# Report of the Seventy-fourth International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The seventy-fourth international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 6–9, 2011, at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 6. The President of Assumption College, Francesco Cesareo, gave a warm welcome to the members. Harold W. Attridge, Jr., Vice-President of the association, then introduced Mark S. Smith, President of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "God in Israel's Bible: Divinity between the World and Israel, between the Old and the New."

#### Sessions on Sunday, August 6

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: Investigations into Kinship" (co-conveners: Patrick J. Hartin and Joan C. Campbell, C.S.M.; core group members in attendance: Eduardo F. Arens, S.M.; David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Daniel K. Darko; Marie Noel Keller, R.S.M.; Karl A. Kuhn; Patrick J. Madden; John J. Pilch; Walter F. Taylor, Jr.); "Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics" (coconveners: Mary Ann Beavis, and Ahida E. Pilarski; core group members in attendance: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; Damien L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; Alice L. Laffey; Linda M. Maloney; Sheila E. McGinn; Lai Ling E. Ngan; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.; Lauress L. Wilkins; Seung Ai Yang ); "Biblical Hermeneutics: Biblical Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies" (co-conveners: Richard J. Bautch and Jean-François Racine; core group members in attendance: Linda Day; Michael Patella, O.S.B.; David Penchansky; C. Gilbert Romero; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; David W. Smith; Peter Spitaler); "John's Gospel and the Old Testament" (convener: William M. Wright IV; core group members in attendance: Michael Allen Daise; Lawrence E. Frizzell; William S. Kurz, S.J.; Stephen F. Miletic; Earl Muller, S.J.); "Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity: The Watchers Traditions" (co-conveners:

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Angela Kim Harkins and John C. Endres, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Randall D. Chesnutt; Kelley Coblentz Bautch; Henry Ansgar Kelly; Eric F. Mason; Anathea E. Portier-Young).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "The Bible and Ecology" (Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.); "New Testament Rewritings of First Testament Texts" (Thomas Brodie, O.P., and Marie Noonan Sabin); "Biblical Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations: Biblical Prayers that Connect Judaism and Christianity" (John J. Clabeaux and Richard Lux); "The Deuterocanonical Books: Current Approaches" (Jeremy Corley and Vincent Skemp); "Divinity in Ancient Israel" (John L. McLaughlin); "The Synoptic Gospels: Texts and Contexts" (Séamus O'Connell); "The Question of Authorship of the Letter to the Colossians" (Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.); "The Hebrew Poetry of Psalms 126–131" (Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Peter Machinist, "The Bible and the Ancient Near East? The Problem of Comparison in Biblical Studies"; and Bonnie B. Thurston, "Br. Jesus: Asceticism and Its Implications in Mark's Gospel."

Emil A. Wcela 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: John J. Bukovsky, S.V.D.; Stephen C. Doyle, O.F.M.; Susan Fournier Mathews; A. Graham Maxwell; Mary Milligan, R.S.H.M.; Kenneth Morris, C.S.V.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Michael Kolarcik, S.J., "Creation and Chaos in Genesis 1"; James Chukwuma Okoye, C.S.Sp.,"What is the Spirit Doing in Joel 3:1-2?"; Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., "The Rocky Road to the NABRE Psalter"; Geoffrey David Miller, "An Intercalation Revisited: Christology in Mark 6:6b-30"; Frank J. Matera, "A Pauline Theology of God's Saving Grace"; J. Enrique Aguilar, "The Meaning of 'Justice' (dikaiosynē) in the Letters of Paul"; Michael W. Duggan, "The Significance of Passover and Booths for Early Judaism according to Ezra-Nehemiah"; Dale Launderville, O.S.B., "Ezekielian Rebelliousness: An Illustration of the Communication between Scribes of the Prophetic and the Pentateuchal Traditions"; Carl Allen Kuhn, "Deaf or Defiant? Pathos as Key to Understanding the Naming of John (Luke 1:57-80)"; C. Gilbert Romero, "A Pastoral Approach to Scripture: The Bible and the Parish"; John Granger Cook, "Crucifixion as Spectacle in Roman Campania"; Garrett M. Galvin, O.F.M., "Understanding Jeroboam through a Comparison with David"; Harry Hagan, O.S.B., "The Lament Psalms as Dramatic Monologues"; John T. Carroll, "The Reign of God and the Roman Empire in the Gospel of Luke"; Mary L. Coloe, P.B.V.M., "Creation and New Creation: Considering Johannine Soteriology"; Gregory Tatum, O.P., "'The Faith of Christ,' Divine Fidelity, and Believers"; David A. Bosworth, "My Eyes Flow with Tears': The Function of Weeping in Lamentation"; Deena E. Grant, "The Divine Warrior and His Anger as a Weapon in Old Poetry"; Benedict Thomas Viviano, O.P., "Who Wrote Q? The Sayings Document as the Apostle Matthew's Private Notebook"; Mark J. Goodwin, "Her that was not Beloved I will call My Beloved': Rom 9:25, Gentile Election, and the Living God"; Martin C. Albl, "Jesus Traditions and the Role of the Jerusalem Church"; Henry Ansgar Kelly, "Exorcism in the New Testament: Jesus Exorcized by Caiaphas and the Filthy Spirit Legion; Nasty Spirits Exorcized by Judean Exorcists, but Evicted by Paul's Aprons."

The general session in the evening was a "Town Hall Meeting" led by the Strategic Planning Committee: Harold Attridge, Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., Corrine Carvalho, Amy-Jill Levine, John McLaughlin, Harry Nasuti, Michael Patella. O.S.B., and Anathea Portier-Young. The committee has met four times since last year's annual meeting. A survey had been sent to the membership at large this past winter, soliciting responses in the areas of mission, administration, annual program, finances, publications, and membership. Patella, the chair of the committee, presented the findings of the survey and the committee's preliminary recommendations for the future organization and function of the association. The chair of the Computer Committee, Felix Just, S. J., unveiled the new CBA Web site, on which work has been progressing this past year.

#### Sessions on Monday, August 7

John J. Gilchrist was the principal celebrant and Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P., the 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 David McLain Carr, "Rethinking the Formation of the Hebrew Bible"; and Beverly Roberts Gaventa, "The 'Glory of God' in Paul's Letter to the Romans."

Pauline A. Viviano preached at our 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., "Invasion Reports in 1–2 Kings: Narrative Device or Historical Facts?"; Andrew D. Gross, "The Emergence of Written Law in the Ancient Near East"; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., "Q: Tip of a Proto-Luke Iceberg, More Rooted, Unified and Useful"; Peter Spitaler, "The Curious Case of *dōrean* in Gal 2:21"; Daniel K. Darko, "Exaggerated Distinction: Ephesians' Continuity with the Use of Kinship Language in Undisputed Pauline Letters"; Peter S. Williamson, "Preparing Pastoral Ministers for the Ministry of the Word"; David W. Baker, "Person and Property in the Pentateuch: An Economic Exploration"; Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U., "The Hodayot/Thanksgiving Psalms from Qumran: The Place of Petition"; Christopher Frechette, S.J., "What Does 'Bless the LORD!' Mean?"; Troy W. Martin, "First Peter: An Early Christian Faith Document"; Jean-François Racine, "A Second Dose of the Holy Spirit: Contribution of Acts 4:23-31 to the Plot of Acts of the Apostles"; David Penchansky, "Biblical Criticism and the Qur'an: The Case of Abu Lahab (Sura 111)."

CBA President Mark S. Smith called the annual business meeting to order at 3:55 P.M.

Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees. He noted that the financial condition of the CBA at the end of the fiscal year was quite good, though more recent events have brought about much uncertainty regarding stocks and other investments. He also commented on the need for serious financial planning in the light of the recent settlement with the Bishops' Committee and the CBA strategic planning process. In particular, he finds it important to strike a balance between building up funds through investments and providing grants to graduate students and other worthy projects.

Stephen D. Ryan, O.P., gave the Treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

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The Executive Secretary's report was given by Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee and praised Ellen White, chair of the committee, for her outstanding work. He reviewed the Executive Board's decision, occasioned by the failure of the CCD to pay our share of royalties since 2008, to suspend all new grants but to honor those already committed. In the current year we gave \$20,000 in Memorial Stipends and \$6,571.70 for famine relief; with \$144.04 for Bibles for prisoners, the total grant expenditure was \$26,715.74. For the coming year grants will be \$20,580 for scholarships and stipends, \$20,000 for Memorial Stipends, and \$6,582 (i.e., a tithe of membership dues), for a total of \$47,162.

The membership had been informed earlier regarding the resolution of the impasse with the CCD concerning CBA's share of NAB royalties. There had been legal maneuvering and an unsuccessful attempt at resolution through a conciliation procedure provided by the USCCB. In the end there was an amicable resolution, in which CBA was helped by the generous service of Matthew Nolan of the firm of Arent Fox. It involved a compromise. Instead of the 25 percent we had been receiving, we will now receive 15 percent of NAB royalties, beginning with back payments for the three years of 2008–2010, and continuing for ten years; for the second five years 50 percent of the funds allotted will be given out as grants approved by the CBA but given by the CCD. We rejoice that the cordial relations that otherwise prevailed since the CBA's origin in 1936 have been restored. In fact, part of the contract is that we would name three members to meet with members from the CCD to form a liaison committee to examine matters of mutual concern and for cooperative endeavors. The three members named by the Executive Board are Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., Michael Patella, O.S.B., and Pauline A. Viviano.

Regarding the evaluation of Catholic Bible programs, as previously reported, in 2007 the Executive Board established an ad hoc Committee for Evaluation of Catholic Bible Programs. It finished its work and its report was made to the Executive Board by Ronald Witherup early last year; this year the board considered how to proceed with the report. Since we will now have regular liaison with the USCCB through our committee with the CCD, we will suggest that the report may be useful for their catechetical division. The report contains excellent criteria for such evaluation, and these will be made available on our new Web site; eventually we may also post some of the evaluations of individual programs there.

The Executive Board voted to put the names of Richard J. Clifford, S.J., and Linda Maloney in nomination for the Committee on Nominations.

The meeting in 2012, as previously announced, by the good offices of Gregory E. Sterling, will be at Notre Dame; the dates will July 28–31. Since this will be our 75th meeting, the program committee is planning to make this meeting special in a number of ways. Announcements regarding the 2013 meeting will be made at a later date.

Jensen announced that he expected the coming year to be his last as Executive Secretary. He said that it had seemed important to see the NAB royalties question resolved before leaving the position. The report of the Strategic Planning Committee suggests that next year would be a good time for transition.

Linda Day gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. The production of the journal has continued well this year, comprising 24 articles and 238 book reviews. The shift to a completely electronic submission, review, and record-keeping system, instituted last autumn, has been running smoothly and represents a beneficial improvement. The journal is receiving

increasingly large numbers of submissions, which means that we must be increasingly selective in the percentage of them we are able to publish. A search committee has been formed to begin the process for the next general editor, with the goal of bringing forward a recommendation at next year's annual meeting. New book reviewers are always being sought. The report concluded with an expression of gratitude for those associate editors who are completing their terms of service: John Kloppenborg, Craig Koester, and Frederick Murphy.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. The February and June 2011 issues have appeared; they contain a total of 1,282 article abstracts and 228 book abstracts. The October issue is currently at the typesetter. During 2011, *OTA* began abstracting a total of eleven additional journals.

Mark S. Smith gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. The CBQMS board welcomes three new board members in Old Testament: Barbara Green, Thomas B. Dozeman, and Steve L. McKenzie. The board announces the retirement of Frederick W. Danker, whose service to the CBQMS has been truly untiring and excellent. New appointments in New Testament and Second Temple Judaism are planned for the near future. This past year saw the publication of CBQMS 47, *In Defense of Divine Justice: An Intertextual Approach to the Book of Jonah*, by Catherine Muldoon. Currently in press is CBQMS 48, *Celebrating Paul: Festschrift in Honor of Jerome Murphy-O'Connor and Joseph A. Fitzmyer*, a volume dedicated to Paul's letters in recognition of the year of Saint Paul. The essays are authored by many of the best scholars of the field, and the volume is under the editorship of Peter Spitaler. Three manuscripts were reviewed for publication and not accepted. A fourth is currently under review. The CBA Web site has made it easier to order CBQMS volumes. The CBQMS has agreed to join the SBL's International Cooperation Initiative, which will make the CBQMS volumes more accessible in less economically developed countries.

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, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., recommended the following candidates:

## For Active Membership:

Andrew R. Angel; Eric D. Barreto; Teresa D. Bednarz, R.S.M.; Eugenia S. Constantinou; Thomas F. Dunne; Matthew E. Gordley; Annette Bourland Huizenga; Mignon R. Jacobs; John F. Kartje; Christopher L. Keith; Felipe De J. Legarreta; Francis M. Macatangay; Paul A. Maillet, S.S.; Libor Marek; Rafael M. Ramirez-Gonzalez; Kathryn M. Schifferdecker; Patricia A. Sharbaugh; Ruth Sheridan; Daniel L. Smith; Julien C. H. Smith; Richard B. Tomlinson; Matthew W. Umbarger; Ellen White, O.P.; Zbigniew Zieba.

## For Associate Membership:

Isaac M. Alderman; Ramone R. Billingsley; Stephen M. Coleman; Barbara J. Daly Horell; Edith T. A. Davidson; Lesley R. DiFransico; Michal Beth Dinkler; Marianus P. Hera, S.V.D.; Maria J. Lindquist; Randolph M. Lopez; Annelies G. Moeser; Gary A. Mueller, C.M.; Patrick M. Mulrooney; Kathleen A. Murdy; Jacob Onyumbe Wenyi; Heather D. Parker; Joseph P. Riordan, S.J.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Corrine L. Carvalho reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: President: Harold W. Attridge, Jr.; Vice President: Richard J. Dillon; Executive Secretary: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Treasurer: Stephen D. Ryan, O.P.; Consultors, 2011–2014: Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U., and Anathea E. Portier-Young; Associate

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Editors of the *CBQ* for a first term: David E. Aune, Jeremy Corley, Anathea E. Portier-Young, and Seung Ai Yang; for a second term: William H. Bellinger, Michael Duggan, Florence Morgan Gillman, and Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard John J. Collins deliver the paper "Apocalypse and Empire."

#### Sessions on Tuesday, August 9

Kenneth G. Morman was the principal celebrant and homilist for the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy.

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: David Vanderhooft, "Habakkuk's החכות 'Disputation' in the Context of Judean Prophecy"; and Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "New Testament Studies: Where Have We Been, and Where Might We Be Going?"

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

Aguilar, Enrique Albl, Martin C. Alderman, Isaac M. Attridge, Harold W., Jr. Ayers, Steve Baker, David W. Barker, John R., O.F.M. Barr, James Bautch, Richard J. Beavis, Mary Ann Bellinger, William H. Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A. Betancourt, Juan M., S.E.M.V. Binz, Stephen J. Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J. Blenkinsopp, Joseph Blickenstaff, Marianne Boisclair, Regina A. Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I. Bosworth, David A. Brien, Mary T., P.B.V.M. Brink, Laurie, O.P. Brissette, Lynne Brodeur, Scott N., S.J. Brodie, Thomas L., O.P. Brown, Teresa R. Brown, Sherri L. Buckley, Thomas W.

Burns, Joshua Ezra Campbell, Joan C., C.S.M. Carmody, Timothy R. Carr, David McLain Carroll, John T. Carvalho, Corrine L. Castles, Patrick J. Cesareo, Francesco Chavez, Emilio G. Chesnutt, Randall D. Christoffersen, Hans Ciccarino, Christopher M. Clabeaux, John J. Coblentz Bautch, Kelley N. Collins, John J. Collins, Billy Coloe, Mary L., P.B.V.M. Cook, Joan E., S.C. Cook, John G. Corley, Thomas J. Corriveau, Roger Cotter, Wendy J., C.S.J. Cotty, Marion Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B. Daigle-William, Marsha Daise, Michael A. Daly Horell, Barbara Jean Darko, Daniel K.

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Day, Linda Deacon, Meredith De Lotto, Doris M. Dempsey, Carol J., O.P. Derivan, Albert T. Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B. Dillon, Richard J. Dubovsky, Peter, S.J. Duggan, Michael W. Dwyer, Peter Eisenberg, Roberta M. Elliott, Neil Endres, John C., S.J. Falco, Ronald G. Feeney, Paul J. Fitzpatrick, Paul J., C.F.M. Flesher, LeAnn S. Flint, Peter W. Flynn, Shawn W. Frechette, Christopher G., S.J. Frein, Brigid Curtin Freitag, Irene Friedrichsen, Timothy A. Frizzell, Lawrence E. Gadenz, Pablo T. Galvin, Garrett M., O.F.M. Gaventa, Beverly Roberts Gilchrist, John J. Gillman, Florence M. Girard, Marc Gomez, Margarita, R.M.I. Goodwin, Mark J. Granados, Juan M., S.J. Grant, Deena E. Green, Barbara, O.P. Gregory, Bradley C. Gross, Andrew D. Hagan, Harry, O.S.B. Hagopian, Britini Halton, Violet E. Hamilton, Gordon J. Hamm, Dennis, S.J. Hardiman, Patrick G. Harkins, Angela Kim Harkins, Franklin

Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. Harrington, Linda S. Hartin, Patrick J. Hayes, Katherine M. Hazlett, Julia Healy, Mary Hera, Marianus P., S.V.D. Herbert, Anne Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M. Hughes, Donna Humphrey, Hugh M. Irvin, Dorothy Irwin, William H., C.S.B. Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B. Just, Felix, S.J. Kaltner, John Keegan, Terence J., O.P. Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M. Kelly, Henry Ansgar Kimball, Ruth Kinney, James R. Knust, Jennifer W. Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J. Koperski, Veronica, S.F.C.C. Kruger, Brent A., C.S.C. Kuhn, Karl A. Kurz, William S., S.J. Kutsko, John F. Lafferty, Theresa V. Laffey, Alice L. Laganelli, Cheryl Lambert, Janet Lampe, Stephen J. Lane, Thomas J. Langlois, John Lanoue, Marc L. Latkovich, Sallie J., C.S.J. Launderville, Dale F., O.S.B. Legarreta, Felipe De J. Lenchak, Timothy A., S.V.D. Levenson, Jon D. Levine, Amy-Jill Lewandowski, Sue Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C. Lindquist, Maria J.

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