

PREFACE

In this issue of *Tradition and Discovery*, we look both back to the past and ahead to the future. Looking back, this issue opens with a tribute to Richard Gelwick, who passed away on June 29, 2014. Eloquently written by two Society members who knew Richard well, Walter Gulick and Phil Mullins, the essay discusses some of the high points of Richard's career, emphasizing his efforts at promoting the work of Michael Polanyi and building the Polanyi Society. Following is Richard's last paper, "From Tacit Knowing to a Theory of Faith," which was originally delivered at the June 2012 Loyola Conference. In this essay, Gelwick recounts how he came to see that Polanyi's account of tacit knowing provides a basis for recovering the expansive nature of faith. We had been encouraging Richard to prepare this paper for publication and so Walter Gulick and Phil Mullins edited it after Richard's death.

The next part of the issue looks ahead to the 2014 Annual Meeting, to be held in San Diego on November 21-22 in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature. This year's meeting will consist of three sessions, all devoted to the work of Charles Taylor, who will be meeting with us. For the latest details on the schedule, see p. 3 of this issue. In order to whet our appetite for that meeting, John Apczynski has written an article exploring the relationships between the work of Polanyi and Taylor, both of whom call attention to "the hidden assumptions shaping our understanding of reality," thereby challenging reigning philosophical perspectives. Apczynski also demonstrates how their projects converge and complement one another. Phil Mullins has also provided a review of Taylor's recent book, *Dilemmas and Connections, Selected Essays*, a collection that serves as a concise overview of many of Taylor's main ideas.

Also in this issue, Stephen Turner contributes an extended and careful review of Neil Gascoigne and Tim Thornton's *Tacit Knowledge*. News and Notes, contains information about recent publications that will be of interest to Society members, as well as a call for papers to an upcoming conference in the UK.

News and Notes contains information on publications of interest and a call for papers. It is followed by a report on this summer's Poteat Conference, a report that also looks ahead to what may yet be. Readers will want to check it out and also visit the new Poteat website: <http://whpoteat.org>.

Finally, in keeping with the traditions of the seemingly ubiquitous fall membership drives, I remind Society members to renew their membership this academic year. *It is very important to keep up to date on this so that we can do more as a Society with the journal, annual meeting, and other projects.* For example, we currently mail out almost 250 copies of each issue, but usually have only about 90 memberships that are up to date. Think about what we could do if we were all current!

To make it easy, we are, as always, including a membership reply form as an insert in this issue. To make it even easier, we are making the PayPal option available for everyone's use, both domestic U.S. and foreign. Membership dues, as well as donations to the Endowment and/or Travel Funds are, as always, tax-deductible (in the U.S.). Your contributions make possible the publication of this journal, the Annual meeting, and other endeavors. More details can be found in News and Notes.

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PS: Remember to send notices of recent publications related to Polanyi or other noteworthy achievements to me (lewis_pa@mercer.edu) so that we can publicize them in News and Notes.