REPORT OF THE COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
MAY 28–31, 2009

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Incoming Board Members: William Clark, SJ, Jayme Hennessey

I. Business Meeting May 2009

Reports
Executive Director, National Conventions: Philip Rossi

- 2009 Convention: 275 registered
- Special thanks to the Local Coordinator Matt Ashley
- 56th Annual Convention: Location—University of Portland, Portland, OR. Theme—*Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation* (June 3–6, 2010); Local Coordinator: Carol Dempsey.

Director of Research and Publication: Sally Kenel

- *Catholic Identity and the Laity*, edited by Tim Muldoon, College Theology Society Annual Volume 54 (Maryknoll, NY: 2008) was mailed to members on 4/29/09.
- *God, Grace and Creation* the 2009 annual volume, will be edited by Philip Rossi, SJ.
- *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*, the 2010 annual volume, will be edited by Laurie Cassidy and Maureen O'Connell.

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Editor of Horizons: Anthony Godzieba (Sally Kenel Reporting)

- During the period of June 2008 to May 2009, two issues of *Horizons* (Volume 35, Number 2 and Volume 36, Number 1) were published with a total of 422 pages.
- 46 manuscripts were evaluated; 9 were published; 4 were accepted for future issues; 13 were rejected; 8 are currently in evaluation, 5 have been resubmitted. Of the published manuscripts, 3 were editorial essays and 4 were theological roundtables. There also were 5 book review symposia published to which 5 authors contributed and an additional 69 book reviews.
- 1218 copies of both Volume 35/2 (Fall 2008) and 1050 copies of Volume 36/1 (Spring 2009) were printed.
- Circulation was 950.
- Elena Procario Foley has accepted an offer to serve as assistant editor for Horizons

Report from Nominations Committee: Shannon Schrein

- Bill Collinge, Jason King and Shannon Schrein constituted the committee
- Bill Clark, SJ and Jayme Hennessey were elected to the board; Daniel Michaels was elected secretary; and David Gentry-Akin was appointed as the Executive Director of Conventions.

Treasurer: Christopher McMahon

- 2008 Revenue: $119,667.00
- 2008 Expenses: $111,656.00
- 2008 Income: ($8,011)
- Assets (12/31/05) $176,269.00
- When the (unrealized) loss of investment income is taken into account, the Society incurred its second year of losses.
- Website membership functions have worked well from a financial standpoint; benefits should be evident in 2009.
- A motion for dues increase will be presented for approval to the Board at the November 2009 meeting and proposed to the membership at its 2010 business meeting in Portland.
- D and O insurance was purchased through Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company.
- Additional expenses approved by the Board:
    - Increase reimbursement rate for select board members (up to $600)
    - Increase stipend paid to plenary speakers ($1,500)
    - Increase the annual essay and book awards ($400)

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- Addition of INSeCT dues and assistance ($4,000)
- Addition of D and O insurance ($1,500)
- Addition of annual financial review ($800)

- The November 2009 board meeting in Montreal has been modified to reduce costs and increase the time for discussion of new business.

Secretary: Elena Procario-Foley

- Current Membership: 530 (As of May 2009 on www.collegetheology.org)
- 638 total members registered on the site (about 150 have not paid their dues for 09)
- The society holds in memory the member who died during the past year: Prudence M. Croke, RSM

Vice-President: Shannon Schrein

- Resolutions Committee**:** David Robinson, George Gilmore, and Shannon Schrein. There were no resolutions.
- Regional Meetings: The SW PA Regional Meeting was held 10/10/08 at Seton Hill University, hosted by Fran Leap and the faculty of the Religious Studies Department at Seton Hill. Over twenty people attended from six different institutions, and there was a lively discussion of Tim Muldoon's book *Seeds of Hope.*

  "The Eastern PA/ Mid-Atlantic Region of CTS met on Friday evening, October 24, 2008 at LaSalle University. Twenty-four professors of religious studies were present, most of whom being CTS members. One professor, from St. Thomas University in Miami, was visiting the Delaware Valley and came, thus claiming the "prize for coming the farthest." Prof. (Msgr.) Joe Devlin of LaSalle's Religion Department, and Margaret McGuinness, its chair, hosted the fine dinner that preceded a discussion of the topic, "Is Catholicism in Decline in America?" Joe Devlin had chosen the topic and invited Rodger Van Allen (Villanova) to focus and facilitate the ninety-minute discussion. Two articles from *America* magazine of this past summer were common advanced readings for the group.
- Awards Committee:
  Elaine MacMillan, Chair (2008–2009)
  Patrick Hayes (2008–2011)
  Patrick Lynch (2008–2011)
  Carol Dempsey (2007–2010)
  Anne Clifford (for Mary Ann Hinsdale) (2008–2009)

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President: Michael Barnes

- Thank you letter from the President of NAPBR read by Michael Barnes

Old Business

- Thanks to Danny Michaels for website…it appears to be working
- Michael Barnes proposed a membership drive and opened to floor for suggestions:
  - Extend membership to outstanding undergraduate scholars
  - Extend membership to those outside the classroom
  - Add the word "recruitment" to the ad-hoc committee.
  - Have a conversation with our colleagues.
  - Personal invitations to graduate students.
- Proposed letter of congratulations to Miguel Diaz
- Constitutional revisions: It was moved that the offices of secretary and chair have fixed terms 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-fifth meeting of the College Theology Society was held concurrently with the meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), May 28–31, 2009 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The theme of the convention was *God, Grace and Creation*. Matt Ashley served as the local coordinator. CTS plenary sessions featured: "Creation as Original Grace" David Burrell, CSC, University of Notre Dame, IN, "Exploring How God Acts: Creation, Redemption and Special Divine Action" Denis Edwards, Flinders University, Australia, and "Godhead or God Ahead? Rethinking the Trinity in Light of Emergence" Ilia Delio, Washington Theological Union. In addition, the CTS Committee on Race, Ethnicity, and Pedagogy

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held a special session titles: "Listening Session on Race, Diversity and Pedagogy."

At the banquet the best book award was presented to Mark J. Allman, for *Who Would Jesus Kill? War, Peace and the Christian Tradition*. Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press, 2008. The best article award was presented to John Sniegocki, for "Implementing Catholic Social Teaching," in *Faith in Public Life.* Edited by William J. Collinge. The Annual Publication of the College Theology Society, Volume 53. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2007, pp. 39–61. The student essay award winner was Donna R. Reinhard, for "Engaging in the Debates from the Periphery: The Contribution of Neglected Oxford Movement Converts in the Infallibility Debates" in *Authority, Dogma and History: The Role of the Oxford Movement in the Papal Infallibility Debates.* Edited by Kenneth L. Parker, and Michael J. G. Pahls. Bethesda, MD: Academica Press, 2008, pp. 157–194.

III. Fifty-Sixth National Convention

The 2010 annual meeting will be held June 3–6, 2010 at the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, on the theme *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*.

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