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Editorial

After positive feedback including some suggestions, it is pleasing to present the second issue of *CCN*. It contains 50% more material than the first and reflects a certain richness in the life of the church; for the first time you will also find articles in Afrikaans and German. We report on anniversaries of two congregations, one merger, and recent developments at circuit level. We introduce two new pastors and welcome the fresh start in theological education. We hear of further education activities for our lay preachers and our pastors - noting inputs of theologians from other churches besides from our own tradition. We are made aware of our connectedness with the greater Lutheran family in this country and world-wide. The last section reminds us how God calls men and women into His service.

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