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## Introduction

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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

In this issue of the Journal of ASCG we are beginning a new feature titled "My Pilgrimage in Church Growth." Leaders in the Church Growth movement will be sharing their stories, explaining how they became involved in church growth and evangelism. Our first installment in this series is by Elmer Towns.

A new contributor to our Journal is Paul Kim. Dr. Kim is a keen observer of the Church Growth movement, particularly church growth among Korean churches. Throughout the second half of the twentieth century, the Korean church was a worldwide model of rapid church growth. However, as Dr. Kim explains, many churches in Korea are now struggling. His article, "Contemporary Korean Ecclesiastical and Social Conditions Calling for Conversion Church Growth," provides an assessment of the Korean church as it enters the twenty-first century.

The third article presents an overview of the Church Growth movement from the fresh perspective of Dr. Ed Stetzer. He presented his article as a paper at the annual meeting of the American Society for Church Growth in Pasadena, CA in November 2005. Many who heard his presentation came away with the impression that Dr. Stetzer offered a precise and well thought out assessment of the Church Growth movement regarding its past and future.

Our publication of Donald McGavran's lectures at Manhattan Christian College will continue in the next issue.

—Editor

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