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Message from the Guest Editor

In Christian contexts, we have been talking about the need to re-imagine theological education for the new generation. What lies ahead is the ongoing work of the transformation of humanity (and our planet) in which each one of us shares a part. It is integral to theological education today to teach theology in ways that acknowledge the value of context and individual stories; appreciate that there is not one truth, but multiple centers of truth; and, to cultivate activist-theologians who thrive on religious pluralism, while standing deeply within their own traditions. This style of leadership is found in the prophets, who both loved and challenged their own traditions. Theological education is about strengthening hearts and challenging minds. At its most basic, it is about creating intentional communities of transformation. This selection of articles from theological educators reflects the growing diversity of voices in the field, and their own experiences in the field. This work is yet to be fully realized; there is much ahead to do.

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