

**Report of the Forty-Fifth General Meeting
of The Catholic Biblical Association of America**

The forty-fifth general meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America was held 23–26 August 1982, at Siena College, Loudonville, New York. The first general session opened at 8:00 P.M. on Monday evening. Hugh F. Hines, O.F.M., president of Siena College, welcomed the members of the association. The Rev. Philip J. King then delivered the presidential address, “The Contribution of Archaeology to Biblical Studies.”

Sessions on Tuesday, 24 August

Three task forces and seven continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included “Early Pentateuchal Sources” (convener: Walter R. Wifall, Jr.; core group members in attendance: John A. Grindel, C.M.; Dennis J. McCarthy, S.J.; Sean McEvenue); “Hebrew Poetry in the Psalms” (convener: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; core group members in attendance: Michael Barré, S.S.; Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S.; Michael B. Dick; Alexander Di Lella, O.F.M.; J. Cheryl Exum; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; John S. Kselman, S.S.; Leo Laberge, O.M.I.; Conrad E. L’Heureux; Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P.; Paul G. Mosca; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm.; Thomas Wahl, O.S.B.); “The Social Sciences and New Testament Exegesis” (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David Bossman, O.F.M.; John H. Elliott; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; Carl Kazmierski; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.; James M. Reese, O.S.F.S.; Anthony J. Saldarini; Bernard B. Scott; Francis D. Weinert).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: “Narrative Poetics in Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomic History” (Duane L. Christensen); “Matthew as Narrative and Story: Methodological Issues” (Richard A. Edwards and Karen A.

Barta); "The Elijah Miracle Stories: Study in the Origins of a Literary Genre" (Imre Mihalik); "The Social Foundations of Peace: Biblical Perspectives" (David P. Reid, SS.CC., and Anthony J. Tambasco); "Biblical Andragogy: Adult Biblical Interdependent Learning" (Eugene F. Trester); "Teaching Scripture as Pastoral Ministry" (Michael Walsh, C.M.); "The Letter to the Ephesians and Its Religious Context" (Robert A. Wild, S.J.).

The morning concluded with two papers presented in simultaneous sessions: Paul J. Achtemeier, "'Some Things in Them Hard to Understand': Suggestions for an Approach to Paul"; and Eugene C. Ulrich, "The Text of the Old Testament at the Thirtieth Anniversary of Qumran Cave 4."

The Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Urban C. von Wahlde, "Doublets, Repetitions, and Symmetry: Toward a Structural Outline of the Gospel of Mark"; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "The Forensic Character of Luke-Acts: Trials of Jesus, Peter, and Paul"; Fernando F. Segovia, "John 13:1-20—The Footwashing in the Johannine Tradition"; Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., "The Creation of Man in Hellenistic Judaism"; Joseph Sievers, "1 Maccabees and Its Heroes: A Reappraisal"; Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M., "Deuteronomy—The Elders' Hope for Israel's Future"; Joseph A. Grassi, "Abba, Father (Mark 14:36): Its Meaning of Radical Obedience within the Gospel of Mark"; Charles H. Talbert, "The Way of the Lucan Jesus: Dimensions of Lucan Spirituality"; Wolfgang M. W. Roth, "Water into Wine: The Transfiguration of the Jewish Scriptures in the Gospel of John"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Third-World and Other Challenges in New Testament Hermeneutics"; Robert Doran, "Samaritans and Jews in the Second Century B.C.: The Evidence of 2 Maccabees"; Imre Mihalik, "The Structure of Genesis"; James Swetnam, S.J., "Psalm 22 and the Arrival of the Kingdom"; Joseph Plevnik, S.J., "Lucan Redaction in Luke 24 in Recent Investigations"; Peter F. Ellis, "The Composition Criticism of the Fourth Gospel"; James A. Fischer, C.M., "Rhetorical Criticism: A New Approach to the Psalms"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "Qoheleth and Traditional Wisdom"; John F. O'Grady, "Power and Authority in the Apostolic Church"; Thomas Louis Brodie, O.P., "The Accusing and Stoning of Naboth (1 Kgs 21:8-13) as One Component of the Stephen Text (Acts 6:9-14; 7:58)"; Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., "Reflections on Pauline Chronology"; William S. Kurz, S.J., "Approaches to New Testament Prophecy"; Robert North, S.J., "David's Rise: Sacral, Military, or Psychiatric?"; Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P., "Wisdom as the Good Wife in Proverbs 31."

The evening general session featured a paper by Douglas Knight, "The Dilemma of the Pentateuch."

Sessions on Wednesday, 25 August

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by J. Cheryl Exum and J. William Whedbee on "Reflections on the Comic and Tragic Vision in Biblical Narrative," and by Francis Martin on "The Baptist's Prophecy (Matt 3:11 par.) in the New Testament and Subsequent Tradition."

Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J. served as main celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "Christian Biblical Ethics: Method and Content." The moderator was PHEME PERKINS, and the panelists were CHARLES E. CURRAN, ROBERT J. DALY, S.J., and DANIEL J. HARRINGTON, S.J.

CBA president Philip J. King called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Msgr. Myles M. Bourke gave the report of the chairman of the Board of Trustees and the report on the revision of the NAB New Testament. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C. gave the treasurer's report. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. followed with his report as Executive Secretary. After thanking Siena College and the local arrangements committee for their valuable help and their gracious hospitality, he announced the following grants voted by the Executive Board: (a) stipend and travel money for Lawrence Frizzell, CBA visiting professor to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem for the 1982-1983 academic year. (b) \$2,500 for the *Elenchus bibliographicus biblicus*; this marks the second year of a three-year commitment. (c) \$5,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem for their library. (d) a tithe of membership dues (\$1,541) for famine relief. The \$10,000 grant made last year to the Syrian Consortium for Survey and Excavation could not be used because of the political situation in the area; it is hoped that the operation can proceed this year. Jensen also announced the establishment of a CBA Memorial Stipend for doctoral students in biblical studies programs. Impulse toward this plan was occasioned by the desire to honor the memory of Mitchell Dahood, but in view of the many who have contributed so much to the CBA, a more general title was adopted. The stipend provides for grants of \$2,000 per year for up to five years. The stipend will be awarded on the basis of need to scholarship students in doctoral programs, with preference being given to actual or potential members of the association. The project will be an experiment for five years, with three stipends available the first year, with others to be added to a total of five. (For further details, see below.) Jensen further reported that the Executive Board had authorized a new stage in the computerization of the CBA office. Until now the association has rented space in a remote computer; we now plan to purchase our own. Because of the difficulties experienced by a number of our members with the traditional time of the meeting, the Executive Board has moved the time of the meeting one week earlier (therefore, normally it will begin three weeks before Labor Day). It has also been decided to schedule two successive meetings in the mid-west so as to break the pattern of meeting in the same region as the SBL. The meeting for 1983 will therefore be at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, 15-18 August 1983. The meeting for 1984 will be at Loyola University in New Orleans. Finally, Jensen announced that there is currently no CBA representative on the Syrian project for the dig at Tell Qarqur and invited qualified and experienced persons to apply for the position as soon as possible.

In the absence of Bruce Vawter, C.M., Jensen gave the reports on *OTA* and *CBQMS*. The *OTA* has topped 900 journal abstracts this year, and paid circulation has risen in an encouraging manner. *CBQMS* volume 13 has appeared; volume 14 is now being set. Sales have more than tripled in the last year, and six of the earlier

volumes have been reprinted.

Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J. spoke as general editor of the *CBQ*. The *Quarterly* has appeared on schedule in 1982. It has published a total of 28 articles. The 74 mss. received in 1982 mark a return to the average of the last few years, after the exceptionally high number received in 1981. Of the 74, 17 have been accepted, 30 rejected, 26 are under consideration, and one has already appeared. There is at the moment a preponderance of OT articles. Fitzmyer reminded prospective contributors of some of the requirements of *CBQ* format: double spacing between lines, footnote numbers written as superscripts, and a standard, legible typeface (some computer print-text is not easily read).

Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M. in the name of the committee on credentials, recommended the following candidates for membership in the CBA:

For Active Membership:

S. Scott Bartchy, Don C. Benjamin, O.Carm., M. Eugene Boring, Fred W. Burnett, John Gillman, W. Hulitt Gloer, Ivan Havener, O.S.B., Richard B. Hays, Sean P. Kealy, C.S.Sp., Jean L.-Duhaine, Betty Jane Lillie, S.C., John G. Lodge, Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Paul E. Murphy, Teruo J. Nishizu, S.A., Michael P. O'Connor, Gary A. Phillips, William C. Robinson, Jr., Calvin J. Roetzel, Wolfgang M. W. Roth, Robert Schoenstene, Joseph Sievers, John R. Spencer, Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., Warren C. Trenchard, Justin S. Ukpong, Yoji M. Urano, O.F.M., John L. White, Sam K. Williams.

For Associate Membership:

Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Edith Black, Peter Dally, Albert F. Danter, Celia Mary Deutsch, N.D.S., Mary McCarthy DeVault, Thomas B. Dozeman, Cliff DuRousseau, Blaine Edele, John J. Ferrie, Jr., Susan M. Fournier, Patrick J. Griffin, C.M., Gordon J. Hamilton, James Heimerl, Richard A. Jordan, Jerry Kaelin, O.F.M., Claire L. Korte, James A. Crisher, Joel Marcus, Joseph S. Marino, Thomas More Meehan, C.S.J., Frederick J. Murphy, Sharon Pace, Gail O'Day Preston, Phillip J. Rask, Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M., Sarah Ann Sharkey, O.P., Jo-Ann Stanley, O.P., John A. Swartz, Marko Tomic, Michael Trainor, Jeffrey A. Watson.

The candidates were accepted by the membership.

Bruce J. Malina reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was recommended: *President*: Richard J. Sklba; *Vice-President*: Robert North, S.J.; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1982-84*: Walter R. Wifall, Jr., and Thomas W. Leahy, S.J.; *Committee on Nominations*: John J. Pilch; *Projects and Priorities Committee*: Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D.; *Program Committee*: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., and Jerome T. Walsh; *Chairman of the Editorial Board of the CBQMS*: Robert J. Karris, O.F.M.; *Associate Editors of CBQ, 1982-85*: Conrad E. L'Heureux and Adela Y. Collins; *Associate Editors of CBQ, 1983-86*: Harold W. Attridge, Jr.; Michael L. Barré, S.S.; Schuyler Brown, S.J.; J. Cheryl Exum; Stanley B. Marrow, S.J.; George W. E. Nickelsburg, Jr.; PHEME Perkins; Jimmy J. M. Roberts. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

Conrad E. L'Heureux spoke for the program committee. In order to permit fuller participation by all members, one of the liturgies scheduled during the annual meeting next year will be a non-eucharistic service. Provision will be made for private or small group celebrations of the eucharist on that day for those who so wish. The task force on "Early Pentateuchal Sources" finishes its term this year; there is need for at least two more task forces to be organized for next year's meeting.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., chairman of the committee on resolutions, reminded the members of the provision in the constitution of the CBA concerning submission of resolutions to the committee (see Article VII, section 3). On behalf of the committee, he proposed resolutions to thank the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard for celebrating the liturgy with our membership; to thank Hugh F. Hines, O.F.M., the administration, faculty, and staff of Siena College, and the committee on local arrangements for the warm hospitality extended to the association; and to express appreciation to the program committee, to the speakers, and to all who have otherwise contributed to the success of the meeting. These resolutions were accepted unanimously.

Dennis J. McCarthy, S.J. invited the members to contribute to *Biblica*; NT articles are particularly desired. James H. Swetnam, S.J. rose to thank the association for its continued support of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in the form of the CBA visiting professorship. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P. thanked the association for the visiting professorship supported at the Ecole Biblique, and for the grant voted by the association to assist the Ecole Biblique in moving its library and in acquisitions.

The business meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

The evening general session heard Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza deliver the paper, "The Household of God: House Church and Household Codes."

Sessions on Thursday, 26 August

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Vincent P. Branick, "The Sinful Flesh of Christ (Rom 8:3)"; and William J. Fulco, S.J., "God's 'Other': His Face toward the World."

Terence J. Keegan, O.P. was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

The following CBA members and invited guests were in attendance at the meeting:

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Bonneau, Norman, O.M.I.
Anderson, Bernhard W.	Bourke, Myles M.
Bailey, Joseph G.	Bowes, Paula J.
Barbiei, Amedeo	Boys, Mary C., S.N.J.M.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Bozak, Barbara A., C.S.J.
Barta, Karen A.	Branick, Vincent P.
Begg, Christopher	Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Brooks, O. Stephenson
Bishop, Jonathan	Brummel, Thomas C.M.F.
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Bryan, David B., S.S.E.

- Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
 Buckley, Thomas W.
 Burnett, Fred W.
 Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.S.P.
 Carlston, Charles E.
 Cassidy, Richard J.
 Ceresko, Anthony R., O.S.F.S.
 Ceroke, Christian, O.Carm.
 Christensen, Duane L.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Collins, Thomas
 Collins, Thomas A., O.P.
 Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.
 Cotty, Marion, S.N.D.
 Coughlin, Thomas, O.M.I.
 Couture, Paul, S.S.E.
 Couturier, Guy, C.S.C.
 Crane, Thomas E.
 Dalpadado, Kingsley F., O.M.I.
 Daly, Robert J., S.J.
 Danter, Albert F.
 Dawes, Dorothy, O.P.
 DeVault, Mary
 Devine, J. Frank, S.J.
 Dick, Michael B.
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Di Vito, Robert A., S.J.
 Doran, Robert
 Dozeman, Thomas B.
 Drilling, Peter J.
 Dumais, Marcel, O.M.I.
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Elliott, John H.
 Ellis, Peter F.
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Exum, J. Cheryl
 Fasbender, Bennett, O.S.B.
 Ferrie, John J., Jr.
 Fiore, Benjamin, S.J.
 Fiorenza, Elisabeth S.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Fleddermann, Harry T.
 Forestell, J. T., C.S.B.
 Fortna, Robert T.
 Frizzell, Lawrence
 Fulco, William J., S.J.
 Gallagher, Ann
 Galligan-Stierle, Michael
 Galvin, John P.
 Getty, Mary Ann, R.S.M.
 Gigliotti, Marcus A.
 Glavin, Patrick, O.F.M.Cap.
 Glazier, Michael
 Glimm, Francis
 Gnuse, Robert
 Gourgues, Michel, O.P.
 Grassi, Joseph A.
 Griffin, Isabel M.
 Grindel, John A., C.M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.
 Heupler, Charles, O.F.M.Cap.
 Hoffman, Thomas A., S.J.
 Hollar, John A.
 Hoope, Mary Anne, B.V.M.
 Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M.
 Horgan, Maurya
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Kaelin, Jerry, O.F.M.
 Kalita, Thomas M.
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Kazmierski, Carl
 Kealy, Sean, C.S.Sp.
 Keating, John R., S.J.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kendall, Daniel, S.J.
 Kessler, Martin
 King, Philip J.
 Kingsbury, Jack D.
 Kirby, Martin F.
 Knight, Douglas A.
 Kobelski, Paul J.
 Kodell, Jerome W., O.S.B.

Korte, Claire
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 LaBarbera, Robert
 Laffey, Alice, R.S.M.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 L.-Duhaime, Jean
 Leahy, Thomas W., S.J.
 L'Heureux, Conrad E.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Litecky, Catherine, C.S.J.
 Louis, Conrad, O.S.B.
 Lyle, Wilma M., O.S.B.
 McCarthy, Dennis J., S.J.
 McCarthy, Jean V., O.P.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDonnell, Rea, S.S.N.D.
 McEleney, Neil, J., C.S.P.
 McEvenue, Sean
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
 McHatten, M. Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 McLinden, Marion D., O.P.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Mallon, Elias, S.A.
 Malone, Richard
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Martin, Francis
 Martin, George A.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mazza, Biagio
 Mędala, Stanisław, C.M.
 Mihalik, Imre
 Miletic, Stephen
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Moriarty, Frederick, S.J.
 Mosca, Paul G.
 Moxnes, Halvor
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, John P., S.J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome, O.P.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Navarre, Nanette, O.S.U.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 North, Robert, S.J.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.
 O'Connor, Kathleen
 O'Grady, John F.
 O'Neill, Helen, O.P.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Parr, Charles J.
 Perkins, PHEME
 Phillips, Gary A.
 Pilch, John J.
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
 Polan, Gregory, O.S.B.
 Polan, Stanley M., O.S.B.
 Polzin, Robert
 Praeder, Susan M.
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.
 Reid, David, SS.CC.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Richard, Earl
 Roth, Wolfgang M. W.
 Rubsys, Anthony L.
 Rossiter, Francis S.
 Ryan, Rosalie M., C.S.J.
 Rybolt, John E., C.M.
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Schmitt, John J.
 Scott, Bernard B.
 Segovia, Fernando
 Sena, Patrick, C.P.P.S.
 Senior, Donald P., C.P.
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
 Sievers, Joseph
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Soards, M. L., Jr.
 Stanley, Jo-Ann, O.P.
 Steele, E. Springs
 Stock, Augustine, O.S.B.
 Stockhausen, Carol K.
 Sullivan, John L.
 Sweetland, Dennis M.

Swetnam, James H., S.J.
Tajchman, Gregory, O.F.M.
Talbert, Charles H.
Tambasco, Anthony
Thompson, William G., S.J.
Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
Trester, Eugene F.
Turner, Wayne A.
Ulrich, Eugene C.
Vargas, Humberto
Viviano, Pauline A.
von Wahlde, Urban C.
Wahl, Thomas, O.S.B.

Walsh, James, S.J.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Walsh, John E.
Walsh, Michael, C.M.
Wang, Peter
Wcela, Emil A.
Weinert, Francis D.
Whedbee, J. William
Wifall, Walter R.
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