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Changes

As we all know, years 2020 and 2021 have been very challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have all had to adjust in many ways due to the this once-in-a-century virus. In addition to the pandemic, United Methodist agencies and educational institutions face dramatic decrease in income. These two challenges led to the United Methodist Publishing House printing and distributing hard copies of *Apuntes* for the last time for our spring 2019 issue. I am very grateful to the United Methodist Publishing House the forty years of collaboration in the publication and distribution of *Apuntes*.

The other change relates to our business model for *Apuntes*. In the process of investigating options for providing *Apuntes* as an online journal, we learned that our two peer journals—*Perspectivas*, published by the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) and the *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, published by the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)—provide their journals online and free to the public. For *Apuntes* to have the greatest reach and impact on the scholarly and Hispanic/Latino ecclesial communities, *Apuntes* became available for free to the public beginning with the Spring 2020 issue.

Finally, this is my last issue as publisher of *Apuntes*. I am grateful for the privilege and honor of serving as the publisher of *Apuntes* since July 2015. *Apuntes* is the product of many people who contribute to it in many ways. I am indebted to the editors with whom I have worked during these years—Dr. Hugo Magallanes, Dr. David Maldonado, Dr. Denise DuPont, Dr. Harold Recinos, and Pablo Guillermo Oviedo. The editorial board of *Apuntes* provided support for the promotion of the journal, for policies, and ideas for improving the publication. The *Apuntes* assistants, especially Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry and Isabel Marquez, and the assistant

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I hope you, the reader, will continue to support *Apuntes* by sharing its articles with others, sending donations for its financial support, and contributing articles for submission.

Peace,

Paul Barton