# **Special Issue**

# Engaging Sacred Practices: Explorations in Practical Theology

# Message from the Guest Editor

Our forthcoming Special Issue will highlight the relevance of Practical Theology with regard to complex areas of concern for the church in relation to spiritual practices, and its relation to the broader trends in religious studies. We invite scholars to connect spiritual practices through practical theology methodology to explore the issues faced by the modern Christian church. This Special Issue aims to engage contemporary issues (immigration, opoid addiction, gun control, etc.) with both historic and contemporary Christian spiritual practices. Intersectional lenses on contemporary issues such as mass incarceration, policing, racism, gender equality, and others are also welcome. Accepted articles will pair scientific research with theological reflection. We desire to amplify underrepresented voices and encourage forwardthinking research. Both original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to):

- Contemporary Issues in Practical Theology.
- New Movements in Sacred Practices (digital or embodiment, for example).
- Intersectionality in Practical Theology Methodology (postcolonial, feminist/womanist, etc.).

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