# Report of the Forty-Sixth General Meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America

The forty-sixth general meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America was held 15-18 August 1983, at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. The first general session was opened by the Rev. Robert North, S.J., vice-president of the association, at 8:00 P.M. on Monday evening. Monsignor Terrence J. Murphy, president of the College of St. Thomas, welcomed the members of the association. The Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba then delivered the presidential address, "Until the Spirit from on High Is Poured out on Us' (Isa 32:15): Reflections on the Role of the Spirit in the Exile."

#### Sessions on Tuesday, 16 August

Four task forces and eight continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "Hebrew Poetry" (convener: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; core group members in attendance: Michael Barré, S.S.;

Paula J. Bowes; Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S.; Thomas G. Couglin, O.M.I.; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; Harold O. Forshey; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Martin Kessler; John S. Kselman, S.S.; Conrad L'Heureux; Irene Nowell, O.S.B.; Thomas Wahl, O.S.B.); "Luke-Acts" (convener: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J.; core group members participating: William S. Kurz, S.J.; Miriam F. Perlewitz, M.M.; Dennis M. Sweetland; E. Jane Via; John E. Walsh); "The Literary Study of Matthew" (co-conveners: Richard A. Edwards and Karen A. Barta; core group members in attendance: Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., Otto Bucher; Fred W. Burnett; Benjamin Fiore, S.J.; Harry T. Fleddermann; Terence Keegan, O.P.; Frank J. Matera; Gary A. Phillips; Susan M. Praeder; Donald Senior, C.P.; Jack Dean Kingsbury); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Exegesis" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David Bossmann, O.F.M.; John R. Donahue, S.J.; John H. Elliott; 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; Michael G. Steinhauser).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Myth(s) and Mythopoeic Speculation in the Old Testament" (Bernard F. Batto); "Narrative Poetics in Deuteronomy and Deuteronomic History" (John C. Endres, S.J. and Alice Laffey, R.S.M.); "Hebrew and Early Christian Wisdom" (Jerry A. Gladson); "Presuppositions in Christology: An Examination of Varying Appoaches to John 1:1-18" (Francis Martin); "Text-Critical Problems: Selected Passages from Exodus and Deutero-Isaiah" (Kevin G. O'Connell, S.J. and Richard J. Clifford, S.J.); "The Social Foundations of Peace: Biblical Perspectives" (David P. Reid, SS.CC.); "The Gospel in Adult Spirituality and Religious Education" (William G. Thompson, S.J.); "The Images of Paul in the Post-Pauline Literature" (Robert A. Wild, S.J.).

The morning concluded with a paper presented by Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S., "A Rhetorical Analysis of David's Boast (1 Sam 17:34-37): Some Reflections on Method."

The Most Reverend John R. Roach, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Arland D. Jacobson, "The Reconstruction of the Sayings Source Q: An Examination of the Problems"; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "Jesus as the New Adam: The Soteriology of Luke-Acts"; John L. White, "Cultic Imagery in Paul's Conception of His Apostolic Office"; John C. Endres, S.J., "Biblical Rewriting in Jubilees: Second-Century Homiletics"; Walter R. Wifall, "Bone of My Bone and Flesh of My Flesh'—the Politics of the Yahwist"; Philip J. King, "Amos: An Archaeological Commentary"; Harry T. Fleddermann, "Jairus' Daughter and the Hemorrhaging Woman (Mark 5:21-43)"; Frank J. Matera, "The Centurion's Cry: Theology in the Lucan Passion Narrative"; James H. Swetnam, S.J., "The Allusion to the Eucharist at Heb 9:20"; George W. E. Nickelsburg, "I Enoch: Possibilities and Problems for the Study of Early Judaism and Early Christianity"; Don C. Benjamin, O.Carm., "Deuteronomy and City Life"; William T. Miller, S.J., "Poetic Unity of Isaiah 40"; Terence J. Keegan, O.P., "Chronology in Mark"; William S. Kurz, S.J., "Narrative as Paradigm in Luke-Acts and the Greek Bible"; Mary Ann Getty, R.S.M., "'Christ Is the End of the Law': Rom 10:4 in an Apocalyptic Perspective"; Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., "Old Testament Models for a Theology of Mission"; David M. Bossmann, O.F.M., "How a Tradition Grows: The Patriarchal Narratives"; William H. Irwin, C.S.B., "The Metaphor in Prov 11:30"; Halvor Moxnes, "Purity Laws and Almsgiving as Boundary Mechanisms in Luke-Acts"; John F. O'Grady, "The Parable of the Unjust Steward: Luke 16:1-13: An Original Story Presented by the Pharisees to Test Jesus"; John J. Welch, "Perfect and Aorist Aspect of the Greek Verb: Special Reference to 1 John 1:1 and 4:9,10"; Alan W. Jenks, "Theological Presuppositions of Israel's Wisdom Literature"; Harry Hagan, O.S.B., "Treaty/Covenant Language in Narrative Literature: Sinuhe and 'The Succession Narrative'"; Joseph Blenkinsopp, "Second Temple Quakers: The hărēdîm of Isaiah 66 and Ezra 9-10."

The evening general session featured a paper by Richard J. Clifford, S.J., "Creation in the Old Testament."

## Sessions on Wednesday, 17 August

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., "An Existential Interpretation of the Book of Job," and by Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., "Social World and Community Leadership: The Case of Matt 23:1-12,34."

Mary C. Boys, S.N.J.M. presided at the liturgy of worship at midday.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "The 'Scripture Principle' and the Authority of Scripture." The moderator was Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J.; and the panelists were Paul J. Achtemeier, Joseph A. Komonchak, and John P. Meier.

CBA president Richard J. Sklba 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. This was followed by the treasurer's report, delivered by Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. then gave his report as Executive Secretary. After thanking the College of St. Thomas and the local arrangements committee for their valuable work and their most gracious hospitality, he explained that this year the first of the three mailings relevant to the meeting, since it was primarily an invitation to offer research reports and continuing seminars, had gone only to the active members, the second and third mailings going to active and associate members, and that this would be the procedure also in subsequent years. He announced the following grants voted by the Executive Board: (a) \$10,000 for the Syrian Consortium dig, conditional on a favorable evaluation by our archeology committee of the reports of the first season of excavation; (b) \$2,500 for the Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus; this is the third year of a three-year commitment; (c) stipend and travel money for Charles Homer Giblin, S.J. CBA Visiting Professor to the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, and for William C. Robinson, Jr., CBA Visiting Professor to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem; (d) \$5,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem for their library; (e) \$1,000 to the translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (f) a tithe of membership dues (\$1,597) for famine relief. Jensen reported that John R. Donahue, S.J. and Mary Ann Getty, R.S.M. had been appointed by President Sklba to replace retiring members of the CBA committee on visiting professorships, which

is now chaired by William G. Thompson, S.J.; that the Executive Board elected Richard J. Clifford, S.J., to the Board of Trustees and chose Philip J. King to replace James W. Flanagan on the CBA archeology committee (since the latter is now the assistant director of the dig at Tell Qarqur). The Executive Board discussed matters pertaining to computer technology; among these were the possibility of putting EBB, and perhaps OTA as well, on-line, and the desirability of gathering information for and offering advice to members interested in buying personal computers or word processors. As a result of these discussions the Board authorized the establishment of a standing committee of five members to advise and assist the Executive Secretary in such matters. Jensen requested interested members who have expertise that would qualify them for membership on the committee or as resource persons to contact him, providing information on their background and the equipment/programs with which they are experienced. He further reported that next year's meeting will be held at Loyola University in New Orleans from Friday, 10 August, until Monday, 13 August. The university has offered the association a generous arrangement for the meeting itself but will not be able to offer accommodations before or after the meeting dates. The 1985 meeting will be at the University of San Francisco, from Monday, 12 August, until Thursday, 15 August. Jensen urged members to interest their institutions in hosting the association's annual meeting in future years.

Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J. gave the *CBQ* editor's report. He thanked the outgoing editors of the journal, Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., and John Kselman, S.S., and announced the appointment of Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M., as OT book review editor and of Christopher Begg as publishing editor. Since the last meeting, four issues of the journal have appeared; the 1983 volume will include 31 articles. In the twelve months since last August, 85 articles were received, of which 6 have been published, 18 accepted, 32 rejected, 3 were withdrawn, and 26 are in process. There is a backlog of articles and book reviews; OT book reviews in particular are numerous. Fitzmyer noted that some copies of the July 1983 issue of *CBQ* are defectively paginated. Those whose copies are defective should write directly to the executive office for a replacement. Two associate editors of the journal have submitted their resignations and will be replaced by election this year.

Bruce Vawter, C.M. reported on *OTA*. Present circulation of the journal is around 1800, including exchanges as well as paid subscriptions. The total of abstracted articles has exceeded 900 for the second consecutive year, and approximately 40 books have been noted in each number. More would be desirable, but some publishers have been slow to send material. Vawter asked that volunteers interested in assisting *OTA* to write to him; they should include information about what periodicals are available to them, as well as their interests and language capabilities. *OTA* currently abstracts over 200 journals and is adding four or more with each issue.

Robert Karris, O.F.M. gave the editor's report on CBQMS. Three numbers of the series will have been published in 1983; one is already out, the others are near to publication. Two more are in process, and there have been five further inquiries.

The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been publicly posted since the first day of the meeting. In the name of the committee on credentials, Alexander Di Lella, O.F.M. recommended the following candidates:

## For Active Membership:

Yoël L. Arbeitman, Harold W. Attridge, Jr., David W. Baker, David Alan Black, Barbara Bozak, C.S.J., Peter Briscoe, Oscar S. Brooks, John J. Clabeaux, John C. Endres, S.J., Benjamin Fiore, S.J., Wendell W. Frerichs, Bruce H. Grigsby, K. C. Hanson, J. Gordon Harris, William R. Herzog II, John B. Hibbitts, Thomas A. Hoffman, S.J., Paul W. Hollenbach, Thomas F. Johnson, Mark Kiley, Michael F. Kolarcik, S.J., M. Timothy McHatten, O.P., Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B., Florence Morgan, Halvor Moxnes, Winsome Munro, Irene Nowell, O.S.B., Stanley N. Olson, Robert J. Owens, Jr., M. Margaret Pazdan, O.P., Miriam Perlewitz, M.M., Robert B. Robinson, E. Springs Steele, Joseph L. Trafton, Eugene F. Trester, Joseph B. Tyson.

## For Associate Membership:

Gary A. Anderson, Cecilia A. Banger, S.N.J.M., Patricia S. Behan, James T. Beighlie, C.M., Regina Boisclair, Ron Cameron, Timothy Carmody, O.F.M., Debra A. Chase, Dolores L. Christie, Wendy J. Cotter, C.S.J., Richard E. DeMaris, Thomas Di Folco, Edward C. A. Dougherty, David Drake, Peter J. Drilling, Robert R. Edwards, Brigid C. Frein, Richard Harris, John Hillenbrand, Thomas R. Hurst, S.S., Scott T. Imburgia, Dale Launderville, O.S.B., Barbara Leonhard, O.F.S., Catherine Leroux, Sister of Emmanuel, Lawrence Macklem, Luanne Meagher, O.S.B., Robert J. Miller, M. Kathleen Milne, O.S.U., Rick D. Moore, William B. Nelson, Jr., Richard J. Pettey, Judith Sanderson, Douglas A. Sauer, Stanley P. Saunders, Kathleen L. Sheskaitis, I.H.M., Gregory E. Sterling, Ann Marie Sweet, O.S.B., John C. Thomas, Marianne M. Thompson, Barbara A. Wedoff.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Cassian Corcoran, O.F.M. reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Robert North, S.J.; *Vice-President:* Paul J. Achtemeier; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1983-85:* Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D., and Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; *Committee on Nominations:* Philip J. King; *Projects and Priorities Committee:* Paul J. Kobelski; *Associate Editors of the CBQ:* Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S.; Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; Eugene C. Ulrich; Madeleine I. Boucher; John P. Meier; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; and Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

Msgr. Myles Bourke reported on the NAB NT revision project. The translations of all the NT books have been reviewed at least once, and those of many of the books twice. The editorial revisions have been submitted to the various translators. The translations will also be reviewed by Aidan Kavanagh, O.S.B. with a view to aptness for liturgical reading, and by a board of four bishops. It is hoped that the revision process will be completed during 1984.

James W. Flanagan reported on the Syrian Consortium and the excavations at Tell Qarqur. The first campaign involved six weeks of digging and two weeks, in Damascus, of writing up the excavation reports. The process of writing and publication is expressly designed into the project; by this means, it is hoped, the first volume of preliminary reports will be available by the time of next year's campaign. ASOR hopes to arrange for permanent presence in Syria; the excavations at Tell Qarqur will

be a key piece in developing this presence. Flanagan thanked the CBA for its support and asked for more members' participation in the excavations themselves.

The following amendments to the constitution of the association, having been circulated in a February mailing, were presented to the membership for adoption: Article IV, Section 2, add (after "a General Editor of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly [CBQ]*") "a General Editor of *Old Testament Abstracts (OTA)*." In Article V renumber Sections 6 and 7 to 7 and 8 and insert as Section 6: "The duties of the General Editor of *OTA* shall be: (a) To serve as chair of the *OTA* Editorial Board; (b) To receive exchange and gift periodicals, as well as books from publishers, and, assisted by abstractors designated by the Editor, to prepare and edit abstracts for publication." The amendments were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., chairman of the committee on resolutions, offered two proposals for the membership's approval. First, that this Association urge all its members to search the Scriptures for the values that promote true peace among all peoples and nations and that collectively the Association lend its voice to the call of the Bishops to urge the political and religious leaders of our country to promote peace by prayerful and energetic initiatives to resolve disputes, accept differences, and become reconciled with all without recourse to warlike or war-promoting gestures. Second, he proposed a resolution to thank the Most Rev. John R. Roach for celebrating the liturgy with our membership; to thank Msgr. Terrence J. Murphy, president of the College of St. Thomas, the committee on local arrangements, the program committee, and all who contributed in any way to the meeting, for their parts in making it a success. These resolutions were accepted unanimously.

Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M. informed the membership of *Studia Biblica*, a new series of monographic studies (80 to 120 pages in print). It is published in Louvain, but Di Lella is the American editor; MSS may be sent directly to him.

The business meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The evening general session heard John H. Elliott deliver the paper, "The Social-Scientific Study of the Bible and the Biblical World: More on Method and Models."

Sessions on Thursday, 18 August

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: John S. Kselman, S.S., "The Hand of Yahweh and His Weapons: A Study of an Image in Exodus 15"; and Maurya P. Horgan and Paul J. Kobelski, "New Testament Poetry and the Hodayot."

Michael F. Walsh, C.M. 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.

Barta, Karen A.

Batto, Bernard F.

Benjamin, Don C.

Benjamin, Harry S.

Bishop, Jonathan

Black, Edith

Blenkinsopp, Joseph

Boisclair, Regina Ann

Bossman, David M., O.F.M.

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Irwin, William H., C.S.B.

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Jenks, Alan W.

Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.

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Kaelin, Jerry

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Keating, John R., S.J.

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