Texts for Christian Ministry (edited by D'Esta Love)
- The Lord's Supper (edited by Stuart Love)
- The Media and the Church (edited by Mike Casey)
- The Sacramental Character of Preaching (edited by Bill Love)
- Ministry and The Psalms (edited by Paul Watson)
- Women in the Church (edited by Dean Smith and Fran Carver)

Other issues are in the making and will be announced in the near future.

- We want to encourage unsolicited contributions. Do you have an article, a worship service, a meditation, a poem, a special ministry study that fits **Leaven's** audience and mission? Send it on a computer disc (IBM or Mac) and we will consider it for publication. (Articles should be five to eight pages, double-spaced.) We are not defining ministry exclusively through the perspective of preaching professionals. **Leaven** needs to manifest a comprehensive understanding and expression of the Church's ministry to God in Christ. You will see examples of this point of view in the current issue. **Gifted people committed to Christian ministry among Churches of**

Christ need to write for Leaven.

Now let us say a few words about this issue. First, as already mentioned, our present issue grows out of the 1994 Pepperdine University Lectures on Paul's letter to the Galatians. Among several excellent keynote addresses, the speeches by James Walters and John York were chosen. Both Walters and York graciously accepted the assignment to edit their presentations for **Leaven**. Walters, in a groundbreaking study (if you heard the lecture you still must read the article) sets the tone for what follows. York's essay also adds to his lecture as he pursues the theme of Christian freedom in the life of the Spirit. Beyond the keynote speeches we have added articles by Ira J. Jolivet Jr., H. S. (Bo) Simeroth, Ronald L. Tyler and Becky Prince Piasentin, Nancy Magnusson Fagan and Cynthia Cornell Novak. Jolivet's essay on justification by faith addresses the paucity of preaching and teaching on this topic among our churches and makes an application to the issue of divorce. Simeroth's study goes hand and hand with York's lecture — examples of looking into and out of the text respectively. Simeroth, with considerable depth, pursues the theme of "Life in the Spirit" through the perspective of the new being or creation in Christ. York applies the same topic to his lecture audience. Both, we believe, will enlighten our readers. Tyler's "Resource Reading Guide for Galatians" is a first for **Leaven**. How many times have you wanted someone to guide you through the labyrinth of books on a biblical writing? This type of helpful study may become a regular feature. The article by Piasentin, Magnusson Fagan and Novak connects Paul's notion of "neither male and female" to the topics of Christian freedom and life in the Spirit, while making us privy to a private setting and enabling us to hear the spoken prayers of women.

Second, the studies by Dan Anders and John and Tim Willis were delivered as classes at the Pepperdine Lectures. Both articles take us away from our general topic but not from the understanding and practice of ministry. Ander's study of pain grows out of personal experience, but soon leads us to consider several reasonable aspects of the topic. His inclusion of a short bibliography is helpful. Our religious tradition needs a constant reminder of the unity of the testaments. This has been done with clarity and depth by a father and son who are both recognized Old Testament scholars. Here, we have examples of different kinds of resources for ministry.

Third, we commissioned an article on archaeology by John Wilson. Wilson's essay answers the question in knowledgeable but practical terms, "Does archaeology prove the Bible?"

Fourth, five book reviews treat a variety of topics

including preaching (Craig Bowman and Markus McDowell), religion and American culture (Stephen Monsma), church growth (Daniel A. Rodriguez) and family life (Nancy Hutchinson). Combined with Tyler's resource reading guide, we believe the issue provides a good reading diet. We have included as well a sample worship service (Stuart Love), a Lord's Supper meditation (Stephen Parmalee) and a movie review (Michael Gose).

Finally, although this issue hopefully is a harbinger of things to come, it does not include two special features you will find in future issues. Mike Casey has agreed to edit biographical studies of Restoration Movement figures. Jack Reese has consented to feature different aspects of Christian ministry.

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Editing this issue has been a blessing to us. We now impart that blessing to you! In the spirit of the good news, may our eucharist be yours and may we all by the power of the Cross live out the truth of the gospel as we advance the ministry of grace and peace among our churches.