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## Introduction

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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

The six articles found in this issue of the JASCG cover a wide range of topics and issues important to Church Growth missiology. George Hunter leads off by addressing "The Theological Roots, Vision, and Contribution of the Church Growth Movement." His article lists the positive contributions of the movement, as well as offering a challenge to those who identify with McGavran's church growth insights.

Reggie McNeal suggests that the emphasis in our post-modern context must change from "Church Growth" to "Kingdom Growth." He spoke at the ASCG annual meeting in November 2004, and this article is a copy of his address from that meeting.

New things are happening in the ecumenical movement, and Elmer Towns examines the differences between the National Council of Churches and the National Association of Evangelicals in "Being Ecumenical and Evangelical."

"The Winnable World" is the second in a series of lectures presented by Donald McGavran at Manhattan Christian College in October 1981. These lectures give clear insight into McGavran's thinking during that period of his life.

The Church of the Nazarene has been a leader in church growth for nearly three decades. In "A Network of Congregations: Congregation Size in the Church of the Nazarene" Kenneth Crow gives insights into how Nazarene churches network to fulfill the Great Commission.

Joel Comiskey, a leader in the cell church movement, writes "The State of the North American Church." He suggests that America is now a mission field, and that church leaders in North America must begin to refocus evangelistic efforts in this land.

—Editor