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

The Fifty-ninth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 10-13, 1996, at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 10. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., introduced Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., president of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "The Poetry of Prophetic Persuasion."

Sessions on Sunday, August 11

Five task forces and seven continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History" (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: John C. Endres, S.J.; Barbara Green, O.P.; Stuart Lasine; Timothy Lenchak, S.V.D.; Lester Meyer; William R. Millar; Barbara E. Organ; Timothy Willis); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: S. Scott Bartchy; David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; K. C. Hanson; William R. Herzog II; Carl R. Kazmierski; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch); "Paul As Exegete" (convener: Normand R. Bonneau, O.M.I.; core group members in attendance: Veronica Koperski, S.F.C.C.; Richard C. Macey; Frank J. Matera; Joseph A. Mindling, O.F.M.Cap.; James H. Swetnam, S.J.; Ronald L. Tyler); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (coconveners: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., and Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M.; core group members in attendance: Don C. Benjamin; Jim J. Bridges; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; Sharon Pace Jeansonne; Mark C. Kiley; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.); "Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics" (coconveners: David T. Landry and Fernando F. Segovia; core group members in attendance: A. K. M. Adam; James A. Fischer, C.M.; James W. Flanagan; David Penchansky; C. Gilbert Romero; Jean-Pierre Ruiz).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied "Poetic Texts in Isaiah 56-59" (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); "The Pauline Prison Letters" (Richard J. Cassidy and Dennis M. Sweetland); "Biblical Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations: The Jews in Luke-Acts" (John Clabeaux and Philip Cunningham); "The Gospel of Mark at the End of the Century" (Hugh Humphrey); "Biblical Research through the Internet" (James P. McIlhone); "The Historical Jesus and His Early Interpretations" (Gregory E. Sterling).

The morning concluded with papers presented in two simultaneous sessions by Christopher Begg, "Two Rereadings of the Massacre of the Priests of Nob (1 Samuel 21–22): Josephus and Pseudo-Philo," and Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., "Acts 13:4-12 and the Lucan Portrait of Paul."

The Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, was presider and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following presentations: Antony F. Campbell, S.J., "The Mystery of Narrative Text: Is It Final Form?"; Mark S. Smith, "How to Write a Psalm: The Case of Psalm 151 in 11QPSa 28:3-12"; Raymond E. Brown, S.S., "Reflections on New Testament Introduction"; Mark Kiley, "The Lord's Prayer and John since W. Walker"; Brigid Curtin Frein, "Further Consideration on the Plot of Luke's Gospel"; F. Scott Spencer, "Saul Becomes Paul: Status Elevation and Island Setting in Acts 13:4-12"; Linda Day, "Shifting Perceptions in the Book of Judith"; John Kaltner, "Paradise in the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an: Different Versions or Different Visions"; Warren Carter, "'Not Even Solomon in All His Glory': Intertextuality and Matthew 6:29"; L. John Topel, S.J., "The Tarnished Golden Rule: A New Interpretation"; Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., "Authority in the Church according to Luke-Acts"; Joseph A. Grassi, "Mosaic Midrash Behind the First (2:1-11) and Last (19:2) Johannine Signs"; Donald B. Sharp, S.J., "Matriarchs, Surrogate Motherhood, and a Yahwistic Message"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "Recent Studies on Wisdom-and Questions"; Paul Danove, "The Characterization and Narrative Function of the Women at the Tomb: Mark's Rhetoric of Entrapment"; Benedict Viviano, O.P., "The Least in the Kingdom: Matthew 11:11 || Luke 7:28 (Q)"; Michael Patella, O.S.B., "The Role of 2 Enoch in the Lucan Death Account (Luke 23:44-49)"; James W. Aageson, "The Language of 'Control' in Galatians"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Creation and Mystery in the Dead Sea Scrolls"; Stephen B. Pattee, "Obedience to God and the Christianization of Socrates"; Charles A. Bobertz, "Prolegomena to a Ritual/Liturgical Reading of Mark's Gospel"; William Klassen, "Did Judas Betray Jesus? Recent Research into the Meaning of a Central New Testament Word"; William Kurz, S.J., "Promise-Fulfillment in Hellenistic Jewish Narrative and Luke-Acts"; Frank J. Matera, "Rethinking Pauline Christology."

At the evening general session, Michael L. Barré, S.S., presented "Amos 5:26; 8:14 and the Redaction of the Book of Amos."

Sessions on Monday, August 12

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Agustinus K. Gianto, S.J., "Historical Linguistics and the Hebrew Bible," and Pheme Perkins,

"Disciplining the Tongue: Paraenesis on Speech in the New Testament." Carol Dempsey, O.P., presided at midday prayer.

The afternoon general session was devoted to a panel discussion on "Feminist Hermeneutics: The Maturing of a Field." The moderator was Anthony J. Saldarini, and the panelists were Amy-Jill Levine, Kathleen O'Connor and Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M.

Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., president of the association, called the annual business meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. Emil Wcela, chair of the board of trustees, reported on the healthy financial situation of the association. The board of trustees has completed and approved a set of procedures, objectives, and ethical guidelines for the association's investments. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., treasurer of the association, presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which was distributed to the members present at the business meeting.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary, beginning with thanks to the local arrangements committee and all those who contributed to the success of this year's meeting. The executive board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$10,000 plus travel expenses for the visiting professor at the Ecole Biblique; (b) \$33,000 for memorial stipends; (c) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the Young Scholars' fellowship program; (d) \$6,000 for the continuation of the archaeological research stipends program; (e) \$2,000 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (f) \$3,977 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief; (g) \$17,500 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (h) \$17,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Mozan (Urkesh); (i) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem for the renovation of their library. The board voted to continue to supply the Religious Studies Review to members of the association who live in the United States and Canada.

Following up on last year's discussion of possible ways to increase the participation of biblical scholars from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America in the annual meetings of the association, the executive board announced two initiatives:

- 1. The sum of \$3,000 has been set aside to assist CBA members from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America who would otherwise find it difficult to attend the annual meeting. Preference will be given to those applicants who propose a research report according to the usual procedures and whose proposals are accepted by the program committee. A committee has been established to evaluate applications from such members and to allocate the funds.
- 2. Members are invited to offer names of established biblical scholars from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America for presentation of major papers at the annual meeting of the association. The normal rules will apply for such things as deadlines, no more than one scholar will be asked to do this in a given year, and all invitations will be at the discretion of the program committee. Those nominated need not be members of the CBA, but preference will be given to members.

Both initiatives will be evaluated after four years.

The executive board received a request from the Canon Law Society of America for a response to that society's study *The Canonical Implications of Ordaining Women to the Permanent Diaconate*. Carol Stockhausen was appointed to form a committee

to formulate a response. The executive board reappointed Claude J. Peifer, O.S.B., to the board of trustees and appointed William J. Fulco, S.J., to the archaeology committee. Congratulations were extended in the name of the association to Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., on his appointment as rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

Father Jensen reported on the status of the project to revise the NAB translation of the Old Testament: to date, thirty manuscript revisions have been received by the steering committee, and eight books have been completely reviewed by the editorial board. He also announced that the CBA now has a home page on the World Wide Web. Its URL is http://www.cua.edu/www/org/cbib. It contains a short history of the association, its constitution and bylaws, and a current listing of officers and committees, as well as information on publications, the annual meeting, membership, grants, and fellowships. The 1997 meeting of the CBA will be held at Seattle University from August 9-12, and the 1998 meeting will take place from August 8-11 at the University of Scranton.

Christopher T. Begg gave the report of the editor of OTA. The February and June issues of OTA 19 (1996) have appeared. The February issue contains a total of 644 abstracts; of these, 574 are abstracts of articles from journals, festschrifts, or collected essays, while 70 are book abstracts. The June issue contains 661 abstracts, of which 536 are of articles and 125 of books. During 1996 OTA has begun abstracting 11 additional journals for a total of approximately 345. The material of OTA from February 1992 to June 1995 is now available on CD-ROM. Information about ordering the CD-ROM can be found in the Editor's Notes of the February 1996 issue.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. In the last year, one manuscript has appeared in print, John Kaltner's book The Use of Arabic in Biblical Hebrew Lexicography (CBQMS 28). Another volume is in preparation and should appear sometime next year. One recently received manuscript has been sent out for review. Several other manuscripts are under consideration.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the CBO. By the end of the current year, 22 articles will have been published. Of the 80 manuscripts received in the past year, one has been published (the presidential address), 12 have been accepted, and 51 have been rejected, 14 are in process, and 2 were withdrawn.

Lawrence E. Boadt then announced that at the meeting of the CBQ editorial board, Aelred Cody had been reelected to a four-year term as general editor of the CBQ.

In the name of the committee on credentials Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., recommended the following candidates, whose names had been available to the members throughout the meeting:

For Active Membership:

William M. Abbott, S.J.; Andrew K. M. Adam; José Enrique Aguilar Chiu; Eun-Ju Bae (Sr. Isaac), O.S.B.; Wilma Ann Bailey; Gary Michael Banks, S.T.; Ehud Ben Zvi; John L. Berquist; Regina A. Boisclair; Thomas M. Bolin; Thomas Jeremy Corley; Patricia Dutcher-Walls; Lanfranco Fedrigotti, S.D.B.; L. Daniel Hawk; J. Albert Harrill; Christoph Heil; Francis T. Holland; Ira J. Jolivet, Jr.; Marie Noël Keller, R.S.M.; Robert A. Kugler; Benjamin Leong, O.F.M.; Scott M. Lewis, S.J.; William P. H. Lo, S.J.; Peter Machinist; Eric M. Meyers; Pius Murray, C.S.S.; Séamus O'Connell; Kim Paffenroth; Eugen Pentiuc; Mark Reasoner; Jaroslav Rindoš, S.J.; Andrea Spatafora, M.F.S.; Sarah J. Tanzer; David S. Vanderhooft; C. Anthony Ziccardi.

For Associate Membership:

Richard J. Bautch, S.J.; Richard C. Beaton; Bob Bergeson; Mary Kate Berge, S.S.J.; Laurie A. Brink, O.P.; Gioacchino Campese, C.S.; W. Gregory Carey; Arthur Cholakis; Michele A. Connolly, R.S.J.; John T. Conroy, Jr.; Lisa-Judene Erazmus, O.S.B.; Paul E. Fitzpatrick, S.M.; Christopher C. Fuller; Lionel Goh Yeh Cheng, O.F.M.; Ralph K. Hawkins; David Dominic Izzo, O.P.; James Ernest; Naomi Jacobs; John Kutsko; Martin P. Macaluso, S.F.O.; Markus McDowell; Deborah R. Madonia; Carleen Mandolfo; Eric F. Mason; Andrew L. Molinari; Allen C. Myers; Dorothy Pavlić; Romeo A. Pavlić; John Rudolph; Ragan Schriver; Daniel A. Smith; Holger Szesnat; Mariano Tomaszewski; Peggy A. Vernieu; Brenda Wilson; Kwon Wah Wong, O.F.M.; John David Zemler.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Irene Nowell, O.S.B., reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: president: John J. Collins; vice-president: Donald P. Senior, C.P.; executive secretary: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; treasurer: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; consultors, 1996-98: Joan E. Cook, S.C., and Fernando F. Segovia; associate editors of the CBQ: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J.; John C. Endres, S.J.; Chris Franke; Delbert R. Hillers; Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P.; Harry P. Nasuti; Frederick J. Murphy; Carol K. Stockhausen; chair of CBQMS editorial board: Michael L. Barré, S.S.; committee on nominations, 1995-99: Pauline A. Viviano. The members present elected the nominees presented by unanimous voice vote.

For the committee on resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the University of St. Thomas for their hospitality and the local arrangements committee and all who contributed to the success of this year's meeting. The resolution was approved by the unanimous voice vote of the members present.

Under new business, the members present unanimously approved the executive board's proposed amendment of the association's Bylaws, as follows: Bylaw 5 to read: "A contribution of \$1,000 will qualify a person for life membership"; Bylaw 6 to read: "A contribution of \$5,000 or more will entitle a person to be honored as a Patron."

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

At the evening general session, Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., presented "Answering a Question with a Question: Rhetoric, Culture, and Chreia in Mark."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 13

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Bernard F. Batto, "Intertextuality and the Dating of the Primeval History in Genesis," and Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., "Unmasking the Powers: A Liberationist Reading of Wisdom." Scott Brodeur, S.J., was presider and homilist at the midday eucharistic liturgy.

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

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