REPORT OF THE COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MAY 29–JUNE 1, 2008

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Incoming Board Members: Mary Doak, Catherine Punsalan

I. Business Meeting, June 2008

Reports

Executive Director, National Conventions: Philip Rossi
2008 Convention: 220 registered
2009 55th Annual Convention: Location—University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Theme—"God, Grace, and Creation" (May 28-31, 2009); Local Coordinator: Matthew Ashley.

Director of Research and Publication: Sally Kenel (Virginia Ryan reporting)

- *Faith and Public Life*, edited by William Collinge, College Theology Society Annual Volume 53 (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2007) was mailed to members at the end of April 2008.
- *Catholic Identity and the Laity*, the 2008 annual volume, will be edited by Timothy Muldoon.
- *God, Grace, and Creation*, the 2009 annual volume, will be edited by Philip Rossi.

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Editor of Horizons: Anthony Godzieba

- During the period of June 2007 to May 2008, two issues of *Horizons* (Volume 34, Number 2 and Volume 35, Number 1) were published with a total of 423 pages.
- 34 manuscripts were evaluated; 10 were published; 6 were accepted for future issues; 2 were rejected; 9 are currently in evaluation, 2 have been resubmitted. Of the published manuscripts, 1 was an editorial essay and 4 were parts of a theological roundtable. There also were 2 book review symposia published to which 11 authors contributed, and an additional 77 book reviews.
- 1160 copies of both Volume 32/2 (Fall 2007) and Volume 33/1 (Spring 2008) were printed.
- Circulation was 924. *Report from Nominations Committee:* Gerald S. Vigna
- Anita Houck, Mary Kate Birge and Jerry Vigna constituted the committee
- Mary Doak and Catherine Punsalan were elected to the board; Michael Barnes was elected president; and Shannon Schrein was elected vice president.

Treasurer: Christopher McMahon

• 2007 Revenue:	$117,508.00
• 2007 Expenses:	$130,629.00
• 2007 Income:	($13,121)
• Assets (12/31/05)	$179,717.00

Apparent deficit due to invoices for three issues of *Horizons* payable in single fiscal year and costs of society's history, which money had been escrowed.

The 2007 annual meeting earned a profit.

Formal financial reviews were instituted in August 2007. The board resolved at its November 2007 meeting that such reviews would become a regular procedure.

Secretary: Elena Procario-Foley

- Current Membership: 796
- New Members since Nov. 2007: 27

10 new student members
14 new full members
01 new associate member
01 new joint membership

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The society holds in memory those who died during the last year: Anne Carr, Sally McReynolds, and Arlene Swidler.

Vice-President: Gerald S. Vigna

- Resolutions Committee**:** David Robinson, George Gilmore, and Jerry Vigna. There were no resolutions.
- Regional Meetings: The Eastern Pennsylvania region continued its annual October dinner meeting. The Western Pennsylvania region held its first annual meeting at Seton Hill College and discussed the recent Mennonite document on peacemaking.

President: Anne Clifford

- Awards Committee: Patrick Lynch and Patrick Hayes are new members; Elaine MacMillan is the new chair.
- Constitutional revisions: It was moved that the offices of secretary and chair have fixed terns of three years renewable once by the board and that their terms be staggered. Motion carried unanimously.
- Converting to new website: The new site is up and meeting attendees were urged to register themselves during the convention. Registration for 2009 convention will be on new website.
- Committee on Race, Ethnicity, and Pedagogy: The board has approved the following preliminary actions:

Develop member survey
Provide open forum to discuss survey at 2009 convention
Explore possibility of Wabash Center grant
Create consultation on racial diversity and pedagogy
Begin to develop materials for a link on new website

II. Report of the 2008 Annual Meeting

The fifty-fourth meeting of the College Theology Society was held concurrently with the meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of religion (NABPR), May 29–June 1, 2008 at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. The theme of the convention was "Catholic Identity and the Laity." CTS plenary sessions featured Dolores Leckey, Washington Theological Center on "From Baptismal Font to Ministry: The Surprising Story of Laity Stirring the Church"; Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University, on "Maturity and the Lay Vocation: From Ecclesiology to Ecclesiality"; and Edward P. Hahnenberg, Xavier University, and Zeni Fox, Immaculate Conception Seminary, on "Lay? Minister? Identity, Engagement, and the Mission of the Church." In

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addition, the CTS Committee on Race, Ethnicity, and Pedagogy held a special session on white privilege.

At the convention banquet, Laurie Cassidy and Alex Mikulich won the best book award for their edited volume, *Interrupting White Privilege: Catholic Theologians Break the Silence* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007). Fr. Norbert Rigali, S.J., won the essay award for "Moral Theology and Church Responses to Sexual Abuse," *Horizons* 34/2 (2007): 183–204. Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer of Salve Regina University won the graduate essay award for "Sanctifying Grace in a Methodological Theology."

III. Fifty-Fifth National Convention

The 2009 annual meeting will be held May 28–31 at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, on the theme "God, Grace, and Creation."

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