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2 **A Letter from the Editorial Leadership Team**  
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4 Dear *Reflections* Community,  
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6 We write to you during a horrific time amidst another horrific time for us all, and especially for  
7 those most closely impacted. In a world that is continuing to navigate the rapidly evolving  
8 COVID-19 pandemic in which the existence of multiple health and health care disparities and  
9 inequities are now undeniable, we are also witnessing - and grappling with in profound and  
10 deeply personal ways - the realities of structural violence and racist injustices perpetuated  
11 throughout history. The casualties are measured in human lives and liberties, and the impacts are  
12 devastating.  
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14 As *Reflections* publishes a second issue on cultural humility, we applaud the work of our Guest  
15 Editors and authors for continuing this conversation while recognizing that there remains much  
16 more work to be done. It is in these times that the opportunity for reflection and the power of  
17 narrative writing can be a gift, and the focus on cultural humility in this issue is particularly  
18 meaningful.  
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20 Like you, we are touched by the heroic efforts of countless people who put others ahead of their  
21 own safety and tirelessly offer care and comfort. We are inspired by those who advocate for our  
22 most vulnerable, for those whose voices are marginalized, and for those who have been  
23 systematically and historically oppressed. And we stand in solidarity with those who are taking a  
24 stand to demand equity for themselves, their families, and their communities. For us, Black  
25 Lives Matter is more than a saying...It is a rallying for intentional action!  
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27 We at *Reflections* remain steadfast in our Calls for Narratives that elucidate what can be taught  
28 and learned and enacted for the betterment of humankind, especially in the midst of a global  
29 “reckoning” in many ways. We deeply appreciate the Calls that other journals have now been  
30 issuing to write reflections about these experiences as well. We remain committed to the power  
31 of stories to connect our hearts and minds as we seek to reach-out, connect, and move forward.  
32 Our goal is that others will soon join us in lifting “voices in narrative” so that we all can benefit  
33 from even more insights and wisdom.  
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35 As your Editorial Leadership Team, we are committed to providing a platform from which the  
36 unvarnished truth about the persistence of systemic racism and the disparities and inequities that  
37 invade and pervade our communities can be raised. We are reimagining the ways in which our  
38 journal can better serve. We look forward to very soon sharing those thoughts with you. We  
39 remain hopeful that *all of us* discover new and even more meaningful ways to show up for one  
40 another in both our spaces of professional practice and our communities at large.  
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42 We at *Reflections* wish you and everyone in your hearts to stay safe, stay well, and stay  
43 connected!  
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