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### Introducing the Journal Editor Jermaine J. Marshall<sup>1</sup>

I am delighted to welcome Dr. Musa W. Dube, renowned author and professor of New Testament at Candler School of Theology (Emory University) as the guest editor for this volume. Dr. Dube is not new to the *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center (JITC)*. She has served as the member of the editorial board of the *JITC* for over a decade beginning when she taught at the University of Botswana.

The articles are inclusive of the Spring Issue 2021 and the Fall issue 2021. The volumes are significant because they delve into *Ubuntu/Botho* philosophy, which has grabbed global attention for its relational ethics. The volumes investigate the intersection of *Ubuntu/Botho* with gender, class, migration and urban settings. They present interesting findings on how Botswana women are rewriting the patriarchal script in the context of practicing *Ubuntu/Botho*. Thus, these articles fit the mission of the ITC, which focuses on shaping students to practice justice as

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