

**Report of the Forty-Eighth General Meeting
of the Catholic Biblical Association**

The forty-eighth general meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 12-15, 1985, at the University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California. The first general session was opened by the Rev. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., vice president of the association, at 8:00 P.M. on Monday evening. The Rev. John LoSchiavo, S.J., president of the university, welcomed the members of the association. Professor Paul Achtemeier then delivered the presidential address, "An Elusive Unity: Paul, Acts, and the Early Church."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 13

Eight task forces and six continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "Deuteronomy and the Former Prophets" (co-conveners: Duane L. Christensen and John C. Endres, S.J.; core group members participating: Christopher T. Begg; Harry Hagan, O.S.B.; Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M.; Alice L. Laffey, R.S.M.; Helen Kenik Mainelli; John L. Sullivan; Pauline A. Viviano; Jerome T. Walsh; Peter Wang); "Hebrew Poetry in the Psalms" (convener: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; core group members participating: Michael L. Barré, S.S.; Paula J. Bowes; Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S.; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; Harold O. Forshey; John G. Gammie; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; John S. Kselman, S.S.; Léo Laberge, O.M.I.; David P. McCarthy; Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P.; Paul G. Mosca; Irene Nowell, O.S.B.; Thomas Wahl, O.S.B.); "Old Testament Textual Criticism" (convener: Eugene C. Ulrich; core group members in attendance: Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; Kevin G. O'Connell, S.J.; Timothy P. Schehr); "The Literary Study of Matthew" (co-conveners: Richard A. Edwards and Karen Barta; core group members in attendance: Otto N. Bucher, O.F.M.; Peter F. Ellis; Benjamin Fiore, S.J.; Terence J. Keegan, O.P.; Frank J. Matera; Susan M. Praeder; Benedict Viviano, O.P.); "Luke-Acts" (convener: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J.; core group members in attendance: S. Scott Bartchy; Thomas Louis Brodie, O.P.; Richard J. Cassidy; Earl J. Richard; Marion L. Soards, Jr.; Dennis M. Sweetland; E. Jane Via); "Aspects of Christology in the Letter to the Hebrews" (convener: Francis R. Martin; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; M. Dennis Hamm, S.J.; William S. Kurz, S.J.; Enrique Nardoni; Wayne A. Turner); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Exegesis" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; Paul W. Hollenbach; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch; James M. Reese, O.S.F.S.; Anthony J. Saldarini; Bernard B. Scott); "The Social Foundations of Peace: Biblical Perspectives" (co-conveners: David P. Reid, SS.CC. and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: James A. Fischer, C.M.; Hugh Humphrey; Kathleen O'Connor; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Richard J. Sklba; David W. Smith).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Exploring the Rhetorical Power of Prophetic Speech in Ezekiel" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (Rita J. Burns and Toni Craven); "Modern Archaeological Techniques and Biblical Studies" (Philip J. King); "Computing and Word Processing

for Biblical Studies" (Paul J. Kobelski); "The Biblical Land Tradition" (Richard C. Lux); "The Pastoral Problem of 2 Corinthians" (Charles H. Talbert).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Philip J. King, "The History and Archaeology of Jerusalem in Theological Perspective," and Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., "Death in the Community of Eternal Life: The Relationships among History, Theology, and Spirituality in John 11."

The Most Reverend John Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco, was principal celebrant and the Rev. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., was homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Wilhelm H. Wuellner, "Where Is Rhetorical Criticism Taking Us?"; Augustine Stock, O.S.B., "A New Commentary on Mark's Gospel"; Robert Hodgson, Jr., "Superstition and Politics in Julio-Claudian Rome: A Social Setting for Rom 13:1-7"; David P. Wright, "The Impurity and Disposal of *ḥaṭṭā'ot* Sacrifices"; Timothy P. Schehr, "Oracles against the Nations in the Hebrew and Greek Texts of Jeremiah"; William S. Kurz, S.J., "Biblical Foundations for Ethics: A Test Exegesis"; Peter F. Ellis, "New Evidence for the Authenticity of John 21"; Joanna Dewey, "Mark's Structure: Discrete Segments or Interwoven Tapestry?"; Benjamin Fiore, S.J., "Philippians: The Rhetoric of Friendship and Boasting"; George W. Ramsey, "The Naming of the First Woman, Gen 2:23"; Paul G. Mosca, "From Ugarit to Daniel 7: A Missing Link"; John J. Pilch, "Healing in the NT: Social Science Models"; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "Jesus as Judge: The Forensic Character of John 8:21-59"; Earl J. Richard, "'God's Evaluative Point of View': Observations about Marcan Structure and Christology"; Frederick J. Murphy, "Attitudes to the Temple in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch"; Susan M. Praeder, "The Genre of the Gospels: Literary, Theoretical, and Theological Considerations"; Mark Kiley, "Psalms 23 and 27 as Thematic Background of John's Signs"; Jerome W. Kodell, O.S.B., "The Beginning and the End of Luke's Special Journey Material (Luke 9:46-56; 18:9-23)"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Interpretative Homiletics in Targum Jonathan of Judges 5"; Léo Laberge, O.M.I., "Deut 31:1-29: The MT, the LXX, and the Ancient Versions"; James A. Fischer, C.M., "Rhetorical Criticism of the Psalms: Part Two."

The evening general session featured a paper by Norman K. Gottwald, "Socio-Historical Precision in the Biblical Grounding of Liberation Theologies."

Sessions on Wednesday, August 14

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Alice L. Laffey, R.S.M., "My Patron Vashti," and by Anthony J. Saldarini, "The Pharisees in Palestinian Society."

Bernard B. Scott was presider and homilist and Harry Hagan, O.S.B., was leader of prayer for our midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "The Use of Scripture in the Bishops' Pastoral on Economics." The moderator was Terence J. Keegan, O.P.; and the panelists were David Hollenbach, S.J., Bruce J. Malina, and Richard J. Sklba.

CBA president Paul Achtemeier called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. In the absence of Msgr. Myles Bourke, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the chairman of the Board of Trustees. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., then presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. The Executive Board has decided to raise the subscription price of *OTA* from \$11 to \$14. Grants approved by the Executive Board include: (a) \$10,000 for the Syrian Consortium for 1986, contingent on a positive evaluation by our archaeology committee of a new proposal made by the team. The team's plans for the 1985 season were revised, and our committee is currently evaluating the revision. (b) \$10,000 for the Memorial Stipends program established in 1982. (c) \$2,500 for the *Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus*. (d) \$1,000 for the translation project of the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum*. (e) The Executive Board also decided to raise the stipends for the visiting professorships at the *Ecole Biblique* and the Pontifical Biblical Institute from \$1,500 to \$6,000, plus travel costs. (The host institution supplies board and room.) The change begins with the 1985-86 academic year, and will be continued on a trial basis for three years. (f) The Executive Board has established a new fellowship program for young scholars. It will be open on a competitive basis to those who have recently completed their doctoral degrees; further details are published in this issue of *CBQ*. Each grant will be for \$8,000 plus travel expenses. The program will begin in 1986-87, and will be continued on a trial basis for three years. Jensen reminded the membership that next year's meeting will be at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The dates will be August 6-9, 1986, since the members strongly supported the proposal to move the meeting earlier next year in order to allow SNTS members to attend. The following meeting will be in Chicago, at De Paul University, August 17-20, 1987. Jensen expressed gratitude to those who have obtained invitations from their institutions and urged members, especially those on the West Coast, to continue seeking invitations for future CBA meetings. The Executive Board has appointed James Fischer, C.M., to the Board of Trustees. It has also decided to propose to the membership that Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J., be made an honorary life member of the association (this proposal was presented to the membership under New Business for a vote). The CBA office has a new computer system, including programs designed for our unique needs. This has allowed us to accept the invitation to handle the responsibilities of subscription fulfillment for *New Testament Abstracts*. With the new computer system in place, Jensen hopes to circulate an information questionnaire to the membership and to produce a new member supplement. Information about computers will be available to members from a computer committee established by the executive office. Finally, Jensen expressed his thanks to the local arrangements committee and especially its chairman, Daniel Kendall, S.J., for all their work in making this year's meeting run smoothly. A total of 217 registrants (including families) are present.

John Meier gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. This year's statistics are similar to last year's. Thirty articles were published in 1985, totaling approximately 412 pages. Seventy-five articles were received, of which sixteen have been accepted, twenty-six rejected, and thirty-two are in process; one was withdrawn. The backlog

problem mentioned last year is largely resolved, and the journal continues to appear on schedule. Meier addressed some points of *CBQ* editorial policy. A query has been received whether *CBQ* will publish a slightly reworked version of material (e.g., a chapter) from a book or dissertation that is to be published elsewhere as well. The decision is not to publish such material, in order to use our limited space for original material not otherwise available. Contributors are reminded and urged to follow the *CBQ* style sheet scrupulously. Particularly when manuscripts are prepared on computers and word processors, certain problems can arise: e.g., some printers, both dot-matrix and letter-quality, position the underscore in such a way that lower-case *q* and lower-case *g* become indistinguishable. Further, footnote numbers must be superscript. Finally, even though proportionally spaced print and justified margins may be possible on a printer, manuscripts prepared this way cause difficulties for our typesetters; please use fixed-width print and do *not* justify margins.

Bruce Vawter, C.M., reported on *OTA*. Circulation is currently ca. 1,950, of which 1,682 are paid subscriptions. In 1985 we published abstracts of over 900 articles and ca. 120 books. Our typesetter, Cambridge Typesetters, Bethesda, Maryland, won an award for the October 1983 issue of *OTA*. Vawter reminded the membership that *OTA* is looking for new abstractors, especially those who command less common languages or have access to less readily available material. In particular, abstractors with a command of Japanese and access to Japanese materials are needed.

Robert Karris, O.F.M., gave the editor's report on CBQMS. Since the last meeting, six manuscripts have been handled; two were rejected, two are still being evaluated, and two are close to publication.

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:

Duane R. Albrecht, O.M.I.; John M. Beers, O.S.F.S.; Bernadette J. Brooten; Richard P. Carlson; Sylvanus Udo Etok; Ludger Feldkaemper, S.V.D.; Victor P. Furnish; Richard S. Hess; R. W. Huebsch; J. Clinton McCann, Jr.; Robert L. Mowery; Helen C. O'Neill, O.P.; Sharon Pace; Leo G. Perdue; John E. Petersen; Gregory J. Polan, O.S.B.; Judith E. Sanderson; Konrad R. Schaefer, O.S.B.; George M. Smiga; Joseph A. Sobb, S.J.; Carol Kern Stockhausen; Michael M. Waldstein; Dean O. Wenthe; Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.; David P. Wright; Gale Y. Yee.

For Associate Membership:

Jean Bacon; Anne Boyd; Camilla Burns, S.N.D. de N.; Michael Capyak; Thomas C. Casey; Patrick J. Castles; John J. Dillon; Helen Doohan; Michael E. Giesler; Sister St. Jerome Gribbon, C.S.J.; Robert G. Hall; James A. Hughes; Donald J. Joyce, O.M.I.; Charles G. Kosanke; Sheila E. McGinn-Moorer; Paula M. McNutt; Linda M. Maloney; Sara R. S. Mandell; Vernon J. Meyer; Andrew L. Minto; Stephen D. Moore; Peter T. Nash; Michael D. Prokurat; Michael W. Quaine; James F. Quigley, O.P.; William Riley; Judith Schubert, R.S.M.; James A. Spontak; Evelyn R. Thibeaux, C.D.P.; Kevin R. Tishler; Jeanette von Herrmann, O.S.B.; Judith L. Wentling.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Rita J. Burns reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President*: Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; *Vice President*: PHEME PERKINS; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1985-87*: Helen Kenik Mainelli and Irene Nowell, O.S.B.; *Committee on Nominations, 1985-89*: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; *Associate Editors of the CBQ*: Paul J. Achtemeier; Mary Ann Getty, R.S.M.; Léo Laberge, O.M.I.; Frank Matera; *Editorial Board of the CBQMS*: David E. Aune; Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; John J. Collins; Frederick W. Danker; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; Ralph W. Klein; John S. Kselman, S.S.; Bruce J. Malina; PHEME PERKINS; Anthony J. Saldarini; David L. Tiede; Eugene C. Ulrich. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the committee on resolutions, James Fischer, C.M., offered a resolution to thank the Most Rev. John Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco, the president and staff of the University of San Francisco, the local arrangements committee, the program committee, and all who contributed to the success of this year's meeting.

Under New Business, the Executive Board's nomination of Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J., to honorary life membership in the association was accepted with enthusiasm by the members. In the name of the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem, Benedict Viviano, O.P., extended thanks to the association for our support for their library over the past years.

The business meeting adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard John R. Donahue, S.J., deliver the paper, "The Sheep and the Goats (Matt 25:31-46) as a Challenge to Contemporary Social Ethics."

Sessions on Thursday, August 15

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: John G. Gammie, "The Theology of Holiness in Jewish Apocalyptic Literature"; and Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J., "The Early Second Century through the Eyes of Hermas: Continuity and Change."

Kevin G. O'Connell, S.J., was principal celebrant and Mary Ann Getty, R.S.M., was homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

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

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Boisclair, Regina A.
Albrecht, Duane R., O.M.I.	Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.
Arnold, Patrick M., S.J.	Bossman, David, O.F.M.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Bowes, Paula J.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.
Batto, Bernard F.	Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
Benjamin, Don C.	Buckley, Francis J., S.J.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Buckley, Thomas W.
Bishop, Jonathan P.	Burger, Matthias, O.S.B.
Black, Edith D.	Burns, Camilla, S.N.D. de N.
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Burns, Rita J.

- Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.
 Byrne, Brendan J., S.J.
 Carvalho, Corrine L.
 Ceresko, Anthony R., O.S.F.S.
 Christensen, Duane L.
 Clark, Michael J., O.M.I.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Corbellini, Peter, C.S.
 Corcoran, Cassian, O.F.M.
 Cordano, Virgil G., O.F.M.
 Cotter, David
 Craven, Toni
 Dewey, Joanna
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Di Lella, Alexander, O.F.M.
 Donahue, John R., S.J.
 Dougherty, Edward C. A., S.J.
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Ellis, Peter
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Fiore, Benjamin, S.J.
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
 Flanagan, Neal
 Forshey, Harold O.
 Fretheim, Terence E.
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Gammie, John G.
 Getty, Mary Ann, R.S.M.
 Glazier, Michael
 Gottwald, Norman K.
 Gourgues, Michel, O.P.
 Graesser, Carl, Jr.
 Greenough, Patrick, O.F.M.Conv.
 Guinan, Michael D., O.F.M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hamm, M. Dennis, S.J.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harrington, Jay M., O.P.
 Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.
 Hensell, Eugene, O.S.B.
 Hillenbrand, John J.
 Hodgson, Robert
 Hollar, John A.
 Hollenbach, David, S.J.
 Hollenbach, Paul W.
 Holmes, Mary Jo
 Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M.
 Huesman, John E., S.J.
 Huffman, Rita
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Jenks, Alan W.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jordan, Richard A.
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kendall, Daniel, S.J.
 Kesterson, John C., SS.CC.
 Kiley, Mark
 King, Philip J.
 Kobelski, Paul J.
 Kodell, Jerome, O.S.B.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kolenkow, Anitra Bingham
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 LaBarbera, Robert D.
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 Laffey, Alice L., R.S.M.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Leahy, Thomas W., S.J.
 Louis, Conrad J., O.S.B.
 Lux, Richard C.
 Mainelli, Helen Kenik
 Maldonado, Robert D.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Malone, Richard
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda M.
 Martin, Francis
 Martin, George A.
 Martinez, Ernest R., S.J.
 Matera, Frank J.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McKenzie, John L.
 Meier, John P.

Michaud, Jean-Paul, S.M.M.
 Miles, Andrew J., O.S.B.
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Moriarty, Frederick L., S.J.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Mosca, Paul G.
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nash, Peter T.
 Nelson, Edwin S.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Grady, John F.
 O'Loughlin, Raphael, C.S.B.
 Olson, Stanley N.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Pace, Sharon A.
 Pansini, Francis D., C.M.
 Perkins, Pheme
 Peters, Edward H.
 Petru, Francis A., S.J.
 Pettey, Richard J.
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pilch, John J.
 Pisano, Stephen
 Praeder, Susan M.
 Ramsey, George W.
 Ranger, Cecilia A., S.N.J.M.
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.
 Reid, David P., SS.CC.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Rhoads, David M.
 Richard, Earl J.
 Robinson, Robert B.
 Rosenblatt, Eloise, R.S.M.
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Schaefer, Konrad R., O.S.B.
 Schehr, Timothy P.
 Schmitt, John J.
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
 Schoenstene, Robert L.
 Scott, Bernard B.
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
 Sheridan, Mark, O.S.B.
 Sheskaitis, Kay L., I.H.M.
 Sievers, Joseph
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Soards, Marion L.
 Steele, E. Springs
 Steiner, Luke, O.S.B.
 Sterling, Gregory E.
 Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
 Stockhausen, Carol L.
 Sullivan, Anne, O.P.
 Sullivan, John L.
 Sweet, Anne M., O.S.B.
 Sweetland, Dennis M.
 Talbert, Charles H.
 Tambasco, Anthony J.
 Thibeaux, Evelyn R., C.D.P.
 Tishler, Kevin R.
 Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
 Trester, Eugene F.
 Turner, Wayne A.
 Ukpong, Justin
 Ulrich, Eugene
 van Linden, Philip A., C.M.
 Vawter, Bruce, C.M.
 Via, E. Jane
 Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
 Viviano, Pauline A.
 von Herrmann, Jeanette, O.S.B.
 Wahl, Thomas, O.S.B.
 Waldstein, Michael M.
 Walsh, Jerome T.
 Walsh, Michael F., C.M.
 Wang, Peter
 Wcela, Emil A.
 White, Leland
 Wimmer, Joseph F., O.S.A.
 Witherup, Ronald D., S.S.

Yee, Gale A.

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