

Foreword

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When Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun and Sarah Kathleen Johnson approached the editorial council of *Vision* with a proposal to curate a collection of essays dedicated to decolonial discipleship and interculturality, there was strong affirmation. It was encouraging for us to see scholars willing to address an important issue facing the church, and willing to do the hard work of reaching out to other writers to produce an issue of *Vision* with a prophetic edge.

Many of us have been aware of the growing cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity that makes up who we are as a church even as we have grappled with the ongoing legacies of colonialism. But we have much more to learn. Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun and Sarah Kathleen Johnson make clear in their editorial that while concerns related to decolonization and intercultural engagement are often addressed separately, they need to be “understood as deeply interconnected aspects of our collective journey toward peace, justice, and reconciliation.”

The guest editors of this issue of *Vision* take inspiration from Elaine Enns and Ched Myers’s *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization* (Cascade Books, 2021), a study that engages deeply with personal family narratives, experiences of trauma, and the reality of Indigenous dispossession. In their work, Enns and Myers reflect on specific Mennonite histories of trauma and the problem of white settler colonialism, and they suggest constructive pathways toward healing and restorative justice. In this issue of *Vision*, Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun and Sarah Kathleen Johnson wish to enlarge the discussion with the view to reimagining a Mennonite faith that takes seriously its growing intercultural reality. Elaine Enns and Ched Myers share this goal and welcome further conversation.

Readers will notice that the editorial both affirms and is critical of *Healing Haunted Histories*. It appears that there is some dissonance among Mennonite scholars! That is neither new nor problematic in and of itself. We encourage a close reading (or rereading) of Elaine and Ched’s work alongside the editorial and this collection of voices in *Vision*. And we invite readers to draw their own conclusions. Our hope is that with this issue, constructive and incisive discussion may emerge and result in further conversations and greater clarity regarding the nature of decolonial discipleship and interculturality.

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