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Global warming and its consequent climate change have forcefully demonstrated their reality in enormous wildfires and devastating storms. And we continue to live in and through a global pandemic.

Vaccinations, now readily available in the U.S. (although still not in much of the world), have made daily life somewhat safer. But COVID-19 variants continue to threaten our collective health. It is our prayer and hope that all who can be vaccinated will seek to be, that face coverings will continue to be worn, and that we can adequately prepare for nature's increasing fury. As most U.S. colleges and universities are reopening for in-classroom teaching and learning in this new academic year, prudence, courage, and reason need to jointly guide us as we and our institutions make decisions that will affect the lives of faculties, students, staffs—especially those who clean and sanitize our classrooms, offices and shared areas—and all of their and our families.

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This new issue of the JHLT includes four articles. SimonMary Aihio Khai (University of Portland), Armando Guerrero (Boston College), Leonardo Mendoza (Loyola Marymount University), and Teresa Yugar *et al.* (California State University, Los Angeles) offer us texts that will provoke our readers' reflection, responses, and renewed dialogues. Insightful book reviews complete this Fall 2021 issue.

The *JHLT* hopes to continue serving as a “go-to” publication for understanding, exploring, and developing Latinoax theologies and religious studies.

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