

Report of the Sixty-seventh International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The sixty-seventh international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 7–10, 2004, at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 7th. Aelred Cody, O.S.B., vice-president of the association, introduced Frank J. Matera, president of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "New Testament Theology: History, Method, and Identity."

Sessions on Sunday, August 8

Five task forces and seven continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "The Historical Jesus and His Earliest Interpreters" (co-conveners: Frederick J. Murphy and Gregory E. Sterling; core group members in attendance: Harold W. Attridge, Jr.; Brigid Curtin Frein; Archbishop Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (convener: Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J.; Mary Rose D'Angelo; Alice L. Laffey; Linda M. Maloney); "Pauline Theology" (co-conveners: Gregory Tatum, O.P.; Mary Kate Birge, S.S.J.; core group members in attendance: Richard C. Macey; Frank J. Matera; Ronald L. Tyler); "Hermeneutics: Modernity and Beyond" (co-conveners: Richard J. Bautch and Gina Hens-Piazza; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Claudia Camp; Toni Craven; Linda M. Day; Jean François Racine); "The Social Sciences and Biblical Interpretation: Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Dennis C. Duling; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "The Poetry of Psalms 100–103" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Historical Jesus

Research and Christian-Jewish Relations” (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); “Myth, Folklore, Imagination, and the Realism of Biblical Narrative” (Gregory Y. Glazov); “Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Literature” (John C. Endres, S.J.); “The Gospel of John and the Old Testament” (Francis Martin, *in absentia*); “Divinity in Ancient Israel” (John L. McLaughlin); “Mark’s Gospel in the Twenty-first Century” (Michael Patella, O.S.B., Elliott C. Maloney, and Paul Danove)

Sunday morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Antony F. Campbell, S.J., “Rethinking the Pentateuch: No J, No P, and No Sinai”; and Mark Allan Powell, “Reader Response to Gospel Stories: The Implications of Some Preliminary Field Research.”

The Most Reverend Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Halifax, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday. Members of the association who died during the previous year were commemorated at the liturgy: James Clifton, C.F.X., Paul A. Kreimes, Michael V. Prokurat, Bonaventura Rinaldi, C.P., Francis S. Rossiter, Anthony L. Rubsys, and Wayne A. Turner.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon included the following papers delivered: Gary A. Anderson, “Septenary Structures in the Priestly Source”; John T. Willis, “Water Symbolism in the Book of Isaiah”; Jeremy Corley, “Biblical Allusion and the Characterization of Judith”; James P. McIlhone, “Software for Biblical Studies”; Paul Danove, “A Methodological Approach to Developing Mark’s Theology of God”; Colleen M. Conway, “Imperial Masculinity and the Jesus Tradition”; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., “What Are They Saying about the Letter to the Hebrews?”; David McLain Carr, “The Question of E: Should the Hypothesis of a Pentateuchal Elohistic Source Just Die or Be Transformed?”; Selva Rathinam, S.J., “Suffering, Resistance and Freedom: A Postcolonial-Dalit Study of Isa 52:13–53:12”; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., “Control of the Tongue in Ben Sira 23:7-15”; Asher Finkel, “The Dynamics of Proto-Masorah of Hebrew Scriptures”; Jean-Pierre Ruiz, “What’s New on the Web for Biblical Studies?”; F. Scott Spencer, “The Passionate Woman and the Passion of Jesus in Luke: Some ‘Loose’ Connections”; Peter Spitaler, “The Analogy in Rom 7:1-6”; James H. Swetnam, S.J., “Isaac as Promise: A Study of the Symbolism of Heb 11:19”; Paul Niskanen, “God as Father in Isaiah 63–64”; Ziony Zevit, “Observations on the Hebrew Narrative of Gen 2:4–4:1”; Robert F. O’Toole, S. J., “Some Insights into Luke’s Christology”; Steven L. Bridge, “*I Enoch* and Lukan Eschatology”; Robert L. Mowery, “What Has God Done Recently? Josephus and Acts”; Karl A. Kuhn, “Moving beyond the Outline: Exploring Attempts to Diagram Gospel Narrative”; Kenneth G. Stenstrup, “Yahweh’s Role and Status in the Punishment and Transformation of Israel as Portrayed in the Book of Ezekiel”; John J. Schmitt, “Jer 3:6-13—Grammatical Anomaly and Interpretive Strategies”; Gregory Y. Glazov, “Biblical Speech Organ Imagery and the Verbal Symbolization of Eschatological Retribution in Second Temple Literature”; John K. Ridgway, S.J., “The Importance of Tandem Peregrinations of Well-Being and Peace in Ancient Writings from Plato to the Orphic Hymns of Biblical (NT) Exegesis”; Leonard J. Maluf, “The [Man] Really Was God’s Son: The Cry of the Centurion in the Light of the Two-Gospel Hypothesis”; Michael Patella, O.S.B., “Mithras, Paul, and Mark”; Earl J. Richard, “Honor All Human Creatures, Even Outsiders—the Social Outlook of 1 Peter”; Victor Skemp, “The Translation Problem and Larger Implications of Rev 13:8.”

Sunday evening's general session featured a paper by Marc Girard, "The Impact of Biblical Symbolism on Certain Current Issues in Theology and Pastoral Life." At the end of the session, Jeremy Corley and Vincent Skemp invited Alexander Di Lella, O.F.M., forward and presented him with an advance copy of a festschrift that they had edited in honor of his 75th birthday entitled *Intertextual Studies in Ben Sira and Tobit: Essays in Honor of Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M.* It will be published as CBQMS 38.

Sessions on Monday, August 9

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then featured presentations by Pauline A. Viviano, "Jeremiah's Temple Sermon: A Literary Analysis"; and Mary L. Coloe, P.B.V.M., "The Footwashing as Welcome: John 13."

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "The Bible and Political Discourse." The moderator was Archbishop Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J., and the panelists were Warren Carter, Alice L. Laffey, and Leo Lefebure.

CBA president Frank J. Matera called the annual business meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. Richard J. Sklba gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. 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. The Executive Board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$48,000 for twelve Memorial Stipends (this involves an additional two stipends and an additional \$1,000 per stipend); (b) \$40,000 for two CBA Fellowships; (c) \$18,000 for the dig at Tell Mozan/Urkesh; (d) \$40,000 plus travel expenses for the Visiting Professorships at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique; (e) \$9,000 for three archaeological research stipends; (f) \$2,500 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (g) a title of membership dues for famine relief (\$5,347); (h) \$20,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (i) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem toward the renovation of the library; (j) \$5,000 to the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation; (k) four CBA scholarships at institutions with doctoral programs in biblical studies; (l) funds for travel grants. The Board also voted to continue to supply the *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association. The Board elected Pauline Viviano to the Board of Trustees, nominated Frank J. Matera for the Committee on Nominations, and appointed John R. Donahue, S.J., to the Committee Memorial Stipends and CBA Fellowships. Jensen informed the members that although the NAB Old Testament revision was completed in May 2002, it is still undergoing a process of review by censors, which has to be completed before it can be presented to the bishops for approval. The new printed membership directory of the association is planned for next year, and Jensen urged members to review their entries on the CBA web page and to send in timely updated information, as indicated there. He also urged members to provide e-mail addresses, at least for our *listserv*, preferably also for the web directory. Next year's meeting will be held at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, August 6-9, 2005, and the meeting of the following year at Loyola University, Chicago, August 5-8, 2006. The 2007 meeting should be held on the West Coast, but since no invitations have been received from West Coast institutions for 2007, the invitation from Fordham University, originally earmarked for 2008, may be utilized for 2007.

Richard J. Dillon gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. The increased selectivity of the manuscript assessments by associate editors has pared the backlog of articles slated for publication. As a result, individual issues of the journal are featuring five articles instead of six or seven, and page totals are down closer to one hundred fifty than to the standard two hundred pages of past years. Should the backlog of articles increase, the size of the journal may grow as well. A committee was appointed last year to develop a more precise job description of the general editor and to nominate a successor to Dillon, who will conclude four years in the position on December 31, 2004. The nominating committee, under Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B., as chair, presented Linda M. Day, currently an associate editor, as its nominee; and the nomination was ratified by majority vote of the *CBQ* editorial board. Dr. Day will assume the position of general editor on January 1, 2005. As for the annual statistical report: during 2003, 22 articles were published; 83 manuscripts were received, of which 16 have been accepted, 52 rejected, and 15 remain in process; and 214 book reviews will have appeared in volume 66 (2004).

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. Both the February and July 2004 issues have appeared, and the October issue is in process. The first two issues of the year have published 1,296 article abstracts and 255 book abstracts. During 2004, one new journal exchange was initiated. Jensen reported that negotiations involving ATLA, CBA, and Ebsco aimed at placing the total run of *OTA* on line continue on schedule; this is in addition to the CD-ROMs that have been available now for several years.

Mark S. Smith gave the report of the editor of *CBQMS*. Volumes 36 and 37 have appeared, and volumes 38 and 39 are in preparation. Three manuscripts were submitted this year and one accepted. Smith urged the members to submit manuscripts for consideration, particularly in New Testament studies.

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:

Patrick Chi Adeso; Laura D. Alary; Steven Bishop; James R. Blankenship; Ryan M. Byrne; Mark A. Chancey; Sidnie W. Crawford; Zeba Antonin Crook; (Mary) Therese DesCamp; John J. Doutré, O.C.S.O.; Anthony O. Ewherido; Ernest M. Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.; Stephen M. Finlan; Jeffrey C. Geoghegan; Federico Giuntoli; Matthew J. Goff; Angela Kim Harkins; Christopher Heard; Holly E. Hearon; Michael Hull; Jozef Jančovič; Nicole Kelley; Kevin W. Larsen; Grant R. LeMarquand; Kenneth D. Litwak; Artur Malina; Mark A. Matson; Kevin B. McCruden; Hindy Najman; Tina D. Nilsen; Andrei A. Orlov; Leo G. Perdue; Stanley E. Porter; Anatheia E. Portier-Young; James N. Rhodes; Lance Byron Richey; Marie F. Sabin; Roberta L. Salvador, M.M.; Judy Yates Siker; Matthew L. Skinner; Kenton L. Sparks; James M. Starr; Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.; Blažej František Štrba; Zdzisław Swiniarski, SS.CC.; Tom W. Thatcher; James W. Voelz; Michael Weigl; Jeanette R. von Herrmann, O.S.B.

For Associate Membership:

Linus G. Akpan; Mary T. Brien, P.B.V.M.; Robert C. Carroll, O.Carm.; Andrew R. Davis; Matthew W. Dunn; Andrew T. Glicksman; Bruce I. Herzberg; Micah D. Kiel; Felipe de J. Legarreta; Dale E. Loepp; Daniel A. Machiela; Constance S. Meehleis; Geoff D.

Miller; Peter S. Mulomole; Yvonne G. Nelson; Jung Eun S. Park; George L. Rodriguez; Nathanael E. Schmiedicke; Alison Schofield; Kristen M. Sweder; Ghislain Tshikenowa Matadi, S.J.; Peggy A. Vining; Marylyn Ellen White.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President*: Aelred Cody, O.S.B.; *Vice President*: John C. Endres, S.J.; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; *Consultors, 2004–2006*: Gina Hens-Piazza and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; *Associate Editors of CBQ, 2005–2008*: for a first term: Mary Ann Beavis, C. Clifton Black, David Carr, Sheila E. McGinn, and David Penchansky; for a second term: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., Ralph W. Klein, Marion L. Soards, and Jerome T. Walsh. *Committee on Nominations, 2004–2008*: Frank J. Matera. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, Harold W. Attridge, Jr. proposed a resolution thanking St. Mary's University for its invitation to hold the convention on its campus this year and for the hospitality extended to the members. The membership approved the resolution by unanimous voice vote and applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

In the absence of John H. Elliott, his paper "Jesus Was Neither a Jew Nor a Christian: Pitfalls of Inappropriate Nomenclature" was read by Bruce J. Malina at the evening session.

Sessions on Tuesday, August 10

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Michael F. Kolarcik, S.J., "Clothing and Reconciliation in the Joseph Narrative (Genesis 37–50)"; and Margaret Y. MacDonald and Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J., "Early Christian Women: New Research Based on the Roman Family."

Scott M. Lewis, S.J., was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

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

Achtemeier, Paul
 Adam, Andrew K. M.
 Adam, Margaret
 Alary, Laura D.
 Alexander, Patrick
 Anderson, Gary
 Anderson, Lisa
 Attridge, Harold W.
 Bailey, Wilma Ann
 Bautch, Richard
 Beavis, Mary Ann
 Beck, Astrid
 Becker, Eve
 Bellinger, Elizabeth
 Bellinger, William H.
 Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.
 Berquist, Jon L.

Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J.
 Blenkinsopp, Joseph
 Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.
 Boisclair, Regina A.
 Bonilla, Max
 Bossman, David, O.F.M.
 Bowe, Barbara, R.S.C.J.
 Bridge, Steven L.
 Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.
 Burke, Jr., Alexander J.
 Byrnes, Michael
 Camp, Claudia V.
 Campbell, Antony F., S.J.
 Carmody, Timothy R.
 Caron, Gerald, M.Afr.
 Carr, David McLain
 Carrigan, Henry

- Conway, Colleen M.
 Carter, Warren
 Castles, Patrick J.
 Chavez, Emilio G.
 Chesnutt, Randall D.
 Christensen, Duane L.
 Christensen, Martha
 Clabeaux, John J.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Coblenz, Arlene
 Coblenz Bautch, Kelley N.
 Coblenz, Michael
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Coloe, Mary L., P.B.V.M.
 Cook, Joan E., S.C.
 Corley, Jeremy
 Craven, Toni
 Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B.
 Cunningham, Philip A.
 D'Angelo, Mary Rose
 D'Angelo, Thomas P.
 Dahlquist, Marti
 Daigle-Williamson, Marsha
 Dang, Thien
 Danove, Paul
 Day, Linda M.
 De Lotto, Dori
 DesCamp, Mary Therese
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Dillon, Richard J.
 Dornemann, Rudolph H.
 Doutre, John J.
 Duggan, Michael W., O.C.S.O.
 Duling, Dennis
 Duling, Gretchen
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Ernest, James
 Ezeogu, Ernest M., C.S.Sp.
 Feyerherm, Elize
 Finkel, Asher
 Finkel, Jane
 Frechette, Christopher, S.J.
 Freedman, David Noel
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Fry, Anne-Marie
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Girard, Marc
 Glazov, Gregory Y.
 Goff, Matthew J.
 Green, Barbara, O.P.
 Griffin, Patrick J., C.M.
 Hahn, Scott
 Halton, Joseph F.
 Halton, Violet E.
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Harkins, Angela Kim
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harris, Scott
 Harris, Karen
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Hearon, Holly E.
 Hens-Piazza, Gina
 Hibbard, Todd
 Hoeck, Andreas
 Hoppe, Leslie, O.F.M.
 Hummer, Lawrence L.
 Humphrey, Hugh H.
 Irvin, Dorothy
 Jackson, Glenna S.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jeske, Richard L.
 Jeske, Evan
 Kaltner, John
 Kato, Kei, S.D.B.
 Kealy, Sean P., C.S.Sp.
 Keller, Noel
 Kendall, Robert D., S.J.
 Kessler, Martin
 Kessler, Joan
 Kinney, James R.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kuhn, Karl A.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Kutsko, John
 Labelle, Jeffrey

Laffey, Alice L., C.S.J.
 Latkovich, Sallie J.
 Lauderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Lefebure, Leo
 Leong, Lai
 Levine, Amy-Jill
 Lewis, David Scott
 MacDonald, Margaret Y.
 Macey, Richard C.
 Madden, Patrick J.
 Malin, Gary J.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda M.
 Maluf, Leonard J.
 Mandell, Sara R.
 Maravi, Raúl, O.Carm.
 Marrs, Paula R.
 Marrs, Rick R.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mathews, Susan F.
 Matson, Mark A.
 Mazich, Edward M., O.S.B.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McGinn, Sheila E.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McHugh, John
 McIlhone, James P.
 McKenzie, Steven L.
 McLaughlin, John L.
 Mell, Margaret
 Miletic, Stephen F.
 Miller, Robert
 Miller II, Robert D.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Minto, Andrew
 Mirecki, Cathy A.
 Monaco, David G.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Mowery, Jan
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Myers, Allen C.

Nagel, Elizabeth M.
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Nazarczuk, Maria A.
 Neil, Dina
 Nelson, Richard D.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Niskanen, Paul
 O'Brien, Kelli S.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Organ, Barbara E.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 Owens, J. Edward, O.S.S.T.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Patton, Corrine
 Pazdan, Mary Margaret, O.P.
 Percival, Ronald
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
 Polich, James C.
 Powell, Mark Allen
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Raabe, Paul
 Racine, Jean-François
 Rathnam, Selva, S.J.
 Reader, William
 Reid, Kathy
 Reid, Stephen
 Ridgway, John K., S.J.
 Richard, Earl J.
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Sabin, Marie F.
 Sadi, Aurea
 Sailors, Timothy B.
 Salvador, Roberta L., M.M.
 Schmisek, Brian
 Schmitt, John J.
 Schneider, Bernardin, O.F.M.
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
 Schuchard, Bruce G.
 Schuller, Eileen M.
 Seal, Andy
 Senior, Donald P., C.P.
 Seow, Choon-Leong
 Singer-Towns, Brian
 Skemp, Vincent
 Sklba, Richard J.

Sloyan, Gerard S.
Smiles, Vincent M.
Smith, David W.
Smith, Mark S.
Spencer, F. Scott
Sperry, Mary E.
Spitaler, Peter E.
Steiner, Luke Joseph, O.S.B.
Stenstrup, Kenneth G.
Sterling, Gregory E.
Swetnam, James H., S.J.
Szukalski, John A.
Taggart, Linda S.
Tambasco, Anthony J.
Tatum, Gregory, O.P.
Tetlow, Elisabeth M.
Thomason, Bill
Thompson, Michael
Tickle, Gretchen M.
Tickle, Roger
Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
Trokan, John

Twomey, Mark
Tyler, Ronald
Van Leeuwen, Raymond C.
Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
Viviano, Pauline A.
Voelz, James W.
von Wahlde, Carol
von Wahlde, Urban C.
Wagner, Amy
Wcela, Emil A.
Weber, Kathleen
Wiar, Kimberly
Williamson, Peter S.
Willis, Evelyn
Willis, Jan
Willis, John T.
Willis, Timothy
Wimmer, Joseph, O.S.A.
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