

Welcome to Cranmer Theological Journal

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Cranmer Theological Journal* (CTJ). Our desire is to offer a journal for both clergy and laity from a traditional, orthodox Anglican perspective. We took our inspiration from other journals with similar missions that have succeeded in the past, such as *The Churchman* in the Anglican tradition and *Concordia Theological Quarterly* in the Lutheran tradition. It is our intention to offer one or two issues per year on topics which are pertinent for all Anglicans, from a perspective that may not be available in other journals.

This first issue has been more than four years in the making. The earliest discussion began in May 2019 at Cranmer Theological House, a seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas. As with so much in the world, progress was delayed by various challenges during the long season of Covidtide. With the May 2021 approval of the seminary faculty and its Chancellor, The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, we received clear direction on the name and mission of what will be a mixed-audience, peer-reviewed journal. From the very beginning, to maximize the impact of our authors and their articles, we have been committed to publish using open access policies, which means that the journal will always be available free to all readers, with direct costs covered by donations and the sponsorship of the seminary.

In Fall 2022, we began the process of launching the journal and forming the Governing Board and the Editorial Board, as well as launching our first website. Early in 2023, we held the initial meetings of each board. Also in 2023, we both issued an open Call for Papers for Volume 1 of the journal, and approached qualified authors who could address specific topics related to our call.

Before you are the first three papers of two special issues on “Anglican Identity in the 21st Century.” We chose this topic both because it is of pressing concern for Anglicans today and also because it is one where the views of North American Anglicans might not be reflected by existing American journals.

We are now receiving the remaining invited articles for Volume 1, Number 2, which (Lord willing) will be published in Summer 2024. After publication of this second issue, we will begin reviewing submissions for Volume 2, to be published early in 2025. For both issues, we will also include reviews of those books that we believe will be of interest to our readers.

While CTJ is sponsored by Cranmer Theological House, our intention is to stimulate a much broader discussion within the wider Anglican world. We sincerely hope that Anglicans from various jurisdictions in North America and elsewhere will join us in conversation. This discussion should be forthright, but also charitable. We would be well pleased if this effort leads to a better understanding among Anglicans and a greater cooperation in the cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have an idea for a research article or a book review, please contact us to discuss your idea, using editors@CranmerJournal.org or books@CranmerJournal.org respectively.

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