

NEXT ISSUE'S THEME:

**PRACTICING MORAL DISCERNMENT IN SYSTEMS THAT WOUND
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Trauma-informed approaches to ministries of care, supervision, and field education lead to ministries that address wounds. Further, these approaches influence how we discern our own life path, how we companion with others choosing their paths, and how we determine morality and its meaning. Each of these matters of agency and morality have the potential to touch us, connect us with our experiences, and inspire our reflection. Trauma-informed work by scholar-practitioners such as Serene Jones and Shelly Rambo relates directly to discernment, agency, and service, as do the contributions of Carol Gilligan, Janet Helms, Lawrence Kohlberg, and Melinda McGarrah Sharp. We are invited to strengthen our awareness of pain, vulnerability, and possibility around choice and resistance.

For volume 47, we invite authors to consider practices and approaches relevant to their contexts around these concerns. Initiating questions might include the following:

- In what ways might we analyze systems for the purposes of theological education, formation, and supervision?
- How do you practice moral discernment, pursue the correction of injustice, and continue in theological formation?
- What spiritual traditions promote discernment, and how do those promotions enable reflective practice?
- How do religions or spiritualities enable responses to harmful systems?
- How has faithful resistance looked in your ministry settings?

We invite authors to submit articles to *Reflective Practice* by November 1, 2026. Submissions to the journal should include an abstract, keywords, and a brief author biography, should not exceed 5,000 words, and should follow the Chicago Manual of Style with references cited in endnotes. Authors should meet the [guidelines here](#).

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