

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

The forty-ninth meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 6–9, 1986 at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. The first general session was opened by PHEME PERKINS, vice president of the association, at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday evening. Dr. Marie Helene Gibney, assistant vice president for academic affairs, extended a warm and cordial welcome to the members of the association in the name of the university and its president, the Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J. The Rev. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., then delivered the presidential address, “The Jewishness of Jesus: Facing Some Problems.”

Sessions on Thursday, August 7

Eight task forces and four 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 L. Sullivan; core group members in attendance: Christopher T. Begg; Harry Hagan, O.S.B.; Alice Laffey, R.S.M.; Helen Kenik Mainelli; Pauline A. Viviano; Jerome T. Walsh; Peter Wang); “Hebrew Poetry in the Psalms” (convener: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; core group members in attendance: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; Paula J. Bowes; Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S.; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.; John G. Gammie; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Martin Kessler; John S. Kselman, S.S.; Léo Laberge, O.M.I.; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm.; Gregory J. Polan, O.S.B.); “Old Testament Textual Criticism” (co-conveners: Sharon Pace and Dean O. Wenthe; core group members in attendance: Kevin G. O’Connell, S.J.; Timothy P. Schehr); “The Literary Study of Matthew” (co-conveners: Richard A. Edwards and Karen A. Barta; core group members in attendance: Oscar S. Brooks; Robert Doran; Jack Dean Kingsbury; Frank J. Matera; Donald P. Senior, C.P.; Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.); “Luke-Acts” (convener: Robert F. O’Toole, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Thomas L. Brodie, O.P.; Robert L.

Mowery; Earl J. Richard; Marion L. Soards, Jr.; Dennis M. Sweetland); "Aspects of Christology in the Letter to the Hebrews" (convener: Francis R. Martin; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; Michael Duggan; Dennis M. Hamm, S.J.; William S. Kurz, S.J.; Jean-Paul Michaud, S.M.M.; James Swetnam, S.J.; 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.; John H. Elliott; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; Paul W. Hollenbach; Carl R. Kazmierski; Halvor Moxnes; Frederick J. Murphy; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.; James M. Reese, O.S.F.S.; Anthony J. Saldarini; Bernard B. Scott; Frank D. Weinert); "The Social Foundations of Peace: Biblical Perspectives" (co-conveners: David P. Reid, S.S.CC. and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Lawrence Frizzell; Hugh M. Humphrey; Alan Jenks; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Stanley M. Polan; Richard J. Sklba; David W. Smith; Emil A. Wcela).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Feminist Hermeneutics" (Rita J. Burns and Toni Craven); "The Uses of Scripture in Theology and Ethics" (Robert J. Daly, S.J.); "Paul and the Law in Galatians" (Jan Lambrecht, S.J.); "Literary Theory—Hermeneutics" (Robert B. Robinson).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by John S. Kselman, S.S., "Psalm 146 in Its Context," and Donald P. Senior, C.P., "'With Swords and Clubs'—Mark's Critique of Abusive Power."

The Most Reverend Thomas W. Lyons, auxiliary bishop of Washington, was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Frederick W. Danker, "St. Luke, Bridgebuilder from St. Paul to the Patristic Period"; Michael M. Waldstein, "Foundations of Bultmann's Work"; Joseph T. Nishizu, S.A., "Common Ideology of the Books of Joel and Amos and Its Social Conditions"; Don C. Benjamin, "Creation Story Patterns in Genesis 1 and Exodus 5–15"; Donald H. Wimmer, "Tell Safut and the Ammonite Kingdom ca. 597-587"; Elizabeth S. Malbon, "*Parabolai* and *Dynameis*: Mark 4:1–8:21"; Marion L. Soards, Jr., "Tradition, Composition, and Theology in Luke's Account of Jesus' Speech to the Daughters of Jerusalem"; Joseph A. Grassi, "The Paradoxical Centrality of Consuming the Son of Man's Flesh and Blood in John's Gospel and Its Significance"; John G. Gammie, "The Theology of Holiness in Ezekiel 40–48"; Christopher T. Begg, "Rereadings of the 'Animal Rite' of Genesis 15 in the Pseudepigrapha"; Robert Doran, "The Background to the Maccabean Revolt"; David R. Bauer, "Literary Structure of the Gospel of Matthew"; Robert L. Mowery, "The Articular Reference to the Holy Spirit in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts"; Frank J. Matera, "The Apologetic Function of Paul's Parenthesis in Galatians 5–6"; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P., "First Zechariah: Reassessment after Twenty-Five Years"; Elias D. Mallon, S.A., "Character Development and Genesis 18 and 19"; James C. VanderKam, "Hanukkah: Its Origin and Significance according to 1–2 Maccabees"; Terence J. Keegan, O.P., "Jesus' Role in the Shifting Narrative Technique of Matthew's Gospel"; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., "Toward Unraveling Luke's Use of the Old Testament: Luke 9:51–56 as a Rhetorical *Imitatio* of 2 Kgs 1:1–2:1"; James Swetnam, S.J., "The Function of the Risen Jesus in Matthew"; Gale A. Yee, "The Anatomy of Biblical Parody: The Dirge

Form in 2 Samuel 1 and Isaiah 14"; Agustinus Gianto, S.J., "Word-Order in Classical Hebrew and in the Canaanizing El-Amarna Akkadian"; Harry Hagan, O.S.B., "The Call Narrative in Homer."

The evening general session featured a paper by Joseph Blenkinsopp, "Yahweh and Other Deities: Conflict and Accommodation in the Religion of Israel."

Sessions on Friday, August 8

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by John M. Lundquist, "Tell Qarqur: A Synthesis of the First Two Seasons," and by Mary Ann Getty, R.S.M., "Paul and the Salvation of Israel."

Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., presided at our midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "Scripture and Pastoral Ministry." The moderator was Alice Laffey, R.S.M., and the panelists were William G. Thompson, S.J., Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D., and Bernard B. Scott.

CBA President Daniel Harrington, S.J., called the annual business meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. The first order of business was two presentations honoring members of the association, both on the occasion of their sixty-fifth birthdays. The July 1986 issue of *CBQ* (48/3) was designed as a *Festschrift* to honor Joseph Fitzmyer, S.J.; it was presented to him by its editors, Raymond E. Brown, S.S., and Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M. Fitzmyer accepted the presentation with deep and warm gratitude. Bruce Vawter has been honored with two volumes, a collection of his writings (*The Path of Wisdom: Biblical Investigations* [Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1986]) and a *Festschrift* edited by John J. Collins and John Dominic Crossan (*The Biblical Heritage In Modern Catholic Scholarship* [Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1986]). Although Vawter was absent because of illness, these honors were announced by Daniel Harrington, S.J., with the assurance that the volumes would be presented to him at the earliest opportunity.

Msgr. Myles Bourke 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. He began with hearty thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee for their efficient organization of this year's meeting. He then reported the actions of the Executive Board. Grants approved or reaffirmed include: (a) \$10,000 for the Memorial Stipends program established in 1982; (b) \$12,000 for the visiting professorships sponsored by the CBA at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique; (c) \$16,000 for the Young Scholars' Fellowships announced at the 1985 meeting; (d) \$1,000 for the translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (e) A grant for the *Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus* of \$5,000 per year (up from the previous \$2,500) for the next three years; (f) \$10,000 for the Syrian Consortium, contingent on a positive evaluation by our archaeology committee of plans for the next season at Tell Qarqur; (g) A tithe of membership dues (\$2,295) for famine relief. A proposal was approved to design a brochure describing CBA grants to promote scholarship (a,b,c above). This would make the relevant information more easily available to those interested in these

programs. The Executive Board also established a committee to look into the feasibility of establishing a scholarship fund and equitable ways of administering it. The College Theology Society has proposed the establishment of a national committee concerned with the academic rights and responsibilities of scholars within the Church, to be composed of representatives of the CTS, CTSA, CLSA, and CBA. The Executive Board agreed to send two representatives to the meeting, but the individuals have not yet been chosen. Jensen reminded members that the 1987 meeting will be held at De Paul University in Chicago, August 17-20, 1987; he announced that the 1988 meeting will be held at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, August 15-18, 1988. He urged the members to try to obtain invitations from their institutions for future meetings. Finally, a *CBQ* Supplement (membership list) is in preparation. Entries will be sent to the members to check for completeness and correctness, along with a questionnaire seeking information on specializations, languages, etc., for the use of the executive office, rather than for publication. (An action of the Executive Board after the business meeting named Emil Wcela to the Board of Trustees.)

Jensen also reported for the Projects and Priorities Committee. A questionnaire distributed to the members received relatively few responses. They have been considered, and a report is being prepared for the Executive Board. Several of the suggestions received are already in the process of being implemented.

Robert North, S.J., rose to thank the members for their continued support of the *Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus*. Finally, the membership was reminded that William Thompson, S.J., chairs the committee concerned with the visiting professorships sponsored by the association; anyone interested in those professorships should contact him.

John Meier gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. This year 31 articles were published, filling 471 pages. Thirteen solicited mss were received (for the Fitzmyer *Festschrift*), and 93 unsolicited. Of these, 30 were accepted (14 have already been published), 48 were rejected, 27 are in process, and 1 was withdrawn. Meier tries to maintain approximately a one-year backlog of accepted articles. He reminded the membership of a few desiderata for submissions: Please observe the style sheet published in *CBQ* 46 (1984) 393-408. When using a printer, use letter quality or near-letter quality if possible, and put in diacritical marks by hand if they are not available in your font; do not attempt to create substitutes by combining or overprinting characters. Please do not use proportional spacing, and do not use right-hand justified margins; the typesetters rely on fixed-width spacing and ragged right margins to estimate printed length. Authors have asked about guidelines for length of submissions. The primary rule is that an article should be as long as is needed to say what it has to say; but as a rule of thumb 5,000 words is a good working maximum. Finally, Meier thanked Raymond E. Brown, S.S., and Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., for their work in editing the Fitzmyer *Festschrift*.

Because Bruce Vawter, C.M., was unexpectedly absent because of illness, there was no report on the *OTA*.

In the absence of the editor of the *CBQMS*, Robert Karris, O.F.M., Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., read the editor's prepared report. Since the last meeting one monograph has been published, one is in press, two have been rejected, and three are in

process of evaluation. Four inquiries have been received about publishing unrevised dissertations; CBQMS policy is not to do so.

Francis T. Gignac, S.J., reported on the *NAB* NT revision. The project is virtually completed; it will be released to the publishers by September 30th and will probably be available in bookstores by January.

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:

James W. Aageson; Walter E. Aufrecht; F. Mabel Bennett; Margaret H. Brown; Timothy R. Carmody, O.F.M.; John T. Carroll; Robert L. Cohn; Barbara A. Cullom; Stevan L. Davies; John G. Gibbs; Brian H. Henneberry; Julian V. Hills; Robert Jewett; Judette M. Kolasny; Robert D. LaBarbera; Mark McVann, F.S.C.; Leo H. Madden; Stephen F. Miletic; John W. Miller; Paul A. Mirecki; Alan C. Mitchell, S.J.; Kenneth G. Morman; Harry P. Nasuti; Charles J. O'Connor, O.F.M.; Luigi Pautasso; David L. Petersen; Richard J. Pettey; Stephen G. Price; C. Gilbert Romero; Mark S. Smith; William M. Soll; Dennis D. Sylva; Richard W. Thompson; Duane F. Watson; Jude Winkler, O.F.M.Conv.

For Associate Membership:

Laurence F. X. Brett; Philip P. Chia; Daniel L. Gard; John J. Gilchrist; James G. Giragosian; Robert L. Gleason; Margaret D. Hutaff; Paul F. Larose; Timothy R. Lozier; Timothy T. Reker; Adel Sauther, O.S.B.; Michael Strange, S.S.; Henry Tze-Chen Sun; Kathleen Weber; Michael G. Wensing.

The candidates were accepted by majority vote.

John J. Pilch reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Pheme Perkins; *Vice President:* Bruce J. Malina; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1986-88:* Donald Senior, C.P., and John H. Elliott; *Committee on Nominations, 1986-90:* Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; *Associate Editors of the CBQ:* Harold W. Attridge, Jr.; Michael L. Barré, S.S.; Schuyler Brown; James Charlesworth; Aelred Cody, O.S.B.; Robert A. Di Vito; J. Cheryl Exum; Maurya P. Horgan. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the committee on resolutions, Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., proposed resolutions to thank the president, faculty, and staff of Georgetown University for their hospitality, and the local arrangements committee, the program committee, and all who contributed in any way to the program for the success of the meeting this year. He offered a further resolution to tender the association's congratulations and thanks to Joseph Fitzmyer, S.J., and to Bruce Vawter, C.M., on the occasion of their sixty-fifth birthdays.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard Charles H. Talbert deliver the paper, "The Covenants in Pauline Thought."

Sessions on Saturday, August 9

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Kathleen M. O'Connor, "Jeremiah the Optimist: Composition and Redaction of Jeremiah 1-25 through the Lens of the Confessions"; and William S. Kurz, S.J., "Narrative Approaches to Luke-Acts."

Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., 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.	Cullom, Barbara A.
Anderson, Gary A.	Daly, Robert J., S.J.
Bailey, Joseph G.	Danker, Frederick W.
Barta, Karen A.	Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
Batto, Bernard F.	Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
Bauer, David R.	Dillon, John J.
Begg, Christopher T.	Di Vito, Robert A.
Behan, Patricia S.	Doran, Robert
Benjamin, Don C.	Dougherty, Edward C. A., S.J.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Duggan, Michael W.
Bishop, Jonathan P.	Dumais, Marcel, O.M.I.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Du Rand, Jan A.
Boisclair, Regina A.	Durken, Daniel D., O.S.B.
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	D'Urso, Barbara A.
Bourke, Myles M.	Edwards, Richard A.
Bowes, Paula J.	Eisenberg, Roberta M.
Boylan, Patrick	Elliott, John H.
Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.	Fischer, James A., C.M.
Brooks, Oscar S.	Fisher, Eugene J.
Brown, Margaret H.	Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
Brown, Raymond E., S.S.	Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.	Frein, Brigid C.
Buckley, Thomas W.	Frizzell, Lawrence E.
Burke, John, O.P.	Gallagher, Ann I.
Burns, Rita J.	Gammie, John G.
Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.	Gard, Daniel L.
Capyak, Michael J.	Gasque, Ward
Carlston, Charles E.	Getty, Mary Ann, R.S.M.
Carmody, Timothy R., O.F.M.	Gianto, Agustinus, S.J.
Castles, Patrick J.	Gignac, Francis T., S.J.
Ceresko, Anthony R., O.S.F.S.	Gillman, Florence Morgan
Christensen, Duane L.	Gillman, John
Clark, Michael, O.M.I.	Giragosian, James G.
Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.	Glazier, Michael
Craven, Toni	Gleason, Robert L.
Crim, Keith R.	Grassi, Joseph A.

Griffin, Isabel M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Heil, John P.
 Hensell, Eugene
 Herzog, William R., II
 Hoffman, Thomas A., S.J.
 Hofmann, Rita Joseph, O.P.
 Hollar, John A.
 Hollenbach, Paul W.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Hunter, A. Vanlier
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jenks, Alan W.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Johnson, Thomas F.
 Jordan, Richard A.
 Kalita, Thomas M.
 Kazmierski, Carl R.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kertelge, Karl
 Kessler, Martin
 Kiley, Mark
 Kingsbury, Jack D.
 Kirby, Martin F.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kotze, Pieter
 Kowalski, Judith A.
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 LaBarbera, Robert D.
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 Laffey, Alice L., R.S.M.
 Lambrecht, Jan, S.J.
 Lampe, Peter
 Larose, Paul F.
 Lauderville, Dale F., O.S.B.
 Leahy, Thomas W., S.J.
 Loughran, Margaret Mary C., S.H.C.J.
 Louis, Conrad, O.S.B.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDonnell, Rea, S.S.N.D.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McKenzie, John L.
 McNamara, Martin J., M.S.C.
 McVann, Mark, F.S.C.
 Madden, Leo H.
 Mainelli, Helen Kenik
 Malbon, Elizabeth Struthers
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Mallon, Elias D., S.A.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Marrow, Stanley B., S.J.
 Martin, Francis
 Martinez, Ernest R., S.J.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mathews, Susan F.
 Meier, John P.
 Meyer, Vernon J.
 Michaud, Jean-Paul, S.M.M.
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Mitchell, Alan C., S.J.
 Moore, Stephen D.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Moxnes, Halvor
 Mullin, Thomas
 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 North, Robert, S.J.
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Grady, John F.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Pace, Sharon
 Parr, Charles J.
 Pazdan, Mary Margaret, O.P.
 Peifer, Claude J., O.S.B.
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Pettey, Richard J.
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pilch, John J.
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
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 Ranger, Cecilia A., S.N.J.M.
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Reumann, John
 Richard, Earl J.
 Richard, Mary Ann
 Robinson, Robert B.
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 Rosenblatt, Marie-Eloise, R.S.M.
 Rubsys, Anthony L.
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Schaefer, James R.
 Schehr, Timothy P.
 Schuller, Eileen M.
 Scott, Bernard Brandon
 Scullion, John S., S.J.
 Senior, Donald P., C.P.
 Sharkey, Sarah A., O.P.
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
 Sheridan, Mark, O.S.B.
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smiga, George M.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Soards, Marion L., Jr.
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 Steele, E. Springs
 Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
 Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
 Stuhlmüller, Carroll, C.P.
 Sullivan, John L.
 Sullivan, Anne, O.P.
 Sutton, Walter C.
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 Swetnam, James H., S.J.
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 Tambasco, Anthony J.
 Thompson, Richard W.
 Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
 Triulzi, Daniel A., S.M.
 Turner, Wayne A.
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 Walsh, Jerome T.
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 Walsh, William J., S.J.
 Wang, Peter E.
 Wcela, Emil A.
 Weber, Kathleen
 Weinert, Francis D.
 Wenthe, Dean O.
 Werenski, Robert J.
 Wild, Robert A., S.J.
 Williams, Sam K.
 Wimmer, Donald H.
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