

Report of the Fifty-Seventh General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The fifty-seventh meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 13–16, 1994, at the University of San Diego, San Diego, California. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 13. Emil Wcela, Chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced John R. Donahue, S.J., president of the association, who delivered the presidential address, “Windows and Mirrors: The Setting of Mark’s Gospel.”

Sessions on Sunday, August 14

Eleven task forces and three continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: “Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament” (convener: Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Bernard F. Batto; Joseph Blenkinsopp; Robert A. Di Vito; William L. Holladay; Elizabeth M. Nagel; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Corinne Patton); “Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History” (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: Diana Edelman; John C. Endres, S.J.; Timothy Lenchak, S.V.D.; William R. Millar); “The Wisdom Tradition in the Old and New Testaments” (convener: Betty Jane Lillie, S.C.; core group members in attendance: Hugh M. Humphrey; Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.; James P. McIlhone; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Robert Schoenstene); “Old Testament and Ecology” (convener: Lawrence E. Frizzell; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Benedict F. Janecko, O.S.B.; Donald B. Sharp, S.J.; Ronald A. Simkins; Richard J. Sklba; Charles H. Talbert); “The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation” (convener: Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; core group members in attendance: S. Scott Bartchy; F. Scott Spencer); “Synoptic Gospels” (co-conveners: Robert F. O’Toole, S.J., and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; Timothy R. Carmody; Brigid Curtin Frein; Robert L. Mowery; Enrique Nardoni; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Otto Reimherr; Gregory E. Sterling); “Paul As Exegete” (convener: Paul E. Dinter; core group members in attendance: Normand R. Bonneau; Frederick W. Danker; Joseph A. Mindling, O.F.M.Cap.; Ronald L. Tyler); “Feminist Hermeneutics” (convener: Damian L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Jim J. Bridges; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; Alice L. Laffey; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Kathleen M. O’Connor); “Biblical Perspectives on the Socio-Political Dimensions of Suffering” (co-conveners: Richard J. Cassidy and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Robert J. Daly, S.J.; Patricia McDonald, S.H.C.J.; Marilyn McNamara Schaub; David Whitten Smith; Dennis M. Sweetland); “Teaching an Introductory Course in Old Testament: The Wisdom Tradition” (convener: Don C. Benjamin; core group members in attendance: John Kaltner; Victor H. Matthews; James C. Moyer; Donald H. Wimmer); “Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics” (co-conveners: David Landry and Fernando F. Segovia; core group members in attendance: James A. Fischer, C.M.; James W. Flanagan; David Penchansky; Jean-Pierre Ruiz; Augustine R. Stock, O.S.B.).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Isaiah 24-27" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Christian-Jewish Relations: Promise/Expectation and Fulfillment" (David P. Efroymson and John J. Clabeaux); "Narrative Exegesis of the New Testament" (Warren Carter and John P. Heil).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Diana Edelman, "Searching for the Real McCoy: Saul ben Kish in History and Tradition" and Gregory E. Sterling, "Wisdom among the Perfect: Alexandrian Judaism and Corinthian Christianity."

David W. Cotter, O.S.B. was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Florence Gillman, "The Synoptic Portrayal of Herodias"; William S. Kurz, S.J., "Effects of Variant Narrators in Acts 10-11"; Michael L. Barré, S.S., "Recovering the 'Lost' Prayer in the Psalm of Hezekiah (Isa 38:16-17b)"; Deirdre A. Dempsey, "The Textual Evidence from Tell Nimrin, Jordan"; Delbert R. Hillers, "Palmyrene Aramaic Inscriptions and the Bible, with Emphasis on Abraham's Purchase of Tomb Property, Genesis 23"; Joseph A. Grassi, "The Warning about Paul in 2 Peter 3:15-16"; John P. Meier, "Mentor, Message and Miracles: A Preview of *A Marginal Jew*, Vol. II"; Kathleen Nash, S.S.N.D., "Judith: A Wildwoman Domesticated"; Charles H. Talbert, "Second Thoughts: Is Acts a Monograph or a *Bios*?"; Richard J. Clifford, S.J., "The Textual Tradition of the Book of Proverbs"; James W. Flanagan, "The Tell Nimrin Project: An Update"; Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U., "The Cave 4 Hodayot Manuscripts"; Vincent M. Smiles, "Paul's Critique of the Law in Gal 2:15-21"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Jesus and Wisdom"; Gale A. Yee, "Class and Gender in Genesis 2-3"; F. Scott Spencer, "Shepherds and Other 'Night Owls' on the Lukan Frontier"; William H. Irwin, C.S.B., "The Course of the Dialogue Between Moses and Yhwh in Exod 33:12-17"; Philip J. King, "Daily Life in Bible Times"; Robert North, S.J., "Could Hebrew Have Been a Cultic Esperanto?"; Warren Carter, "The Call of the First Disciples in Its Narrative Context (Matt 4:18-22), an Audience-Oriented Approach"; Patrick J. Hartin, "The Role of Women in the Narrative of Mark 15:40-16:8"; Francis J. Moloney, S.B.D., "The Question of the Messiah in John 7:1-10:21"; John J. Schmitt, "Testing Halperin: Ezekiel 16 as a Test Case for a Psychological Approach to Scripture"; Douglas E. Oakman, "The Archaeology of First-Century Galilee and the Social Character of the Jesus Movement"; Christopher T. Begg, "Josephus' Version of Israel's Battle with Amalek (*Ant.* 3.39-62)"; Jeffrey S. Siker, "The Scriptures of Ethics: Uses of the Bible in Twentieth-Century Christian Ethics."

Irene Nowell, O.S.B., presided at our evening service of the word.

The evening general session featured a paper by Sean McEvenue, "Exegesis as Knowledge of Things Unseen."

Sessions on Monday, August 15

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by John S. Kselman, S.S., "Psalm 55: Problems and Proposals"; and Urban C. von Wahlde, "Some Observations on the Johannine High Christology and Its Gospel Context."

John R. Donahue, S.J., president of the association, was principal celebrant and homilist at our midday eucharistic liturgy.

The first part of the afternoon was devoted to four separate presentations of computer software of interest to biblicists. Members of the association's Computer Committee demonstrated basic software for the PC (Richard A. Edwards, Hugh M. Humphrey, and Jerome T. Walsh) and for the Apple (Gordon F. Davies), and more advanced software for the PC (Richard Jordan, James P. McIlhorne, and Jean-Pierre Ruiz) and for the Apple (Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.).

The CBA president John R. Donahue, S.J., called the annual business meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. Emil Wcela gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association and on the board's plans to have an outside firm evaluate our investment practices. The board will also develop a statement of principles to be used in our investment practices. In the absence of Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., treasurer of the association, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., executive secretary of the association, 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 by thanking those who had contributed to the success of this year's meeting, in particular the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee. He announced that the Executive Board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the visiting professorships at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique (John F. O'Grady and Terrence Prendergast, S.J., respectively, were chosen for these institutions for the 1994-95 academic year); (b) \$30,000 for the continuation of the Memorial Stipends program; (c) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the continuation of the Young Scholars' Fellowship program; (d) \$6,000 for continuation of the archaeological research stipends program; (e) \$5,000 for the *Elenchus of Biblica*; (f) \$2,000 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (g) \$3,915 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief; (h) \$16,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (i) \$10,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Nimrin. A renewed grant request from the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation remains under consideration. The Executive Board also voted to continue to supply *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association who live in the U.S.A. and Canada, because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk. The Board considered a proposal to gather an oral history of the association; Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J., was named to form and chair a committee to organize the project. He announced that, after a discussion of the issues surrounding the question of inclusive language in translations of the Scriptures, the Board had passed the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Executive Board of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at its Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting (University of San Diego, August 13, 1994) supports and commends the NCCB on their *Criteria for Evaluating Inclusive Language Translations of Scriptural Texts Proposed for Liturgical Use*, as fostering legitimate representations of the original authors' intentions. The Board also encourages the NCCB to continue to instruct all Catholics in the appropriateness of inclusive language." The Board elected Anthony J. Tambasco to the Board of Trustees and appointed Thomas Schaub and Kathleen Nash,

S.S.N.D., to the Archaeology Committee. Jensen reminded the members that the 1995 meeting will be held at Siena College, Loudonville, New York, August 12–15. The 1996 meeting will be at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; the dates will be August 10–13. Jensen urged members to solicit invitations for future meetings from their academic institutions.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. By the end of the current volume, the *CBQ* will have published approximately 26 articles. Seventy-eight articles were received in twelve months. Of these, one has been published (the presidential address), 18 have been accepted, 37 rejected, 21 are in process, and 1 was withdrawn. The unfortunate delay in the appearance of issues of *CBQ* is being corrected.

Christopher T. Begg gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. The first issue of 1994 contained 883 abstracts, of which 560 were of articles from journals, 111 were of books, and 212 were of articles in 15 *Festschriften* and collections. The second issue contained 737 abstracts, of which 452 were of articles from journals, 117 were of books, and 168 were of articles in 14 *Festschriften* and collections. The association has signed a contract with the American Theological Library Association to put *Old Testament Abstracts* on CD-ROM. Ultimately, *OTA* will also be available in MARC format and online.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of the CBQMS. Two new volumes in the series are in press and will appear very soon. Two other manuscripts have recently been approved, one was rejected, one is under consideration, and one was returned as it was an unrevised dissertation. Other inquiries were received, but the manuscripts proved to be either unrevised dissertations, which the series does not publish, or too short for consideration.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., then reported on the status of the project to revise the NAB translation of the Old Testament. A steering committee has been formed, and scholars have been invited to undertake the revision of the various books. The CBA office is currently receiving replies to these invitations. Those who accept will be supplied with electronic and/or hard copies of their texts and will be asked to submit the revisions on the hard copy or in redline-strikeout form, so that the steering committee can easily see what changes have been made. Deadlines vary with the amount of material the scholar is revising.

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:

Max Bonilla; William L. Burton, O.F.M.; Charles E. Carter; Shawn Carruth, O.S.B.; Kenneth M. Craig, Jr.; Richard E. DeMaris; Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; Russell E. Fuller; Gina Hens-Piazza; Zvonimir Herman; Akeo Hiragi; James F. Kauffmann; Charles Kosanke; Richard C. Macey; John L. McLaughlin; Michael McMahon; Carol C. Mock; Kwok Po Henry Ng; Paul A. Rainbow; Paul L. Redditt; Brian B. Schmidt; Andrew Steinmann; Loretta Ann Tomasiello; Kathleen Weber; Seung Ai Yang; William S. Yarchin.

For Associate Membership:

Stefan Brandenburger; Ambrose A. Clegg, Jr.; Basil S. Davis; Casey W. Davis; Robert A. Derrenbacker; Andrew T. Dolan; John Engle; Sally Greig Hanford; Robert C. Helmer; Margaret Christi Karwowski, O.S.F.; Glenn D. LeCompte; Francisco Lozada, Jr.; Mary Ann Luby; Keith A. J. Massey; John O'Brien; Kevin F. Perrotta; Chris A. Rollston; Inés Yepes de Uprimny.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Daniel Harrington, S.J., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.; *Vice President:* Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1994-96:* Jean-Pierre Ruiz and Carol K. Stockhausen; *Associate Editors of CBQ, 1995-98:* Michael D. Coogan; James L. Crenshaw; Kathleen M. O'Connor; Charles H. Talbert; Amy-Jill Levine; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; Gregory E. Sterling; William M. Soll; *Associate Editors of CBQMS:* Robert A. Di Vito; Ronald Witherup, S.S.; *Committee on Nominations, 1994-98:* John Meier. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the University of San Diego and the Local Arrangements Committee for their hospitality, and the publishers and purveyors of software for their displays. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, Emil Wcela urged the membership to write, especially on a popular level and in irenic terms, to explain to the general public the importance of inclusive language in biblical translations.

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

The general session in the evening heard Paul J. Achtemeier deliver the paper "The Continuing Quest for Coherence in St. Paul: An Experiment in Thought."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 16

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Kathleen M. O'Connor, "Biblical Studies in a Trans-cultural World: Questions and Suggestions" and John Paul Heil, "Jesus as the Unique High Priest in the Gospel of John."

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

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Berquist, Jon L.
Alexander, Patrick	Binz, Stephen J.
Attridge, Harold W., Jr.	Blenkinsopp, Joseph
Ball, Jeffrey D.	Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Boisclair, Regina A.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Bonneau, Normand R.
Bartelt, Andrew H.	Borowsky, Irvin J.
Batto, Bernard F.	Brenner, Barbara
Begg, Christopher T.	Brenner, Martin L.
Benjamin, Don C.	Bridges, Jim J.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Brodeur, Scott, S.J.
	Broughton, William

- Brown, Margaret H.
 Brown, Raymond E., S.S.
 Brown, Theresa
 Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
 Buckley, Thomas W.
 Burns, Camilla, S.N.D. de N.
 Burton, William L., O.F.M.
 Carmody, Timothy R.
 Carmona, Paul
 Carmona, Therese H.
 Carter, Warren
 Cassidy, Richard J.
 Ciuba, Edward J.
 Clabeaux, John J.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Cook, Joan E., S.C.
 Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.
 Corley, Jeremy T. J.
 Cotter, David W., O.S.B.
 Couture, Paul, S.S.E.
 Crenshaw, James L.
 Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B.
 Cunningham, Philip A.
 Daly, Robert J., S.J.
 Danker, Frederick W.
 Davies, Gordon F.
 Deakle, David W.
 Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.
 Dempsey, Deirdre A.
 DeTroyer, K. M. L. L.
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Di Vito, Robert A.
 Diamond, A. R. Pete
 Dick, Michael B.
 Dickel, Jerry Anne
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Dillon, Richard J.
 Dinter, Paul E.
 Donahue, John R., S.J.
 Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Efrogmson, David P.
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Franke, Chris
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Fulco, William J., S.J.
 Gigliotti, Marcus
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Gillman, Florence
 Gillman, John
 Glasgow, Dennis T., S.J.
 Grassi, Joseph A.
 Green, Barbara, O.P.
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Hamm, M. Dennis, S.J.
 Hanford, Sally Greig
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harris, Karen
 Harris, Scott
 Hart, Thomas M., O.S.B.
 Hartin, Patrick J.
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Heemrod, Johannes A., O.M.I.
 Heil, John Paul
 Hens-Piazza, Gina
 Hillers, Delbert R.
 Hoekstra, William
 Holladay, William L.
 Holleran, J. Warren
 Hull, Michael
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Irwin, William, C.S.B.
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Johnson, Marshall D.
 Jordan, Richard A.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Kaltner, John
 Kessler, Joan
 Kessler, Martin
 King, Philip J.
 Kinney, James R.
 Kodell, Jerome N., O.S.B.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.

- Kolenkow, Anitra Bingham
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kreimes, Paul A.
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Landry, David T.
 Lauderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 LeCompte, Glenn D.
 Lenchak, Timothy, S.V.D.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lodge, John G.
 Looney, Daniel A.
 Louis, Conrad, O.S.B.
 Macey, Richard C.
 Maluf, Leonard
 Martin, George A.
 Martinez, Ernest R., S.J.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mathews, Claire R.
 Matthews, Victor H.
 McCarthy, Jean V.
 McCreesh, Thomas, O.P.
 McDonald, Patricia M., S.H.C.J.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McEvenue, Sean
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 McMahan, Michael
 McNamer, Elizabeth
 Meier, John P.
 Meyer, Lester V.
 Meyer, Vernon
 Millar, William R.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Mock, Carol C.
 Moeser, Annelies
 Moloney, Francis J., S.D.B.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Morrison, Craig E., O.Carm.
 Mowery, Janet
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Moyer, James C.
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Nagel, Elizabeth M.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nash, Kathleen S., S.S.N.D.
 Naughton, Michael
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Nicolas, Georgia Maria
 North, Robert, S.J.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Connor, Robert
 O'Grady, John F.
 O'Hara Schmitt, Bobbie
 O'Leary, Nialle
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Oakman, Douglas E.
 Okure, Teresa, S.H.C.J.
 Parr, Charles J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Patton, Corrine
 Pazdan, Mary Margaret, O.P.
 Penchansky, David
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pisano, Stephan, S.J.
 Plunkett Dowling, Regina
 Polan, Gregory J., O.S.B.
 Polich, James C.
 Powell, Mark Allan
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Raabe, Paul R.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Ridgway, John
 Romero, Gilbert C.
 Rosenblatt, Marie-Eloise, R.S.M.
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Salvador, Roberta, M.M.
 Sander, Trudy
 Schaefer, Konrad R., O.S.B.
 Schaub, Marilyn McNamara
 Schaub, R. Thomas
 Schehr, Timothy

Schmit, Meyrl E.
Schmitt, John J.
Schneider, Bernardin, O.F.M.
Schoenstene, Robert
Schubert, Judith, R.S.M.
Schuller, Eileen M., O.S.U.
Scullion, James P., O.F.M.
Segovia, Fernando F.
Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
Sherwood, Stephen K., C.M.F.
Siker, Jeffrey S.
Simkins, Ronald A.
Siwek, Daniel
Sklba, Richard J.
Sloyan, Gerard S.
Smiga, George M.
Smiles, Vincent M.
Smith, Mark S.
Smith, David Whitten
Spencer, F. Scott
Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
Stenstrup, Kenneth G.
Sterling, Gregory E.
Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
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Sullivan, John L.
Sweetland, Dennis M.
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von Wahlde, Urban C.
Walsh, Michael F., C.M.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Wang, Peter E.
Wcela, Emil A.
Wensing, Michael G.
Wimmer, Donald H.
Wimmer, Joseph F., O.S.A.
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Yang, Seung-Ai
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