STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

**75th General Meeting**

**HOSTED VIRTUALly BY KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY 26th JULY, 2021**

**13.15–13.45 (CEST) Welcome Session**

Prof. Verheyden welcomed all participants to the virtual conference in Leuven and gave a short introduction to the hosting institution in Leuven and its academic history. He explained details of the programme, the social programme, and technicalities of the meeting. He thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the meeting.

**14.00–15.00 (CEST) Business Meeting I**

The FIRST BUSINESS MEETING was held at 14.00 (CEST), on Monday 26th July, 2021, by Video Conference (MS Teams).

# Prof. J. Kloppenborg (*President*, in the Chair)

# BM2021/01 Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The *President* offered a warm welcome to the 75th General Meeting of the Society, especially to new members of the Society and guests; and officially declared the General Meeting open.

# BM2021/02 Deaths of (Former) Members

Members (or former members) whose deaths had come to the attention of the Secretary since the last General Meeting were: Johann Christoph Burchard (Germany; Dec 2020); John Davies (UK; Apr 2021); John (‘Jack’) Elliott (USA; Dec 2020); Claus Hunno-Hunzinger (Germany; Jan 2021); Robert Jewett (USA; Dec 2020); Richard Longenecker (Canada; June 2021); Edgar McKnight (USA; Dec 2020); Robert Meye (USA; Aug 2020); Otto Merk (Germany; Life Member; Jan 2021); Jan du Rand (South Africa; Mar 2021); Franz Zeilinger (Germany; Feb 2021). Members were asked to observe a moment of silence in memory of these deceased members.

Members knowledgeable of other deaths of former members were invited to alert the *Secretary* during the course of the General Meeting or afterwards, preferably by email. These deaths will be announced at the next General Meeting.

# BM2021/03 Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Virtual Business Meeting

The Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were summarised for the April issue of *NTS*. They were approved. The approved minutes were to be signed by the President and given to the Secretary.

# BM2021/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous General Meeting

There were no Matters Arising, not otherwise dealt with in the Business Meetings.

# BM2021/05 Arrangements for the 2021 General Meeting

Prof. J. Verheyden (Chair of the LOC) welcomed the Society to the virtual meeting being hosted by KU Leuven and expressed his gratitude for the collaboration in preparing the General Meeting.

# BM2021/06 Election of President for the 76th General Meeting (2022)

In 2019 in Marburg the Committee nominated Prof. John M.G. Barclay (UK) to be the *President* of the Society at its 76th General Meeting. The Society was asked to affirm this nomination via the various MS Teams sign options and thereby elected Prof. Barclay, who will serve on the Committee as *President-Elect* until the General Meeting in 2022.

# BM2021/07 Nomination of the *President* for the 77th General Meeting (2023)

# The Committee nominated Prof. Joseph Verheyden (Belgium) to be *President* of the Society at its 77th General Meeting. The Society will vote on this nomination at its General Meeting next year. As the nominee of the Committee, Prof. Verheyden now becomes the *Presidential Nominee* for 2023-24.

Prof. Jean Zumstein *(Past President)* was warmly thanked for his service to the Society over the past 5 years.

# BM2021/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives,* Prof. Bill Loader, spoke to his circulated report covering the year to June 2021 and highlighted various aspects therein. In addition, he warmly invited colleagues to consider a variety of options to express the international character of SNTS, including sponsoring, mentoring, and giving assistance. He welcomed any questions via emails. Particular appreciation was expressed by the membership to thank Prof. Loader for his years-long liaison work.

# BM2021/09 Officers and Committee Members

The *Secretary*, Prof. Todd D. Still, reported the number of registered participants (322), noting members (240) and guests (44); publishers (14); LOC (24). The *Secretary* also noted that Prof. Eddie Adams will complete his term of service as *Editor* of the monograph series at the end of 2022 and that the Committee would bring a nomination for his replacement to the membership at next year’s General Meeting.

# BM2021/10 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary,* Prof. Christina M. Kreinecker, reported that the Committee approved 19 nominations of new members for consideration. She announced these names (and their countries), which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Members were asked to pass along any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members and officers before the Second Business meeting on Thursday.

# BM2021/11 Presentation and Discussion of Associate Membership Proposal

The *President* introduced the proposal for Associate Membership that had been circulated in advance of the meeting and led a discussion regarding the same. During the discussion a number of members on the one hand raised concerns, including feasibility, advisability, and a two-tier society, and on the other hand indicated their support for a variety of reasons, including perceived advantages for French-speaking NT scholars, diversity in age, and remaining attractive to the next generation of senior scholars. A friendly amendment to the proposal was to be made to clarify that like with full members, nominees for Associate Membership were not to be present during the General Meeting of their nomination.

At the conclusion of the discussion members were invited to keep discussing the proposal during the meeting and were instructed regarding the upcoming vote at the beginning of the Second Business Meeting, which would take place in the usual way of conducting SNTS business: anonymously cast votes (electronically, with the options of yes, no, and abstaining), counted by stewards, and with a simple majority of votes prevailing.

**15.15–16.30 (CEST) Presidential Address**

Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell (USA) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered her Presidential Address entitled *John Chrysostom and Christian Love Magic: A Spellbinding Moment in the History of Interpretation of 1 Cor 7:2-4* at a plenary session of the Society. At the request of the President and as an innovation to presidential addresses, questions and remarks were welcomed.

**16.45–18.00 (CEST) Main Paper I**

A main paper was given by Simon Butticaz (Switzerland) entitled “*De la parenté d'auteur(s) à la 'mémoire générationelle' (P. Nora): De la parenté d'auteurs à la 'mémoire générationelle' (P. Nora): l'oeuvre de Luc et les Lettres pastorales en relation”* and followed by a discussion.

**18.15–19.15 (CEST) New Members Meeting**

On the initiative of the *President*, Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell, a welcoming session was held for new members from the General Meeting in Marburg 2019 and the members elected in the online business meeting in 2020. After a short welcome by the *President*, the *Past President, Prof. John S. Kloppenborg,* and the *President-Elect*, Prof. John M.G. Barclay, as well as the *Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer,* and *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* (via a statement read by the *President*) welcomed everyone. This was followed by individual introductions of new members and a collegial online exchange.

**TUESDAY 27th JULY, 2021**

**12.30–12.50 (CEST) Prayers in German (Prof. Jens Schröter) were held virtually.**

**13.00–14.30 (CEST) The first session of the Seminar Groups was held.**

 The Seminar Groups at the General Meeting included the following chairs, themes and papers (papers “i” were presented at the first session of Seminar Groups; papers “ii” at the second session on Wednesday; and papers “iii” at the third session on Thursday):

**Seminar 1. “Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity” (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in 2021**

1. (joint session with Social History): Hermut Löhr (Germany), “Der ‘Hirte des Hermas’ und die stadtrömischen Christen” – respondent: Harry O. Maier (Canada)
2. John Kloppenborg (Canada), “Second Century Constructions of Christian History” – respondent: Joseph Verheyden (Belgium)
3. R. Matthew Calhoun (USA), “3 Corinthians” – respondent: Johan Thom (South Africa)

**Seminar 2. “Mapping ‘New Testament Studies’: History, Status and Prospects” (Eve-Marie Becker, Michael Cover and Francis Watson) – terminates in 2023**

Did not convene in 2021

**Seminar 3. “Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie” (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2023**

1. *Responses to and Review of Udo Schnelle, Die getrennten Wege von Römern, Juden, und Christen: Religionspolitik im 1.Jahrhundert n. Chr. Mohr Siebeck: Tübingen, 2019.*

Udo Schnelle, Summary: “Das frühe Christentum als eigenständige Bewegung“

1. Edwin Broadhead, Response: “The Forming of the Ways on the Landscape of Antiquity”
2. Benjamin Schliesser, Response: “‘Weder Jude noch Römer’. Innovation und Distinktion in der frühen Jesusbewegung”

**Seminar 4. “The Johannine Writings” (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in 2021**

1. Anni Hentschel (Germany), “Der Weinstock als Bild für die johanneische Gemeinde (Joh 15,1-17)” – respondent: Cosmin Pricop (Romania)
2. (joint session with “Early Christian Ethics”): Cor Bennema (UK), “A Framework for Constructing Johannine Ethics” – respondent: Veronika Burz-Tropper (Austria, guest)
3. Alicia D. Myers (USA), “I Call You ‘Friends’. . .but When? Interpreting Friendship in John 15:12-17 in Light of the Temporal Fluidity of the Farewell Discourse” – respondent: Kasper Bro Larsen (Denmark)

**Seminar 5. “The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco- Roman Contexts” (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in 2021**

1. (joint session with “Hebrews”): William Loader (Australia), “Ethics in Hebrews” – respondent: James Thompson (USA)
2. (joint session with “Johannine Writings”): Cor Bennema (UK), “A Framework for Constructing Johannine Ethics” – respondent: Veronika Burz-Tropper (Austria, guest)
3. Matthias Konradt (Germany), “Following Jesus and Fulfilling the Law: Reflections on Ethics in Matthew” – respondent: Boris Repschinski (Austria)

**Seminar 6. “The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity” (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2022**

1. Mitzi Smith (USA), “A Tale of Two Planters?: Apollos, Paul, and Corinth as Contested Missional Space” – respondent: Ronald Charles (Canada)
2. Christoph Stenschke (Germany, guest), “Paul’s Ministry to Jews and Some Gentiles according to the Book of Acts” – respondent: Eugene Park (USA)
3. Paul Trebilco (New Zealand) “The Expansion of Early Christianity in Ephesus in the Second Century CE” – respondent: Gosnell Yorke (Zambia)

**Seminar 7. “Hebrews” (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in 2021**

1. (joint session with “Early Christian Ethics”): Bill Loader (Australia): “Ethics in Hebrews” – respondent: James Thompson (USA)
2. Manuel Vogel (Germany), “‘Lasst uns hinausgehen aus dem Lager’ (Hebr. 13,13): Hellenistisch-jüdische Junkturen von Bildung und sozialer Exklusion im Spiegel des Hebräerbriefes”
3. Wolfgang Kraus (Germany): “Zur Rede von Gott im Hebräerbrief” – respondent: Gert Steyn (South Africa)

**Seminar 8. “Social History and the New Testament” (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2023**

1. (joint session with “Constructions of the Histories”): Hermut Löhr (Germany), “Der ‘Hirte des Hermas’ und die stadtrömischen Christen” – respondent: Harry O. Maier (Canada)
2. *no second session*
3. Jan Rüggemeier (Switzerland, guest), “Travelling with a Phoenician Merchant: Urban Encounters with Christ followers in Rome” – respondent: Judith Lieu (UK)

**Seminar 9. “The Phenomenon of Pseudepigraphy” (Christine Gerber and Adela Yarbro Collins) – terminates in 2022**

1. Christine Gerber (Germany), “The Letter to the Ephesians” – respondent: Gregory Sterling (USA)
2. Jens Herzer (Germany), “The Pastoral Epistles” – respondent: Korinna Zamfir (Romania)
3. Gregory Given (USA, guest), “The Letters Attributed to Ignatius of Antioch” – respondent: Angela Standhartinger (Marburg)

**Seminar 10. “Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward” (Simon Butticaz, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2024**

1. Cecilia Antonelli (Switzerland, guest), “Les multiples aventures de l’apôtre Barthélemy dans le monde chrétien ancien et les Actes et martyre de Barthélemy grecs et arméniens (BHG 226z)”
2. Tobias Nicklas (Germany), “Unknown Pauline Traditions in Apostle-Stories Related to Cyprus”
3. Tony Burke (Canada), “Achieving Greatness: Re-evaluating the “Later”Apocryphal Acts”

**Seminar 11. “Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament” (Peter Arzt-Grabner and James Harrison) – terminates in 2024**

1. (joint session with “Reading Paul’s Letters in Context”): James R. Harrison (Australia), “Romans 1:2-4 and Imperial ‘Adoption’ Ideology: Paul’s Alternative Narrative to Julio-Claudian Sonship and Apotheosis”
2. Julien M. Ogereau (Austria, guest), “The ἐκκλησία Θεσσαλονικέων as ἱερὰ ἐκκλησία: New Insights from Old Stones” – respondent: Richard S. Ascough (Canada)
3. Michael P. Theophilos (Australia), “The Infancy Narrative of Matthew in Light of Astrological Papyri and Ostraca” – respondent: Giovanni Bazzana (USA)

**Seminar 12. “Reading Paul’s Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches” (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2022**

1. (joint session with “Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament”): James R. Harrison (Australia), “Romans 1:2-4 and Roman Imperial ‘Adoption’ Ideology: Paul’s Alternative Narrative to Julio-Claudian Sonship and Apotheosis”
2. William S. Campbell (UK), “The Measure of Strength in Romans 14.1-15.13: Paul’s Redefinition”
3. Karin Zetterholm (Sweden), “‘The Paul within Judaism’ Perspective and Reception History: Pauline Ideas in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies”

**Seminar 13. “New Testament Textual Criticism” (Claire Clivaz, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman) – terminates in 2024**

1. Thomas O’Loughlin (UK), “Insular Traditions of Exegesis and Paratext” – respondent: Paul Foster (UK)
2. Anna Persig (Belgium), “Arduum ut quae in alia lingua bene dicta sunt, eundem decorem in translatione conseruent: The language of the Latin translations of the Catholic Epistles” – respondent: Thomas Johann Bauer (Germany)
3. Annette Weissenrieder (Germany), “Codex Vercellensis: A New Edition Project in Light of Spectral Imaging” – respondent: H.A.G. Houghton (UK)

**Seminar 14. “Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels” (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2022**

1. Stephen Hultgren (Australia), “Narrative Frames and the Integration of Social Memory: Jesus’s Authority in Matthew, Mark, and Q”
2. Verena Schulz (Netherlands, guest), “Forms of Forgetting in Roman Literature”
3. Edwin Broadhead (USA), “Narrative and Neurology: Soundings in the Gospels”

**Seminar 15. “Philo and Early Christianity” (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – terminates in 2023**

1. Sigurd Grindheim (Norway): “Significant, but not Decisive: Philo’s Influence on Hebrews” – respondent: Lukas Bormann (Germany)
2. Arco den Heijer (Netherlands): “Frankness in the Agora and before the King: Performing Parrhesia in Philo and the Book of Acts” – respondent: Gregory E. Sterling (USA)
3. Gregory E. Sterling: “Ancient Wisdom and Theology: Philo, Ammonius, and Plutarch” – respondent: Michael Cover (USA)

**Seminar 16. “Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire’ (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2022**

Did not convene in 2021

**Seminar 17. “Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches” (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in 2021**

1. Karen L. King (USA), “Resurrection or Ascent: The Gospel of Mary Reads The Gospel of John” – respondent: Tat-siong Benny Liew (USA)
2. Judith Hartenstein (Germany), “The Fourth Gospel as a Turning Point in the Literary Development of Texts on Mary Magdalene, Resurrection, Ascent, and Apostolic Authority” – respondent: Nicola Denzey Lewis (USA)
3. Taylor Petrey (USA, guest), “Marcion and the Resurrection” – respondent: Stephanie Cobb (USA)

**Seminar 18. “Reading Galatians in New Perspectives. Methods and Approaches” (Martin Meiser, Dieter Sänger and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2022**

1. Peter Oakes (UK), “Understanding Galatians in Light of Early House Church Social Structure”
2. Günter Röhser (Germany), „Das Gerechtwerden des Menschen (im Galaterbrief) als prozessuale Vorstellung“ – respondent: Francesco Bianchini (Italy)
3. Stefan Schreiber (Germany), “Politische Sprache, Motive und Kritik im Galaterbrief. Eine Spurensuche”

**14.45–16.00 (CEST) Main Paper II**

A main paper was given by Outi Lehtipuu (Finland) entitled “*Women as Bible Readers in Late Antiquity”* and followed by a discussion.

**16.15–17.30 (CEST) Main Paper III**

A main paper was given by Christos Karakolis (Greece) entitled “*Blindness and Healing of the Johannine 'Jews': A Reader-Centered Approach”* and followed by a discussion.

**WEDNESDAY 28th JULY, 2021**

**12.30–12.50 (CEST) Prayers in French (Prof. Régis Burnet) were held virtually.**

**13.00–13.45 (CEST) Discussion of Offered Papers I**

The Offered Papers of the General Meeting were posted online and made available for participants to follow at their leisure and fitting their time zone. Two virtual parallel sessions were held to discuss each of the offered six papers for 15 minutes.

**Session I (chaired by John S. Kloppenborg)**

13:00 Alicia Batten (Canada), “The Theatricality of James 2”

13:15 Lourdes García Ureña (Spain), “Χλωρός and its Meanings in the Book of Revelation: A Methodology for the Study of Colour Terms”

13:30 James A. Kelhoffer (Sweden), “ΜΕΤΑΝΟΕΩ and ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ as a Change in Mindset in the Second Letter of Clement”

**Session II (chaired by Margaret M. Mitchell)**

13:00 Boris Repschinski (Austria), “Matthew within Christianity”

13:15 Alexey Somov (Russia), “Matt 27:52-53 and the Legend about the Martyrdom of Daniel and His Three Companions in Eastern Orthodox Bible Interpretation”

13:30 Paul Anderson (USA), “John: The Mundane Gospel”

**14.00–15.15 (CEST) Main Paper IV**

A main paper was given by Jean-Bosco Matand Bulembat (Congo) entitled “*Et la femme sera sauvée grâce à la progéniture? Approche contextuelle d'une relecture de Gn 2–3 en 1 Tm 2, 11–15”* and followed by a discussion.

**15.30–17.00 (CEST) The second session of the Seminar Groups was held.**

**16.15–17.30 (CEST) Main Paper V**

A main paper was given by Bernadette Brooten (USA) entitled “*Enslaved and Slaveholding Women in Early Christianity”* and followed by a discussion.

**20.00–21.00 (CEST) Female Delegates’ Meeting**

As in recent years, the female delegates convened, organised virtually by Profs Judith Lieu (Cambridge) and Christina M. Kreinecker (Leuven).

**THURSDAY 29th JULY, 2021**

**12.30–12.50 (CEST) Prayers in English (Prof. Reimund Bieringer) were held virtually.**

**13.00–13.45 (CEST) Discussion of Offered Papers II**

The Offered Papers of the General Meeting were posted online and made available for participants to follow at their leisure and fitting their time zone. Two virtual sessions were held to discuss each of the offered six papers for 15 minutes.

**Session I (chaired by Prof. John S. Kloppenborg)**

13:00 John Granger Cook (USA), “The Faith in Resurrection of Paul the Thaumaturge”

13:15 Francesco Bianchini (Italy), “The Crux Interpretum of 1 Cor 15:29: What is at Stake and a Proposal”

13:30 Matthew Gordley (USA), “The Role of Hymnic and Epainetic Discourse in First Timothy”

**Session II (chaired by Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell)**

13:00 Andrew M. Mbuvi (USA), “A Re-Reading of Luke 10:29-37 in Light of Historical Violence against Black Bodies: The Case of the Overlooked ληστάς!”

13:15 Bart J. Koet (Netherlands), “Who Do you Have to Invite to the Table? A Dropsical Guest Certainly; About Luke 14:1-24 as a Literary Unit”

13:30 Dennis MacDonald (USA), “Is it Possible to Reconstruct Q if Luke Knew Matthew as well as Mark? The Case for the Q+/Papias Solution to the Synoptic Problem”

**14.00–15.30 (CEST) The third session of the Seminar Groups was held.**

**15.45–17.00 (CEST) Main Paper VI**

A main paper was given by Lutz Doering (Germany) entitled “*‘Ihr habt gehört, dass zu den Alten gesagt wurde...'. Zu Form und Funktion der Antithesen der Bergpredigt”* and followed by a discussion.

**17.15–18.15 (CEST) Business Meeting II**

The SECOND BUSINESS MEETING was held at 17.15 (CEST), on Thursday 29th July, 2021, by Video Conference.

# Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell (*President,* in the Chair)

The President called the meeting to order and with an amendment to the first business meeting (BM2021/2) asked members to observe a moment of silence in memory of two members whose death had come to the attention of the Secretary during the General Meeting: Gerd Lüdemann (Germany; May 2021) and Christoph Demke (Germany; July 2021).

# BM2021/12 Vote on Associate Membership

The last item of business taken up at the First Business Meeting was the matter of Associate Membership. *President* Mitchell reminded members of the history and development of this proposal and underscored the commitment of the Society to diversity in terms of gender, age, nationality, and other factors. The Society and its leadership were to work towards this diversity, no matter of the outcome of the vote.

*President* Mitchell reminded members of the details of the proposal on which the membership would be voting. She then offered detailed voting instructions in MS Teams, reassuring members regarding the anonymity and validity of their vote. She also indicated that she would announce the results of the vote at the end of the Second Business Meeting. Members were then given adequate time to cast an anonymous vote, which was tabulated and reported by meeting stewards.

# BM2021/13 Nomination and Election of New Committee Members

* Profs Knut Backhaus (Germany) and Gosnell Yorke (Zambia) retired from the Committee at the conclusion of the General Meeting. They were thanked for their contributions to the Society over the past 3 years.
* The Committee nominated Profs Bernardo Estrada (Columbia) and Moisés Mayordomo (Switzerland) to replace them for the period 2021–24. The membership showed its approval in the usual way (by way of applause).

# BM2021/14 Election of New Members

* At the First Business Meeting, Prof. Christina M. Kreinecker (*Assistant Secretary*) shared with the Society the names (and countries) of those 19 scholars whose nominations had been approved by the Committee and invited members to contact Committee members and Officers with any comments prior to the start of the Second Business Meeting.
* The *Assistant Secretary* read the names (and countries) of the nominees and confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved:

Jeffrey W. AERNIE (Australia); Jeremy Wade BARRIER (USA); Charles A. BOBERTZ (USA); Lisa BOWENS (USA); Gay L. BYRON (USA); Benjamin DUNNING (USA); Douglas ESTES (USA); Mark R.C. GRUNDEKEN (Germany); G. Anthony (Tony) KEDDIE (Canada); Daniel LANZINGER (Germany); Kar Yong LIM (Malaysia); Yii-Jan LIN (USA); Jonathan LINEBAUGH (UK); Valérie NICOLET (France); David PASTORELLI (France); Benjamin E. REYNOLDS (Canada); Christian SCHRAMM (Germany); Luigi WALT (Germany); Brittany E. WILSON (USA).

# BM2021/15 Treasurer’s Report

The *Treasurer,* Prof. Paul Foster, spoke to his circulated report and draft Financial Statements of the Society Accounts for the year ending on 31st May, 2021.

# BM2021/16 Editors’ Reports

* Prof. Simon Gathercole (*Secretary to the Board and Journal Editor*) offered a summary of the circulated report regarding the activity of the journal over the course of the past year. He pointed out the extended editorial board of the journal and thanked everyone who had agreed to serve in this function (2.3 in the report). Questions by the membership were answered and individual figures explained. Prof. Gathercole invited members to consider and recommend in particular excellent contributions by female colleagues.
* Prof. Edward Adams (*General Editor of the Monograph Series*) offered a summary of the circulated report regarding the activity of the book series over the course of the past year. While the submission of excellent dissertations was high, he expressed his hope to receive more submissions from established scholars in the future. He thanked everyone on the board for their work and CUP for the cooperation over the year.

# BM2021/17 Future General Meetings

The *Secretary*, Prof. Todd D. Still,reported to the Society the proposed locations and dates for future General Meetings in Rome (2023); Melbourne (2024); Vancouver (2025) and Regensburg (2026), expressing appreciation to colleagues, not least in the proposed venues, for their flexibility and hospitality in the planning process, made all the more complex by COVID-19 concerns and constraints.

The *Secretary* informed the membership of an offer from Leuven to host the 76th General Meeting and invited Prof. Joseph Verheyden from KU Leuven to extend an invitation to the Society. Prof. Verheyden assured the membership of the local support of the invitation by the Faculty’s Dean and the Rector of the University to host the meeting again next year and gave initial details of an in-person gathering. The membership accepted the invitation by vote of acclamation. *President* Mitchell thanked Prof. Verheyden on behalf of the Committee and membership.

The future General Meetings of the Society are thus planned as follows:

*2022* Leuven (2–6 August)

*2023* Rome (25–29 July)

*2024* Melbourne (23–27 July)

*2025* Vancouver (5–9 August)

*2026* Regensburg (28 July–1 August)

# BM2021/18 Programme of the 76th General Meeting in Leuven, Belgium (2022)

The *Secretary* reported the following in regard to the programme of next year’s General Meeting:

* Presidential Address and Invited Main Papers
* The presidential address will be given by Prof. John M.G. Barclay (UK)
* Six Main Papers will be presented. Profs Lukas Bornmann (Germany), Régis Burnet (Belgium), Alan Cadwallader (Australia), Christina Hoegen-Rohls (Germany), Dorothy Lee (Australia), and Catrin Williams (UK) have agreed to offer papers.
	+ Current Seminars

Thereare presently 18 seminars, of a potential maximum of 18.

1. *Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity* (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in **2021**
2. *Mapping “New Testament studies”: History, Status and Prospects* (Eve-Marie Becker, Michael Cover and Francis Watson) – terminates in 2024
3. *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2023
4. *The Johannine Writings* (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in **2021**
5. *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in **2021**
6. *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2022
7. *Hebrews* (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in **2021**
8. *Social History and the New Testament* (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2023
9. *The Phenomenon of Pseudepigraphy* (Christine Gerber and Adela Yarbro Collins) – terminates in 2022
10. *Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward* (Simon Butticaz, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2024
11. *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (Peter Arzt-Grabner and James Harrison) – terminates in 2024
12. *Reading Paul’s Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2022
13. *New Testament Textual Criticism* (Claire Clivaz, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman)– terminates in 2024
14. *Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2022
15. *Philo and Early Christianity* (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – terminates in 2023
16. *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2023
17. *Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches* (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in **2021**
18. *Reading Galatians in New Perspectives: Methods and Approaches* (Martin Meiser, Dieter Sänger and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2022

Two Seminars (2, 16) did not convene in 2021; each has been extended another year.

Five Seminars (1, 4, 5, 7, 17) terminate in 2021, three of which applied for renewal (1 [3 years requested], 4 [5 years requested], 7 [4 years requested]). The Committee approved each of these requested renewals.

Additionally, the *Secretary* received two proposals and one inquiry for Seminars to being in 2022, one of which, “God in the New Testament” (Steve Walton and Christiane Zimmerman), was approved by the Committee for 5 years.

There will be 17 seminars meeting, then, next summer in Leuven.

* + *Short Papers*

It is anticipated that there will be 18 slots for Simultaneous Short Papers.

* + *Research Posters*

The Committee approved the possibility of the presentation for research posters at the 2022 General Meeting as at the 2019 meeting in Marburg.

# BM2021/19 Any Other Business

* *President* Mitchellannounced the results of the vote on Associate Membership:

YES: 88 (72.13%)

NO: 28 (22.95%)

ABSTAIN: 06 (04.92%)

The total votes consist of 122 votes, including 4 prior votes directly sent to the Committee. Based on the result and the simple majority of votes for “yes” to the proposal, the Society was thus to introduce a change to its constitution and introduce a new category of membership. The *President* reminded members that Associate Membership was to be seen as an experiment and includes a five-year review to assess whether the programme is beneficial both to the Society and to the associate members.

* The *President* thanked all those who presented Main Papers, Short Papers, and Seminar Papers, as well as the conveners of the Seminars.
* The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Committee, Officers, and Editors of the Society.
* Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers, stewards, and volunteers for a very successful General Meeting. A gift on behalf of the Society was being organised, including a dinner in Leuven.
* The *President* declared the 75th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded. In doing so, she encouraged members to nominate qualified candidates for membership and to be present next summer in Leuven.

# 18.15–19.15 (CEST) The Leuven Chansonnier

For the social programme of the virtual General Meeting, access to the so-called “Leuven Chansonnier,” a “musical treasure-trove of fifteenth-century French chansons,” together with a documentary on the manuscript and a recording of a performance of its music, were made available to registered participants throughout the conference. It was explained both in the welcoming address at the beginning of the conference and during the Business Meeting by the head of the LOC, Prof. Joseph Verheyden.

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