

Introduction

The large number of articles submitted for publication in ATJCS is a clear indication of the need for such an online theological journal publishing research outcomes on matters pertaining to church and society in the African context. The scope of themes covered in the articles submitted is indeed wide; it varies from pure empirical research, academic reflections, practical engagements and public theology, but it also covers the whole range of theological and related disciplines such as education, philosophy or ethics. All the articles are written from a Christian perspective, and take the role of the church within African societies very seriously. The journal therefore renders invaluable service to reflection on specifically the church's role, but also the role of Christians in in general, within African societies.

It is also gratifying to observe that a wide variety of scholars and students from many different countries, denominations and theological institutions are making contributions. This is enriching the theological discourse across many different boundaries.

The September 2021 is the third edition since the inception of this journal. It contains a variety of titles, but noticeable is the focus on children, youth, Christian education and faith formation. The articles also engage with important challenges faced in the African context, such as poverty, Covid 19, the proper reading of biblical texts, cultural issues, etc. There are also two reviews on important newly released books included.

We trust that this young publication will soon be well-established and its credible contribution to theology, church and society in Africa widely recognised.

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