

Report of the Sixtieth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The Sixtieth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 9–12, 1997, at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 9. Donald P. Senior, C.P., vice-president of the association, introduced John J. Collins, president of the association, who then delivered the presidential address, “Natural Theology and Biblical Tradition: The Case of Hellenistic Judaism.” After the address, the editor of CBQMS, Michael L. Barré, S.S., presented Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., with the newest volume (no. 29) in the CBQMS, *Wisdom, You Are My Sister*, a festschrift honoring Murphy on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Sessions on Sunday, August 10

Four task forces and eight continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included “Narrative and History in the Hebrew Bible” (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: Diana V. Edelman; John C. Endres, S.J.; Stuart Lasine; Timothy Lenchak, S.V.D.; William R. Millar); “The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation: Religious Institutions in the World of the Bible” (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: S. Scott Bartchy; David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.; Walter F. Taylor, Jr.); “Feminist Hermeneutics” (convener: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Don C. Benjamin; Shawn Carruth, O.S.B.; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; Mark C. Kiley; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Sheila McGinn); “Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics” (convener: David T. Landry; core group members in attendance: James A. Fischer, C.M.; James W. Flanagan; David Penchansky; Jean-Pierre Ruiz).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders were "Exploring Hebrew Poetry: Isaiah 59–62" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.); "Exhortation in the Pauline Corpus" (Normand R. Bonneau, O.M.I.); "The History of Exegesis: Its Role in Exegesis Today" (Michael J. Cahill); "Narrative Exegesis of the New Testament" (Warren Carter and John P. Heil); "Biblical Issues in Jewish–Christian Relations: The Gospel of Matthew" (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); "The Gospel of Mark at the End of the Century" (Hugh M. Humphrey); "Biblical Research through the Internet" (James P. McIlhone); "The Historical Jesus and His Earliest Interpreters" (Gregory E. Sterling).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Joseph Blenkinsopp, "Memory, Tradition, and the Construction of the Past in Ancient Israel," and Mary Rose D'Angelo, "Roman Imperial Family Values and Early Jewish and Christian Sexual Politics."

Stephen Sundborg, S.J., president of Seattle University, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Michael L. Barré, S.S., "What Is the Lord Saying to Cain (Gen 4:6-7)?"; Jerome T. Walsh, "Symmetrical Readings in 2 Kings"; Harry P. Nasuti, "The Role of the Prophetic Persona in the Book of Micah"; Benedict Viviano, O.P., "The Sermon on the Mount in Recent Research"; Paul Danove, "The Relationship between Discipleship and Christology in Mark"; John F. O'Grady, "The Beloved Disciple: From the Son of Zebedee to an Unknown Disciple, to Thomas, One of the Twelve"; James W. Flanagan, "The Tell Nimrin Project: The Electronic Publication Phase"; Don C. Benjamin, "Stories of Cain and Abel"; David Penchansky; "Uzzah, Friend of God"; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., "The Elijah-Elisha Narrative as an Interpretive Interlude for the History of Ancient Israel ('the Primary History,' Genesis-Kings)"; Carol C. Mock, "Only to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel? The Dialogue Puzzle in Matthew 15:21-28"; David L. Dungan, "Is This Objective Evidence that Luke Made Use of Canonical Matthew?"; Mark Kiley, "Psalms of *Yeshu'ca* and the Fourth Gospel"; Raju Kunjummen, "The 1997 Season of Excavations at Tell Mozan/Urkes"; James A. Fischer, C.M., "A Light-hearted Approach to Rhetoric in Proverbs"; Gordon F. Davies, "The Theology of Persuasion in Ezra-Nehemiah"; John Kaltner, "Anatomy of Murder: Cain and Abel in the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an"; John J. Clabeaux, "The Prayers of *Didache* 8–10: Prayer in Matthew, *Didache*, and Formative Judaism"; S. Scott Bartchy, "Paul's Use of Kinship Language as a Root Metaphor in His Messianic Morality"; Joseph A. Grassi, "The Hands, Side, Nails, and Lance (John 19:20-28): Unexpected Basis for Thomas' Confession"; Robert Hodgson, Jr., "From the Atomic to the Digital Bible"; Richard J. Clifford, S.J., "Method in Dealing with Problematic Proverbs"; Dieter Böhler, S.J., "Nehemiah – A Hero of the Maccabees?"; Robert A. Kugler, "Reading *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs* for Jewish and Christian Theology?"; Warren Carter, "Matthew and the Margins"; William R. G. Loader, "Jesus and the Law: Convergence and Divergence in the Gospel Accounts"; Charles H. Talbert, "Conversion in the Acts of the Apostles."

The evening general session featured a paper by Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., "Because of the Woman's Testimony . . . : Reexamining the Issue of Authorship in the Fourth Gospel."

Sessions on Monday, August 11

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Eugene C. Ulrich, "The Scriptures at the Time of Christ and *The Qumran Bible*"; and Douglas E. Oakman, "The Social Functionality of Money in the New Testament: Accursed Mammon or Money's Love."

Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J., presided at our midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "The Bible, Violence, and the Sacred." The moderator was Camilla Burns, S.N.D.deN., and the panelists were James G. Williams, Adela Yarbro Collins, and David W. Cotter, O.S.B.

John J. Collins, president of the association, called the annual business meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. Emil A. Wcela gave the report of the chair of the board of trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. The statement of guidelines to be followed in our investment practices has been completed and is available from the executive secretary. The board of trustees has decided to phase in gradually a policy of placing up to ten percent of our investments in special projects that promote economic justice and positive social change. Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., 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 for the smooth running of the meeting, and the liturgy committee for the excellent services. The executive board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$30,000 for ten memorial stipends, (b) \$20,000 for two young scholars' fellowships, (c) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the visiting professors at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique, (d) \$6,000 for three archaeological research stipends, (e) \$2,000 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, (f) \$3,976 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief, (g) \$17,500 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur, (h) \$10,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Mozan, (i) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem toward the renovation of their library, (j) \$2,000 to the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, (k) \$3,000 in travel grants for third-world scholars to attend the CBA meeting, (l) \$5,000 to the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem toward the renovation of their museum. The executive board also voted to continue to supply the *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk. The board elected Anthony J. Saldarini to the board of trustees and appointed Richard J. Sklba to the archaeology committee. Jensen reminded the members that the 1998 meeting will be at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania; the dates will be August 8-11. The 1999 meeting will be at the University of Notre Dame, August 7-10. He announced that the supplement of the *CBQ* containing information about the members will be mailed out shortly, and that the website of the CBA includes general information about the association as well as about the membership. The OT revision of the *New American Bible* is continuing; the majority of the OT books have been completed. Finally, Jensen reported on the current status of the new lectionary.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. Both the February and the June issues of 1997 have appeared.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of the *CBQMS*. In the last year, one manuscript has appeared in print, another is in press, a third has been approved for publication, and two others are in various stages of the process.

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 twenty-four articles. Eighty-three articles were received in twelve months. Of these, fourteen have been accepted, forty-four rejected, twenty-four are in process, and one has been withdrawn. By the end of the current volume, the *CBQ* will have published approximately 255 reviews covering 262 books.

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:

Cameron Afzal; Martin Albl; Dieter Böhler, S.J.; Keith A. Burton; W. Gregory Carey; Samuel Cheon; Kathleen E. Corley; Katherine M. Hayes; Rodney R. Hutton; Anne Marie Kitz; David J. Lull; Edward G. Mathews, Jr.; Steven L. McKenzie; J. Edward Owens, O.S.S.T.; Adele Reinhartz; Stanley P. Saunders; Richard J. Schneck, S.J.; Martinus E. Suhartono, S.J.; Frank S. Thielman; Peter L. Trudinger; Carey E. Walsh; James E. West; James G. Williams; Ann R. Winsor.

For Associate Membership:

Alice W. Bower; Alan P. Bowslaugh; Marie C. Case; Kelley N. Coblenz; Declan J. Cunniff, O.S.B.; Ajit Andrew Das; Stephan Davis; Paul L. Delashaw; Carmelo O. Diola; Bea Dorsey, S.S.S.F.; James T. Dugard; James E. Eisenbraun; Eileen M. Fagan, S.C.; Christopher G. Frechette, S.J.; Thomas R. Hatina; Karina Martin Hogan; David A. Ihenacho; Matt A. Jackson-McCabe; Angela Y. Kim; Raju D. Kunjummen; Christopher T. Leiker; C. Shaun Longstreet; William H. Malas, Jr.; William D. Matherly; Roberta J. Meade; Joseph Patrick Mullen; Paul Niskanen; Junmin Pei; Macrina Scott, O.S.F.; Luis R. Serna; Sospeter Shole; Robert A. Sorensen; Peter Spitaler; Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.; Eric C. Stewart; Katherine A. Thomas; Fidelis Tracy, C.D.P.; Tatha Wiley.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

John P. Meier reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President*: Donald P. Senior, C.P.; *Vice-president*: Michael L. Barré, S.S.; *Chair of the board of trustees*: Emil A. Wcela; *Executive secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; *Consultors, 1997-99*: Deirdre A. Dempsey and John C. Endres, S.J.; *Associate editors of the CBQ, 1998-2001*: James W. Flanagan; S. Dean McBride, Jr.; John Paul Heil; Alan

C. Mitchell; Leslie Hoppe, O.F.M.; Choon-Leong Seow; Jean-Pierre Ruiz; Bonnie P. Thurston; Mark Kiley; *Committee on nominations, 1997-2001*: Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J. The members present elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the committee on resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the Jesuits of Seattle University for their hospitality, as well as the local arrangements committee, the program committee, and all whose efforts made this year's meeting such a success. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, the president, John J. Collins, announced that the executive board was proposing four persons for lifetime honorary memberships in the CBA: Carlo Cardinal Martini, Mother Kathryn Sullivan, R.S.C.J., Myles M. Bourke, and Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm. The members present approved these honorary nominations by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The general session in the evening heard Luke T. Johnson deliver the paper "What's Catholic about Catholic Biblical Scholarship?"

Sessions on Tuesday, August 12

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed with Paul C. Mosca presenting "Going to Extremes: Exodus 4:24-26 in and out of Context" while Amy-Jill Levine presented "Lilies of the Field and Wandering Jews: Biblical Scholarship, Women's Roles, and Social Location."

Timothy McHugh Scott, C.S.B., was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

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

Aageson, James W.	Böhler, Dieter, S.J.
Achtemeier, Paul J.	Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.
Albl, Martin C.	Bossman, David, O.F.M.
Baker, David W.	Bowe, Barbara, R.S.C.J.
Ball, Jeffrey D.	Bowslough, Alan P.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Bridges, Jim
Barrett, Laura	Brodeur, Scott, S.J.
Barta, Karen A.	Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Brown, Teresa R.
Bass, Ardy	Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
Batto, Bernard F.	Burns, Camilla, S.N.D.deN.
Batto, Teresa	Cahill, Michael J.
Bauer, David R.	Carmody, Timothy R.
Benjamin, Don	Carpinelli, Francis Giordano
Ben Zvi, Ehud	Carruth, Shawn, O.S.B.
Berquist, Jon L.	Carter, Warren
Bishop, Jonathan P.	Castles, Patrick J.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Chang-Mo, Choi
Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.	Cheon, Samuel
Bobertz, Charles A.	

- Clabeaux, John J.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Collins, Adela Yarbrow
 Collins, John J.
 Cook, Joan E., S.C.
 Corley, Kathleen E.
 Corley, Thomas J.
 Cotter, David W., O.S.B.
 Craghan, John F.
 Cunningham, Philip A.
 D'Angelo, Mary Rose
 D'Angelo, Thomas P.
 Danove, Paul
 Davidson, Karen
 Davies, Gordon F.
 Davis, Stephen
 Deakle, David W.
 Delashaw, Paul L.
 Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.
 Dempsey, Deirdre A.
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Dillon, Richard J.
 Diola, Carmelo O.
 Di Vito, Robert A.
 Donahue, John R., S.J.
 Duggan, Michael W.
 Dungan, David L.
 Eblen, James
 Edelman, Diana
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Eerdmans, Sam
 Eisenbraun, James E.
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Evans, Craig A.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Fleddermann, Harry T.
 Fleddermann, Margaret
 Flint, Peter W.
 Frechette, Christopher, S.J.
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Friedrichsen, Timothy A.
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Fulco, William J., S.J.
 Gehrke, Ralph
 Gigliotti, Marcus
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Glasgow, Dennis, S.J.
 Grassi, Joseph A.
 Green, Barbara, O.P.
 Halton, Violet
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Hanford, Sally Greig
 Harris, Scott
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Heil, John Paul
 Hens-Piazza, Gina
 Hodgson, Robert, Jr.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Irwin, William, C.S.B.
 Jackson, Glenna S.
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Johnson, Luke T.
 Jolivet, Ira J., Jr.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Kaltner, John
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Karwowski, Margaret Christi, O.S.F.
 Kealy, Sean P., C.S.Sp.
 Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M.
 Kiley, Mark
 Kinney, James R.
 Kirby, Martin F.
 Klassen, William
 Kloppenborg, John S.
 Kodell, Jerome W., O.S.B.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Koperski, Veronica, S.F.C.C.
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kreimes, Paul A.
 Kugler, Robert A.
 Kujawski, Christopher
 Kunjummen, Raju D.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Kutsko, John

- Landry, David T.
 Lasine, Stuart
 Launderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 LeCompte, Glenn D.
 Lenchak, Timothy, S.V.D.
 Levine, Amy-Jill
 Lewis, Scott, S.J.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Loader, William R. G.
 Lodge, John G.
 Louis, Conrad, O.S.B.
 Lozada, Francisco, Jr.
 Lux, Richard C.
 Macey, Richard C.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott, O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda M.
 Maluf, Leonard
 Martin, Sean Charles
 Martinez, Ernest R., S.J.
 Matera, Frank J.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDermott, John
 McGinn, Sheila E.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 McLaughlin, John L.
 Meade, Roberta J.
 Meier, John P.
 Meyer, Lester V.
 Meyer, Vernon J.
 Michaels, J. Ramsey
 Millar, William R.
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Mock, Carol C.
 Moriarty, Robert, S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Morton, Russell
 Mosca, Paul G.
 Mowery, Janet
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
- Myers, Allen P.
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Naughton, Michael, O.S.B.
 Navarre, Nanette M.
 Niskanen, Paul
 North, Robert, S.J.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 Oakman, Douglas E.
 O'Connell, Seamus
 O'Connor, Michael
 O'Connor, Robert F., S.J.
 O'Grady, John F.
 O'Hara Schmitt, Roberta
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Patton, Corrine
 Pavlič, Dorothy L.
 Pavlič, Romeo A.
 Pazdan, Mary Margaret, O.P.
 Penchansky, David
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pilch, John J.
 Pisano, Stephen, S.J.
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
 Polan, Gregory J., O.S.B.
 Polich, James C.
 Powell, Mark A.
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Raabe, Paul R.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Romero, C. Gilbert
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Ryan, Stephen D., O.P.
 Salvador, Roberta, M.M.
 Sander, Gertrude T.
 Sanderson, Judith
 Sapp, Thomas M.
 Schmitt, John J.
 Schneck, Richard, S.J.
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
 Schubert, Judith, R.S.M.
 Scott, Timothy McHugh, C.S.B.
 Scullion, James P., O.F.M.
 Senior, Donald, C.P.

Sherwood, Stephen K., C.M.F.
Skiba, Richard J.
Smiles, Vincent M.
Smith, David W.
Spatafora, Andrea
Spitaler, Peter
Staley, Jeffrey
Stegman, Thomas D., S.J.
Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
Sterling, Gregory E.
Stewart, Eric C.
Stratton, Beverly J.
Sullivan, John L.
Sweetland, Dennis M.
Swetnam, James H., S.J.
Talbert, Betty
Talbert, Charles H.
Tambasco, Anthony J.
Tassone, Salvatore A., S.J.
Tatum, Gregory, O.P.
Taylor, Jon

Taylor, Walter F., Jr.
Thomas, M. Carolyn, S.C.N.
Thurston, Bonnie B.
Tickle, Gretchen
Topel, L. John, S.J.
Turner, Wayne A.
Twomey, Mark
Tyler, Ronald L.
Ulrich, Eugene C.
Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
Viviano, Pauline A.
von Herrmann, Jeanette, O.S.B.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Wcela, Emil A.
Weber, Kathleen
Wensing, Michael G.
Williams, James G.
Witherup, Ronald D., S.S.
Yee, Gale A.
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