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## From the Editor

The letter from newsletter #1 is about the origin of this journal, whose circulation is now over 2000. Much discussion about the meaning of Humanistic Mathematics occurred in the early days. Was it human mathematics? humane mathematics?... Presentations at contributed paper sessions based on personal definitions showed that an informal, personal understanding of the expression was sufficient for conversation and activities in and out of the classroom. The variety of the articles published helped to give meaning to the expression.

I think that the network aspect of the HMNJ should receive greater attention. I propose to meet with groups of 5-10 colleagues for a day or two in a convenient location at a suitable time on how we might enhance the humanistic network and other topics. I'm sure that coming together for such discussions and planning will be beneficial. Communications about and from the meetings can be published in the HMNJ. What do you think?

A significant step toward enhancing the network is the creation of an e-mail list. Harvey Mudd College has set up a list for all who subscribe, and I hope that everyone will. There is no cost to us.

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with the message: "subscribe HMNJ-L@hmc.edu."

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