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THE THEOLOGIAN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

**Call for Papers**

One of the unique contributions of Vatican II was the theology of the local Church. This was continued in the post-conciliar documents and various documents from Bishops’ conferences. It is important that the ecclesial identity, concrete human experience in the context, unique social, cultural resources and traditions are not lost in a universal concept of theology, but that they receive significant place and role in the theology, contributing to the development of theology. This calls for a new understanding of the Church, and a re-discovery of the incarnational theology in the Local Church, the vocation of the theologian in such a new understanding and re-discovery. Local Church and theology are not threats to the ‘universal’, but they are complementary. Through dialogue both enrich each other and develop.

March 2019 issue of Asian Horizons invites articles on “The Theologian in the Local Church.” We would like to reflect on the theology of the local Church, the ecclesial vocation of the theologian, concrete ways that theology has been developing in the local, possible tensions and conflicts in the development of local theologies vis-à-vis the traditional approach to theology, etc. Papers on local responses and initiatives are especially welcome.

**Suggested Topics** [only suggestions, not exhaustive]:

- Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian

- Vatican II Theology of the Local Church

- Church as People of God and the Role of the Theologian

- Communion Ecclesiology and Theologian

- FABC Theology of the Local Church

- Theologian and the Magisterium

- The Task of Developing Contextual Theologies

- Developing Indigenous Theologies

- Indigenous Resources in Theologising

- Dialogue with Cultures and Religions and Local Church

- Socio-Political and Economic Context and the Theologian

- Theology of the People

- Globalization and the Theologian in the Local Church

- Global and Local in Theology Today

- Centrality of Human Experience and the Theologian

- Emerging Voices and the Development of Local Theology

- Theologian in a Digital World

- Besides, articles on Local Theology or the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian with reference to a particular country of context are welcome.

Please send your articles (4500-5000 words, including the footnotes) at the latest by **25 May 2019**. Kindly include the abstract of the article in 150-200 words, 5-7 Keywords and a summary of the CV of the author in 100-150 words.

Other regular items: “New Scholars”: Abstract of doctoral theses (recently defended and not yet published); Reports and Statements of important conferences, Book Reviews.

**For submitting the articles and for more details:** Shaji George Kochuthara (editor-in-chief): kochuthshaji@gmail.com

N.B. Kindly forward this to your friends and colleagues.

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