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Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of *Religions* will highlight new approaches to the study of religious missions across the globe and through millennia. Whereas an older historiography might have focused on the missionaries themselves and glorified their deeds, and contemporary scholarship often highlights the cultural losses suffered by “missionized” Indigenous peoples, our project hopes to reveal the effects and enduring legacies of the missionaries’ work among local peoples, the ways in which colonial encounters were shaped and influenced by religious thought, and how these colonial encounters affected local communities. Hence, this Special Issue proposes a forum for new and emerging scholarship that will expand our understanding of missions, missionaries, and their work while also attending to cultural exchanges and the lives of those most affected by missions.

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