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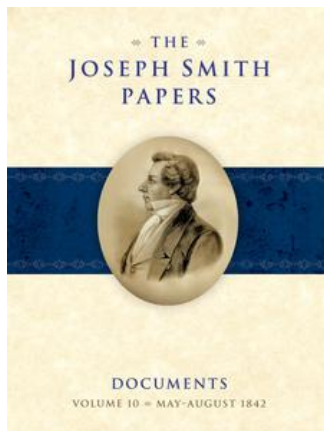
In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight recent critical praise that the Joseph Smith Papers Project has received, including a positive review of the project website in the *Public Historian* as well as complimentary comments from a prominent historian as part of a panel at this year's virtual Mormon History Association annual conference.

We also feature an article by one of our historians that explores Joseph Smith's views on other religions, their creeds, and religious pluralism.

Sincerely,

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General Editors

## Recent Praise for the Joseph Smith Papers Project



In May of this year, the project website, josephsmithpapers.org, was reviewed in the *Public Historian*—the official publication of the National Council on Public History, which is the premier national organization for public historians. Dr. Jeffery R. Appelhans of the American Philosophical Society stated: “The lavish project website exemplifies the state-of-the-art of digital papers publication, satisfying both public and scholarly audiences alike.”

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# Creeds and Communing: Joseph Smith's Views on Other Religions

By Chase Kirkham, Volume Editor

One of the theological gems that will appear in *Documents, Volume 15* is a [5 June 1844 letter](#) from Joseph Smith to Pennsylvania historian Israel Daniel Rupp. Rupp had recently published a book about American religious denominations, *He Pasa Ekklesia* [The whole church], and devoted one of its forty-three chapters to [Latter-day Saint history](#). Joseph Smith wrote a brief letter thanking Rupp for sending him a copy of his book. The letter reveals Smith's attitude toward religious creeds and religious pluralism.

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