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“What is at stake?” is a key question to answer when determining whether what we are doing is worth the investment of time, talent, and energy required to complete an endeavor. As editors of the *Review & Expositor* devoted to “Reconciliation Ministries: Healing Hurts and Building Hopes in Our Fractured World,” our answer is YES. We believe in you the reader, that as a Christ-follower and practitioner of the Christian faith, you will discern applicable lessons from the articles. We serve together on the front lines. We trust you will conclude that reading through this issue was worth your time, enriched your talent, and renewed your energies.

D. Leslie Hollon, church history professor and senior pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, writes of reconciliation as the embodiment of God’s hope for our fractured world. We were created to be in a right relationship with God, with people, with creation, and with ourselves. The ministry of reconciliation, Hollon says, casts a vision for what can be when right relationships are restored.

In the collection of reflections and narratives, D. Leslie Hollon and Joyce Sweeney Martin, an author, editor, and writing coach living in Louisville, Kentucky, seek to flesh out the concepts Hollon presents in his article by showing how eight Christ-followers are doing the sweaty work of reconciliation in difficult settings around the world.