

Editorial Notes

This issue of The Campus Minister is risky business. I know that. The writers know that. Glance at the table of contents and you will know that.

Topics explored are among the most hotly debated in our convention these days. For campus ministers, however, these issues are not just theological and philosophical musings. They have faces and names of students who seek us out for real help with real concerns. A female student wonders where she will fit in should she enter ministry as a career. Another student struggles with his sexuality. And a bright young freshman questions the legitimacy of his faith while his peers seem so assured.

Hopefully this issue offers the minister compassionate, intelligent responses to these dilemmas, responses in light of a basic Baptist doctrine: the priesthood of the believer. Challenge yourself not to read the articles herein passively nor with one eyebrow raised, but rather with the intense care of one who ministers on the cutting edge, who does not retreat from the reality of risk.

I believe you will discover this issue is a risk worth the taking.

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