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The journal was "founded upon the conviction that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and that the system of belief commonly designated the Reformed Faith is the purest and most consistent formulation and expression of the system of truth set forth in the Holy Scriptures" (WTJ, 1938, vol. 1, p.1). The journal's editors are appointed by the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary and have the purpose of publishing scholarly work that defends and advances understanding of the Bible's teaching and its implications for the larger world. The editors adhere to strict publishing standards and work together to produce a high-caliber journal that has endured for over eighty years.

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