

Report of the Seventy-second International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The seventy-second international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 1-4, 2009, at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 1. The President of the university, John P. Schlegel, S.J., greeted the members of the association. Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., Vice-President of the association, then introduced Kathleen M. O'Connor, President of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "Let All the Peoples Praise You: Biblical Studies and a Hermeneutics of Hunger."

Sessions on Sunday, August 2

Five task forces and seven continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation: 25 Year Overview: What Did We Learn?" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: Joan C. Campbell, C.S.M.; Marie Noel Keller, R.S.M.; Karl A. Kuhn; John J. Pilch; Kenneth G. Stenstrup; Walter F. Taylor, Jr.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Barbara E. Reid, O.P., and Damien L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Mary Ann Beavis; Susan A. Calef; Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; Alice L. Laffey; Sheila E. McGinn; Lai Ling E. Ngan; Ahida E. Pilarski); "Biblical Hermeneutics: Aesthetics and the Bible" (co-conveners: Richard J. Bautch and Jean-François Racine; core group members in attendance: Linda Day; David Penchansky; Antonio Portalatin; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Peter Spitaler); "John's Gospel and the Old Testament" (convener: Francis Martin; core group members in attendance: Michael Allen Daise; Lawrence E. Frizzell; Charles G. Kosanke; William S. Kurz, S.J.; George T. Montague, S.M.; Earl Muller, S.J.); "Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity" (co-conveners: Angela Kim Harkins and John C. Endres, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Randall D. Chesnutt; Kelley

Coblentz Bautch; Jeremy Corley; Karina M. Hogan; Henry Ansgar Kelly; Scott M. Lewis, S.J.; Eric F. Mason).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "The Bible and Ecology" (Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.); "Psalm 119: Poetry, Structure, and Theology" (Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations: Paul on Resurrection" (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); "The Synoptic Gospels: Text and Context" (Hugh M. Humphrey and Séamus O'Connell); "Divinity in Ancient Israel" (John L. McLaughlin); "Identifying the Major Questions in Pauline Studies" (Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Corinne L. Carvalho, "Seeing, Supping, and Singing: Temple Texts as Aesthetic Experiences"; and John P. Meier, "Surprises from Law and Love (Vol. 4 of *A Marginal Jew*)."

Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, retired Archbishop of Omaha, was presider and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday. Members of the association who died during the previous year were commemorated at the liturgy: Henri Cazelles; David L. Dungan; David Noel Freedman; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Xuan Huong Thi Pham; John P. Reumann; James A. Rimbach; David M. Scholer; and Stanislav Segert.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Jozef Jančović, "Ambiguous Echo of the Golden Calf Narrative in Torah"; Ahida E. Pilarski "A Study of the References to *bat-'ammî* in Jer 8:18-23: A Gendered Lamentation"; Robert L. Mowery, "A Ring-Shaped Pattern in the Sermon on the Mount"; Warren Carter, "Festivals and John's Rhetoric of Distance"; Deirdre A. Dempsey, "Continuing Excavations at Tell Qarqur, 2009 Season"; Blažej Štrba, "The Prophet like Moses"; Robert D. Miller II, "Revisiting Oral Tradition and the Deuteronomistic History"; Alice L. Laffey, "Recovering the Metaphor: Hosea 1-3"; Charles H. Talbert, "Is Matthew Interested in Character Formation?"; Mary L. Coloe, P.B.V.M., "Pentecost in the Fourth Gospel"; Susan M. Elliott, "Jesus' Teachings about God's Family Empire vs. Caesar's Family Empire"; Mark S. Smith, "Warrior Culture in Early Israel and the 'Voice' of David in 1 Samuel 2"; Joan E. Cook, S.C., "Malachi and Memory"; Earl J. Richard, "Structure, Function, and Meaning of Mark 8:22-26"; Barbara E. Reid, O.P., "Birthed from the Side of Jesus"; John T. Willis, "Crucial Dream and Vision Experiences"; Jerome T. Walsh, "The Rab Shaqeh between Rhetoric and Redaction"; David Penchansky, "Wisdom, Madness, and Folly: The Vexation of Qoheleth"; Joseph E. Jensen, "Unforgivable Sin: A Contextual and Intertextual Study"; Thomas D. Stegman, S.J., "Reading *egrapsa* in 2 Cor 2:9 as an Epistolary Aorist: Argument and Implications"; Peter S. Williamson, "Scripture across the Curriculum."

The general session in the evening listened to a panel discussion on "'The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church': Responses to the Bishops' Synod." The moderator was Emil A. Wcela, and the panelists were Mary L. Coloe, P.B.V.M.; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; James C. Okoye, C.S.Sp.; and Jean-Pierre Ruiz.

Sessions on Monday, August 3

Bert Thelen, S.J., was the presider and homilist at the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Stephen D. Ryan, O.P., "The Texts of

the Old Testament and the Place of the Septuagint in the Church"; and Gregory Tatum, O.P., "'To the Jew First' (Rom 1:16): Paul's Defense of Jewish Privilege."

Barbara Green, O.P., was the presider and homilist at the midday prayer. Members of the association who died during the previous year were again commemorated at the liturgy.

Two sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Peter Dubovsky, S.J., "Causes of the Downfall of the Northern Kingdom"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Soteriology in the Wisdom of Solomon"; Susan A. Calef, "'It Shall Not Be So Among You' (Mark 10:43): Implications for a Markan Spirituality"; John Granger Cook, "Suffering in 1 Peter: Local Anxiety, Empire, and the *imitatio Christi*"; Ziony Zevit, "Jewish Liturgy in Late Antiquity and the Jewish Jesus Movement until ca. 200 C.E."; David A. Bosworth, "Does Lamentations Help? Paradoxes of Emotional Expression"; Geoffrey D. Miller, "All Because of a Woman? Tobit's Exclusion from the Jewish Canon"; Henry Ansgar Kelly, "Lucifer: The Good, the Bad, and the Really Bad (Jesus, Nabuchodonosor, and Satan)"; Eric F. Mason, "The Heavenly Sanctuary in Hebrews and Second Temple Judaism"; Karl A. Kuhn, "The Cardiography of Biblical Narrative."

CBA President Kathleen M. O'Connor called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Daniel J. Harrington, Chair of the Board of Trustees, reported on the mission of the committee, the topics raised at its meeting, and the current financial condition of the CBA.

In the absence of Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., Treasurer, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., then presented the treasurer's report, a summary of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., Executive Secretary, reported that the matter of NAB royalties is still unresolved. Although the parties are continuing to negotiate in the hope of reaching a solution in the near future, our grants must necessarily be restricted to those to which we are already committed, that is, CBA Scholarships and Memorial Stipends (which can be renewed up to five years). The one grant the board did approve is a tithe of membership dues, which is \$5,097, for famine relief. Because of the financial uncertainties, membership dues and subscription rates will need to be raised. The Executive Board voted a raise of \$10 for subscriptions to the *CBQ* (from \$30 to \$40) and *OTA* (from \$26 to \$36) and recommended an increase in CBA dues from \$35 to \$45. The Executive Board requested that the Computer Committee be revived, with special interest in improving the CBA Web site. Felix Just, S.J., Chair, has already reconstituted it (names of the committee members can be found on the CBA Web site under General, All About the CBA, Officers and Committees).

Jensen gave a brief update on the status of the revised NAB. The CBA OT Revision Committee sent the revision to the CCD in May 2003 and it was approved by the bishops at the November 2008 meeting of the USCCB. The USCCB decided, however, that the new, revised NAB would not be published until there was a new Psalter to replace the one of 1991 because Rome did not allow it to be used in the liturgy in view of its inclusive language. The new Psalter may be ready for approval at the November USCCB meeting. In other action, the Executive Board appointed Kathleen M. O'Connor to the Board of Trustees and nominated Bishop Richard J. Sklba for the Committee on Nominations. Reporting on the poll of members on future venues taken last December, Jensen announced that there were 254 responses; of these, 188 (74 percent) preferred to continue to meet on campuses and 66 (26 percent) wanted the board to look into the advisability of holding meetings at

hotels. The board agreed that those hosting future meetings should be strongly urged to help facilitate ways for members to stay at local hotels if they should prefer.

In 2010, through the good offices of William J. Fulco, S.J., our meeting will be at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles (July 31–August 2). Rates are currently given as \$281.50 for singles and \$194.50 for shared doubles for room and board for the three days of the meeting, and there are other provisions for suites and apartments. In 2011, through the good offices of Ellen White, our meeting will be at Assumption College in Worcester, MA (August 6-9). Prices are \$285 for singles and \$255 for shared doubles for room and board for the three days of the meeting, plus \$30 for those who want roundtrip shuttle service to Logan Airport.

Linda Day gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. The production of the journal has continued well this year, including 27 articles and 428 book reviews. In light of financial costs, the journal will return to its typical size next year and article acceptances will need to be reduced. The editorial board has approved a shift to a electronic submission process and will be forming a committee to investigate the possibility of offering an electronic version of the journal. The report concluded with an expression of gratitude for those associate editors completing their terms of service: A. K. M. Adam, Adela Yarbro Collins, Mary Rose D'Angelo, Carole Fontaine, and William L. Holladay.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph E. Jensen gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. Both the February and June 2009 issues have appeared. They contain a combined total of 1,361 journal abstracts and 245 book abstracts. The October issue, with just over 600 abstracts, has gone to the typesetter. Because of the cost of mailing journals to overseas abstractors, he called for more abstractors from the United States, especially those proficient in Spanish, German, Italian, and Portuguese.

Mark S. Smith, Chair, reported for the CBQMS Editorial Board that this academic year saw the publication of CBQMS 45, *The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* by David A. Bosworth, now teaching at The Catholic University of America. This volume shows how, as stories within stories, Genesis 38, 1 Samuel 25, and 1 Kings 13 illuminate and provide pointed commentary on their larger contexts, both in literary and religious terms. At present, the CBQMS is expecting to put into production this fall a volume of essays on Paul's letters. This volume, which is edited by Peter Spitaler, celebrates the Jubilee Year of Saint Paul by Villanova University. Several of the lectures given during the Jubilee Year will appear as essays in this volume, to be joined by additional studies by a stellar group of Pauline scholars. The CBQMS has received proposals for four additional volumes, which are presently under consideration. Smith expressed his great gratitude to the editorial board members, to the Scriptorium, and to Fr. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. All continue to be instrumental in the work of the series.

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, Frank J. Matera recommended the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

Peter C. Ajer; Leslie A. Baynes; John S. Bergsma; Laurie A. Brink, O.P.; Máire Byrne; Christopher M. Ciccarino; Edward M. Cook; John W. Daniels; Daniel K. Darko; Paul S. Evans; Bradley C. Gregory; Andrew D. Gross; Ljubica Javanovic; Paul D. Korchin;

Stephen J. Lennox; Michael D. Matlock; Marc D. Paré; Stephen E. Placente, S.D.B.; Rafael Rodríguez; Kathleen P. Rushton, R.S.M.; Patrick J. Russell; Christopher J. Seeman; Steven C. Smith; Jacek Stefanski; Gail P. C. Streete; David A. Teeter; Robert H. von Thaden, Jr.; Laress L. Wilkins

For Associate Membership:

Paul J. Angelis; John Kennedy Arockia Jockim Raj; J. Coleman (J. C.) Baker; Jose E. Balcells; Kelly A. Bothamley; Yong Li Chen; William F. Cleary; Christopher B. Conlan; Rebecca M. Finch; Mark B. Giszczak; Linda S. Harrington; Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M.; Veronica R. Lambey, S.S.F.; Christine E. Landau; Anthony J. Marshall, S.S.S.; Timothy M. Milinovich; Matthew S. Monnig, S.J.; Elizabeth B. Papazoglakis; Juan Rendon; Victor J. Schinstock, O.S.B.; Timothy C. Snow; Ryan E. Stokes; Juan M. Tebes; Joseph C. Udeze

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: President: Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Vice President: Mark S. Smith.; Executive Secretary: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Treasurer: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; Consultors, 2009–2011: Barbara E. Reid, O.P., and John J. Clabeaux; Committee on Nominations, 2010–2013: Richard J. Sklba; Associate Editors of the CBQ: for a first term: Raymond F. Collins, Linda M. Maloney, Julia M. O'Brien, Katharine Doob Sakenfeld; for a second term: Gary A. Anderson, Kristin De Troyer, PHEME PERKINS. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, Harold W. Attridge, Jr., proposed the following resolutions: Be it resolved, that the Catholic Biblical Association offer its heartiest congratulations to the *Biblicum* on the occasion of its anniversary and best wishes for many more centuries of scholarly leadership; and, Be it resolved, that the Catholic Biblical Association express its deep appreciation and warmest thanks to all who have made the 72nd International Meeting such a success. The membership approved the resolutions with a resounding ovation.

In new business, President O'Connor returned to the matter of membership dues, reminding those present that the Executive Board had recommended an increase from \$35 to \$45. In the discussion that followed, a motion was made and seconded that the increase be to \$50 instead of \$45. O'Connor called for a vote and the motion passed.

This special resolution was added and unanimously approved: Be it resolved, that the Catholic Biblical Association express to Larry Boadt its concern and support, with the assurance that all the members of the association will keep him in our prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard Margaret M. Mitchell deliver the paper "The Corinthian Correspondence and the Birth of Christian Hermeneutics."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 4

Christopher Frechette, S.J., was the presider and homilist at the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Anne-Marie Kitz, "Eating Curses"; and Peter Spitaler, "The Spirit in Paul: Aspects of Spirituality."

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

Albl, Martin C.	Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B.
Angelis, Paul J.	Daigle-Williamson, Marsha
Arens, Eduardo F., S.M.	Daise, Michael A.
Arockia Jockim Raj, John K.	Darko, Daniel K.
Attridge, Harold W., Jr.	Davis, Andrew C.
Ayers, Steve	Day, Linda
Barber, Michael	Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.
Barker, John R., O.F.M.	Dempsey, Deirdre A.
Bautch, Richard J.	Derivan, Albert T.
Baynes, Leslie A.	Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
Beach, Eleanor	Dillon, Richard J.
Beavis, Mary Ann	Dubovsky, Peter, S.J.
Bellinger, William H.	Duggan, Michael W.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Dwyer, Peter
Berquist, Jon L.	Elliott, Neil
Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J.	Elliott, Susan (Elli) M.
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	Endres, John C., S.J.
Bosworth, David	Ernest, James
Brady, Patrick J.	Flynn, Shawn W.
Brien, Mary T., P.B.V.M.	France, Doug
Brink, Laurie A., O.P.	Franke, Chris
Brown, Sherri L.	Frechette, Christopher, S.J.
Bunta, Silviu N.	Frein, Brigid Curtin
Campbell, Joan C., C.S.M.	Frizzell, Lawrence E.
Carmody, Timothy R.	Fry, Anne-Marie
Carter, Warren	Galvin, Garrett M., O.F.M.
Carvalho, Corrine	Gareau, Edward T.
Castles, Patrick J.	Gilchrist, John J.
Chesnutt, Randall D.	Gillman, Florence
Christoffersen, Hans	Girard, Marc
Clabeaux, John	Giszcak, Mark B.
Cleaver-Bartholomew, David G.	Glotzbach, Michael
Clifford, Richard J., S.J.	Goodwin, Mark J.
Coblentz Bautch, Kelley	Green, Barbara, O.P.
Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.	Greenspoon, Leonard
Coloe, Mary L., P.B.V.M.	Haak, Robert D.
Conroy, John T., Jr.	Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
Cook, Joan E., S.C.	Hahn, Scott
Corley, Thomas J.	Halton, Violet
Cory, Catherine A.	Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
Craghan, John F.	Hannah, Jennifer
Creech, David A.	Hanneken, Todd R.

Hardiman, Patrick F.
 Harmon, Bradley
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harrington, Linda S.
 Hartin, Patrick J.
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Healy, Mary E.
 Hogan, Karina M.
 Hoppe, Leslie, O.F.M.
 House, Mark
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Irvin, Dorothy
 Jančović, Jozef
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Kaltner, John
 Keegan, Terence J.
 Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M.
 Kelly, Henry Ansgar
 Kennedy, Patrick T., O.S.F.S.
 Kinney, James R.
 Kitz, Anne Marie
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kruger, Brent A., C.S.C.
 Kuhn, Karl A.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Lair, Gerard P., O.S.B.
 Latkovich, Sallie J., C.S.J.
 Lauderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Lewis, Scott M., S.J.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lodge, John C.
 Lux, Mary
 Lux, Richard C.
 Madden, Patrick J.
 Maher, John Kieran (Sean)
 Malin, Gary J.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda M.
 Maluf, Leonard
 Martin, Francis
 Martinez, Roberto, O.F.M.Cap.
 Mason, Eric F.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mazich, Edward M., O.S.B.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCormick, Larry D.
 McCruden, Kevin B.
 McDougall, Russell K., C.S.C.
 McGinn, Sheila E.
 Meier, John P.
 Miles, Pamela H.
 Miller, Geoff D.
 Miller, Robert D., II
 Miller, William
 Miner, Darren R.
 Mitch, Curtis J.
 Mitchell, Margaret M.
 Montague, George T., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Morrison, Craig E., O.Carm.
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Muller, Earl, S.J.
 Murphy, Lauren
 Nagel, Elizabeth M.
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Nazarczuk, Maria
 Nelson, Richard D.
 Ngan, Lai Ling E.
 O'Connell, Séamus
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 Okoye, James C., C.S.Sp.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Papazoglakis, Elizabeth P.
 Papazoglakis, Thomas
 Pascuzzi, Maria, C.S.J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Peifer, Claude J., O.S.B.
 Penchansky, David
 Perrotta, Kevin F.
 Perrotta, Louise
 Phillips, Thomas E.
 Pilarski, Ahida E.
 Pilch, John J.
 Pitre, Brant J.

Plunkett-Dowling, Regina
Polan, Gregory J., O.S.B.
Polich, James C.
Portalatin, Antonio
Powell, Mark Allan
Racine, Jean-François
Ralph, Margaret N.
Reid, Barbara, O.P.
Reid, Stephen Breck
Richard, Earl J.
Riopelle, Patrick J.
Roddy, Nicolae G.
Romero, C. Gilbert
Rong, Lina, M.S.O.L.
Ross, H. Arlene
Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
Ryan, D. Stephen, O.P.
Sabin, Marie F.
Salvador, Roberta L., M.M.
Schinstock, Victor J., O.S.B.
Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
Seeman, Christopher J.
Shaules, William J.
Skemp, Vincent
Sklba, Richard J.
Sloyan, Gerard S.
Smiles, Vincent M.
Smith, David Whitten
Smith, Mark S.
Sova, Milan
Sperry, Mary Elizabeth
Spitaler, Peter

Stegman, Thomas D., S.J.
Stenstrup, Kenneth G.
Stokes, Ryan E.
Stommes, Mary
Štrba, Blažej F.
Talbert, Betty
Talbert, Charles H.
Tassone, Salvatore A., S.J.
Tatum, Gregory, O.P.
Taylor, Walter F., Jr.
Thomas, Samuel I.
Thurston, Bonnie B.
Tyler, Ronald L.
Viviano, Pauline A.
Vu Phan Long, F.X.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Wcela, Emil A.
Weber, Laura A.
West, James E.
Wilkins, Laress L.
Williamson, Paul S.
Williamson, Peter S.
Willis, Evelyn
Willis, John T.
Wimmer, Joseph F., O.S.A.
Witherup, Ronald D., S.S.
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