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Open letter to all readers, reviewers, and authors

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Open Letter to Readers and Supporters of the Online Journal of Health Ethics

To our loyal readers, reviewers, and authors:

The staff and I of the *Online Journal of Health Ethics* wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for your loyal support during the journal's short sixteen years of existence. We started out in response to an ethics class I taught and ended up a journal with international contributions. Thanks to the University of Southern Mississippi, we are hosted by the Aquila format. To date, we have nearly 400,000 downloads with 90,000 downloads occurring in 2020.

I wish to announce some imminent changes to the journal. Beginning 2021, the name of the journal will change from *Online Journal of Health Ethics* to: *Journal of Health Ethics*. We believe that the name change will better represent the direction and quality offered by the journal. Secondly, know that the format of the journal will change thanks to the addition of Dr. Leonard Vernon, our Layout Editor. Dr. Vernon is a chiropractor by profession who is also an avid medical historical author. His works appear in numerous prestigious journals. We are indeed grateful for his contributions.

With the addition of Dr. Peter A. DePergola II, our Executive Editor and current copy editor, the journal has undergone a metamorphous that is propelling it to the next level. Just a few of Dr. DePergola's titles and responsibilities include: Associate Professor of Medicine | Univ. of Massachusetts Medical School - Baystate, Affiliate Faculty in Bioethics, Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies | Sacred Heart University, Research Scientist in Neuroethics | American Academy of Neurology and, Research Scholar in Bioethics, TEDMED. Dr. DePergola's numerous books and articles span the field of ethics and other scientific venues. We are deeply indebted for his immeasurable contributions and commitment to the *Journal of Health Ethics*.

While the journal is indexed in *Google Scholar*, and a number of other key indexes, the immediate goal of the *Journal of Health Ethics* is to add to its list of indexes. We hope in the latter part of 2021 to announce several other indexes to our repertoire. In the meantime, thank you for your patience with us and your support as we make this transition.

Last, we remain grateful and indebted for the services of Mr. Josh Cromwell as our Technical Assistant and Friend! We love you Josh!!

In case you are wondering, the journal plans to retain its open access tenant. The spirit of the journal has always been to provide a quality peer-reviewed publication in the open access format. We currently have an opening for a copyeditor. If you are a graduate student in Liberal arts, English, or Communication, and are interested in providing a service or independent study activity as a copy editor, kindly contact us at: drsheila777@gmail.com or drpeterdepergola@gmail.com.

Until 2021, take care and Happy Holidays! **Please** be careful.

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