

EDITORIAL

It is with immense joy and scholarly anticipation that we present the inaugural issue of the *African Journal of Religion, Ethics and Theology (AJORET)*. This journal emerges from a deeply felt need to provide a platform that brings together academic excellence, theological depth, and contextual relevance for the African continent and beyond. As a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal, *AJORET* is committed to promoting critical reflection on theology, ethics, and religion through the lenses of African realities, cultures, and aspirations.

In a time when faith communities are navigating complex sociopolitical, ethical, and spiritual challenges, *AJORET* aims to promote dialogue that is rooted in Scripture, informed by tradition, and responsive to contemporary contexts. The inaugural issue features contributions from emerging and established scholars whose work reflects academic rigor, contextual engagement, and theological creativity.

We open with Alfred Korankye and Isaac Boaheng's article on biblical anthropomorphism, which offers a theological framework for understanding human-like descriptions of God in Scripture. Anthony Oladayo Fawole contributes a critical engagement with Yoruba oral Pentecostal Christology by highlighting the gap between oral expressions of faith and academic theology and calling for greater scholarly attention to grassroots Christologies. In a theological dialogue that bridges Western and African thought, Charles Nana K. Twumasi-Ankrah brings the Trinitarian perspectives of Jonathan Edwards and Karl Barth into conversation with African worldviews, proposing a relational-revelatory model of the Trinity.

Ebenezer Quaye and Kenneth Oppong round out the issue with a lexical analysis of Acts 9:37, examining the cultural and theological implications of laying the dead in an upper room, and what this reveals about early Christian practices. Clement Amoako and Kennedy Kow Eshun Jr. explore the ethical and administrative dimensions of financial stewardship in African churches, underscoring the need for transparency and accountability.

As we launch *AJORET*, we do so with a sense of mission—to elevate African theological voices, support contextually engaged scholarship, and promote dialogue that bridges the academy and the church. We hope this journal becomes a space where students, pastors, researchers, and theologians alike find resources for reflection, ministry, and transformative action.

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We express our gratitude to all the authors, reviewers, and editorial board members who have made this issue possible. We are especially thankful to our readership, whose interest and engagement will shape the future direction of this journal. May this publication inspire further research, dialogue, and praxis in the service of the church and society!

*Gratefully in the service of Christ and African theology,
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