REPORT OF THE COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
May 30–June 3, 2012

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I. Business Meeting, June 2012

Reports
Executive Director of National Conventions: David Gentry-Akin

- 2012 Convention (58th Annual)
  - 210 attendees
  - Theme: *Found in Translation: Living Faith in New Contexts*
  - Editors of the Annual Volume: Mary Doak and Anita Houck
  - Special thanks to the Local Coordinator, Andrew Getz
- 2013 Convention (59th Annual)
  - Location: Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Local Coordinators: Dennis Hamm and Gail Risch
  - Theme: *Teaching Theology and Handing on the Faith: Challenges and Convergences*
  - Editors of the Annual Volume: William Portier and Matthew Sutton
- 2014 Convention (60th Annual)
  - Location: St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Local Coordinator: Christopher McMahon

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- 2015 Convention (61st Annual)
  - Location: University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Local Coordinator: Carol Dempsey
- 2016 Convention (62nd Annual)
  - Location: Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island. Local Coordinator: Jayme Hennessy
- 2017 Convention (63rd Annual)
  - Location: St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota. Local Coordinator: Colleen Mary Carpenter
- 2018 Convention (64th Annual)
  - Location: Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri. Local Coordinator: Glenn Young

Chairperson and Editor of Research and Publications: William J. Collinge

- *They Shall Be Called Children of God: Violence, Transformation, and the Sacred*, College Theology Society Annual Volume 57, was published by Orbis in April 2012. Annual volume editors Margaret Pfeil and Tobias Winright were thanked for their work.
- The deadline for submissions for the 2012 volume, edited by Mary Doak and Anita Houck, is July 2.
- Susan Perry, the guiding spirit of the annual volumes for eighteen years, has announced her retirement. While she will continue to work on the 2012 volume, the Director of Publications will have a greater role in the production of future annual volumes, including overseeing the publication process and providing an initial editorial reading of articles.
- Collinge continues to gather material for the Society's archives at The Catholic University of America.

Assistant Editor of Horizons: Elena Procario-Foley

- During the period of June 2011 to June 2012, two issues of *Horizons* (Volume 38, Number 2, and Volume 39, Number 1) were published, with a total of 369 pages.
- 42 manuscripts were evaluated; 8 were published; 2 were accepted for future issues; 11 were rejected; 15 are currently in evaluation; 1 has been resubmitted. Of the published manuscripts, 1 was an editorial essay and 4 contributed to a theological roundtable. There also was 1 book review symposium published to which 6 authors contributed, and an additional 58 books were reviewed for a total of 64 reviews.
- 1062 copies of Volume 38/2 (Fall 2011) and 975 copies of Volume 39/1 (Spring 2012) were printed.

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- Circulation for the most recent issue, including members, individual subscribers, and institutional subscribers, was 916.
- Cambridge University Press has been in negotiations with *Horizons* and has made a proposal that outlines a five-year agreement to publish the journal, offer full-text online, and digitize all previous issues.

Secretary: Daniel Michaels

- Current membership: 473 total active members (down 32 from June, 2011). The following breakdown is drawn from all active (current) memberships:
  - 317 Full Professional Members (down 20 from June 2011)
  - 17 Joint Billed Members (up 1 from June 2011)
  - 4 Joint Non-Billed Members (down 2 from June 2011)
  - 27 Associate Members (down 1 from June 2011)
  - 91 Student Members (down 17 from June 2011)
  - 3 Lifetime Members (same as June 2011)
  - 14 payments pending
- Several improvements to the CTS website will be implemented this summer, including integrating social networking; upgrading the forum and the look and feel of the website; and increasing permission levels in the content management system.

Committee on Nominations: Anita Houck, Chair, *ex officio*

- Julie Hanlon Rubio; John Sheveland; and Anita Houck, Chair, *ex officio*, constituted the Committee.
- Officers completing their terms were sincerely thanked: Danny Michaels, who created and has done a great deal to improve and maintain our website; Michael Barnes, completing his term as Past President; and Brad Hinze, who is completing his term as President and will now serve as Past President.
- Incoming Officers: Sandra Yocum, *President*; Maureen H. O'Connell, *Vice President*; Nicholas Rademacher, *Secretary*. Incoming Board members*:* Patrick J. Lynch, Margaret Pfeil.
- Committee on Awards: Matthew Ashley, Chair, and Gloria Schaab are completing their terms (2009-2012); Patrick Lynch was asked to serve for an extra year after completing his initial three-year term (2008-2011) in order to continue his work on updating the Committee's policies, and he was thanked for completing this helpful project. Elizabeth Groppe and Jason King were ratified by acclamation to serve three-year terms (2012-2015); Steven Casey was ratified by acclamation to serve a two-year term (2012-2014), completing the term begun by

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Pat Lynch's one-year extension of service. Ellen Murray will serve as Chair of the Committee.

- Committee on Resolutions: Mary Doak and Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos are completing their one-year terms. Having served three years on the Board of Directors, Bill Clark and Jayme Hennessy were ratified as the new members of the Resolutions Committee (2012-2013), serving with incoming Vice President Maureen H. O'Connell.

Treasurer: Brian Flanagan

- 2011 Revenue: $116,768
- 2011 Expenses: $125,587
- 2011 Investment Income: $(1,042)
- Assets (12/31/11) $ 52,774
- Operating expenses are lagging behind annual revenue, due in part to increased costs for the website, insurance for the annual convention, and our annual financial review. The Board will explore the possibility of increasing dues and allocating revenue from *Horizons*.
- The Board has approved moving 20% of the Society's cash reserve into a Calvert money market fund, where it will be more easily accessible.

Vice-President: Anita Houck

- Regional Meetings
  - Ed Miller reported that the CTS 2011 Eastern Regional Meeting was held at Holy Family University on October 21, 2011. Jerry Vigna of Alvernia University introduced the group's discussion on "Catechesis, Teaching Theology in Catholic Colleges and Universities, and *The Quest for the Living God*."
  - Fran Leap reported that the Southwest Pennsylvania group held its regional dinner on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Seton Hill University, discussing Christopher McMahon's "Narrating Salvation: Historical Jesus Research and Soteriology," in *Finding Salvation: Essays on Christology and Soteriology in Honor of William P. Loewe*.
- Resolutions Committee
  - The first resolution passed unanimously: *Whereas* Susan Perry has given extraordinary service to the College Theology Society over the past eighteen years in seeing to the timely publication of an exemplary Annual Volume; and *whereas* Susan Perry has been an active contributor to the College Theology Society's Annual Conventions for more than two

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decades; and *whereas* Susan Perry has helped individual members of the Society in countless ways in their projects of teaching and publication; and *whereas* Susan Perry has announced her retirement as of the end of June of this year; *be it resolved* that the College Theology Society expresses its deep gratitude to Susan Perry for her many acts of service and wishes her a rewarding and joyful retirement.

- The second resolution passed with two abstentions: Grateful for the theological and ministerial work of the communities that belong to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the membership of the College Theology Society expresses its strong support for the LCWR.

President: Bradford Hinze

- Brad Hinze reported that he attended a meeting with members of the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops on November 12, 2011; also attending were Susan Ross, CTSA President; Richard Gaillardetz, CTSA President-elect; Mary Ann Hinsdale, CTSA Past-president; and Roger McGrath, liaison between the CTSA and the Committee on Doctrine.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

II. Report of the 2012 Annual Convention

The fifty-eighth convention of the College Theology Society was held concurrently with the meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), May 31-June 3, 2012 with the meeting of the Board of Directors beginning on May 30. The convention was held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas on the theme *Found in Translation: Living Faith in New Contexts.* Andrew Getz served as the Local Coordinator. CTS plenary presentations were given by Richard Ascough, Associate Professor of Greek and New Testament at Queen's School of Religion (Ontario, Canada), on "Meals, Memories, and Methods: (Re-) Constructing the Origins of 'Christianity'"; and Nancy Piñeda-Madrid, Associate Professor of Theology and U.S. Latino/a Ministry, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College

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(Massachusetts), on "Social Salvation in the Shadow of Feminicide." A third plenary session, a panel on the theme "Interreligious Engagement: Translating Theology and Religion in a Diverse World," included three presentations: "Ecology and the Sacred: Translating (Self-)Exile Together as Muslims and Christians" by Bahar Davary, Associate Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of San Diego (California); "Zen and Christian—Articulating the Ineffable?" by Ruben Habito, Professor of World Religions and Spirituality at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (Texas); and "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: *Agape* in Hindu-Christian Engagements" by Reid Locklin, Associate Professor and Programme Coordinator, Christianity and Culture, at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto (Ontario, Canada). Mary Doak and Anita Houck will edit this year's annual volume.

At the banquet, Matthew Ashley, Chair of the Awards Committee, presented the publication awards. The award for the best book was presented to Timothy Matovina for *Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church* (Princeton, 2011). The award for best article was presented to Anne Clifford for "Creation" from Francis Schlüssler Fiorenza and John P. Galvin (eds.), *Systematic Theology: Roman Catholic Perspectives*, 2nd edition (Fortress, 2011). Susan Perry of Orbis Press was warmly thanked for her years of service to the Society. In honor of her retirement, the award for the best essay by a graduate student was named the Susan Perry Award for the Best Graduate Student Essay. The Perry Award was presented to Clair Mesick of Notre Dame for her essay "The Unfinished Christ: Sickness and Healing in the Apocryphal Acts."

Brad Hinze presented the Presidential Address, titled "The Tasks of Theology in the *Proyecto Social* of the University's Mission."

III. Fifty-Ninth National Convention

The 2013 annual convention will be held May 30 - June 2, 2013, at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska on the theme *Teaching Theology and Handing on the Faith: Challenges and Convergences.*

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