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Dr. Kazuo Inamori, the visionary leader who showed how valuing people above profit can produce both human flourishing and financial success, passed from this life in August of 2022. The Inamori Foundation, which he founded, generously endowed both the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence and for this journal. While Dr. Inamori can never be replaced, he leaves behind a profound and meaningful legacy, encouraging us all to commit ourselves to ethics and altruism and always try to “Do the right thing as a human being.” We will continue to honor him by pursuing our mission to explore ethical issues from a global perspective and nurture a deeper understanding of our common humanity. In our next volume, we will further reflect on Dr. Inamori’s philosophies on and practices of ethical leadership.

The Inamori Center was also saddened by the unexpected passing last year of Dr. Paul Farmer, who had been selected to receive the 2022 Inamori Ethics Prize. Since the prize cannot be awarded posthumously, we chose not to present it to anyone else, but instead to honor his life’s work combating injustice in healthcare with a series of events throughout the academic year—Conversations on Justice: Inequities in Healthcare. This volume includes one of these conversations, *The Urgency of Reproductive Justice*, featuring distinguished Prof. Dorothy E. Roberts in conversation with emerging scholar Colette Ngana.

In addition, you will find in this volume of the *International Journal for Ethical Leadership*:

- A transcript of a November 28, 2022, conversation between student leaders and community leaders about ethics and justice in the US immigration system and what is involved in becoming a citizen in the United States,
- A transcript of the February 21, 2023, episode of the NPR radio show *Talking Foreign Policy*, exploring the ethics of the invasion,

occupation, and recent withdrawal from Afghanistan: “What Went Wrong in Afghanistan?”

- An article from Brazilian scholar Dr. Fabio Silvia and his co-authors (including his son, an emerging scholar and student at Case Western Reserve University) on ethical issues in the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI),
- An article from Australian scholar Dr. Nikki Coleman on the essential virtue of moral courage,
- An article from CWRU alumna, Madeline Chung, addressing thorny issues with end-of-life visitation guidelines during the pandemic,
- An article from Tanzanian scholar, Sospeter Muchunguzi, on the dynamics necessary for sustained ethical leadership between a leader and their followers, and,
- An article from US Coast Guard veteran Caroline Walsh, exploring how hierarchy in the military affects ethical leadership, with some views from the lower ranks.

We hope you will find the range of perspectives captured in these pieces engaging and enlightening. The Inamori Center is charged with creating internationally recognized programs and initiatives devoted to ethical inquiry in both its practical and theoretical aspects and to facilitating the development of future leaders who will, in the words of Dr. Inamori, “serve humankind through ethical deeds rather than actions based on self-interest and selfish desires.” With every issue of IJEL, our aim is to contribute to and stimulate diverse conversations that will help bring us closer to a more just and equitable future; a future where every person can depend on having rights, respect for their dignity, and a chance to thrive.