

From the Editor –

Dear *ACSQ* subscribers,

And. . . . we're baaaaaaack! After, thankfully, one of the shortest delays between issues in the entire spotted history of the *ACSQ*, I'm thrilled to bring you the first issue of volume sixteen within the actual calendar range indicated on the cover!

We're very proud to present Peter Hoehnle's article on the interactions between the Community of True Inspiration and the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, more commonly known as the Amana Society and the Shakers. Hoehnle examines both sects' roots in the seventeenth-century French Prophets, but shows how their theology, as well as their inspired worship, developed along separate paths. During the nineteenth century, following the Inspirationists' immigration to New York the sects came into contact. Hoehnle's account of their relations is entertaining and enlightening. We're especially glad to supply the Inspirationists' letters to the Shakers, as well as inspired testimonies regarding their theology, with our readers as primary source documents following Hoehnle's article.

We'd also like to make our readers aware of an incredible new online archive of Inspirationist materials that is now available. Spearheaded by Lanny Haldy of Amana, Iowa, the project's goals are: "a) to make Inspirationist testimonies (*Zeugnisse*) and other writings more accessible to members of the Amana Church Society and others by means of an online archive, and b) to preserve rare manuscripts and texts through digitization." The web address is: <https://inspirationistarchive.org/>

Secondly, frequent *ACSQ* and Couper Press contributor Julieanna Frost has returned to our pages, deepening her work on the Christian Israelite tradition. Frost's article details the infiltration of Michael Mills's Detroit-based God House commune by the notorious con-artist Ann O'Delia Dis Debar, *aka* Mother Elinor. As the special collections of Burke Library, Hamilton College, continue its work with Mary's City of David and the Israelite House of David, we welcome further discoveries about the always fascinating saga of the Christian Israelites in Michigan!

The next *ACSQ* will feature the proceedings of the 2021 Enfield Shaker Forum.

Until then, enjoy!

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