

**The 66<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES of the 66<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Society held at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, USA during 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

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**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2011**

**17.30 BUSINESS MEETING I**

The *President*, Prof. Adela Yarbro Collins, was in the chair, and about 100 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 66<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Society.

BM2011/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former *Presidents* of the Society: Barbara Aland, Tjitze Baarda, Hans Dieter Betz, Marinus de Jonge, James Dunn, Andrie du Toit, Daniel Marguerat, Wayne Meeks, Petr Pokorny.

BM2011/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs Janos Bolyki, Boudewijn Dehandschutter, Douglas Edwards, P-E. Langevin, Jorge Sánchez Bosch, Alan Segal, Giuseppe Segalla, Margaret Thrall. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

Resignations from the Society were received from the following scholars: Profs Jürgen Becker, Günter Klein, K.H. Kuhn, Folker Siegert, Nigel M. Watson, Hans-Theo Wrege.

BM2011/03 Minutes of the 2010 General Meeting in Berlin, Germany

The Minutes of the 2010 General Meeting held in Berlin were approved and signed.

BM2011/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2011/05 Arrangements for the 2011 General Meeting in Annandale-in-Hudson

The *Secretary*, Prof. Martinus C. de Boer, announced that 237 participants had registered for the General Meeting, of which some 126 were members.

Delegates were informed of two changes to the programme:

The scheduled short paper by Dr Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole had been cancelled, due to his being unable to obtain a visa to travel to the USA; Seminar 8, Prof. Christopher Manus was also unable to attend, due to a car accident – a paper will be delivered in his stead by Prof. Emmanuel Chinwokwu; Seminar 12, Bishop E. Baasland was also unable to attend, in the light of his pastoral responsibilities following the recent tragedy in Oslo – a paper will be delivered in his stead by Prof. Jan van der Watt.

The *Secretary* announced that those convenors seeking to extend their seminars beyond their scheduled termination at the close of the 2011 General Meeting, and any wishing to propose a new seminar, should submit their proposals to the *Secretary* before Friday.

BM2011/06 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Dr Andrew Clarke, reported that the Committee had approved 25 nominations of new members for consideration. This list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board, and members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee meeting.

#### BM2011/07 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Prof. Henk Jan de Jonge (Netherlands) to the post of *President-Elect* of the Society (to become *President* at the 2012 General Meeting in Leuven, Belgium).

The Committee intimated, and the Society approved, the nomination of Prof. Christopher Tuckett to the post of *Deputy President-Elect*, with a view to taking up office as *President* at the 2013 General Meeting in Perth, Australia.

The *President* noted that the first term of Prof. Bernard Lategan as *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. The Committee recommended that he be appointed to serve a further two years. Members approved the appointment for this period, until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

#### BM2011/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bernard Lategan, had circulated a concise report covering the year to June 2011.

Two main issues were elaborated:

##### 1. *The work of the existing committees*

Details of the work of the Eastern European Liaison Committee, the African Liaison Committee, the Asian/Pacific Liaison Committee, and scholars representing the Latin American region were presented.

##### a. Eastern European Liaison Committee (EELC)

- The fifth East-West symposium on 'Gospel Images of Jesus Christ in Church Tradition and in Biblical Scholarship' took place as planned from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- Special efforts will be made to establish contacts in countries where the EELC until now has had few or no relationships – like Slovenia, Croatia, Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania. The focus should be (besides Russian Orthodox) also on Roman Catholic and Protestant colleagues. Members of the EELC will also try to establish contacts in Slovakia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Monte Negro, Georgia and Armenia.
- The EELC is exploring various funding initiatives as part of its 5-year funding plan (2011-15). These include several possibilities in the USA as well as Erasmus agreements in Europe to help fund attendance at East-West symposia.
- The EELC was able to acquire a number of books at a very good rate at the 2010 Berlin General Meeting from Brill and De Gruyter. These books were sent directly to the library at St Petersburg. Twenty scholars from Eastern Europe now also have access to the SNTS Electronic Library.
- Plans are well under way for the next East-West symposium in Belgrade in August 2013.

##### b. African Liaison Committee (ALC)

- The Institute of Scripture Studies is now well established and serves as the platform for the activities of the African Liaison Committee. Two meetings were held during the year. The first took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 at Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology in Nairobi. The focus was on aspects of peace in biblical texts. The second meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi.
- The ALC proposed a number of scholars for the Electronic Library. To-date 38 colleagues had been appointed as research fellows of SUNTRA which gives them access to the EL.

##### c. Asian/Pacific Liaison Committee (APLC)

The APLC had its inaugural meeting at the 2010 General Meeting in Berlin. The meeting was chaired by David Sim and was attended by all members of the Committee (Jey Kanagaraj, Eric Wong, Bill Loader, Paul Trebilco and Jamie McLaren) as well as the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*. The Committee discussed a number of issues.

- It was decided to keep the Committee's membership flexible. It would comprise the 'core members' mentioned above but could second other Society members as the need arises. The 'core members' will serve a term of five years (2010-2014).
- Prior to the 2011 General Meeting, the Chair emailed all Society members in the region to alert them to the aims and goals of the Committee, to ask if they had any strategies to assist the work of the Committee, and to invite expressions of interest from those who may wish to work in or alongside the Committee.
- The 2013 General Meeting in Perth, Australia affords a unique opportunity to bring together the Society and scholars from the Asian/Pacific region. It was decided to hold a short conference immediately prior to the 2013 General Meeting and to invite regional scholars to attend.

d. Latin America

The first meeting of Latin American scholars took place on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at Bard College. A number of scholars from various countries were invited, and the response was very positive with 15 participants attending. The meeting took the form of a pre-conference symposium, and the focus was on the state of biblical studies in the various countries of Latin America. It is hoped that a Liaison Committee will be established for the region.

2. *SNTS Electronic Library (EL)*

Prof. Lategan presented details about the progress of the project to establish an electronic library resource.

- The first phase of the establishment of the EL is now completed. Currently 58 scholars (20 from Eastern Europe and 38 from Africa) have access to the Library. New users will be added as they are proposed by Society members and approved by the EL management.
- The architecture of the EL makes provision for considerable expansion. At present it is a basic portal, which provides access to the online resources of the Stellenbosch University library, but with links to other online repositories. Members are urged to make additional sources available to the EL and to contact the EL management in order to add these links to the portal. The portal also has a blog facility where users can exchange views and information, publish work in progress, and ask for comments and advice. The long-term goal is to develop a virtual community of scholars. For researchers working in relative isolation and at great distances from main centres, this is of particular importance.
- In order to expand the EL further, the management strives for optimal co-operation with existing publishers in the field of biblical studies. It is hoped that these publishers will make online journals and books available to the EL either without cost or at reduced rates.
- The envisaged second phase of the EL includes the development of a dedicated website, the expansion of the blog facilities and the services of a qualified webmaster to maintain the site. This will only be possible if the necessary funding can be secured.
- So far it has been possible to keep costs to a minimum. Stellenbosch University covered the cost of the development of the first phase of the portal. The IT costs to make the portal fully functional will be around € 250. Access to the EL is free of charge except for a basic Internet fee of € 16 per user per annum (€ 928 for the current 58 users).

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* was thanked for his contributions.

BM2011/09 Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer*, Dr Helen Bond, had circulated the draft financial statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011, together with a commentary. It was noted that the 'Financial Statement' was prepared by an Independent examiner (Prof. Jeff McLachlan) and is filed on the Society website in Excel format as 'SNTSAccounts2011'. From this report, the *Treasurer* drew attention to the following:

#### 1. *The General Fund*

- Society Subscriptions for 2010/11 are £11,658. This year's income is slightly above average and probably reflects the committee's decision last year to raise the Sterling subscriptions slightly (bringing them into line with the Euro and the US Dollar).
- Low interest rates have resulted in income from Investments and Interest continuing to be poor — £121 (for comparison, investments earned £1,907 in 2007/08).
- The 2010 General Meeting in Berlin made a surplus of around £2,000 but the money came in too late to be included in the 2010/11 accounts. This will be divided equally between the two funds.

#### 2. *The International Fund*

- Income is down on 2009/10 (£6,466 compared with £8,825 in 2009/10).
- The grant payment figures represent payments to a dozen or so members from 'developing' countries.

#### 3. *The Library Fund*

- The European Library fund had £1,313 at the end of 2009/10 and this was made available to Prof. Dunn who holds the Library's Sterling account. The fund receives very little in the way of donations now.

#### 4. *Overview of Finances*

- The IF balance is in healthy credit (currently £41,991), although the fund is gradually depleting as the Society sponsors members to attend General Meetings (in 2004 the fund was at £62,904). The GF is also looking healthy (currently £29,104). Both funds will be stretched in 2011/12 with the 2011 General Meeting in the US, and the 2013 General Meeting in Australia.
- It was suggested that there is no necessity to raise subscription levels this year, particularly since Sterling was brought into line with other currencies last year. The *Treasurer* expressed some concern, however, over lack of payment by members, particularly those who fall within the top tier (virtually all of the money for the IF comes from this group).

For its part, the General Meeting of the Society approved the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

The *Treasurer* thanked the regional treasurers and local organisers for their help. The *Treasurer* was thanked for her contributions.

#### BM2011/10 Any Other Business

There were two items of further business:

1. Members had been alerted in the *Secretary's* Newsletter to a proposed change to Article D2 of the Constitution regarding the nomination of new members. One additional, minor change had been proposed, resulting in the following text:

*'In considering nominations for membership, the Committee shall look for evidence of a high standard of scholarship across more than one major topic or specialism related to the New Testament. A doctoral research degree in New Testament or closely related studies will normally be expected, but in addition evidence will be sought of multiple publications in well-regarded academic media that make a distinct contribution to knowledge in the discipline. The Committee will define from time to time the specific requirements for such publications.'*

The meeting accepted this change to the Constitution.

2. Prof. Benyik made a brief presentation to the Meeting, extending an invitation that the 69<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in 2014 be held at Szeged University in Hungary, working in collaboration with the Gal Ferenc Theological College and the Bishop of Szeged. It was

announced that the Committee would be pleased to receive comments from members in regard to this invitation before it meets on Friday.

There was no further business, and the First Business Meeting was then concluded.

18.30 Participants were warmly welcomed by Prof. Leon Botstein, the President of Bard College. A Reception was held in the Fischer Center Atrium, sponsored by Baylor University Press and Institut Ramon Llull.

19.30 A photograph of Conference participants was taken outside the Fischer Center at the 'Parliament of Reality' installation.

### **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2011**

07.45 Morgengebet (in German) was held in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents

08.45 Prof. Armand Puig i Tàrrach was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'La gloire sur la montagne. L'épisode de la transfiguration de Jésus' at a plenary session of the Society in the Olin Building Auditorium

11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held

The Seminar Groups at the General Meeting included the following chairs, themes and papers (papers 'a' were presented at the first session of Seminar Groups; papers 'b' at the second session on Thursday; and papers 'c' at the third session on Friday):

1. Christliche Literatur des späten ersten Jahrhunderts und des zweiten Jahrhunderts / Christian Literature of the late first century and the second century (F. Prostmeier, H. van de Sandt). Terminates in 2011.
  - a. Karen L. King (Harvard University, USA), "'Apocalypse" and "Apocryphon": Constructing Authority and Ideologies of Unity in the Revelatory Scriptures of John;
  - b. Angela Standhartinger (Marburg, Germany), 'Ptolemaeus und Justin zur Autorität der Schrift';
  - c. Ferdinand R. Prostmeier (Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany): 'Formen und Funktionen der Rezeption neutestamentlicher und frühchristlicher Literatur bei Theophilos von Antiochia "An Autolykos"'
2. The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity (J.J. Collins, J. Frey). Terminates in 2013. Theme: Historiography in Ancient Judaism and the New Testament. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 6 (The Jewish World in New Testament Times)
  - a. Robert Doran (Guest; Amherst College, USA), 'Historiography in Second Maccabees'; Respondent: Jan Willem van Henten (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands);
  - b. Oda Wischmeyer (University of Erlangen, Germany), 'Historiographical Elements in the Letter of Aristeas'; Respondent: Harold Attridge (Yale University, USA);
  - c. John J. Collins (Yale University, USA), 'Historiography in the Dead Sea Scrolls'; Respondent: Loren Stuckenbruck (Princeton Theological Seminary, USA)
3. The Greek of the New Testament (C.C. Caragounis, J.W. Voelz). Terminates in 2011
  - a. Eberhard Güting (Wallenhorst, Germany), 'Observations on the Language of the *Res Gestae divi Augusti*';
  - b. Jesús Peláez (Córdoba, Spain; editor of *Filologia Neotestamentaria* and of the *Diccionario Griego-Español del Nuevo Testamento*), 'Prepositions and Preverbs in the Greek-Spanish New Testament Dictionary';
  - c. Jeffrey Kloha (Guest; Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO), 'The Development of the Greek Language and the Manuscripts of Paul's Letters'
4. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2014
  - a. Hans-Ulrich Weidemann (Universität Siegen, Germany), 'Der Geisttäufer und der andere Paraklet. Jesus und der Hl. Geist in den johanneischen Schriften';
  - b. Klaus Haacker (Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel, Germany), 'The Spirit in Luke-Acts: Substitute for or Prelude to the Kingdom?' ('Die lukanische Pneumatologie: Konkurrenz oder Konsequenz der Eschatologie?');
  - c. William Campbell (University of

- Wales, UK), 'The Spirit and Pauline Eschatology with Particular Reference to Romans Chapter 8'
5. The Johannine Writings (M.M. Thompson, R. Zimmermann). Terminates in 2012. Theme: Geist und Eschatologie/Spirit and Eschatology
    - a. Craig Keener (Palmer Theological Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, USA), 'Festivals in John's Gospel and the Book of Acts'; b. Mark Matson (Guest; Milligan College, TN, USA), 'The Death of Jesus in John and Luke: Theological Convergences'; c. Paul Anderson, 'Authentic Worship in John and Luke/Acts—Influence, Interfluence, and Resonance'
  6. The Jewish World in New Testament Times (S. Freyne, J.W. van Henten, W. Horbury). Terminates in 2013. Theme: Historiography in Ancient Judaism and the New Testament. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 2 (The Jewish World in New Testament Times)
    - a. Robert Doran (Guest; Amherst College, USA), 'Historiography in Second Maccabees'; Respondent: Jan Willem van Henten (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands); b. Oda Wischmeyer (University of Erlangen, Germany), 'Historiographical Elements in the Letter of Aristaeus'; Respondent: Harold Attridge (Yale University, USA); c. John J. Collins (Yale University, USA), 'Historiography in the Dead Sea Scrolls'; Respondent: Loren Stuckenbruck (Princeton Theological Seminary, USA)
  7. The Reception of Paul (Clare Rothschild, C. Gerber). Terminates in 2011  
This Seminar did not meet at Annandale-on-Hudson.
  8. History and Theology of Mission in the New Testament: Global Challenges and Opportunities (J. Ådna, J. Kanagaraj, S. Tofana). Terminates in 2011
    - a. Eugene Eung-Chun Park (San Francisco, USA), 'From Covenantal Nomism to Universal Mission: Transformation of Conventional Jewish Soteriology in the Gospel of Matthew'; Respondent: Jostein Ådna (Stavanger, Norway); b. Trevor Burke (Guest; Chicago, USA), 'The Holy Spirit as the Controlling Dynamic in Paul's Role as Missionary to the Thessalonians'; Respondent: Stelian Tofana (Cluj-Napoca, Romania); c. Emmanuel Nlenanya Chinwokwu (Nigeria), 'Localizing the Global: Revisiting New Testament Christology in the African Context'
  9. Pauline Theology in Galatians and Romans (B.R. Gaventa, J.M.G. Barclay, M.C. de Boer). Terminates in 2012
    - a. Beverly Gaventa (Princeton, USA), 'The Rhetoric of Violence and the God of Peace in Romans and Galatians'; b. Udo Schnelle (Halle, Germany), 'Gibt es eine Entwicklung in der Rechtfertigungslehre vom Galater- zum Römerbrief?'; c. John Barclay (Durham, UK), 'The Christ-gift, Israel and Time: from Galatians to Romans'
  10. The Acts of the Apostles and Ancient Historiography (K. Backhaus, J. Schröter, G. Sterling). Terminates in 2012
    - a. Kenneth Sacks (Guest; Brown University, Providence, RI, USA), 'Diodorus and the Hellenistic Mind'; b. Knut Backhuus (München, Germany), 'Acta Politica. Die lukianische Geschichtsschreibung zwischen Subversion und Apologie'; c. Richard Pervo (Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, USA), 'Providence in Acts and in the Acts of Paul'
  11. Christian Apocryphal Literature (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden). Terminates in 2012
    - a. Tobias Nicklas (Regensburg, Germany), 'Das Petrusevangelium – Offene Fragen und Entwicklungen'; b. Juan Chapa (Pamplona, Spain), 'A New Fragment from Oxyrhynchus: An Unknown Gospel?'; c. Joseph Verheyden (Leuven, Belgium), 'A Quick Look at Some Short Texts: The Agrapha Cited by Epiphanius of Salamis'
  12. New Testament Ethics (F.W. Horn, D. Horrell, E. Baasland). Terminates in 2012
    - a. Jan van der Watt (Nijmegen, Netherlands), 'Ethics in 1 John'; b. Michael Wolter (Bonn, Germany), 'Die paulinische Ethik'; Respondent: Volker Rabens (Guest;

- Bochum, Germany); c. L. Ann Jervis (Toronto, Canada), 'Virtue Ethics and Paul'; Respondent: Todd Still (Waco, Texas, USA)
13. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2014. Theme: Voluntary Associations. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 17 (Papyrology)
    - a. Andreas Bendlin (Toronto), 'Voluntary Associations in the Roman World: Networks, Lobby Groups, Political Conformists?'; Response: Peter Arzt-Grabner (Salzburg);
    - b. John Kloppenborg (Toronto), 'Membership in Greek Associations, Pagan and Pauline';
    - c. Markus Öhler (Vienna), 'Associations in Galilee: The Gospel of Matthew and the Didache reconsidered'; John Kloppenborg, Presentation of 'Greco-Roman Associations: Texts, Translations, and Commentary' (Papyrology)
  14. Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (J. Herzer, G. Oegema). Terminates in 2014
    - a. Gerbern Oegema (McGill University, Montreal, Canada), "Introduction: Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament"; Jacob Neusner (Guest) and Bruce Chilton (Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, USA), "Early Rabbinic Theology and the New Testament";
    - b. Gregory Sterling (University of Notre Dame, USA), "From Human to Divine: Moses and Jesus in Transition"; Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr (University of Jena, Germany), "Anastasis als Thema und Begriff im hellenistischen Frühjudentum";
    - c. Hermann Lichtenberger (University of Tübingen, Germany), "Early Jewish Theologies in the Pseudepigrapha and in Qumran and the New Testament"
  15. Reconsidering *Literaturkritik* of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer). Terminates in 2015
    - a. Eve-Marie Becker (Aarhus, Denmark), 'The Motif of "Tears" in Paul and Cicero – New Insights in Literarkritik?'; and Reimund Bieringer (Leuven, Belgium), 'Does it Really Make a Difference? The Concrete Consequences of Literary-Critical Assumptions for the Actual Interpretation of 2 Corinthians';
    - b. Andreas Lindemann (Bielefeld, Germany), 'Zum historischen Kontext der Entstehung von Teilungshypothesen in der neutestamentlichen Forschung';
    - c. Jennifer Ebbeler (Guest; University of Texas, Austin, USA), 'Literarkritik and Ancient Epistolography'
  16. Matthew in Context: an Exploration of Matthew in Relation to the Judaism and Christianity of its Time (M. Konradt, W. Kraus, W. Loader). Terminates in 2015
    - a. Matthias Konradt (Heidelberg, Germany), 'Matthäus im Kontext: eine Bestandsaufnahme'; Respondent: Ulrich Luz (Bern, Switzerland);
    - b. David Sim (Melbourne, Australia), 'Matthew's Theological Location'; Respondent: Martin Vahrenhorst (Jerusalem, Israel);
    - c. Paul Foster (Edinburgh, UK), 'Q, Jewish Christianity, and Matthew's Gospel'; Respondent: Wolfgang Kraus
  17. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2013. Theme: Voluntary Associations. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 13 (Social History and the New Testament)
    - a. Andreas Bendlin (Toronto), 'Voluntary Associations in the Roman World: Networks, Lobby Groups, Political Conformists?'; Response: Peter Arzt-Grabner (Salzburg);
    - b. John Kloppenborg (Toronto), 'Membership in Greek Associations, Pagan and Pauline';
    - c. Markus Öhler (Vienna), 'Associations in Galilee: The Gospel of Matthew and the Didache reconsidered'; John Kloppenborg, Presentation of 'Greco-Roman Associations: Texts, Translations, and Commentary' (Papyrology)
  18. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W. Campbell, M. Bachmann). Terminates in 2013. Theme: 'Being in Christ': Identity Formation in Pauline Communities
    - a. Kathy Ehrensperger (Lampeter, UK), "'All Things Are Lawful but not All Things Are Helpful, All Things Are Lawful but not All Things Build up" (1 Cor 10.23): Identity Formation in the Space Between; Respondent: J. Brian Tucker (Guest; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, USA);
    - b. Michael Bachmann (Siegen, Germany), 'Identität ohne (jüdische) "Boundary Markers": Zu Kennzeichen der Gemeinde beim Paulus'; Respondent: Hans-Ulrich Weidemann (Guest; Siegen, Germany);
    - c. Robert Brawley

(Durham, North Carolina, USA), 'Roles for Shaping Identity in Galatians'; Respondent William S Campbell (Lampeter, UK)

14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Margaret Mitchell (Chicago, USA): 'Peter's Hypocrisy, and Paul's: Two Hypocrites at the Foundation of Earliest Christianity?'

16.30 Showing of Richard Strauss' opera, 'Die Liebe der Danae', in the Olin Building Auditorium (part I)

17.30 Dinner was served in the Kline Dining Tent

19.00 Showing of 'Die Liebe der Danae' in the Olin Building Auditorium (part II)

20.00 Prof. Leon Botstein, President of Bard College, delivered a presentation concerning the Bard College production of the opera. This was followed by a Wine Reception in the Olin Auditorium

#### **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011**

07.45 La prière du matin (in French) was held in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents

09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Christof Landmesser (Tübingen, Germany): 'Das Konzept des Heils im Ersten Thessalonicherbrief'

11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held

14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Jan van der Watt (Nijmegen, The Netherlands): 'On Ethics in John's Gospel and Letters'

16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Andries G. van Aarde, 'The Empty Tomb in the Jesus Tradition: A Trajectory of Five Links'
- Thomas L. Brodie, 'Q 9:57-62: Tip of a Septuagint-based Iceberg'
- Norm H. Young, 'Syntax and Irony in the Fourth Gospel'
- Linda Belleville, 'The Moses-Mesitēs Tradition in Galatians 3:19-20'
- Moisés Mayordomo, 'Wirkungsgeschichtliche Exegese – Probleme und Perspektiven'

19.00 Participants were invited to the Blithewood Tent for Dinner

#### **FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011**

07.45 Morning Prayer (in English) was held in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents

09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Luc Devillers (Fribourg, Switzerland): 'Le prologue du quatrième évangile, clé de voûte de la littérature'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Roger David Aus, 'Jesus as a Nazirite in Mark 14:25 par., and Joseph's Reunion Meal in Judaic Tradition'
- Dennis R. MacDonald, 'Imitations of Homer in Mark and Fourth-Century Homeric Readings of the Gospels'
- Jan Willem van Henten, "'Knowing everything" in John and Josephus'
- Jeffrey A. D. Weima, "'Peace and security" (1 Thess. 5:3): Prophetic Warning or Political Propaganda?'
- Emmanuel Nlenanya Chinwokwu, 'Localizing the Global: Revisiting New Testament Christology in the African Context'

16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:



- William Loader, 'Did Adultery Mandate Divorce? A Reassessment of Jesus' Divorce Logia'
- Clare Rothschild, 'Galen's Treatise "On the Avoidance of Grief" and its Relevance for New Testament Studies'
- Urban C. Von Wahlde, 'The Literary Origin of the Johannine Literature: Is it Discoverable? How Would We Know?'
- Paul Trebilco, 'When Did the Early Christians First Call Themselves *Christianoi*?'
- Christopher Stanley, 'Postcolonial Perspectives on Paul's "Jew-Gentile Problem"'
- Edwin Broadhead (Berea, USA): 'Jewish Christianity and the Religious Map of Antiquity'

### 17.15 BUSINESS MEETING II

The *President*, Prof. Armand Puig i Tàrrach, was in the chair, and about 125 participants were present in the Olin Building Auditorium.

#### BM2011/11 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Profs Beverly Roberts Gaventa and Max Küchler were due to retire from the Committee after the Annandale-on-Hudson meeting. The *President* expressed thanks for their important contributions to the work of the Society. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors Profs Adele Reinhartz (Ottawa) and Jos Verheyden (Leuven) to serve on the Committee for a period of three years (2011-14). The Society duly elected these members.

In addition, the two co-opted members of the Committee, Profs Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole and Jey Kanagaraj were due to retire from the Committee at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The President expressed thanks for their important contributions to the work of the Society. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors Profs John Ekem (for Africa) and Manabu Tsuji (for Asia) for a period of three years (2011-14). The Society duly elected these members.

#### BM2011/12 Editors' Reports

Copies of the *Editors'* reports had been distributed to participants. In the absence of Dr Court (*General Editor of Monograph Series*), Prof. John Barclay (*Secretary to the Editorial Board and Journal Editor*) spoke regarding both the Journal and Monograph Series.

##### 1. *New Testament Studies*

###### a. Supply and Quality of Articles

It was reported that 114 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. 26 were accepted for publication. These figures were considered an index of the very high quality threshold. The queue for publication remains quite short (6-9 months).

###### b. Subscription Rates

The rates for Volume 58 (2012) are as follows (2011 prices in brackets):

Institutions (print & on-line)	£160/\$289 [£145/\$266]
Institutions (on-line only)	£146/\$260 [£132/\$239]
Institutions (print only)	£149/\$266 [£136/\$244]
ABTAPL	£100 [£95]
Individuals	£46/\$76 (same since 2003)
SNTS Full Members:	Full £42/\$68 (same since 2009)
SNTS Retired Members:	Retired £22/\$40 (same since 2009)
Students:	£20/\$36 (same since 2007)

c. Details of Circulation and Usage

Overall, subscriptions had been holding well in the very difficult economic climate. In 2010 the total institutional circulation was 2,379. Although this was 166 units down on 2009, the main losses were only 2.4% of traditional subscriptions, when most other journals have been experiencing attrition rates of 5-10% in institutional subscriptions.

2. *Monograph Series*

In the absence of Dr Court, Prof. Barclay briefly highlighted some issues raised in the circulated report on the Monograph Series.

a. New Publications

One monograph had been published since the report presented at the 2010 General Meeting in Berlin:

148 Forman: *The Politics of Inheritance in Romans* (April 2011)

The following works are currently in production:

149 Williams: *The Doctrine of Salvation in the First Letter of Peter* (stock due August 2011)

150 Hägerland: *Jesus and the Forgiveness of Sins* (stock due November 2011)

151 Gathercole: *The Composition of the Gospel of Thomas* (stock due February 2012)

The following titles had been placed under contract since the last meeting:

Goodrich: *Paul as an Administrator of God: The Graeco-Roman Context of 1 Corinthians*

Mathews: *Riches, Poverty and the Faithful: Perspectives on Wealth in the Second Temple Period and the Apocalypse of John*

It was noted that 4 proposals are currently under review.

3. *New Members of the Editorial Board*

It was noted that the Editorial Board serves both the Journal and the Monograph Series. Thanks were expressed to all those on the Board. In particular, thanks were expressed to Profs C. Gerber, C. Karakolis, L. McDonald, A. Reinhartz, D. Sim, and G. Steyn, who are due to retire from the Board at the end of 2011.

The Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014: Profs Reimund Bieringer (Leuven), Andreas Dettwiler (Geneva), Ann Jervis (Toronto), Angela Standhartinger (Marburg), David du Toit (München), Manabu Tsuji (Hiroshima). Members of the Society (for its part) duly elected these members.

4. *Thanks*

Thanks were expressed to the Cambridge University Press, and especially to Melanie Howe (*Production Editor*, CUP), Laura Morris (*Editor*, CUP), and Martine Walsh (*Commissioning Editor*, CUP) in particular.

BM2011/13 Election of New Members

Dr Andrew Clarke (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of the 25 scholars whose nomination had been approved by the Committee (their names had been published for comment by Members during the course of the General Meeting), and confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved:

Dr Richard Ascough (Associate Professor, Queen's Theological College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada)

Dr A. Andrew Das (Professor of Religious Studies, Elmhurst College, Illinois, USA)

Dr Giuseppe Pio de Virgilio (Associate Professor, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome, Italy)

Dr Simon Gathercole (Senior Lecturer, University of Cambridge, UK)

Dr Margareta Gruber (Professor of Biblical and Ecumenical Theology in the German Academic Program of the Theological Faculty of the Pontifical Athenaeum of St Anselm, Rome, Italy)

Dr Dan Gurtner (Associate Professor, Bethel Seminary, St Paul, Minnesota, USA)

Dr Philip Harland (Associate Professor, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Dr Albert Hogeterp (Postdoctoral researcher, Tilburg School of Theology, Utrecht, Netherlands)

Dr Brigitte Kahl (Professor of New Testament, Union Theological Seminary, New York, USA)

Dr Stefan Krauter (Privatdozent für Neues Testament an der Evangelisch-theologischen Fakultät der LMU München, Germany)

Dr Christina Kreinecker (Research Scholar, University of Salzburg, Austria)

Dr Tat-Siong Benny Liew (Professor, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, USA)

Dr Petr Marecek (Docent of Biblical Sciences, Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology St. Cyril and Method, Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic)

Dr James McGrath (Professor, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA)

Dr Kyoung-Shik Min (Assistant Professor, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea)

Dr Peter Oakes (Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester, UK)

Dr Uta Poplutz (Universitätsprofessorin für Katholische Theologie: Biblische Theologie an der Bergischen Universität Wuppertal, Germany)

Dr Stefan Schadick (Privatdozent, Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät der Universität Bonn, Germany)

Dr Karl Matthias Schmidt (Oberassistent am Departement für Biblische Studien der Universität Freiburg, Switzerland)

Dr Peter-Ben Smit (Assistant Professor of New Testament, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Dr Paul Spilsbury (Professor of New Testament, Ambrose University College, Calgary, Alberta, Canada)

Dr Runar Thorsteinsson (Research Fellow at Copenhagen University, Denmark, and Lund University, Sweden)

Dr Markus Tiwald (Professor of Biblische Theologie und ihre Didaktik / Schwerpunkt Neues Testament, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany)

Dr Tommy Wasserman (Academic Dean of Department of Theology and Assistant Professor of New Testament Exegesis, Örebro Theological Seminary, Sweden; Research Fellow, Lund University, Sweden)

Dr Gregor Wurst (Professor of Church History and Patristics, University of Augsburg, Germany)

The *Assistant Secretary* was thanked for all his work over the past year.

#### BM2011/14 Future General Meetings

##### *Leuven, Belgium 2012 (31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August)*

Prof. Joseph Verheyden warmly invited members to the 2012 General Meeting at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He drew attention to the excellent conference facilities, planned social programme and excursions, and he recommended a number of travel options. Accommodation will be available both in local hotels and in student accommodation.

##### *Perth, Australia 2013 (23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July)*

The meeting was reminded that in 2009 the Society accepted an invitation from Murdoch University, Perth, Australia to host its 2013 meeting.

##### *Szeged, Hungary 2014 (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August)*

It was noted that the Society has received a formal invitation from the Rectors of Szeged University and Gál Ferenc Theological College, and the Bishop of Szeged, to host its General Meeting in 2013. Prof. Benyik addressed the Meeting, drawing attention to aspects of the city and University, and its suitability to host a General Meeting. The Society accepted this invitation.

## BM2011/15 Programme of Future Meetings

*Leuven, Belgium 2012*

### 1. *Main Papers and Short Main Papers*

The *Secretary* reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Henk Jan de Jonge (Leiden). Invited Main Papers will be given by Profs Ismo Dunderberg (English), Christine Gerber (German), Karen L. King (English), and Dom Benoit Standaert (French).

18 Short Papers will be scheduled, and any member wishing to offer such a paper were asked to send a proposal to the *Secretary* before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012. Members were reminded that they may give only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting.

### 2. *Seminars*

The *Secretary* drew attention to the following:

- The term of two seminars expired in Annandale-on-Hudson, whereon they applied for continuation:

'Christliche Literatur des späten ersten Jahrhunderts und des zweiten Jahrhunderts / Christian Literature of the late first century and the second cen' (proposed convenors: F.R. Prostmeier, W. Pratscher, J.A. Kelhoffer)

'The Greek of the New Testament' (convenors: C.C. Caragounis and J.W. Voelz)

It was agreed that these should continue for a further period of 3 years.

- The term of two further seminars expired in Annandale-on-Hudson, and there was no application for continuation:

'History and Theology of Mission in the New Testament' (convenors: J. Ádna, J. Kanagaraj and S. Tofana)

'The Reception of Paul' (convenors: Clare Rothschild and C. Gerber)

- No proposals for new seminars were submitted

This means that there will be the maximum of 16 Seminars at the Leuven 2012 General Meeting.

Seminar leaders were asked to send to the *Secretary* by 1<sup>st</sup> February the names of those giving papers and the titles of their papers, so that these may be included in the general information about the General meeting which is sent out to all Society members in the February-March newsletter. The *Secretary* expressed deep gratitude to the convenors of the Seminars for all their work, as well as to those who chaired short papers at the General Meeting.

## BM2011/16 Any Other Business

Prof. Bernard Lategan (*Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*) announced that a Liaison Committee for the Latin America region had been established, under the chairmanship of Dr Moisés Mayordomo. A conference is scheduled in Bogota, Colombia from 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the local conference organisers for a very successful General Meeting at Bard College, and gratitude was especially expressed to Prof. Bruce Chilton (Chair of the Local Organising Committee), as well as Evelyn Krueger (Housing/Venue Coordinator), Juliet Meyers (Technical Coordinator), and Harriet Burke. The very efficient team of stewards and other helpers was also recognised and thanked.

The *President* then declared the 66<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

## **SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

There was an optional excursion to The General Theological Seminary in Manhattan, New York