# Report of the Fifty-eighth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The Fifty-eighth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held at Siena College, Loudonville, New York, August 12–15, 1995. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 12. Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., vice-president of the association, introduced Michael B. Dick, who welcomed us in the name of Siena College. Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J., president of the association, then delivered the presidential address, "The Family in Early Christianity: 'Family Values' Revisited."

#### Sessions on Sunday, August 15

Nine task forces and four 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" (coconveners: Richard J. Clifford, S.J., and John J. Collins; core group members in attendance: Robert A. Di Vito; William L. Holladay; Frederick J. Murphy; Elizabeth M. Nagel; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Mark S. Smith); "Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History" (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: Diana Edelman; John C. Endres, S.J.; Barbara Green, O.P.; Stuart Lasine; William R. Millar; Barbara E. Organ); "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); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Dennis C. Duling; John H. Elliott; K. C. Hanson; Carl R. Kazmierski; Douglas E. Oakman; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.); "Synoptic Gospels" (coconveners: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Timothy R. Carmody; Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.; J. Ramsey Michaels; Enrique

Nardoni; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Otto Reimherr; Gregory E. Sterling; Seung Ai Yang); "Paul As Exegete" (convener: Paul E. Dinter; core group members in attendance: Normand R. Bonneau; Mary Ann Getty; Veronica Koperski, S.F.C.C.; Frank J. Matera; Joseph A. Mindling, O.F. M. Cap.; James H. Swetnam, S.J.; Ronald L. Tyler); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (coconveners: Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M., and Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Jim J. Bridges; Stephenson Humphries-Brooks; Shawn Carruth, O.S.B.; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; Mark C. Kiley; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Kathleen M. O'Connor; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.); "Biblical Perspectives on the Socio-Political Dimensions of Suffering" (coconveners: Richard J. Cassidy and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Marcus A. Gigliotti; Patricia M. McDonald, S.H.C.J.; Susan F. Mathews; Marilyn McNamara Schaub; David Whitten Smith); "Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics" (coconveners: David T. Landry and Fernando F. Segovia; core group members in attendance: James A. Fischer, C.M.; James W. Flanagan; Gina Hens-Piazza; David Penchansky; Jean-Pierre Ruiz).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Isaiah 13 and 14: The Oracles against Babylon" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Narrative Exegesis of the New Testament" (Warren Carter and John P. Heil); "Biblical Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations: Hebrews and Sacrifice (Bible and Early Judaism)" (John J. Clabeaux and David P. Efroymson); "The Computer as a Research, Communication, and Interpretation Tool" (Richard Edwards).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by John J. Schmitt, "Gender Correctness and Biblical Metaphors: The Case of God's Relation to Israel," and Brigid Curtin Frein, "Coming Around Again? The New Historicism and Biblical Scholarship."

At the eucharistic liturgy at midday, Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., was principal celebrant, and Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J., was homilist.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Martin Kessler, "Jeremiah 25 and 50-51 as Structural Keys to Jeremiah"; Philip J. King, "Hydrology and Texts in Biblical Times"; Warren Carter, "Jesus' 'I Have Come' Statements: An Audience-oriented Contribution to Matthean Christology"; Seung Ai Yang, "Jesus' Sayings on 'Divorce' (Matt 5:31-32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor 7:10-11): A Search for Meaning through a Crosscultural Dialogue"; Stanley B. Marrow, S.J., "Athanasia/Anastasis: The Road Not Taken"; Michael J. Cahill, "Reader Response Criticism and the Allegorizing Reader"; Donald B. Sharp, S.J., "The Remnant of Zephaniah: Identifying 'A People Humble and Lowly"; John J. Clabeaux, "Marcion on Abraham"; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P., "The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Matt 21:33-46; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 20:9-19): A Feminist Response to the Markan Version"; John F. O'Grady, "Sources in the Gospel of John"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Qumran Wisdom Texts and the New Testament"; Agustinus K. Gianto, S.J., "Hebrew Dialectology and Biblical Interpretation"; Will M. Soll, "'Inheriting' Sarah: Marriage in the Book of Tobit"; James W. Flanagan, "Tell Nimrin Excavation, 1995: Preliminary Report"; Francis D. Connolly-Weinert, "The End of the Beginning as the Beginning of the End: Historical and Eschatological Double Vision in the Lucan Writings"; Joseph Sievers, "How Irrevocable? The Uses and Misuses of Rom 11:29"; Lawrence E. Frizzell, "Individual/Community Confession in the Second Temple Period"; Craig E. Morrison, O.Carm., "The Character of the Syriac Version of the First Book of Samuel and Its Relationship to Other Biblical Versions"; Mark C. Kiley, "Prayer from Alexander to Constantine: Methodology and Theology"; John A. Darr, "What Is Written? How Do You Read?': The Rhetoric of Reading (in) Luke-Acts"; Philip A. Cunningham, "Romans 9-11 and the Modern Jewish-Catholic Dialogue: An Experiment Using the Dialectical Hermeneutic of Sandra Schneiders."

The evening general session featured a paper by William J. Fulco, S.J., "Understanding Hebrew in Its Afroasiatic Context."

Sessions on Monday, 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 Irene Nowell, O.S.B., "Angels, Biblical, Patristic, and Modern," and Dennis Hamm, S.J., "God the Creator in Luke-Acts: Soundings in Theology from Below."

Shawn Carruth, O.S.B., presided at our midday service of the word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "Doing Biblical Theology Today." The moderator was Anthony J. Saldarini, and the panelists were Richard J. Clifford, S.J., John J. Collins, and Leo Lefebure.

Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J., president of the CBA, called the annual business meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Emil Weela gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. Since last year the plan to have an outside firm review our investments and investment practices has been carried out. The next step is to develop a statement of the ethical and socially responsible guidelines to be followed in our investment practices. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., treasurer 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 thanked those who had contributed to the success of this year's meeting, in particular the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee. 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, (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) \$3,983 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief, (h) \$16,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (i) \$15,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Nimrin, (j) \$2,000 for the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, (k) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem toward the renovation of its library. The board also voted to continue to supply the 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 also discussed ways to increase involvement of persons from the developing world in the association; a committee will be formed to consider the problem. The board elected Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., to the Board of Trustees and appointed Philip J. King to the Archaeology Committee. Alice L. Laffey was appointed chair of the Committee on Visiting Professors. Jensen reminded the members that the 1996 meeting will be at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; the dates will be August 10-13. The 1997 meeting will be at Seattle University, August 9-12. Jensen urged members to solicit invitations for future meetings from their academic institutions.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of OTA. The first issue of 1995 contained 615 abstracts, of which 305 were of articles from journals, 101 were of books, and 209 were of articles in festschrifts and collections. The second issue contained 673 abstracts, of which 361 were of articles from journals, 116 were of books, and 196 were of articles in festschrifts and collections.

In the absence of Michael L. Barré, S.S., Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the CBQMS. In the last year, three manuscripts have appeared in print, and one new volume in the series is in press and will appear very soon. One promising manuscript is being revised, one was withdrawn, and one was rejected. Other inquiries were received, but the manuscripts proved to be unrevised dissertations, which the series does not publish.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., then reported on the status of the project to revise the NAB's translation of the Old Testament. To date, nineteen partial or total manuscript revisions have been received by the editorial committee. The first round of editorial work consists of several steps; it has been completed for two of the books and is at various stages for the remainder. The steering committee meets one weekend each month. As an addendum to this report, Jensen reported to the membership on the resolution passed by the Executive Board last year regarding inclusive language in biblical translations for use in the liturgy, and on the conversations with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that have ensued.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the CBQ. By the end of the current volume, CBQ will have published approximately 24 articles. Seventy-three articles were received in twelve months. Of these, one has been published (the presidential address), 13 have been accepted, 36 rejected, and 23 are in process.

Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J., president of the association, reported on the oral history project that was initiated at last year's meeting. The committee has selected a number of members whose participation in the association began before 1960, and it intends to interview them for anecdotal history about the early history of the association. To date, seven interviews have taken place. The committee is open to suggestions for other potential persons to be interviewed; the criteria are that they must have joined the association before 1960 and must have been active in it.

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:

Richard S. Ascough; Alicia J. Batten; Catherine Ann Cory; Jerome F. Davis Creach; Linda Day; John P. Echert; Mark J. H. Fretz; Jeffrey K. Kuan; Patrick J. Madden; Sean C. Martin; Claire R. Mathews; Richard D. Nelson; James C. Okoye, C.S.Sp.; John Painter; Rory Pitstick; Judith M. Ryan; Judith Schubert, R.S.M.; Beverly J. Stratton; Walter F. Taylor, Jr.; Mary R. Thompson, S.S.M.N.; Jeffrey T. Tucker; John Van Seters; Tyler F. Williams; Khiok-Khng Yeo.

# For Associate Membership:

Lee Abbott; Teresa R. Brown; Daniel W. Casey, Jr.; Joseph A. Coray; Thomas P. D'Angelo; Brian Doyle; Peter Grover, O.M.V.; Timothy C. Hall; Holly E. Hearon; Tawny Holm; Thomas L. Leclerc, M.S.; John N. Lupia; Larry D. McCormick; Nathan Mamo; Monica C. Masso, C.S.C.; Mark A. Matson; Boris Repschinski, S.J.; Richard J. Rolwing; Patrick J. Russell; Thomas M. Sapp; Kenneth Share; Deborah Furlan Taylor; James L. Taylor; Gretchen Tickle; Albert F. Verdoodt.

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: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; vice-president: John J. Collins; executive secretary: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; treasurer: Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; consultors, 1996-97: Kathleen M. O'Connor and Frederick W. Danker; associate editors of the CBQ, 1996-99: Paul J. Achtemeier; Sean E. McEvenue; Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B.; Mark Allan Powell; Richard J. Dillon; William J. Fulco, S.J.; Paul G. Mosca; Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U.; member of the Committee on Nominations, 1996-99: John R. Donahue, S.J. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking Siena College for their hospitality and the Local Arrangements Committee and all whose efforts made this year's meeting such a success. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, it was suggested that the list of members who have died during the year, which is usually read during one of the meeting's eucharistic liturgies, be included in the printed minutes of the meeting. Those who have died this past year are as follows: Barnabas Mary Ahern, C.P.; Rudolph P. Bierberg, C.PP.S.; P. Joseph Cahill; Francis J. Crump, O.M.I.; Emmett G. Deavies; Thomas L. Fallon, O.P.; John G. Hanley; Winsome Munro. The membership also extended congratulations to Terrence Prendergast, S.J., who was recently named auxiliary bishop of Toronto, Ontario.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard John H. Elliott deliver the paper "Disgraced Yet Graced: The Gospel according to 1 Peter in the Key of Honor and Shame."

#### Sessions on Tuesday, August 15

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Robert A. Di Vito, "Reflections on Old Testament Anthropology and the Construction of Personal Identity," and Richard J. Dillon, "The Spirit as Taskmaster and Troublemaker in Romans 8."

Craig E. Morrison, O.Carm., was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

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

Abbott, William M., S.J.

Achtemeier, Paul J. Adam, A. K. M.

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Attridge, Harold W.

Ball, Jeff

Barrett, Laura G.
Beck, Astrid B.
Benjamin, Don C.

Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.

Berquist, Jon L. Bishop, Jonathan P. Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.

Bondi, Richard A.

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Bragle, George W. Brenner, Martin L. Bridges, Jim

Brodeur, Scott N., S.J. Broughton, William Buchanan, George Wesley Buchanan, I. Harlene B. Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.

Buckley, Thomas W.

Burns, Camilla, S.N.D.de N.

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Caron, Gerald

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Corley, Jeremy

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D'Angelo, Thomas P.

Darr, John A. Davies, Gordon F. Day, Linda M.

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Dickel, Geraldine A.
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Di Vito, Robert A.
Donahue, John R., S.J.
Duffy, Maureen E.
Duggan, Michael W.
Duling, Dennis C.

Duling, Gretchen A.

Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.

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