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Dear Friends of the *International Journal of Orthodox Theology*,

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to inform you that Prof. Dr. Bedford-Strohm, co-founder, member of the Advisory Board and supporter of IJOT has been elected on April 4th 2011 Bishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Bavaria, Germany (2,7 Million Members). May the Lord give him creative power, inspiration and enthusiasm for his ecumenical work for the unity of the Church!

I would also like to introduce you three new members of the Advisory Board:

H. E. Archbishop Dr. Anastatios Yannoulatos, Archbishop of Tirana, Durres and all Albania expressed his willingness to contribute to the success of our international, open access journal. He is Primate and Head of the Holy Synod of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c.mult, Professor Emeritus of the National University of Athens, Honorary Member of the Academy of Athens and Honorary President of the World Conference of Religions for Peace. Prof. Jürgen Moltmann described him as one of the greatest orthodox and ecumenical theologians of our time.

It is a great honor for us to welcome His Eminence as Member of the Advisory Board!

Last year I taught as Dietrich Bonhoeffer Teaching Scholar at Union Theological Seminary. I had the great chance to be the first orthodox theologian in this Dietrich Bonhoeffer Program. During my stay at Union Theological Seminary I met Prof. Dr. John McGuckin who invited me to participate in the conference of the Sophia Institute and who expressed his wish to support our journal. He is Nielsen Professor of Ancient and Byzantine Christian History at Union Theological Seminary in New York, Director of the Sophia-Institute and Professor of Byzantine Christian Studies, Religion Department of Columbia University.

Professor Dr. Athanasios Vletsis is Professor of Systematic Theology (Dogmatics, Ethics and Ecumenical Theology) at the famous Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany. In the name of our Advisory Board I welcome H.E. Archbishop Dr. Anastasios, Prof. Dr. McGuckin and Prof. Dr. Vletsis very cordially. We are looking forward to a creative cooperation in the future that might be a substantial contribution to the international and ecumenical profil of our contemporary Orthodox Theology.

As you can see, with God's Grace, our young and very promising IJOT is continuously growing. I am very glad to inform you that our website has a new design (www.orthodox-theology.com) that improves the online quality of IJOT. I hope that you would like it very much.

Please be so kind as to send me this year your contributions on the topic „Theological Anthropology“. Please invite Professors of Theology and colleagues of yours to contribute to the scientifically and ecumenical quality of IJOT.

Attached I send you the Call for Papers and the program of an international symposium that I will organize with H.E. Bishop Des. Prof. Dr. Bedford-Strohm in Germany, at Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg, in honor of Jürgen Moltmann's 85th Anniversary.

Wishing you God's Bless for all your activities,
a meaningful Great Lent and a Happy Easter,
Yours in Christ,



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