

Editors' Note

The articles featured in this issue of the *Lumen et Vita* Journal come from our Fall 2021 Symposium - New Jerusalem: Foundations and Parapets.

The Christian Bible ends with a vision of the New Jerusalem whose twelve foundations support the City's glorious heights. Likewise, our theologies emerge from a wide variety of foundations, including our experiences, commitments, preferred canons, ecclesiologies, and images of God. Moreover, our theologies are formed, articulated, and viewed through a variety of lenses, theoretical orientations, hermeneutics, and vantage points. As with the city of Jerusalem, we always have both foundations and parapets in our doing of theology and ministry. We have what supports and undergirds our discourse foundationally, and we have the ideals and vistas that inspire us and to which we aspire. At our Fall Symposium, we invited papers that reflect and explore the variety of ways we do theology and ministry: what moves us, what supports us, what drives us, and what causes us to be in wonderment or to puzzle as we do theology. In this issue, we have published the best papers from the Symposium.

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