Religious Education Journal Report
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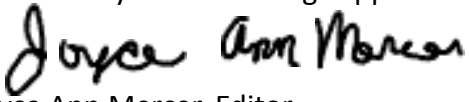
Information and Highlights:[1]

- 2021 downloads: 67K.
- Article download rate for 2021 increased 17%, inclusive of Jan-Oct.
- Maintained Q1 ranking (top quartile) in religion journals.
- Received submissions from 16 countries in calendar year 2021, and published our first article from Kazakhstan. In the first 6 months of 2022, we received submissions from 16 countries. The largest number of these come from within the US, followed by Indonesia.
- For 2020 (last available data for this measure), our global circulation rose to its highest level, with 3,220 institutions having access via various subscription and packaging arrangements. Our journal is part of Taylor & Francis' Humanities and Social Sciences Libraries.
- Geographically, highest number of downloads is in US, followed by UK, Australia, the Philippines, Canada.
- 2020-2022 have been transitional years for the journal based on the pandemic; adjusting the publications process to our new conference summer schedule; and the differences created by online rather than in person meetings for targeted solicitation of manuscripts. With the conference moving to the summer, the "conference issue" of the journal is now issue #5.
- We received a record high number of submissions (150 manuscripts) in calendar year 2021, a substantial gain over 2020 (2020=85). In the first 6 months of 2022, we have received 41 manuscripts, in line with the previous five years at the same time of year.
- The conference issue selection committee will be run by the incoming publications chairperson, Hosffman Ospino. Our thanks to outgoing chair Almeda Wright for managing this process so well for the 2021 conference issue.
- We have a great—and international-- journal staff! In addition to myself as editor: Aaron Ghiloni (Australia) continues his work as associate editor; Dave Csinos (Canada) as book review editor. Luke Melonakos-Harrison (USA), a Yale M.Div. student, provides excellent copy editing/page proof review services.

Challenges and issues:

- Although our submissions rates were much higher last year, we received many manuscripts that did not meet publishable standards for inclusion in *Religious Education.* We need to keep our submission rates *and the quality* of those submissions strong for the journal's excellence. Specifically, we need our REA membership to submit to the journal—not only for the conference journal but at other times of the year. Currently we receive a large number of submissions that are not appropriate for our scope, content, or readership even if well written (i.e., people "trolling" for a publisher, instead of writing within the field/scholarship of RE). To keep the journal's quality high and relevant to our readership, we need more submissions from religious education folks.

Thanks for your continuing support for our journal!



Joyce Ann Mercer, Editor

[1] Numbers are based on last available Publisher's Report, November 2021