Introduction—Didache: Faithful Teaching 9:2 (January 2010)

(Dean) Welcome to Didache: Faithful Teaching edition 9:2 (January 2010), which brings a broad array of research, reflection, and insights from diverse institutions and historical settings, all addressing the wide intersections of education, culture and our Wesleyan tradition. In light of the diversity of insights "we "(Matt Price and Dean Blevins) have the daunting task of introducing the collection. In keeping with our respective roles with this edition we thought it best to mingle our voices as we introduce the journal. The first article in the journal probably deserves Matt's attention but I take pleasure in presenting David Wesley of Nazarene Theological Seminary, particularly his research and meditation looking at the role of short term missions as a form of pilgrimage. David's work begins the journal with a decided global and spiritual perspective, one based upon a contemporary practice that shapes a number of college students and church members engaged in short term missions.

(Matt) For generations missionaries and other cross-cultural workers have relished the words of the Anglican missionary Roland Allen living and working in China at the turn of the 20th century. He originally wrote in 1916:

"In face of the vast proportions of the work to be done, we are day by day seeking for some new light on the great problem how we may establish the Catholic [meaning universal] Church in the world. In this search, the example of the Apostle of the Gentiles must be of the first importance to us. He succeeded in doing what we so far have only tried to do. The facts are unquestionable. In a very few years, he built the Church on so firm a basis that it could live and grow in faith and in practice, that it could work out its own problems, and overcome all dangers and hindrances both from within and without."

What brings people back to Allen is the continued relevancy of his words. Each generation of the Church seeks to refresh the world with Christ's presence. This issue of Didache offers several selections of how this work can be accomplished.

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