

INTRODUCTION: AN APPEAL TO THEOECOLOGISTS

I recently, just before thanksgiving 2013, met with Dr. Daniel L. Akin, President of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary just to share our common goal to glorify our triune God. Dr. Akin wrote the opening letter in *Theoecology Journal* and in this letter he declared that this new journal will “provide a forum for peer-reviewed articles at the intersection of theology and ecology.” This goal is precisely what we are emphasizing in our journal

We have come a long way with this fourth issue of *Theoecology Journal* Volume II Issue 2, (December 25, 2013) and yet we are still in a stage of infancy. Therefore, I appeal to theologians and ecologists to use this platform to express their innovative ideas and thought-provoking views either as essays or articles. You can also write book reviews, as we have included in this issue three book-reviews, one by Prof. Bruce Little on “One Worldview: The Interaction of Science and Technology” (2007) by John Polikinghorne; another by Dr. Clarence Styron on “Prosperity and Poverty (2001) by Calvin Beisner: a third review by Dr. Lowell Pritchard on “The True North: Christ, the Gospel and Creation Care”(2012) by Mark Liederbach and Seth Bible; and fourth review by Reginal Harrell on “A New Climate for Theology: God the World and Global Warming” (2008).

The last Issue of *Theoecology Journal* (Vol II Issue 1, 2013) was entirely dedicated to the “Falls Lake Creation Stewardship Symposium” that took place on May6/7, 2012. I am pleased to inform you that the George Institute, in collaboration with the L. Russ Bush center for Faith and Culture (CFC) at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) will conduct the second *Theoecology* Symposium on Christian Creation Stewardship in 2014. This important confluence of theologians and ecologists will take place on Nov. 7-8, 2014 in the Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Theoecology Journal poses questions such as (1) Should Christian theology be consulted in resolving environmental issues? and (2) Can we avoid impending environmental disasters by promoting theoecology? Good news. North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has requested, on the basis of our performance on Falls Lake, to conduct a session devoted to ‘Faith-Based Approach’ to “Management of Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs” at the 23rd annual conference of Association for Management of Lakes and Rivers” in Asheville, NC on March 26-28, 2014. We have accepted this invitation and will present 4 papers on faith-based approach to environmental stewardship. Let us march forward with God’s grace to take theoecology to the Public Square.

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