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With the expansion of nursing programs dissertations and scholarly projects are on the rise, but the research to evidence-based practice time gap is still around 15 years (Melnyk, 2021). The current nursing knowledge explosion must be disseminated so that relevant research can be made available to nursing students and professional nurses. According to the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE, 2018), there are 251 peer-reviewed nursing journals and additional ones are being considered for inclusion. The Nursology website (2018) indicates that the INANE and the nurse author & editor jointly maintain the directory of nursing journals. INANE also reports the existence of 140 predatory journals in nursing. Some of these nursing journals are exclusively online and others are hard copy prints. Creativity, technology, and time paved the way for publications to be presented as podcasts or videos. Despite the increasing number of peer-reviewed publications, a lack of pages or reviewers results in a small acceptance rate. Therefore, institutions must provide a platform for their faculty and students to publish their scholarly work. Thus, the birth of *Wisdom & Compassion: The LUSON Journal*.

The editorial board members have been collaborating since Spring 2023 to bring the first issue to our audience, primarily faculty, students, and alumni of LUSON. Dr. Kopis brings to the group a wealth of experience in teaching, research, and publications and we are blessed to have her expertise in shaping the coordination of the journal and of this issue. Dr. Boggs brings his unique skills in graphic design and the cover page setup. Dr. Humphreys brings her energy and critical thinking to add to the panel. After much critical thinking and writing to finish her dissertation, Dr. Bell joins us as an alum, and her unique perspective is shaping this journal. We are grateful to Dr. Highton as she committed her expertise in serving as a reviewer. The team was guided well by Mr. Mark Hamilton as the editorial board navigated through the nuances of setting up a journal. We thank Dean Turner, Dean Murphy, and the LUSON Research Council for trusting us with such a responsibility. Above all, we thank God for the team and the support! This will be another step to train nurse champions for Christ in their pursuit of scholarship.

We are grateful to the authors for submitting their hard work and excited that this first issue has submissions from faculty, graduate students (MSN and DNP), and undergraduate students. We pray that this inaugural issue will be useful for all the faculty, staff, and students at LUSON.

Respectfully, LUSON Editors

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