

About This Issue

V/D This special issue, edited by Maria Erling and Mark Granquist, appears with the **M/A** generous support of the Augustana Heritage Association, a group dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the legacy of the Augustana Synod. For more information, contact the *AHA*, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615: www.augustanaheritage.org

V/D Many from Augustana treasure its worship traditions, noting that the Augustana **M/A** liturgy shaped the communal ethos of the denomination. Raised and educated in Augustana, Arland Hultgren is Professor of New Testament at *Luther Seminary*, 2481 Como Avenue, St Paul MN, 55108; ahultgre@luthersem.edu.

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V/D Although the relationship between the LBI movement and Augustana **M/A** was sometimes uneasy, these Bible Schools had an important influence on Augustana, and on American Lutheranism. Ray Kibler III wrote a doctoral dissertation on the origins of the LBI movement. Currently he serves as an Intentional Interim Minister in Southern California. 4249 La Junta Drive, Claremont, CA, 91711; ray.kibler.iii@ecunet.org.