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Fellow Friends of John Wilson,

As you might be aware, John has been employed with us at *The Englewood Review of Books* as Contributing Editor for the last six months. We have been delighted to have John on staff, and his work is already bearing fruit: He has identified excellent books to feature that would not otherwise have been on our radar; he found new reviewers to write for us (including Philip Jenkins); and he has thoughtfully written columns for our recent issues. John's role with us is minimal at the present, but we would like to employ him in a greater capacity (ideally full-time) beginning as soon as possible in the coming year.

As friends and co-workers of *The Englewood Review*, we are delighted to announce that we are entering an exciting season of building capacity, extending our readership, and moving toward fiscal sustainability. The strategy we are developing will unfold over the next five years, and will include a new and more mobile-friendly website, publicity efforts to broaden our readership in churches and in academic settings, and partnerships with institutions that share our mission of cultivating the timely habits of reading and conversation.

Given that these plans will take some time to develop, and given that we don't want to wait until they come fully to fruition to expand the scope of John's work with us, we are initiating a fundraising effort to cover the interim cost of John Wilson's employment. We plan to raise \$250,000, which would cover the cost of about three years of John's employment with us. We have set up a restricted fund devoted solely to compensating John for his work with us. These funds will not be used for any other initiatives of *The Englewood Review of Books*.

We know that you share our deep gratitude for the important work that John did over his two decades as editor of *Books & Culture*, and for his significant contributions to cultivating the breadth and depth of the Christian mind in recent years. And so, we invite you to celebrate John with us by contributing to this fund that will support his work over the next few years. This fund is hosted by Englewood Community Development Corporation, the parent organization of *The Englewood Review of Books*, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and any donations will be documented as tax deductible. (Specifically, any donations dated on or before December 31, 2018 can be claimed as deductions on your 2018 taxes.) Contributions are welcome from individuals and institutions who desire to honor John's work and help advance the mission of *The Englewood Review of Books*. Online donations can be made through our website: <http://englewoodreview.org/celebrate-john-wilson>

Please join us in celebrating John Wilson in this way.

Blessings in this Advent season,

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