

## Special Issue

# Pastoral Ministry, Spiritual Care and Counselling

### Message from the Guest Editors

We are honoured to request your participation in this Special Issue in Religions. As experts in your respective fields, your insights and scholarly contributions will enhance and deepen our understanding of the vital role/s lived out in counselling and care. We invite you to submit your original research papers related to the theme of pastoral ministry, spiritual care and counselling. Possible sub-topics may include the following: (1) theological foundations of pastoral/spiritual care; (2) ethical considerations and challenges; (3) cultural, social and religious contexts that somehow influence this practice; (4) integrating psychological theories and therapies into pastoral counselling; (5) innovative approaches in contemporary society to pastoral counselling; (6) the training and professional development of pastoral care givers; (7) the diversity of ministries within spiritual care and counselling; (8) the intersection of spiritual and mental health in spiritual care and counselling; (9) the use of technology in pastoral counselling and care; and (10) the diversity of religious traditions offering pastoral care/counselling.

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