

The 67th GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the 67th General Meeting of the Society held at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium during 31st July – 3rd August 2012

TUESDAY 31st JULY 2012

19.30 BUSINESS MEETING I

The *President*, Prof. Armand Puig i Tàrrrech, was in the chair, and about 250 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Max Weber Auditorium. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 67th General Meeting of the Society.

BM2012/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former *Presidents* of the Society: Tjitze Baarda, François Bovon, Marinus de Jonge.

BM2012/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs C.K. (Kingsley) Barrett, Frederick Danker, Peter Dschulnigg, Josef Ernst, Thomas Gillespie, A.F.J. (Freek) Klijn, Bernard Mayer, Engelbert Neuhäusler, Rudolf Pesch, Walter Radl, Eckard Rau, Ryszard Rubinkiewicz, Joost Smit Sibinga, Nigel Watson. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

Resignations from the Society were received from the following scholars: Profs Robin Barbour, C.E.B. (Charles) Cranfield, Gerhard Dautzenberg, Christian Dietzfelbinger, Harm Hollander, Edwin Judge, Peter Pilhofer, Wilhelm Wilkens.

BM2012/03 Minutes of the 2011 General Meeting in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

The Minutes of the 2011 General Meeting held in Annandale-on-Hudson were approved and signed.

BM2012/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2012/05 Arrangements for the 2012 General Meeting in Leuven

The *Secretary*, Prof. Martinus C. de Boer, announced that 350 participants had registered for the General Meeting, of which some 226 were members.

Delegates were informed of a number of changes to the programme:

- Seminar 5, J. van der Watt, scheduled to present a paper, was unable to attend
- Seminar 14, U. Poplutz, scheduled to present a paper, was unable to attend. A substitute paper would be presented by M. Konradt, 'Überlegungen zur Matthäischen Stellung zum Markusevangelium'
- Seminar 16, E. Adams, scheduled to respond to a paper, was unable to attend
- Short Papers – the following, who were scheduled to present Short Papers, were no longer able to attend: D. Sim, I. Ramelli, H. Omerzu

The *Secretary* announced that those convenors seeking to extend their seminars beyond their scheduled termination at the close of the 2012 General Meeting, and any wishing to propose a new seminar, should submit their proposals to the *Secretary* before Friday.

BM2012/06 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Prof. Christopher Tuckett (UK) to the post of *President* at the 2013 General Meeting in Perth, Australia (until which time he assumes the office of *President-Elect*).

The Committee intimated the nomination of Prof. Udo Schnelle (Germany) to the post of *President* at the 2014 General Meeting in Szeged, Hungary. As nominee, he becomes *Deputy President-Elect* until the Perth 2013 General Meeting, when his nomination will be voted on by the Society.

Prof. Adela Yarbro Collins (*Past President*) was thanked for her services to the Society over the past 4 years.

BM2012/07 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Dr Andrew Clarke, reported that the Committee had approved 17 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.

BM2012/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bernard Lategan, had circulated a concise report covering the year to June 2012.

Two main issues were elaborated:

1. *The work of the Liaison Committees*

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

a. Eastern European Liaison Committee (EELC)

- The library in Sofia is used by visitors from all the major Christian denominations. It is hoped that the Allegro electronic catalogue will shortly be available online. Negotiations regarding the renewal of the agreement between the Society and the University of Sofia were signed at the Leuven 2012 General Meeting.
- New premises have been found for the library in St Petersburg. The status of the library (as part of the Philological Faculty, but under the authority of the director of Bibliotheca Biblica, elected by the EELC) will remain secure.
- A pre-conference meeting took place at Leuven on Tuesday 31st July. Following an invitation from Bishop Irinej Bulovic, the next large symposium is scheduled for August 2013 in Belgrade on the topic: 'The Holy Spirit and the Church according to the New Testament'.
- The conference volume of the Minsk symposium is now published: *Gospel Images of Jesus Christ in Church Tradition and in Biblical Scholarship, Fifth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Minsk, September 2-9, 2010*, Christos Karakolis, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, Sviatoslav Rogalsky (eds) (WUNT 288; Tübingen: Mohr, 2012).
- It was noted that the EELC has two main needs: the buying of books to expand the libraries at Sofia and St Petersburg on an ongoing basis and funding for conferences and symposia. The Society assures support for the attendance of at least three members of general meetings, but the EELC has to raise the funds for any additional activities. It was noted that the EKD has indicated that it will not continue its funding of Symposia in the future.

b. African Liaison Committee (ALC)

- The Nairobi group of the Institute of Scripture Studies remains the basis for the activities of the ALC. The group held its VIIth annual meeting in September 2011 at the Kenyatta University in Nairobi.

- Dr Maurice Owinyo was elected as the new *Secretary* and the meeting requested Dr Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole to continue leading the Institute for another term.
- The Nairobi Group and all other members of the ISS were invited to participate in the VIIIth ISS Meeting as part of the 1st Annual International Interdisciplinary Meeting during 27-30 June 2012 at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

c. Asian/Pacific Liaison Committee (APLC)

The APLC concentrated its efforts on preparing for the General Meeting in Perth, 2013, and in organizing a pre-conference for a group of non-members from the region. The Committee faces exceptional challenges, due both to the large number of countries it has to cover and the vast distances of the region. The APLC has assembled a substantial list of potential candidates that can be considered for Perth that includes names from Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Nepal, Samoa and the Philippines. This promises to be a historic event that hopefully will provide the basis for further initiatives in the region. The APLC itself has also raised some additional funds and is continuing its efforts to increase this.

d. Latin America Liaison Committee (LALC)

The LALC has concentrated on two priorities: first, to gather as much information as possible on scholars, theological institutions and regular publications in the field of New Testament studies in the Latin American subcontinent, as a basis for promoting communication among New Testament scholars in the region. Secondly, to organize a first meeting which took place in Bogotá, Colombia, 10–13 July 2012, with 'Paul: Theology, Mission, Reception History' as the main theme.

2. *SNTS Electronic Library (EL)*

The EL is functioning well and the feedback from users is generally positive. The portal now provides a blog that enables users to put questions to fellow-users, to post draft papers, invite comments and suggestions, and to share new information. This blog also provides a list of links to other electronic sources or sites of interest. The hope is that through the use of these services, users of the EL will gradually develop into a 'community of scholars'. For the further expansion of the EL (both in terms of sources and of services) the involvement of a dedicated webmaster remains crucial.

The Chairs of the four Liaison Groups were thanked for their extensive work in supporting these groups. The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* was especially thanked for his contributions.

BM2012/09 *Treasurer's Report*

The *Treasurer*, Dr Helen Bond, had circulated the draft financial statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2012, together with a commentary. It was noted that the 'Financial Statements' were prepared by an Independent examiner (E. Marsh of Burton Sweet Chartered Accountants, Bristol) and is filed on the Society website as 'SNTSAccounts2012'. From this report, the *Treasurer* drew attention to the following:

1. *The General Fund*

- Society Subscriptions for 2011/12 were £11,325 (cf. £11,658 in 2010/11).
- Income from Investments and Interest was as low as £1.
- The Berlin 2010 General Meeting made an overall surplus of around £4,000 (distributed across both the GF and IF). The Annandale-on-Hudson General Meeting made a \$10,000 surplus, which will be received in the 2012/13 accounts.
- There were higher than usual combined Conference Expenses, Fares, and Accommodation costs for the General Meeting in the USA, amounting to £4,953 (cf. £3,054 in 2010/11).

2. *The International Fund*

- Income is largely comprised of subscriptions (the top tier subscription is divided between the GF and IF, 60:40; all the money from the two lower tiers goes into the GF).
- 'Conference sponsorships/grants' represents payments to about twelve members/guests from 'developing' countries.

3. *Overview of Finances*

- The IF balance is in credit (currently c. £30,000), although the fund continues to deplete gradually as the Society sponsors members/guests to attend General Meetings. Surpluses from General Meetings help to keep the accounts buoyant.
- In view of the healthy state of the Society's finances, there seems no necessity to raise subscription levels this year. There continues to be some concern over lack of payment by members, particularly those who fall within the top tier. It was noted that *Regional Treasurers* do their best to encourage members to pay, but they are not remunerated for their work and it is not reasonable to expect them to spend extensive time chasing up non-payers.

For its part, the General Meeting of the Society approved the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2012.

The *Treasurer* reported the Committee's earlier decision that members who have reached their 85th birthday will become honorary Life members of the Society.

The *Treasurer* thanked the *Regional Treasurers* and local organisers for their help. The *Treasurer* was thanked for her work.

BM2012/10 Any Other Business

There were two items of further business:

1. *Change in wording of Article D.1.* Members were reminded that at the 2011 General Meeting, Article D.2 of the Constitution was changed to read:

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.

It was noted that this change to Article D.2 requires a minor alteration to the wording of Article D.1 of the Constitution, as follows:

~~An application~~ A nomination for membership must be supported by the written ~~nominations of~~ made in writing by two members of the Society and submitted in the first place to the Committee. If the Committee approves the ~~application~~ nomination, the name shall be posted at the beginning of the next General Meeting of the Society together with the names of the proposer and seconder. Any objections to the nomination shall be made known to the Committee during the course of the said General Meeting and before the last Business Meeting held that year. It shall be in the power of the Committee to decide whether objections are serious enough to warrant withdrawal of the nomination. If no sufficiently serious objections are received, the General Meeting shall be informed at the last Business Meeting that the nomination has been approved.

The meeting accepted this change to the Constitution.

2. The *President* announced that invitations had been received for General Meetings in Amsterdam (2015) and Montreal (2016).

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

20.30 Participants were warmly welcomed by Prof. Lieven Boeve, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, to a Reception held in Alma 2

WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST 2012

08.15 Prière du matin (Prof. Claire Clivaz) was held in the Chapel of Pope's College

09.00 Prof. H.J. de Jonge was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'The Chronology of the Ascension Stories in Luke and Acts' at a plenary session of the Society in the Max Weber Auditorium

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken outside the Max Weber 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, W. Pratscher, J. Kelhoffer). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Katharina Luchner, 'Wie soll man die griechischen Briefsammlungen unter dem Namen berühmter Männer lesen? Überlegungen zu Gattungsbegriff und intendiertem Publikum'; b. Judith Lieu, 'Marcion in His Second Century Context'; c. James Kelhoffer, 'Reciprocity as Salvation. Christ as Salvific Patron according to the Second Letter of Clement'
2. The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity (J.J. Collins, J. Frey). Terminates in 2013
 - a. Jan Doehhorn, 'Welche Rolle spielte Dan 12:1 bei der Entwicklung der Satanologie im Judentum und Christentum?' (Respondent: John J. Collins); b. Christian Grappe, 'Éclairage sur le baptême et la tentation de Jésus et sa victoire sur Satan à partir des manuscrits de la mer Morte (Light from the Dead Sea Scrolls on Jesus' Baptism and Temptation and His Victory over Satan)' (Respondent: Albert Hogeterp); c. Craig A. Evans, 'Jesus, Satan, and Holy War in the Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls' (Respondent: Jörg Frey)
3. The Greek of the New Testament (C.C. Caragounis, J.W. Voelz). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Albert Hogeterp, 'Semitized Greek in Luke's Narrative Discourse: The Case of Luke 7:18-35' (Respondent: Tord Fornberg); b. Jarl H. Ulrichsen, 'Zum Gebrauch der Temporalkonjunktion ἕως im Neuen Testament'; c. Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole, 'New Testament Greek and Translation Problems' (Respondent: Fika J. van Rensburg)
4. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Hans Kvalbein, 'Eschatology and Ethics in Matthew'; b. Samuel Vollenweider, 'Ethics and Eschatology in Paul'; c. Michael Labahn, 'Eschatologie und Ethik in den johanneischen Schriften'
5. The Johannine Writings (M.M. Thompson, R. Zimmermann). Terminates in 2012
 - a. Margarete Gruber, 'Österliche Erzählstrategie und Hermeneutik im Johannesevangelium. Intertextualität und Intratextualität in Joh 6:1-71'; b. Ruben Zimmermann, 'Ranking the Ethics of John'; c. Troels Engberg-Pedersen, 'Pistis and Pneuma: The Role of Pneuma in Johannine Epistemology of Faith (John 7-8)'
6. The Jewish World in New Testament Times (S. Freyne, J.W. van Henten, W. Horbury). Terminates in 2013. Theme: Judaism and Empire
 - a. Andrew Overman, 'The Growth of the Imperial Cult in Galilee during the New Testament Period' (Respondent: Sean Freyne); b. William Horbury, 'Ancient Jewish Conceptions of Empire'; c. Paul Spilsbury, 'Anti-Judaism and Empire: Josephus on Haman and Esther' (Respondent: Jan Willem van Henten)

7. Pauline Theology in Galatians and Romans (B.R. Gaventa, J.M.G. Barclay, M.C. de Boer). Terminates in 2012
 - a. Michael Winger, 'What's Law? What's Spirit? How the Terms Work and Relate in Galatians and Romans'; b. Lukas Bormann, 'Ἰδε ἐγὼ Παῦλος λέγω ὑμῖν (Gal 5:2): Das "Ich" des Paulus in Gal und Röm. Autobiographie und Identitätspolitik'; c. N.T. Wright, 'Paul and the Patriarch: The Role(s) of Abraham in Galatians and Romans'
8. The Acts of the Apostles and Ancient Historiography (K. Backhaus, J. Schröter, G. Sterling). Terminates in 2012
 - a. Christoph Marksches, 'Eusebius liest die Apostelgeschichte: Zur Stellung der Apostelgeschichte in der frühchristlichen Geschichtsschreibung'; b. Arie W. Zwiep, 'Intratextual Narrative Mimesis in the Acts of the Apostles: Structure and Rhetoric'; c. Daniel Marguerat, 'Paul as New Socrates in Acts' (Respondent: Michael Wolter)
9. Christian Apocryphal Literature (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden). Terminates in 2012
 - a. Annette Merz, 'Acta Pauli: Die Taufe der Artimilla als Mysterieninitiation' b. Harald Buchinger, 'Liturgical Traditions in Christian Apocrypha' c. Keith Elliott, 'The Gospel of the Birth of Mary: Issues and Problems'
10. New Testament Ethics (F.W. Horn, D. Horrell, E. Baasland). Terminates in 2012. Theme: Hermeneutical aspects of the task of reading New Testament Ethics in modern interpretative contexts
 - a. Judith Hartenstein, 'Sexuelle Askese im Kontext von Genderfragen. Der 1. Korintherbrief und weitere frühchristliche Schriften' (Respondent: F.W. Horn); b. David Horrell, 'The New Testament and the Environment. A Test-Case for Hermeneutics' (Respondent: Harry Maier); c. Jeremy Punt, 'Paul in Postcolonial Perspective' (Respondent: Halvor Moxnes)
11. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Willy Clarysse, 'The Jewish Tax in Ancient Egypt' (Respondent: Markus Öhler); b. Philip Harland, 'Associations and the Economics of Group-Life' (Respondent: Dietrich-Alex Koch); c. Roland Deines, 'God or Mammon: The Danger of Wealth in the Jesus Tradition and in the Epistle of James' (Respondent: Matthias Konradt)
12. Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (J. Herzer, G. Oegema). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Ulrike Mittmann, '"Babylon" in Early Jewish Literature'; b. Folker Siegert, 'Der alte Mann und der junge Mann in Dan 7:13. Quellenkritik des christlichen Ditheismus'; c. James McLaren, 'Assessing the Place of Eschatological Hope in the World View of Josephus'
13. Reconsidering *Literarkritik* of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer). Terminates in 2015. Theme: 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Philippians
 - a. Gregory Tatum, 'The Indispensable Role of Literarkritik in Constructing a Modern Vita Pauli'; b. Jennifer Ebbeler, 'The Lost Letters in the Correspondence of Augustine and Pelagius'; c. Hans Dieter Betz, 'Literary Criticism in Philippians. The Debate about the Letter's History, Composition, and Theology'
14. 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. Theme: What light does Matthew's use of Mark throw on Matthew's theological location?
 - a. M. Konradt, 'Überlegungen zur Matthäischen Stellung zum Markusevangelium'; b. Jonathan Draper, '... in the Light of Matthew's Soteriology and Eschatology' (Respondent: Edwin Broadhead); c. William Loader, '...in the Light of Matthew 1-4' (Respondent: Moises Mayordomo)
15. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2013. Theme: Current research projects; Important results

- a. Richard S. Ascough, 'Early Christian Recruitment and Associations' (Respondent: John S. Kloppenborg); b. Katelijn Vandorpe, 'The Relevance of the Study of the Papyri to the Study of the New Testament' (Respondent: Peter Arzt-Grabner); c. Christina M. Kreinecker, 'The Garden of Gethsemane Narratives in the Light of Documentary Papyri'
- 16. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W. Campbell, M. Bachmann). Terminates in 2013
 - a. Discussion of Ekkehard and Wolfgang Stegemann's paper, 'Die Kollekte für Jerusalem' (Respondent: Michael Bachmann); b. Judith Gundry, 'Inner Aloofness or not "Having it all" – Paul's $\omega\varsigma\ \mu\eta\text{-}$ in 1 Corinthians 7:29b-31a, and Christians' Aloofness from the World' (Respondent: Margaret Macdonald); Daniel Patte, 'Playing Scriptural Criticism on Romans in Multiple Keys' (Respondent: Kathy Ehrensperger)
- 14.30 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Christine Gerber (Hamburg, Germany): 'Die alte Braut und Christi Leib. Zum ekklesiologischen Entwurf des Epheserbriefs'
- 16.30 Participants were invited to visit the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies
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- 18.30 Dinner was served in the University Restaurant
- 20.30 Annalies Dille (Mezzosoprano) delivered a Recital in Saint Peter's Church

THURSDAY 2nd AUGUST 2012

- 08.15 Morning Prayer (Jack McDonald) was held in the Chapel of Pope's College
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Dom Benoit Standaert (Bruges, Belgium): 'L'édition de l'évangile selon Jean et son enjeu interecclésial'
- 11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held
- 14.30 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Karen L. King (Harvard, USA): 'Differences that Make a Difference: Rethinking "The Varieties of Early Christianity"'
- 16.45 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
 - Helen Bond, 'Dating the Death of Jesus: Memory and the Religious Imagination'
 - Alan C. Mitchell, 'Otherworldly Priesthood and the Heavenly Sanctuary in Hebrews'
 - Adele Reinhartz, 'The Gospel of John and the Parting of the Ways'
 - Peter-Ben Smit, 'Masculinity Studies – A New Perspective for New Testament Anthropology?'
 - Michel Quesnel, 'La bénédiction de l'épître aux Éphésiens (Ep 1:3-14)'
- 19.00 Participants were invited to the Faculty Club, Beguinage, for Dinner, hosted by the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies

FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST 2012

- 08.15 Morgenandacht (Prof. Reimund Bieringer) was held in the Chapel of Pope's College
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Ismo Dunderberg (Helsinki, Finland): 'Gnostic Morality Revisited: Moral Progress in Early Christian Stories of the Soul'
- 11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.
- 14.30 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
 - Michael W. Holmes, 'From 'Original Text' to 'Initial Text': The Traditional Goal of New Testament Textual Criticism in Contemporary Discussion'

- Stephen J. Hultgren, 'Orality, Social Memory, and the Creation of Extended Narrative Structures in the Synoptic Tradition'
- Clare Rothschild, 'Paul's Trip to Classical Athens in Acts 17:16-34'
- Bart J. Koet, 'Isaiah 60:17 as a Key to Understanding the Two-Fold Ministry of *episkopoi* and *diakonoi* according to 1 Clem 42:5'
- Todd D. Still, '(Im)Perfection: Reading Philippians 3:5-6 in Light of Seven'

16.15 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Paul Anderson, 'Bultmann, Barrett, and Brown: Johannine Paradigms and Their Perdurance'
- Kathy Ehrensperger, 'The Pauline *genos* Discourse'
- David Parker, 'Textual Research: Its Contributions to New Testament Scholarship in the Past Fifty Years – and in the Next Fifty'
- Michael Wojciechowski, 'Teachings of Jesus and Popular Hellenistic Stories'
- Gudrun Holtz, 'Röm 14:14 im Horizont pharisäisch-tannaitischen Denkens'

17.30 BUSINESS MEETING II

The *President*, Prof. Henk Jan de Jonge, was in the chair, and about 143 participants were present in the Max Weber Auditorium.

Notice was given of the deaths of three additional, former members of the Society: Christopher Evans, Ray Ward and Justin Ukpong. These will be formally recognised next year.

BM2012/11 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Profs Margaret Macdonald and Michael Wolter were due to retire from the Committee after the Leuven General Meeting. The *President* expressed thanks for their valued contributions to the work of the Society over the past three years. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors, Profs Clare Rothschild and Jens Schröter to serve on the Committee for a period of three years (2012-15). The Society duly elected these members.

BM2012/12 Election of New Members

Dr Andrew Clarke (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of the 17 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 José Aguilar (Adjunct Professor New Testament, St Joseph's Seminary and Fordham University, USA)

Dr Giovanni Bazzana (Assistant Professor of New Testament, Harvard Divinity School, MA, USA)

Dr John Byron (Associate Professor of New Testament, Ashland Theological Seminary, OH, USA)

Dr Roy Ciampa (Professor of New Testament, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MA, USA)

Dr Wilfried Eisele (Professor, University of Münster, Germany)

Dr Matthew Gordley (Associate Dean of Academics, Regent University School of Divinity, VA, USA)

Dr Michael Gorman (Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology, St Mary's Seminary & University, MD, USA)

Dr James Harrison (Head of the School of Theology, Wesley Institute, Sydney, Australia)

Dr René Krüger (Prof für NT an der Facultad de ISEDET, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Dr Shelly Matthews (Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Brite Divinity School, TX, USA)

Dr David Neville (Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Barton, Canberra, Australia)

Dr George Parsenios (Associate Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ, USA)

Dr Volker Rabens (Research Scholar, New Testament, University of Bochum, Germany)
Dr Daniel Smith (Associate Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and the Clark and Mary Wright Chair of New Testament Theology, Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada)
Dr Hans-Ulrich Weidemann (Professor of New Testament, University of Siegen, Germany)
Dr Larry Welborn (Professor New Testament and Early Christian Literature, Fordham University, NY, USA)
Dr Peter Williams (Warden, Tyndale House, Cambridge, UK)

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

BM2012/13 Editors' Reports

1. *New Testament Studies*

Prof. John Barclay (*Secretary to the Editorial Board and Journal Editor*) briefly highlighted some elements of the report on the Journal.

a. Supply and Quality of Articles

It was reported that 110 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. 21 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 59 (2013) are as follows (2012 prices in brackets):

Institutions (print & on-line)	£180/\$312 [£160/\$289]
Institutions (on-line only)	£155/\$273 [£146/\$260]
Institutions (print only)	£170/\$291 [£149/\$266]
ABTAPL	£100 [same in 2012]
Individuals	£50/\$83 (£46/\$76 during 2003-12)
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

A table was presented of the most popular downloaded articles and a list of the institutions that were most active in downloading articles. It was noted that the 2011 monthly average for full-text views had continued to increase (to 4,183), and that these averages remained higher than those of other quarterly religious studies journals published by CUP.

2. *Monograph Series*

Dr Court (*Editor of Monograph Series*) briefly highlighted some issues raised in the report on the Monograph Series.

New Publications: the following monographs had been published since the report presented at the 2011 General Meeting in Annandale-on-Hudson:

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

150 Hägerland: *Jesus and the Forgiveness of Sins* (Nov 2011)

151 Gathercole: *The Composition of the Gospel of Thomas* (Mar 2012)

152 Goodrich: *Paul as an Administrator of God* (May 2012)

The following works are currently in production:

153 Jensen: *Affirming the Resurrection of the Incarnate Christ* (due Aug 2012)

154 Mathews: *Riches, Poverty and the Faithful* (due Dec 2012)

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

Malcolm: *Paul and the Rhetoric of Reversal in 1 Corinthians: The Graeco-Roman Context of 1 Corinthians*

Liebengood: *The Eschatology of 1 Peter: Considering the Influence of Zechariah 9-14*

It was noted that 6 proposals are currently under review.

Dr Court was warmly thanked for his ten years of service.

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 D. Allison, D. Balch, C. Karakolis, M. Konradt, L. McDonald, H. Moxnes and D. Sim, who are due to retire from the Board at the end of 2012.

The Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period January 2013 – December 2015: Dr J. Carleton-Paget (Cambridge); Profs J. Chapa (Pamplona); T. Nicklas (Regensburg); K. Rowe (Duke); B. Standaert (Brugge); A. Yarbro Collins (Yale). Members of the Society (for their part) duly elected these members of the Board.

It was noted that Prof. Paul Trebilco had been nominated to the post of *Editor of the Monograph Series* for a five year term. The Society, for its part, expressed its approval.

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.

BM2012/14 Future General Meetings

• *Perth, Australia 2013 (23rd – 27th July)*

The meeting was reminded that in 2009 the Society accepted an invitation from Murdoch University to host its 2013 meeting. Prof. and Mrs Loader gave a brief presentation, drawing attention to key aspects of travel, location, venue, social events and excursions.

• *Szeged, Hungary 2014 (5th – 8th August)*

No further details were presented.

• *Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2015*

Dr Arie Zwiep delivered a brief presentation concerning an invitation from the Free University of Amsterdam. Members of the Society indicated acceptance of this invitation.

• *Montreal, Canada 2016*

Prof. Gerbern Oegema delivered a brief presentation concerning an invitation from McGill University. Members of the Society indicated acceptance of this invitation.

BM2012/15 Programme of Future General Meetings

68th *General Meeting: Perth, Australia, 23-27 July 2013*

1. *Presidential Address*

The *Secretary* reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Christopher Tuckett (Oxford, UK).

2. *Main Papers and Short Main Papers*

The *Secretary* reported that Main Papers will be given by Profs Reimund Bieringer (German); Claire Clivaz (French); Michael Lattke (English); and Paul Trebilco (English).

18 Short Papers will be scheduled, and any members wishing to offer a paper were asked to send a proposal to the *Secretary* before 1st February 2013. Members were reminded that they may give only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting.

3. *Seminars*

The *Secretary* drew attention to the following:

- The term of five seminars expired in Leuven, of which two had applied for continuation:
 - 'The Johannine Writings' (M.M. Thompson, R. Zimmermann) – it was noted that the Committee had approved the request to continue this Seminar for a further 3 years, with M. Gruber and C. Karakolis as convenors, following the theme: 'History – Story – Discourse'
 - 'Pauline Theology in Galatians and Romans' (B.R. Gaventa, J.M.G. Barclay, M.C. de Boer)
 - 'The Acts of the Apostles and Ancient Historiography' (K. Backhaus, J. Schröter, G. Sterling)
 - 'Christian Apocryphal Literature' (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden) – it was noted that the Committee had approved the request to continue this Seminar for a further 3 years.
 - 'New Testament Ethics' (F.W. Horn, D. Horrell, E. Baasland)
- Two proposals for new seminars to begin in Perth 2013 had been approved by the Committee:
 - a. 'Revisiting and Revisioning the Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity' (co-chairs: E.E-C. Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke). 3 years.
 - b. 'Jesus Tradition: Origins, Development and Implications' (co-chairs: T. Holmén, S.E. Porter). 5 years.

This means that there will be 15 Seminars at the Perth 2013 General Meeting.

Seminar leaders were asked to send to the *Secretary* by 1st 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.

69th General Meeting: Szeged, Hungary, 5-8 August 2014

BM2012/16 Any Other Business

The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Officers of the Society. Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers for a very successful General Meeting at the Catholic University of Leuven, and especially to Prof. Jos Verheyden (Chair of the Local Organising Committee), as well as Profs Gilbert Van Belle and Reimund Bieringer. Thanks were also expressed to Prof. Flora Carriijn for her organisation of the Accompanying Persons Programme; and to Jarek Moeglich and his team of stewards (Matthew Bincy, Teodor Brasoveanu, Mark Grundeken, Joan Infante, Jose Joseph Kollemkunnel, Dominika Kurek, Soeng Yu Li, Ottilia Lukacs, Loretta Man, Emmanuel Nathan and Thomas Vadakkel); and to Karin Beckers and Nela Vermekens of the University Events and Conference Office.

The *President* then declared the 67th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

19.00 Participants were invited to the Jubilee Room, University Hall, for Dinner, hosted by Peeters Publishers

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There were optional excursions to Antwerp; Bruges; 'The East' (including the towns of Tongeren, Borgloon, and Zoutleeuw); and 'The South' (including the Abbeys of Villers-la-Ville and Maredsous, and the towns of Dinant and Louvain-la-Neuve)