A Note from the Editor

We have had quite a few academic events here at William Carey International University that very much build up to the publication of this issue on leadership. In August, the Winter Institute of International Development featured presentations and a workshop on multi-cultural teams, in which Dr. Sheryl Silzer led the examination of various aspects influencing who we are and how we interact with others. As a follow-up to the Winter Institute theme, we explored the issue of cultural intelligence in organizational inter-personal relationships at a WCIU Faculty Forum in September. Our Winter Institute of International Development on Oct. 24, 2012 is represented by WCIU faculty and students who contributed to the book Perspectives on the Global Progress of the Gospel, (Regnum Press, 2010) edited by A. Scott Moreau and Beth Snodderly. Several of the articles published in the book and presented at the Winter Institute address the topic of leadership. The implications of leadership keep emerging, which makes the current issue relevant and timely.

Recognizing the complexity of the theme, we hope that, instead of attempting to cover every aspect of the topic, this issue becomes an invitation to you to read and dialogue with the research and reflections that explore various leadership theories, models and practices from biblical, theological, and socio-cultural perspectives. Among the articles selected for publication in this issue are:

- “Four Qualities of a Leader” and “Becoming a Church that makes disciple-making leaders” — Dr. Bill Jackson
- A New Social Contract: Leaders Relating Church Governing Structures to Voluntary Societies — Dr. Bob Blincoe
- “Discovering Servant in Servant-Leadership” — Kevin Mannoia

We invite you to be actively involved in reading and commenting on the publications of WCIDJ, and contributing through submission to the journal. This means to be a platform for scholarly reflections and exchange of ideas in international development.

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