

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

The seventy-fifth international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held July 28–31, 2012, at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, July 28. Richard J. Dillon, Vice-President of the association, with the assistance of Gregory E. Sterling, introduced Harold W. Attridge, Jr., President of the association, who delivered the presidential address, “How Priestly Is the ‘High Priestly’ Prayer of John 17?”

Sessions on Sunday, July 29

Five task forces and eight 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: S. Scott Bartchy; Daniel K. Darko; David L. Eastman; John H. Elliott; Marie Noel Keller, R.S.M.; John J. Pilch; Kenneth G. Stenstrup; Walter F. Taylor, Jr.); “Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics” (convenor: Ahida E. Pilarski; core group members in attendance: Susan A. Calef; Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; Damien L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; Alice L. Laffey; Linda M. Maloney; Laura Manzo; Sheila E. McGinn; Lai Ling E. Ngan; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.; Bonnie Thurston; Seung Ai Yang); “Biblical Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies” (co-conveners: Richard J. Bautch and Jean-François Racine; core group members in attendance: Linda Day; Russell K. McDougall, C.S.C.; Michael Patella, O.S.B.; David Penchansky; Antonio Portalatin; C. Gilbert Romero; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; David W. Smith; Peter Spitaler); “John’s Gospel and the Old Testament” (co-conveners: Lawrence E. Frizell and Gregory Y. Glazov; core group members in attendance: William S. Kurz, S.J.; 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 Coblenz Bautch; Henry Ansgar Kelly; Scott M. Lewis, S.J.; Eric F. Mason; Kevin P. Sullivan).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: “The Bible and Ecology” (Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.); “Biblical Issues in Jewish–Christian Relations: The Figure of Wisdom in Sirach and *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*” (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 and Brigid Curtin Frein); “God in First Corinthians” (Robert F. O’Toole, S.J., and Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.); “*Verbum Domini* and the New

Evangelization" (Peter S. Williamson and Michael J. Byrnes); "The Hebrew Poetry of Psalms 132–135" (Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A., and Joseph E. Jensen).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Gary Anderson, "The Exegetical Origins of the Treasury in Heaven: The Old Testament Beginnings of a New Testament Concept"; and Adela Yarbro Collins, "The Afterlife of Paul's 'Spiritual Body.'"

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, 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: Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic; Frederick W. Danker; Msgr. James J. Foley; Marie Goldstein, R.S.H.M.; Edward J. Hayes; Stanley B. Marrow, S.J.; Frederick J. Murphy; Carl R. Kazmierski; James C. Polich.

Two sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Klaus-Peter Adam, "Private Long-term Enmity as a Social Status in Biblical Law"; Thomas P. Osborne, "Recurring Patterns and the Search for the Structure of Matthew's Gospel"; Garrett M. Galvin, O.F.M., "Joseph as Wisdom Literature"; Vincent P. Branick, "Universal Salvation in the Letters of Paul"; Angela Kim Harkins, "The Phenomenal Experience of Transformation in the Odes of Solomon 11"; Michael U. Udoekpo, "Psalm 126 and the Prophecy of Zephaniah: A Comparative Study"; William S. Morrow, "Legal Ambiguities"; Brigid Curtin Frein, "Jesus as Provocateur in Luke's Gospel"; Andrew T. Glicksman, "Divine Filiation in the Wisdom of Solomon"; Robert L. Mowery, "Fishers, Initiates, and Roman Christians"; Henry Ansgar Kelly, "Reclaiming the Middle English Bible from the Wycliffites."

In late afternoon a panel celebrating seventy-five years of the CBA was held. Members of the panel included Stephen Breck Reid, Frank J. Matera, Tom Stegner, S.J. (as proxy for Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.), and Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., each of whom gave reflections on the CBA, followed by responses from the audience. Sheila E. McGinn served as the moderator. A banquet (generously provided by Notre Dame) followed, during which several presentations were made celebrating the life, work, and contributions of the outgoing Executive Secretary, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., who served from 1970 to 2012. Harry Attridge introduced the program, noting the contributions of Joe Jensen and of the CBA Administrative Assistant, Maria Nazarczuk, and Mark S. Smith presented an encomium [included in full below]. A standing ovation was given to Joe Jensen. The banquet also included a presentation marking the CBA's anniversary year by Amy-Jill Levine with "choir," which added a touch of hilarity to the evening.

The general session in the evening consisted of a presentation from the Strategic Planning Committee (Michael Patella, O.S.B., chair; Harold W. Attridge; Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Corrine Carvalho; Amy-Jill Levine; John L. McLaughlin; Harry P. Nasuti; and Anthea E. Portier-Young) reporting the substance of its final report to the Executive Board. The committee offered several thematic topics that have governed its deliberations throughout its work, including mission and identity, membership, annual meetings, publications, technology and outreach, finances, and organization and administration. Since some of the recommendations would involve changes to the CBA Constitution and By-laws, the report included a version of these documents with tracked changes as well as a clean version of the amended documents. The Executive Board will consider any possible modifications to

the Constitution and By-laws and submit them to the membership for ratification at the 2013 annual meeting. The committee also recommends that, following the presentation of the substance of their report to the membership, the report be circulated to the membership electronically and posted on the Web site.

At the social hour Greg Sterling, the chair of the Committee on Local Arrangements, greeted the members of the CBA and gave everyone a warm welcome to the campus.

Sessions on Monday, July 30

Gerard S. Sloyan was the principal celebrant and homilist at the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. One session of research reports heard the following papers delivered: Deena E. Grant, "Divine Anger and Covenant Kinship in Deuteronomy"; Mark Kiley, "'Ayin and Entrance in Luke 1 and 2"; Andrew R. Davis, "Job 14:17 in Its Archaeological Context"; David L. Eastman, "The Deaths of the Apostles: Ancient Accounts of the Martyrdoms of Peter and Paul"; Harry Hagan, O.S.B., "The Traditional Roles of Foreigners in Biblical Narrative."

Katherine M. Hayes presided and Kelley Coblentz Bauthch preached at the midday prayer service. Members of the association who died during the previous year were again commemorated.

Two sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: David A. Bosworth, "The Weeping Prophet: Tears in the Book of Jeremiah"; Stephen J. Lampe, "Connecting 'kairotic' *sēmeron* with Lucan *sôtēria*"; Francis M. Macatangay, "Acts of Mercy as Acts of Remembrance in Tobit"; Zeba A. Crook, "Manufacturing Memory: Redaction Criticism in Light of Collective Memory Theory"; David Penchansky, "How Do the Jinn Function in the Qur'an?"; John T. Willis, "Protection in a Context of Wickedness and Righteousness, Hate and Love—A Study of Psalm 5"; Gregory Y. Glazov, "In Defense of the Pneumatological Version of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4"; Deborah Furlan Taylor, "The Historical and Theological Horizons of Daniel 7"; Leslie A. Baynes, "C. S. Lewis's 'Mad, Bad, or God' Argument: A Response from Biblical Studies"; Ralph W. Klein, "The Fit of the Prayer of Azariah in Daniel 3 and in Our Contexts."

CBA President Harry Attridge called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. He began by giving an introduction to family members of Bishop O'Hara, the founder of the CBA. In the absence of Daniel Harrington, S.J., Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees.

Stephen D. Ryan, O.P., gave the Treasurer's report. There is a net balance of \$1,133,339.00, largely due to the USCCB grant for *NAB* royalties. He drew attention to the royalties of \$60,661.53 that our journals are bringing in and noted that OTA is making money. Overall income is down a bit. The transition to the new Web site is almost complete. He informed the members that they could see himself, Jensen, or Violet Halton (the CBA bookkeeper) for any detailed questions on the distributed report.

The Executive Secretary's report was given by Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. He gave thanks to God for the meeting at Notre Dame as well as for the settlement of the *NAB* royalties, and expressed gratitude to Greg Sterling and all who were involved in the local arrangements for the meeting. Ten percent of membership dues will be donated for famine relief. Jensen reviewed the settlement with the USCCB with regard to the payment of back royalties for

the next four years. There was discussion about hiring auditors for financial review. Honorary life membership was bestowed on Jensen and Linda Day. Joseph Atkinson will be replacing Jensen on the Board of Trustees. The 2013 annual meeting will be held August 3–6 at Gonzaga College in Spokane, Washington. The 2014 annual meeting will possibly be held at Providence College, Rhode Island, July 26–29. Atkinson will put together a committee to develop a long-term plan for annual meeting sites. A formal motion was made to have the new Executive Secretary replace Jensen on all financial accounts.

Linda Day gave the report of the General Editor of the *CBQ*. We continue to receive increasing numbers of submissions. There is concern among the editorial board about the poor quality of material sent by students. The search committee successfully completed two searches, resulting in the selection of Leslie Hoppe as the next General Editor and Linda Maloney as the next New Testament Book Review Editor. Day expressed gratitude to those persons completing their terms of service: Amy-Jill Levine, Mary Ann Beavis, Clift Black, David Carr, Sheila McGinn, David Penchansky.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Jensen gave the report of the General Editor of *OTA*. He noted that two issues were produced, in February and June.

Mark Smith gave the report of the CBQMS. He announced that Rob Kugler will be the incoming chairperson and that four new editorial board members have been named: Kelley Coblentz Bautch, Mary Rose D'Angelo, Beverly Gaventa, and Amy-Jill Levine. We mourn the loss of Frederick Danker, who served the series excellently. Smith noted the publication of the two most recent monographs: CBQMS 48, *Celebrating Paul: Festschrift in Honor of Jerome Murphy-O'Connor and Joseph A. Fitzmyer* (edited by Peter Spitaler), and CBQMS 49, *The Ancient Hebrew Semantic Field of Cutting Tools: A Philological, Archaeological, and Semantic Study*, by Aaron Koller. CBQMS 50 will be a volume on Luke by Richard Dillon.

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 Atkinson recommended the following candidates.

For Active Membership:

Bartosz H. Adamczewski; Mark D. Allen; Gianguerrino Barbiero, S.D.B.; Toan Do; Ulrich F. Berges; Steven Dunn; John C. Edwards; Bernardo Estrada; Nathan P. Eubank; Robert D. Holmstedt; Leroy A. Huizenga; Melody D. Knowles; Joseph Thong Le, O.P.; Renato J. Lopez, S.S.; Ricardo Lopez; Marilyn J. Lundberg; Danny Mathews; Gary A. Mueller, C.M.; Christopher N. Naseri; John G. Nordling; Anthony J. Pagliarini; Glenn D. Pemberton; Constantin Pogor; Deborah C. Prince; Raymond Sobakin; Casimir B. Stroik; Manuel Villalobos-Mendoza; William C. Weinrich

For Associate Membership:

Edmund C. Ani; Justin D. Atkins; Dulcinea L. Boesenberg; Richard J. Boettcher; Michael B. Cover; David N. DeJong; Jenny DeVivo; Raymond L. Foyer; Timothy A. Gabrielson; Jeffrey P. Garcia; Nathaniel E. Greene; Andrew J. Geist; Justus T. Ghormley; Gary P. Klump; Laurence Kriegshauser; Timothy P. McCormick; Joseph L. McDonald; Nelida Naveros Cordova; Mary Dominic Pitts, O.P.; Maria E. Rodrigues; Sarah E. Schreiber; Christopher R. Stroup; Phillip M. Tobin; Daniel M. Yencich

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Corrine L. Carvalho gave the report of the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: President: Richard J. Dillon; Vice-President: Gary A. Anderson; Executive Secretary: Joseph C. Atkinson; Treasurer: Stephen D. Ryan, O.P.; Consultants, 2012–2015: Joan E. Cook, S.C., and Harry P. Nasuti; Committee on Nominations, 2012–2016: Pauline A. Viviano; Associate Editors of the *CBQ* for a first term: Marianne Blickenstaff, Karl Kuhn, Jacqueline Lapsley, and John L. McLaughlin; for a second term, Ellen Aitken, James Okoye, Ross Wagner, and Ziony Zevit. Attridge described the search for the Executive Secretary and the choice of Atkinson.

Ronald Witherup gave the report of the Committee on Resolutions, indicating resolutions of gratitude to the University of Notre Dame and Greg Sterling for their efforts toward a successful annual meeting, and to Joe Jenson for his years of service.

In new business, Felix Just, S.J., demonstrated new features of the Web site. It was decided that the final report of the Strategic Planning Committee be posted on the site in two versions, a standard version and another showing tracked changes. The incoming President will appoint an ad hoc committee to collect and address recommendations from the general membership regarding the proposed changes to the association and its governing documents. The Executive Board will determine the procedural processes by which the changes will be reviewed and presented to the membership. Attridge noted that a cordial letter from Cardinal Dolan, President of the USCCB, was received, congratulating the CBA on its 75th anniversary. This letter will be posted on the Web site. The Catholic Biblical Federation thanked the CBA for initiating a continuing seminar on *Verbum Domini* in preparation for the upcoming synod on evangelism.

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

The general session in the evening heard Richard J. Clifford, S.J., deliver the paper “Affirming the Past and Pointing to the Future: Cross References in Genesis 1.”

Sessions on Tuesday, July 31

Richard J. Clifford, S. J., was the principal celebrant and homilist for the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: James VanderKam, “Narrative and Law in Jubilees 7”; and Seung Ai Yang, “The Agency of the Other: A Postcolonial Feminist Reading of Matthew.”

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

Adam, Klaus-Peter	Bailey, Wilma
Aguilar, Enrique	Barbiero, Gianni, S.D.B.
Allen, Mark	Bautch, Richard
Anderson, Gary	Baynes, Leslie
Angelis, Paul	Bellinger, William
Ani, Edmund	Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.
Atkinson, Joseph	Berger, Susan
Attridge, Harold W.	Bergsma, John
Ayo, Nicholas, C.S.C.	Binz, Stephen

Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J.
 Blenkinsopp, Joseph
 Blickenstaff, Marianne
 Bobertz, Charles
 Boesenberg, Dulcinea
 Boisclair, Regina
 Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.
 Bornholdt, Wayne
 Bosworth, David
 Brady, Patrick
 Branick, Vincent
 Brien, Mary T., P.B.V.M.
 Brodeur, Scott N., S.J.
 Brown, Sherri
 Burns, Camilla, S.N.D. de N.
 Burns, Joshua Ezra
 Byrnes, Michael
 Calpino, Teresa
 Campbell, Joan C., C.S.M.
 Carmody, Timothy
 Carvalho, Corrine
 Castles, Patrick J.
 Chesnutt, Randall D.
 Christoffersen, Hans
 Clabeaux, John
 Clifford, Richard, S.J.
 Coblenz Bautch, Kelley
 Collins, Adela Yarbrow
 Cook, Joan E., S.C.
 Corley, Thomas J.
 Cory, Catherine
 Corzine, Robert
 Cotter, Wendy, C.S.J.
 Cover, Michael
 Cronauer, Patrick, O.S.B.
 Crook, Zeba
 Daigle-Williamsom, Marsha
 Daly, Barbara Jean
 Dang, Thien, O.S.B.
 Davis, Andrew
 Day, Linda
 DeJong, David
 Dempsey, Carol, O.P.
 DeVivo, Jenny
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Dillon, Richard
 Dominic, Mary
 Donahue, John, S.J.
 Dozeman, Thomas B.
 Duggan, Michael W.
 Eastman, David
 Egger-Wenzel, Renate
 Elliott, Neil
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Feyerherm, Elise
 Fitzpatrick, Paul J., C.F.M.
 Flynn, Shawn
 Foyer, Raymond
 Franke, Chris
 Frechette, Christopher G., S.J.
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Frizzell, Lawrence
 Fry, Anne-Marie
 Galvin, Garrett M., O.F.M.
 Gareau, Edward
 Geist, Andrew
 Germanson, Tom
 Ghormley, Justus
 Giambrone, Anthony, O.P.
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Girard, Marc
 Giszczak, Mark
 Glazov, Gregory
 Glicksman, Andrew
 Grant, Deena E.
 Gregory, Bradley C.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hahn, Scott
 Halton, Violet
 Hamilton, Gordon
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Hamori, Esther
 Hanneken, Todd R.
 Hardiman, Patrick F.
 Harkins, Angela K.
 Harmon, Bradley
 Harrington, Linda
 Hartin, Patrick

- Hayes, Katherine
 Hera, Marianus P., S.V.D.
 Hoeck, Andreas
 Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M.
 Irwin, William H., C.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Kalimi, Isaac
 Kaltner, John
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M.
 Kelly, Henry Ansgar
 Kiley, Mark
 Kinney, James R.
 Klein, Ralph W.
 Klump, Gary P.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Krentz, Edgar
 Kruger, Brent A., C.S.C.
 Kugler, Robert
 Kuhn, Karl A.
 Kurz, William, S.S.J.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Lampe, Stephen J.
 Latkovich, Sallie J., C.S.J.
 Lauderville, Dale F., O.S.B.
 Legarreta, Felipe De J.
 Lenchak, Timothy A., S.V.D.
 Leonard-Fleckman, Mahri
 Levine, Amy-Jill
 Lewis, Jody V.
 Lewis, Scott M., S.J.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lillie, Ronald
 Lodge, John G.
 Lux, Richard C.
 Lyon, Margot
 Macatangay, Francis
 Madden, Patrick J.
 Malin, Gary J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda
 Manzo, Juana L.
 Marek, Libor
 Martin, Troy W.
 Martinez, Roberto, O.F.M. Cap.
 Mason, Eric F.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mazich, Edward, O.S.B.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCormick, Larry D.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDonald, Joseph L.
 McDougall, Russell, C.S.C.
 McGinn, Sheila
 McGinn Moorer, Donal
 McKenzie, Steven L.
 McLaughlin, John L.
 Meier, John P.
 Miller, Geoffrey D.
 Miller, Robert J.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morrison, Craig E., O. Carm.
 Morrow, William S.
 Moss, Candida
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Nagel, Elizabeth M.
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Naveros, Nelida, C.D.P.
 Ngan, Lai Ling
 O'Connell, Séamus
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Hara, Bobbie
 O'Leary, Anne M., P. B.V.M.
 Osborne, Thomas P.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Pace, Sharon
 Page, Hugh R., Jr.
 Palacios, Kristin
 Pare, Marc
 Pascuzzi, Maria, C.S.J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Pemberton, Glenn
 Penchansky, David
 Perkins, Pheme

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 Pilch, John J.
 Polinski, Nathanael R., O.S.B.
 Ponsot, Herve
 Portalatin, Antonio
 Portier-Young, Anatheia E.
 Prince, Deborah
 Racine, Jean François
 Ralph, Margaret N.
 Rappe, Donald
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reid, Stephen Breck
 Riopelle, Patrick J.
 Robertson, Joan F.
 Romero, C. Gilbert
 Ruff, Jerry
 Russell, Patrick
 Ryan, Stephen
 Sabin, Marie
 Salvador, Roberta
 Schmisek, Brian
 Schmitt, John
 Schneck, Richard
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
 Schreiber, Sarah
 Schuller, Eileen M., O.S.U.
 Skinner, Christopher
 Sklba, Richard
 Sloyan, Gerard
 Smiles, Vincent
 Smith, David Whitten
 Smith, Mark
 Sobakin, Raymond
 Sperry, Mary E.
 Spitaler, Peter
 Stegman, Thomas D., S.J.
 Stenstrup, Ken
 Stephens, Kevin
 Sterling, Greg

Stommes, Mary
 Stroik, Casimir
 Sullivan, Kevin
 Szukalski, John A., S.V.D.
 Taggart, Linda
 Taylor, Deborah
 Taylor, Walter
 Thurston, Bonnie
 Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
 Tyler, Ronald
 Udoekpo, Michael
 Ulrich, Eugene
 VanderKam, James
 Viviano, Pauline A.
 Walsh, Jerome
 Walters, Patricia
 Wcela, Emil
 Weinrich, William
 Wells, Jeremy
 White, Ellen
 Whitlock, Matthew
 Wiar, Kim
 Williamson, Peter
 Willis, Evelyn
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 Wilson, Kelly
 Wimmer, Donald
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