

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

The forty-seventh general meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America was held 10–13 August 1984, at Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana. The first general session was opened by Prof. Paul J. Achtemeier, vice-president of the association, at 8:00 P.M. on Friday evening. The Rev. James C. Carter, S.J., president of Loyola University, welcomed the members of the association. The Rev. Robert North, S.J. then delivered the presidential address, “Violence and Bible: The Girard Connection.”

Sessions on Saturday, 11 August

Six task forces and six continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: “Hebrew Poetry in the Psalms” (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.; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; William H. Irwin; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Leo Laberge, O.M.I.; Conrad E. L’Heureux; Paul G. Mosca; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm.; Irene Nowell, O.S.B.; Thomas Wahl, O.S.B.); “Luke-Acts” (convener: Robert F. O’Toole, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Thomas Louis Brodie, O.P.; Richard J. Cassidy; William S. Kurz, S.J.;

Miriam F. Perlewitz; Earl J. Richard; Marion L. Soards, Jr.; Dennis M. Sweetland; E. Jane Via); "The Literary Study of Matthew" (co-conveners: Richard A. Edwards and Karen A. Barta; core group members in attendance: Oscar S. Brooks; Otto Bucher, O.F.M.Cap.; Fred W. Burnett; Robert Doran; Benjamin Fiore, S.J.; Terence J. Keegan, O.P.; Frank J. Matera; Donald Senior, C.P.; Benedict Viviano, O.P.); "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.; Paul Hollenbach; Elizabeth S. Malbon; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; Robert North, S.J.; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.; Anthony J. Saldarini; Bernard B. Scott); "Aspects of Christology in the Letter to the Hebrews" (convener: Francis Martin; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; Dennis Hamm, S.J.; Enrique Nardoni; Otto Reimherr); "The Social Foundations of Peace: Biblical Perspectives" (co-conveners: David P. Reid, SS.CC.; Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Robert J. Daly, S.J.; Dorothy Dawes, O.P.; Hugh Humphrey; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Stanley M. Polan; Richard Sklba; David Smith).

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" (Duane L. Christensen); "Wisdom and Myth" (Jerry A. Gladson); "The Land: A Biblical Perspective" (Richard C. Lux); "The Pastoral Problem in 1 Corinthians" (Charles H. Talbert); "Old Testament Textual Criticism" (Eugene C. Ulrich).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Joseph Blenkinsopp, "The Place of P in the Generation of the Flood Narrative," and by Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "They Turned the World Upside Down" (Acts 17:6)—The Idea of Purity in Luke-Acts: Insights from Cultural Anthropology."

Paul J. Achtemeier was homilist and Christopher T. Begg was the leader of prayer for the Service of the Word at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Leopold Sabourin, S.J., "Is Mark the Earliest Gospel?"; Marcel Dumais, O.M.I., "The Athens Speech (Acts 17:22-31): A Model of Inculturation?"; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P., "Disciples and Foil in the Fourth Gospel"; John M. Lundquist, "Excavations at Tell Qarqur (1984)"; Antony F. Campbell, S.J., "Of Prophets and Kings: A Late Ninth Century Prophetic Document (1 Samuel 1—2 Kings 10)"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "The Interpretation of Israel's Wisdom"; Elizabeth S. Malbon, "Patterns of Characterization in the Gospel of Mark"; Thomas Louis Brodie, O.P., "The Elijah-Elisha Narrative as a Partial Literary Model for Luke-Acts"; John F. O'Grady, "John 10:1-5: Parable or Narrative; One Parable or Two"; Donald H. Wimmer, "Tell Safut (Jordan) in the Late Bronze and Iron Ages"; Bruce Vawter, C.M., "Prophetic Literature: A Misnamed Category?"; Paul G. Mosca, "Job as Everyman: A Reading of Job 31:33-40"; Ernest R. Martinez, S.J., "The Darkness at the Death of Jesus: A New Look at an Old Proposal"; Joseph Plevnik, S.J., "The Debate Concerning Justification by Faith in the Wake of E. Käsemann's Proposal"; James Swetnam, S.J., "A Suggested Interpretation of John 1:13"; John H. Hayes, "A New History of Israel and Judah"; Teruo J. Nishizu, S.A., "The Notion of *peša*^c as the Antonym of *mišpāṭ* and *šedāqā*, and the Reassessment of Amos 4:4-5";

Timothy P. Schehr, "The Role of Elihu in the Book of Job"; Mark Kiley, "Why 'Matthew' in Matt 9:9-13?"; William J. Dalton, S.J., "The Authorship of 1 Peter"; Conrad E. L'Heureux, "Developing a New Experiential Approach to the Use of the Old Testament"; Christopher T. Begg, "The Achan-Ai Complex (Josh 7:1-8:29) as an Element of the Deuteronomistic History"; John G. Gammie, "Perceptions of Holiness in the Wisdom Psalms"; Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S., "The ABC's of Wisdom in Psalm 34."

The evening general session featured a paper by Bernhard W. Anderson, "Biblical Theology and Sociological Interpretation."

Sessions on Sunday, 12 August

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Michael L. Barré, "The Meanings of *רֶשֶׁת* (*h*)*hyym*, 'The Land of Life/the Living,'" and by Madeleine Boucher, "The Image of God as Father in the Gospels: Toward a Reassessment."

Robert North, S.J. was the principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on the book *In Memory of Her*. The moderator was Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; and the panelists were Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J., Anthony J. Tambasco, and Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J. The book's author, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, was respondent.

CBA president Robert North, S.J. called the annual business meeting to order at 3:55 P.M. Msgr. Myles Bourke gave the report of the chairman of the Board of Trustees and also the report on the revision of the NAB NT. All submitted translations have been revised, most of them twice, by the editors, who have received suggestions from a board of bishops and from a liturgical consultant. It is hoped that all will be ready for the publishers by the end of 1984. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C. presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. then gave his report as executive secretary. After thanking Loyola University for their generous hospitality and efforts to assure a smooth meeting, he explained somewhat the financial structure and policy of the association. The Executive Board had decided that the time has come to raise the subscription price of the *CBQ* to \$15, and to propose to the membership an increase in dues (to \$17, including the *CBQ* subscription), a proposal to be taken up under New Business. Then he listed the grants that had been approved by the Executive Board: (a) \$10,000 to the Syrian consortium for the excavations at Tell Qarqur, subject to an evaluation of the report on the 1984 season by a committee of the association; (b) \$10,000 for the memorial stipend established in 1982; (c) \$2,500 for the *Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus*; (d) \$1,000 for the translation project of the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum*; (e) \$5,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem for their library; (f) stipends and travel money set aside for the visiting professorships at the Ecole Biblique and the Pontifical Biblical Institute; (g) \$2,000 to a project for the publication of Hiberno-Latin exegetical materials; (h) a tithe of membership dues (\$1,604) for famine relief. Jensen reported that Aelred Cody, O.S.B., has been appointed to the Board of

Trustees and Emil Wcela has been named to chair the Projects and Priorities Committee. Jensen announced that next year's meeting will be held at The University of San Francisco, 12–15 August 1985; this is a return to the practice of meetings on Monday–Thursday. The following year the meeting will be at Georgetown University, August 1986. Members are urged to seek invitations from their own institutions for future CBA meetings. The Executive Board also decided to propose to the membership that John L. McKenzie be made an honorary life member of the association, in recognition of his many years of valuable contributions to the association and to the cause of biblical studies; this proposal is also to be presented to the membership under New Business. Finally, Jensen read a letter of greetings to the association from Kent Richards and the Society of Biblical Literature.

In the absence of Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., the report of the editor of *CBQ* was read by Donald P. Senior, C.P. The issues of 1984 have been slightly larger than in the past to absorb some of the backlog of both articles and book reviews. The backlog of articles is currently about one year, with two articles already accepted for the October, 1985 issue. In 1984, twenty-nine articles were published. During that year, seventy-seven manuscripts were received, of which one has been published, thirteen others accepted, forty rejected, and twenty-three are in process of evaluation. To the editor's report Senior added the editorial board's thanks to Fitzmyer upon the conclusion of his term as general editor and announced that John P. Meier has been elected the new general editor.

Bruce Vawter, C.M. reported on *OTA*. Present circulation of the journal is around 1600 paid subscriptions and almost 300 exchange and free subscriptions. Matters of style are based on those followed by *CBQ* for the most part, with some additional elements from *BASOR* 253. There are some discrepancies in sigla between *OTA* and *CBQ*; in these cases, *OTA* will be brought into conformity with *CBQ*.

Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. gave the editor's report on *CBQMS*. In the past year twelve manuscripts were received. Two have been published, one more accepted, two accepted pending modifications; five have been rejected, and two are in process of evaluation.

The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been available to the members throughout the meeting. In the name of the committee on credentials, Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M. recommended the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

David R. Bauer; George R. Beasley-Murray; Stephen J. Binz; Normand R. Bonneau, O.M.I.; Michael J. C. Bryan; Michael Clark, O.M.I.; John B. Curtis; James A. Davis; Terence E. Fretheim; Agustinus Gianto, S.J.; Patrick J. Griffin, C.M.; Robert Hodgson, Jr.; William L. Holladay; John M. Lundquist; Céline Mangin, O.P.; James R. Mueller; Frederick J. Murphy; Edwin S. Nelson; Mark A. O'Brien, O.P.; Kathleen M. O'Connor; Ben C. Ollenburger; George W. Ramsey; David Rhoads; James A. Rimbach; Katharine Doob Sakenfeld; Steven J. Scherrer, M.M.; Christopher J. Schreck; John H. Schütz; Philip H. Sellw; Lawrence A. Sinclair; Marion L. Soards, Jr.; Alphonse P. Spilly, C.P.P.S.; Gary Stansell.

For Associate Membership:

Janice Capel Anderson; Patrick M. Arnold, S.J.; Lawrence F. Asma, C.M.; Randall C. Bailey; C. Clifton Black II; Jerry Blair; Margaret H. Brown; Emmett G. DeAvies; Deirdre A. Dempsey; Paul B. Duff; Bennett Fasbender, O.S.B.; Marielle Frigge, O.S.B.; Robert D. Haak; Ronald Hendel; Marie Noël Keller, R.S.M.; Judith A. Kowalski; Donald G. Love; William J. Loyens, S.J.; David P. McCarthy; Kerry H. Mack; Robert D. Maldonado; Margaret M. Mitchell; Kathleen S. Nash, S.S.N.D.; Teresa Okure, S.H.C.J.; Michael J. Parisi, Jr.; Barbara Reid, O.P.; Jean-Pierre Ruiz; Geraldine A. Russo; James P. Scullion, O.F.M.; Mary Ann Stachow, S.B.S.; John J. Sullivan; Carolyn Thomas, S.C.N.; Daniel A. Triulzi, S.M.; Elaine Wainwright, R.S.M.; Duane F. Watson; Dean O. Wenthe; Michael J. Wilkins; Douglas W. Wilson; Thomas R. Wolthuis.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Richard Clifford, S.J. reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President*: Paul J. Achtemeier; *Vice-President*: Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1984-86*: John G. Gammie and Robert J. Daly, S.J.; *Associate Editors of the CBQ*: John S. Kselman, S.S.; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; James VanderKam; Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.; John R. Donahue, S.J.; Luke Timothy Johnson; Robert Doran. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., chairman of the committee on resolutions, offered a resolution to thank the president and staff of Loyola University, the local arrangements committee, the program committee, and all who contributed in any way to the meeting, for their parts in making it a success. The resolution was accepted unanimously. At this point the executive secretary proposed that the CBA make its own the resolution of gratitude and congratulations to Joseph A. Fitzmyer, the retiring general editor of the *CBQ*.

Under New Business, the following issues were raised. First, the proposal from the Executive Board to raise membership dues to \$17 was accepted. Next, the proposal to make John L. McKenzie an honorary life member of the association was accepted unanimously; the vote was confirmed by a warm standing ovation for the new life member. Thanks for continuing support were tendered to the association from the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum by Bernardin V. Schneider, O.F.M., and from the Pontifical Biblical Institute by James Swetnam, S.J. Swetnam also requested that the membership consider *Biblica* for publishing their articles. Finally, a motion was made to ask the Executive Committee to consider the suggestion of raising the stipend for visiting professors to the Ecole Biblique and the Pontifical Biblical Institute. The motion passed.

The business meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Following the business meeting, a general session heard Bernard B. Scott deliver the paper, "The Wicked Tenants: Honor/Shame in a Parabolic Narrative."

Sessions on Monday, August 13

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Sean McEvenue, "Original Meaning versus Effective Normativity in Sacred Scripture"; and Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Catholic Biblical Interpretation in an Ecumenical Age."

John F. O'Grady 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.	Christensen, Duane L.
Anderson, Bernhard W.	Clark, Michael P., O.M.I.
Arnold, Patrick M.	Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
Asma, Lawrence F., C.M.	Connors, Susan
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Cope, Lamar O.
Barta, Karen A.	Corcoran, Cassian, O.F.M.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.
Batto, Bernard F.	Crim, Keith R.
Begg, Christopher	Daly, Robert J., S.J.
Benjamin, Don C.	Dawes, Dorothy M., O.P.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Deehan, John
Binz, Stephen J.	Denig, Stephen J., C.M.
Black, Edith	Dicharry, Warren F.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Dietlein, Damian, O.S.B.
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	Doran, Robert
Boring, M. Eugene	Dougherty, Edward C. A., S.J.
Bossman, David, O.F.M.	Duff, Paul B.
Boucher, Madeleine	Dumais, Marcel, O.M.I.
Bourke, Myles M.	Elliott, John H.
Bowes, Paula J.	Faker, P.
Boyd, Ann	Fasbender, Bennett, O.S.B.
Bozak, Barbara, C.S.J.	Ferguson, Elizabeth
Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.	Fiore, Benjamin, S.J.
Brooks, Oscar S.	Fiorenza, Elisabeth Schüssler
Brooks, Stephenson O.	Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
Brown, Margaret H.	Forshey, Harold O.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.	Foster, Cynthia
Buckley, Thomas W.	Frein, Brigid C.
Burnett, Fred W.	Frigge, Marielle, O.S.B.
Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.	Frizzell, Lawrence
Campbell, Antony F., S.J.	Gammie, John G.
Carmody, Timothy, O.F.M.	Getty, Mary Ann, R.S.M.
Cassidy, Richard J.	Gladson, Jerry A.
Ceresko, Anthony, O.S.F.S.	Glazier, Michael

Gnuse, Robert
 Grindel, John, C.M.
 Guinan, Michael D., O.F.M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Halligan, Raymond F., O.P.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harrington, Jay M.
 Harris, Gordon J.
 Hayes, John H.
 Hensell, Eugene
 Hodgson, Robert, Jr.
 Hoffman, Thomas A., S.J.
 Hollar, John A.
 Hollenbach, Paul W.
 Hoppe, Leslie, O.F.M.
 Horgan, Maurya P.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Impastato, Fara
 Irwin, William, C.S.B.
 Jacobson, Arland D.
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Johnson, Elizabeth, C.S.J.
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Kealy, Sean P., C.S.Sp.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kiley, Mark
 King, Philip J.
 Kirby, Martin, F.
 Kobelski, Paul J.
 Kodell, Jerome W., O.S.B.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kraus, Donald
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 LaBarbera, Robert
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 Laffey, Alice, R.S.M.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Leroux, Catherine
 L'Heureux, Conrad
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lux, Richard C.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCarthy, Jerome
 McCreesh, Thomas, O.P.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McEvenue, Sean
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
 McHatten, M. Timothy, O.P.
 McKenzie, John L.
 Malbon, Elizabeth S.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Mangan, Celine, O.P.
 Martin, Francis
 Martin, George A.
 Martinez, Ernest R., S.J.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Meier, John P.
 Mihalik, Imre
 Miles, Andrew, O.S.B.
 Miletic, Stephen F.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Mosca, Paul G.
 Moxnes, Halvor
 Mulcahey, William, C.M.
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nash, Kathleen, S.S.N.D.
 Navarre, Nanette, O.S.U.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Nickle, Keith F.
 Nishizu, Teruo J., S.A.
 North, Robert, S.J.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Brien, Mark A., O.P.
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.
 O'Connor, Kathleen
 O'Grady, John F.
 O'Loughlin, Raphael, C.S.B.
 Osiek, Carolyn, R.S.C.J.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Pace, Sharon
 Pazdan, Mary M., O.P.
 Perlewitz, Miriam F., M.M.
 Petru, Francis A., S.J.
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.

Pilch, John J.
Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
Polan, Gregory, O.S.B.
Polan, Stanley M.
Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
Reid, David P., SS.CC.
Reimherr, Otto
Richard, Earl J.
Rubsys, Anthony L.
Sabourin, Leopold, S.J.
Saldarini, Anthony J.
Sanchez, Patricia
Sanderson, Judith
Schehr, Timothy P.
Schmit, Meryl E.
Schmitt, John J.
Schneider, Bernardin, O.F.M.
Scott, Bernard B.
Senior, Donald P., C.P.
Sklba, Richard J.
Smith, David E.
Soards, Jr., Marion L.
Stachow, Mary Ann, S.B.S.
Stanley, Jo-Ann, O.P.
Steiner, Luke, O.S.B.
Stockhausen, Carol K.

Sullivan, John L.
Sweet, Ann Marie, O.S.B.
Sweetland, Dennis M.
Swetnam, James, S.J.
Talbert, Charles H.
Tambasco, Anthony
Tetlow, Elisabeth M.
Townsend, Harry K.
Ulrich, Eugene C.
Vawter, Bruce, C.M.
Via, Jane E.
Viviano, Pauline A.
Wahl, Thomas, O.S.B.
Wainwright, Elaine, R.S.M.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Walsh, Michael, C.M.
Wang, Peter
Weinert, Francis D.
Wenthe, Dean O.
White, Leland
Wifall, Walter R.
Wild, Robert, S.J.
Wimmer, Donald H.
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