
Editorial

Ecumenism is the relevant and important subject on which this 21st issue of *Foundations* majors; the articles will be of practical help to evangelical leaders and churches.

The first article, **Not Strangers but Pilgrims**, represents one section from the booklet now available from the BEC, **HOLDING HANDS IN THE DARK**. Written by the Rev Alan Gibson, it is a competent evangelical appraisal of the Swanwick Declaration, indeed of the whole Inter-Church Process. For details of the booklet see page 2.

In the second article the editor reviews and comments upon the **Lambeth Conference** of Anglican bishops held during the summer. Our **Exegesis** article is provided by the Rev John Waite who reminds us how our views of the church need to be based upon a careful understanding of biblical terminology. Our BEC Chairman, Donovan Rowland, then reviews a recently published book, **'One in the Truth?'**. Not all will agree with the author, or even with the reviewer, but hopefully this review may stimulate us to re-examine biblically our attitudes regarding Christian unity among those who are evangelicals.

The major article, **Scripture and Tradition**, comes from the pen of our associate editor, the Rev Hywel R Jones. This is a carefully researched and well-documented piece of work in which the writer examines, both historically and theologically, the nature and status of the Bible in ecumenism. The value of the article is further enhanced by the fact that, to my knowledge, there is no other serious evangelical research available in print on this vital subject. Readers may like to know that this article is the first section of a book Hywel Jones has written on ecumenism. It will be published in the Spring of 1989 by the Evangelical Press of Wales under the title, **ONE GOSPEL, ONE CHURCH**. Further details will be available from the BEC office or from the publisher.

There is plenty of food for thought for you in this issue and if you find the journal helpful we would appreciate your help in recommending it to other churches and Christians.

One word of apology before I close this Editorial. In my review of *The New Dictionary of Theology* (IVP) in the last issue I incorrectly stated that Murray Harris' article advocated Conditional Immortality. I am still baffled about how I came to make this statement, especially as I had earlier read and appreciated Harris' valuable work, *Raised Immortal*, and knew he did not espouse Conditional Immortality. I apologise unreservedly to IVP and to Murray Harris for this error and also for unfairly charging the NDT with advocating this view.

Readers will notice that the page width of Foundations has been slightly narrowed with this issue. This has been done by reducing the margin, not the amount of copy printed and was necessary to ensure that the journal does not exceed the first price band for postal purposes.