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40th Annual Meeting Features Ecumenical Contribution of Pentecostal Churches

By Br. Jeffrey Gros, FSC, 1st Vice President
and 2011 Program Chair



Dr. David Daniels III speaks at the opening plenary session of the 40th Annual Meeting in historic Mason Temple, Memphis. [Photo: Mark E. Roberts]

The Memphis Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies opened in the Church of God in Christ's historic Mason Temple, where founder Bishop C. H. Mason is buried and where Martin Luther King Jr. spoke three times, including the last before his death in 1968.

While Pentecostals are often characterized as anti-ecumenical by some of their critics and even some of their own members, which is against the gospel call to Christian unity, Dr. David Daniels of McCormick Seminary gave a rousing, Spirit-filled affirmation of Pentecostal ecumenicity in his address "Forging an Ecumenical Future, Framing the Afro-Pentecostal Past." In his surprise-filled historical survey, Daniels documented

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Executive Director Succession

After serving eight years as Executive Director of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Dr. David Roebuck passed the baton to incoming Executive Director, Dr. Lois Olena, at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society in Memphis, TN, March 10–12, 2011. The *Newsletter* marks this important transition with the retrospective thoughts of our outgoing director and an interview with our new.

Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve

By David G. Roebuck

Eight years ago at the Annual Meeting in Lexington, Bill Faupel and incoming President Steven Land approached me about filling Bill's unexpired term as Executive Secretary of the Society. Unexpected changes at Asbury Theological Seminary made it impossible for Bill to complete his second five-year term. The Executive Committee hoped to fill the position by the end of the summer. That conversation opened the door to



New SPS Executive Director Dr. Lois Olena with predecessor Dr. David Roebuck at the 40th Annual Meeting in Memphis.

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Meet Our New Executive Director

By David Massey

Welcome, Lois. Could you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I was born in New Jersey, just "over the bridge" from Philadelphia. My parents, both Assemblies of God ministers, pastored together in New Jersey and New York (I grew up mostly in NY). Among five children, I was the only girl, which may have helped prepare me for a life of church ministry!

My parents were terrific role models. My mom was a capable teacher, preacher, and woman of God, blessed with a remarkable gift of hospitality. My dad provided ministry

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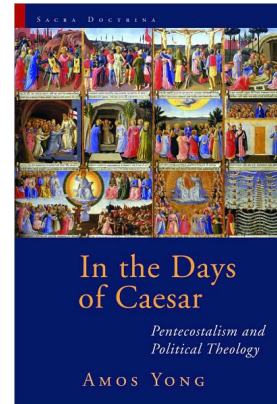
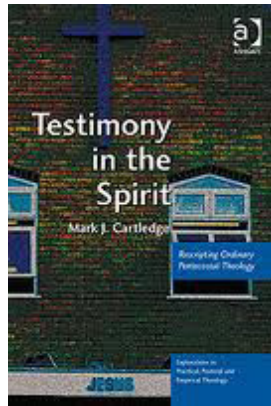
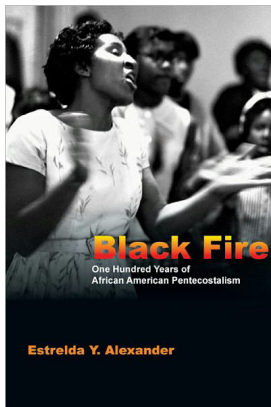
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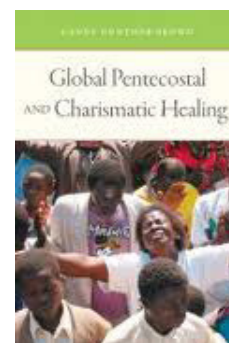
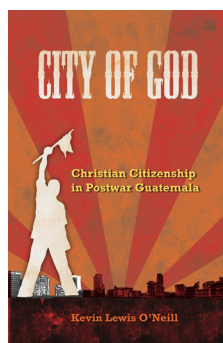
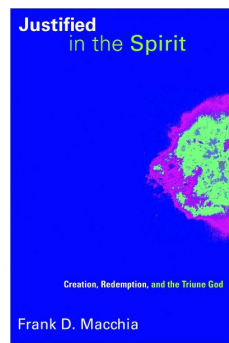
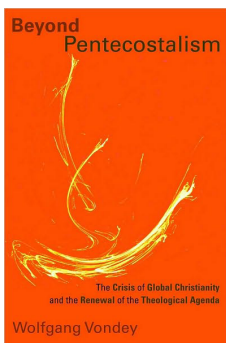
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2012 *PNEUMA* Book Award Nominees & Finalists Announced

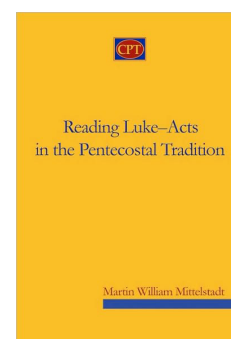
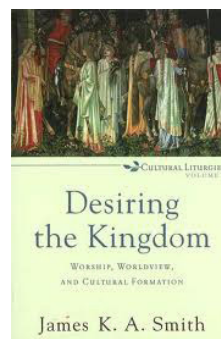
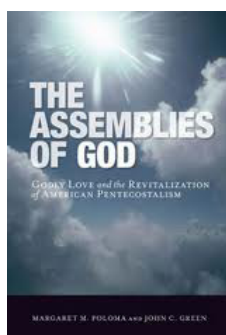
The SPS Editorial Committee has announced nominees and finalists for the *Pneuma* Book Award, the Society's highest award given to one work each year judged to contribute the most to Pentecostal-charismatic studies. The three finalists, chosen from a field of twelve nominees, are these: Estrelida Y. Alexander, *Black Fire: One Hundred Years of African American Pentecostalism* (IVP Academic, 2011); Mark Cartledge, *Testimony in the Spirit: Rescripting Ordinary Pentecostal Theology* (Ashgate, 2010); and Amos Yong, *In the Days of Caesar: Pentecostalism and Political Theology* (Eerdmans, 2010). A representative of the Committee will announce the winner and present the award to the winning author at the 41st Annual Meeting at Regent University in March 2012.



The nine titles also nominated for the 2012 *Pneuma* Book Award are these: Wolfgang Vondey, *Beyond Pentecostalism: The Crisis of Global Christianity and the Renewal of the Theological Agenda* (Eerdmans, 2010); Frank Macchia, *Justified in the Spirit: Creation, Redemption, and the Triune God* (Eerdmans, 2010); Paul O'Neill, *City of God: Pentecostal Citizenship in Postwar Guatemala* (University of California Press, 2010); Candy Gunther Brown, ed., *Global Pentecostal & Charismatic Healing* (Oxford University Press, 2010); Nestor Medina, *Mestizaje: Remapping Race, Culture, and Faith in Latina/o Catholicism* (Studies in Latino/a Catholicism, Orbis Books, 2009).



Margaret Poloma and John Green, *The Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism* (New York University Press, 2010); James K. A. Smith, *Thinking in Tongues: Pentecostal Contributions to Christian Philosophy* (Eerdmans, 2010); idem, *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview & Cultural Formation*, Cultural Liturgies, vol. 1 (Baker Academic, 2009); Martin Mittelstadt, *Reading Luke-Acts in the Pentecostal Tradition* (CPT [Centre for Pentecostal Theology] Press, 2010).



SPS-Related Activities at AAR & SBL, San Francisco, 2011

Many Society members participate regularly in Society-related consultation and study groups of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature. The two meet separately but in the same city at the same time, this year in San Francisco, November 19–21. The schedule for SPS-related events known to the *Newsletter* follows.

Pentecostal-Charismatic Studies Consultation at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

(See www.aarweb.org for further details)

Session 1: Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation and World Christianity

Consultation Theme: Healing in Global Pentecostalism
Saturday, November 19: 1:00 pm–3:30 pm, in CC-2002
Philip Jenkins, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Panelists: Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University; Simon Coleman, University of Toronto; R. Andrew Chesnut, Virginia Commonwealth University; Catherine Bowler, Duke University; Angela Tarango, Trinity University; Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University.

Responding: Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University; Harvey Cox, Harvard University.

Business Meeting: Katherine Attanasi, Regent University; Valerie C. Cooper, University of Virginia.

Session 2: Evangelical Theology Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements

Consultation Theme: Music, Praise, and Worship in Pentecostal Christianity

Sunday, November 20: 1:00 pm–2:30 pm, in CC-2012

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Ibrahim Abraham, University of Bristol: Contradiction and Compromise in Pentecostal Punk Rock;

Wen Reagan, Duke University: “I am a Friend of God”: The Prosperity Gospel of Contemporary Worship Music Superstar Israel Houghton;

Peter Slade, Ashland University: Why Should the Charismatics Have All the Good Music?: The Unintended Consequence for Evangelicals of the Rise of Contemporary Worship;

Ryan R. Gladwin, University of Edinburgh: Latin American Evangelical Music Scene: Customary or Transformative?

Responding: Donald Miller, University of Southern California

Session 3: Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements

Interest Groups Review 2011 Annual Meeting Activities

The *Newsletter* asked the Society’s Interest Group Leaders to review Group activities at the 2011 Meeting, and here are their responses:

Intercultural Studies: Thursday, March 10th began with John Easter of Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) as Chair. Sarita D. Gallagher of George Fox University (GFU) presented a wonderful paper on “Blesim Long Papa God: The Missional Implications

of the Abrahamic Blessing Motif as Reflected in the Papua New Guinean Christian Revival Crusade Movement.” Then Paul Kazim, also of AGTS, presented “Holistic Mission Based on the Holiness of God: A Defense and Suggestions for Implementation.” Friday at noon we had our Interest Group Lunch, at which I was appointed Interest Group Leader for the next term.

Friday afternoon DeLonn Rance, AGTS, chaired a session in which Victor H. Cuartas of Regent University presented “The Kingdom of God and Ethnic Diversity in Global Missions.” Then Matthew W. Tallman of GFU presented “Genocide, Tribalism, and Hope of Reconciliation in East Africa,” followed by E. Myron Noble, Middle Atlantic Regional Gospel Ministries, who presented “Can Spirit-Led Short-Term Missions Impact Cross-Cultural Legacy?”

On Saturday, Sarita D. Gallagher, GFU, chaired a session featuring Valerie Ann Rance, AGTS, presenting “The Use of Touch as a Redemptive Expression of the Mission of God in the World.” The remainder of the day saw the following presentations: Anita and John Koeshall, “Ecclesiology-to-Go: The Missiological Task of Being Church”; Doney K. Donev, “The (un)Forgotten: The Story of Rev. Ivan Voronaev’s

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OBITUARIES

William W. Menzies, 1931–2011

By Darrin J. Rodgers

Dr. William (Bill) W. Menzies—one of the organizers of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and the first editor of the society's journal, *PNEUMA*—went to be with the Lord shortly past noon on August 15, 2011. An Assemblies of God pastor, educator, missionary and author, Menzies was widely known in Pentecostal and evangelical circles as a statesman who built bridges across denominational and racial divides. He was one of the primary architects of the Pentecostal scholarly tradition. Menzies was one of a handful of pioneers who crafted the structures that produced the scholars and scholarship that made possible the continued growth and maturation of the movement.

Born on July 1, 1931, Menzies earned a BA at Central Bible College (Springfield, MO) and an MA at Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL), where he met and married Doris Dreselhaus in 1955. He was ordained in 1956. Menzies held teaching and administrative positions at Central Bible College, Evangel University (Springfield, MO), the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (Springfield, MO), California Theological Seminary (Fresno, CA) and Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (Baguio City, Philippines).

Menzies completed his PhD at the University of Iowa. His dissertation became the benchmark history of the Assemblies of God, *Anointed to Serve* (GPH, 1971). He was a prolific author, authoring or editing standard textbooks such as *Understanding the Times of Christ* (GPH, 1969), *Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective* (GPH, 1993) and *Spirit and Power* (Zonder-



Dr. William and Doris Menzies

van, 2000). He was also one of the editors for the *Full Life Study Bible* and a consulting editor for *Christianity Today*.

“Dr. Menzies has influenced generations of students,” states Dr. George Wood, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. “His textbook, *Anointed to Serve*, told the history of the Assemblies of God in a way that informed and inspired. He led an exemplary Christian life, and was a model of Pentecostal scholarship and the Spirit-filled life. He always inspired me to do my best to serve the Lord with heart, mind, soul and strength. We have lost a pillar of the Faith and heaven has gained a saint whose rest is won.”

Menzies' two sons, Glen and Robert, went on to earn their doctoral degrees and have become respected educators in the Assemblies of God. Menzies' wife of 55 years, Doris, passed away on May 28, 2011. Menzies is survived by two sons and two daughters-in-law, Dr. Glen and Donna Menzies of Minnetonka, MN; and Dr. Robert and Joanne Menzies, of Kunming, China; and four grandchildren. Ω

Donald D. Smeeton, 1946–2011

By David G. Roebuck

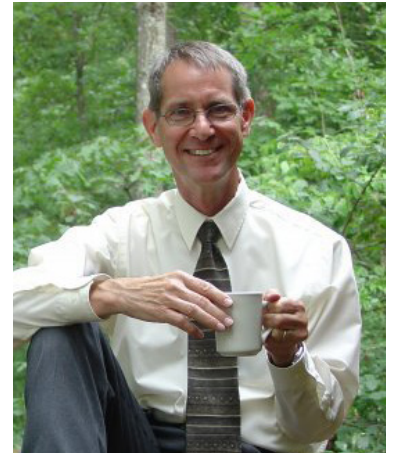
Donald Dean Smeeton, PhD, 65, went to be with the Lord on August 3, following a battle with cancer, and was buried in Lee's Summit, MO. Born May 3, 1946, in Denver, CO, Don earned degrees from Central Bible College (BA, Bible), Evangel University (BS, History), Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (MA, Bible), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (MA, Church History and History of Christian Thought), and Catholic University of Louvain (PhD, Religious Studies). A minister in the Assemblies of God, his early academic career was as a missionary educator in Belgium and South Africa.

In recent years he earned an MLIS at the Dominican University (River Forest, IL) and began serving Christian university libraries. He was library director at the T.J. Jones Information Resources Center (North Central University, 1997–2002), William G. Squires Library (Lee University and Pentecostal Theological Seminary, 2002–2007), and Hartzler Library (Eastern Mennonite University, 2007–2009). Following two years as Resources and Public Services Librarian at EMU, he retired in December 2010 so that his wife Debbie could serve Eagles Creek Church in Lee's Summit, MO.

Don's academic service included editing *EPTA Bulletin* (now *JEPTA*) from 1982–1989, along with membership on that board (2007–2010).

Among his publications were *Lollard Themes in the Reformation Theology of William Tyndale* (Kirksville, MO: Northwest Missouri State University, 1986); *English Religion 1500–1540: A Bibliography* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1988); and “The Significance of the Tyndale-More Debate in the Post-Modern Era,” *The Tyndale Society Journal* (Spring 2008) 25–33. He was a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar (“Libraries in the 21st Century,” 2004), an honorary lifetime member of the European Pentecostal Theological Association, and a recipient of the Regius Award (2006) presented by the Social Studies Department of Evangel University for life-time achievement. An active participant in the Association of Christian Librarians, he was elected to their board in 2005 and served as President from 2008 to 2010. Don was a member of SPS for many years and led the Library and Research Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Debra (Zook) Smeeton, son, David Smeeton, stepson, Jeffrey Bogdan, stepdaughter-in-law, Jennifer (Housman) Bogdan, step-son, Gregory Bogdan, step-daughter, Sheryl (Bogdan) Harris, and stepson-in-law, Matthew Harris; three siblings and seventeen grandchildren. Ω



Dr. Donald Smeeton

Welcome, 2011 New Members!

All were presented and approved at the 2011 Business Meeting.

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Minutes from the 2010 Business Meeting

39TH Annual Meeting, March 6, 2010, at North Central University, Minneapolis, MN

Dr. Estrelida Alexander, President, **called the meeting to order** at 4:40 and led the Society in prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2009 meeting were **approved** as distributed.

Membership Committee Recommendations: Dan Neary presented the list of new members, with the consent of the Executive Committee, for approval. The list was **approved**.

Resignation of Arlene Sanchez Walsh: The President reported to the membership that Arlene Sanchez Walsh resigned as Second Vice President in order to pursue other interests.

First Vice President: The Nominating Committee brought the nomination of Jeffrey Gros (currently serving as interim Second Vice President) for First Vice President. Jeffrey Gros was **elected** as First Vice President.

Second Vice President: The Nominating Committee brought three nominations for second vice president: Paul Alexander,

David Bundy, and Jenny Everts. Nominations were closed. A second ballot was needed. Jenny Everts withdrew her name from consideration after the second ballot. On the third ballot, Paul Alexander was **elected** as Second Vice President.

Financial Report: Dan Neary briefly highlighted the financial report, noting that this is only a small part of the "economy" of the Society in light of the hundreds of uncompensated hours by IGLs, officers, and countless volunteers as well as the support of the numerous institutions that provide resources and staff for this work. A motion to receive the report was **approved**.

Membership Report: Dan Neary highlighted the membership report that was distributed, noting that declining membership may be the result of several factors, including matters of purpose and scope that we will address in the future. A motion to receive the report was **approved**.

PNEUMA Report: Dale Coulter gave a report, highlighting the transition of editors, the upgrading of the process for

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the rich contribution of the Holy Spirit through the Pentecostal churches in witnessing to the unity of Christians and to the unity of God's creation, across lines of racial and economic divisions, through the century of Pentecostal renewal.

Amid the rich variety of seminars, including those featuring the Memphis-based African-American Church of God in Christ (COGIC), the religion of Elvis Presley (First Assemblies of God, Memphis), and a host of other topics, were a number of options, as were visits to the Civil Rights Museum, a pilgrimage to Lexington, MS, where COGIC was founded and Bishop Mason jailed, and a rich array of Sunday worship options in historic COGIC churches founded and pastored by such spiritual leaders as Bishops Mason, J. O. Patterson Sr., and G. E. Patterson.

Plenary sessions also featured the ecumenical mission of the Pentecostal churches touching on the themes of Latino Catholic identity and Pentecostal relations; on peace and conflict from a Pentecostal perspective; focusing on the influence of Pentecostal theology and speculation about the end time on justice in the Middle East for the Palestinian and Israeli people; and on a Pentecostal sense of history and the continuity of the Church.

The ending banquet gave the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Stanley Burgess, Emeritus of Regent University, the *PNEUMA* Book Award to Dr. Gary McGee posthumously, and acknowledged the founders who brought the Society into being 40 years ago, represented by Dr. Vinson Synan, also Emeritus, Regent University, and native Memphian.

Dr. Kimberly Alexander gave an energetic, inspiring, and challenging address to the Society on the future of Pentecostalism. Dr. Lee Ramsey's address, "Telling it on the Mountain: The Spirit through the Eyes of Fiction," provided a rousing, hilarious, and insightful send-off for an energy-filled meeting of study, prayer, and fellowship. Ω



Historic Mason Temple of the Church of God in Christ hosted opening night of the Society's 40th Annual Meeting in Memphis, TN, March 10, 2011.

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serve the Society, and I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you."

My first reaction in Lexington was astonishment that I would be asked to serve in the office. Although I was an active member of SPS, I had never contemplated such a possibility. After experiencing a bit of arm twisting, consultation with important folks in my various communities, and considerable prayer, I agreed to an appointment to complete Bill's term. Four months later in July, Bill delivered a small truck full of boxes and a computer disk and with them the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary changed hands. Along with office files, the truck included past issues of *Pneuma* and conference papers. Most importantly was Bill's accompanying promise to assist me in whatever way I needed, and my first debt of gratitude is to him for keeping that commitment along with his ongoing friendship and collegiality.

I completed the unexpired term, and the Society elected me to a subsequent five-year term in 2006. Having completed my service at our last Meeting, on May 15 I drove a truck packed with 110 boxes to Springfield, Missouri. There I gladly met with my successor, Lois Olena, for a couple of days of consultation. As I reflect back on the past eight years, I am grateful for the progress that SPS has made. Although I have been the chief executive officer during this time, this tremendous progress is due to the efforts of more individuals than I can possibly name in this article.

From my vantage point, the most significant change in the Society during the past eight years is the **expansion of** *continued on page 15*

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opportunities for me from the time I was an adolescent and instilled in me a sense of confidence, a love for people, and a knack for breaking big jobs down into smaller, doable tasks. All of these gifts have blessed and helped me greatly over the years. And I pray they will continue to assist me in this new role for the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

At the ripe old age of 18, I met Doug (then 26) at Valley Forge Christian College near Philadelphia. We married, took a year off from school (or "from battle" as the Torah advises in Deuteronomy 24:5), and ministered in a church in the Adirondacks. In 1981, we returned to the Philadelphia area where we spent the next eight years working and finishing our degrees. Our daughter Arwen (yes, named after the princess in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*) was born there. Our younger daughter, Eden, was born in Vermont, where we moved in 1989. Vermont was unique and wonderful, full of challenges financially, yet home to some of the richest times of community we've ever had. Our musical life blossomed there, as well. I play drums, guitar, and piano. Doug plays an E^b alto horn. We led worship each Sunday and I had a music ministry called "Fresh Fruit." It's anything but fresh now, having given way to more academic pursuits!

In 1995, my father's ailing health brought about our migration *continued on page 7*

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to Alabama. He went on to be with the Lord, but had, in his retirement years prior, paved for us a wonderful path of good fellowship with our Church of God friends at Metropolitan Church of God in Birmingham. During the next four years, I directed Metro Urban Ministry, and our whole family was involved working together in the projects through such ministries as Sidewalk Sunday School and a multitude of other ventures. Following that time, I served on the pastoral staff of an Assemblies of God church in the Birmingham area, before coming to Springfield in 2002 to complete my doctoral work at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS).

My time in Alabama was a season of prolific poetry writing and publication (read one here: <http://bit.ly/vXMFfe>). Oh, and since you're wondering, Billy Collins is my favorite poet.

Following life in the Northeast and a dip into the Deep South, our second great migration, this time into the Midwest, has been rich. We are enjoying our ever-growing family, our precious friends and colleagues, and a variety of opportunities, each day, to serve the Lord.

What is your work at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, MO, and what are your research interests?

My role at AGTS is multi-faceted (see her page at agts.edu). I serve as Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Project Coordinator, Visiting Professor of Practical Theology and Jewish Studies, and Editor of AGTS' e-journal, *Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry*. I have also been an Adjunct Professor at Evangel University since 2003. My role as D.Min. Project Coordinator is to lead our doctoral participants through the project phase of their programs to completion. While I may not be on the "front lines" of ministry as I was in the projects in Birmingham, I feel honored to facilitate the doctoral research of our D.Min. participants, knowing it finds practical application in the lives of leaders who make a difference every day for the kingdom of God.

My top three research interests are Jewish Studies, race relations, and creation care. Back in 1983, I took an undergraduate course called "Jewish-Christian Relations" that really gave me a strong sense of the historical context of Christianity. That one course planted in me the desire to teach Jewish Studies at the college level, particularly in our Assemblies of God (AG) schools. The Lord led me to Gratz College in Philadelphia, where I completed an M.A. in Jewish Studies. While there, I got involved with their Holocaust Oral History Archive, Jew-

ish-Christian dialogue, and Holocaust curriculum development for the State of Pennsylvania, all thanks to the invitation of Holocaust scholar Nora Levin, my professor and friend. From 1990–2000, I transcribed tapes of interviews with over 500 Holocaust survivors, liberators, and witnesses. One hundred of these transcriptions are now in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Doug and I also worked with several survivors to help edit their memoirs and bring their stories to publication. Given that there are few Pentecostal scholars on the Holocaust, I hope to continue (in my spare time now?)



Asia Baptist Church in Lexington, Mississippi. From the pre-Meeting tour of holy sites of the Church of God in Christ near Memphis. Charles H. Mason attended this Missionary Baptist Church during the 1890s and prior to organizing St. Paul Church of God in Christ in 1897. Dr. Elton Weaver, along with Mother Mary Patterson, led a tour of this church, along with other sites. [Photo & caption by Glenn Gohr]

to research and write in this area. Of particular interest to me is the history of European Pentecostals during the Nazi era.

While doing doctoral work with Gary B. McGee and Grant Wacker at AGTS, I also dove into the fascinating-yet-challenging world of the history of race relations within the Assemblies of God Church. I'm one of those white AG kids who never even heard the name William Seymour while growing up! Though this is a "research interest," it goes beyond that to a personal interest, as I feel we have so far to go in growing together as men and women of many colors on this shared journey.

One of my more recent research interests is creation care. Although Doug and I have been avid recyclers most of our married life, only recently have I given more serious thought to the biblical-theological basis for creation care. And I have begun to have conversations in my various communities of faith about how the people of God can steward well what belongs to Him.

What do you like to do to have fun?

Without a doubt, my idea of a great time is riding off into the

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sunset (or around those winding Ozark Mountain roads) on my Yamaha Silverado 650! Doug and I used to ride together years ago, and I stopped when we had our girls. After they went off to college, I decided it was time to get my own bike. Doug figured if he was ever going to see me or spend time with me, he'd better get one, too! So he bit the bullet and got a Harley V-Rod. Poor Doug—suffering for Jesus.

How long have you been a member of the Society for Pentecostal Studies? What is your favorite memory or experience from that time? What have you enjoyed most about the Society?

I've been a member of SPS since 2006. Doug had been attending since 2003. His recounting of the rich collegiality of the Society and the opportunities for growth in many ways spurred me on to join him. That first year in Pasadena, I presented on my doctoral project, "Pentecostals and the New Anti-Semitism: Walking in the Fruit and Fullness of the Spirit for the Sake of the Jewish People," in the Missions Interest Group. My second year, in 2007, at Lee University, I presented a paper called, "From Paralysis to Action: Robert Harrison and the Assemblies of God" in the Diversity Interest Group. It was a rewarding experience to present both papers, but especially to present at my very first year attending. The mutual respect and acceptance among scholars and the drive for "Knowledge on Fire," as we say here at AGTS, won me over immediately.

Another SPS highlight was that, as a result of conversations at SPS in 2006, I was honored with the opportunity to write Stanley Horton's biography, *Stanley M. Horton: Shaper of Pentecostal Theology*, which Gospel Publishing House published in 2009. How blessed I have been to know this Christ-like, Spirit-filled, remarkable scholar and man of God.

The Executive Director position, a five-year term, is an important one for the Society that requires a lot of work. What interested you in the position?

Actually, I wasn't "interested" in the position but was nominated for it by someone who apparently thought I didn't have enough to do! (Just kidding.) When the Executive Committee approached me about serving, I spent several weeks of prayerful consideration and consultation until I felt the "go ahead" from the Lord. Even though I don't have the dazzling intellect of someone like Amos Yong or an encyclopedic knowledge of Pentecostal history, like a Mel Robeck, I felt it was a welcoming environment where I could use the gifts that I do have. My ministry philosophy has always been, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Each step of my life, it seems the Lord has directed me into the things He has wanted me to do. So if this is a way to serve Him that He has put in front of my hands to do, then I'll do it with all my might, all the while not forgetting Zechariah 4:6, that it's by His Spirit.

You've been described as "very organized, but people-oriented." These sound like great traits for an Executive Director. What other talents and skills do you think are

necessary for an effective Executive Director?

Well, I'd like to think of myself as very organized and people-oriented (i.e., that being organized can actually help make things easier by getting things done more quickly and efficiently, so folks can just enjoy being together). As for other talents and skills, I suppose another necessary skill would be to be able to assimilate forty years of the Society's history enough to grasp its ethos and then help navigate through the Society's current time of change (in reference to its identity and purpose) as we enter a time of facilitating Spirit-empowered ministry for the twenty-first century. It is my hope that the various leadership skills that have developed in me over the years in a variety of ministry settings, as well as through more recent doctoral study, combined with a thorough dependence on the Spirit for enablement and wisdom, will all be made evident in my life through this role.

What do you see as some of the strengths of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and what are your hopes for it in the days ahead?

One of the Society's greatest strengths is the collegial nature of its members. Although most of its members are scholars with distinguished records of service and publication, SPS is an affirming and welcoming community of individuals, committed to mutual success, both for individuals and for Kingdom endeavors. Not only is there collegiality in scholarship (for ex-

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The St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Lexington, Mississippi, was the first Church of God in Christ that Charles H. Mason founded. Founded in 1897, it is referred to as the "Mother Church" of COGIC. The current, brick building was built in 1906. This site was one of many visited during the pre-Meeting tour of COGIC holy sites near Memphis, led by Dr. Elton Weaver, along with Mother Mary Patterson. [Photo & caption by Glenn Gohr]

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Titles considered for the *PNEUMA* Book Award are nominated by SPS Interest Group Leaders to the Editorial Committee. Rarely is a title considered more than once. Committee members first consider all titles nominated to identify a smaller number of finalists. Members are now reading the finalists to choose the award recipient. Committee members include *PNEUMA* editors, Newsletter editors, the Executive Director (these all ex-officio), and the regular Committee members who serve specific terms. Any Committee member who has authored a nominated book recuses himself from the process of selecting the award winner.

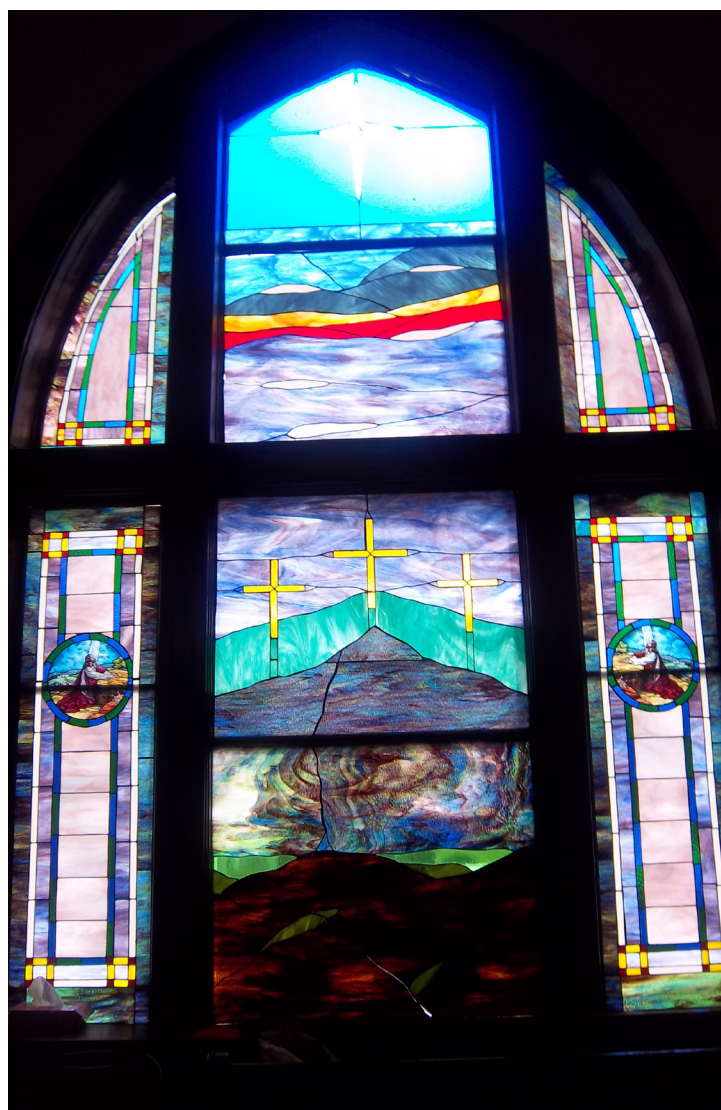
General criteria for choosing the award recipient are these:

- quality of research
- effectiveness of argumentation
- significance to the guild of which it is a part (as well as to Pentecostal-charismatic research)

The *PNEUMA* Book Award recipient receives a copy of the book with an inscription by the *PNEUMA* editor and signed by many of the membership; a letter of gratitude by the Executive Director on behalf of the Society; and a \$500 cash award.

Following are the finalists [F, identified only since 2009] and winners [W] from previous years. (Rarely is a book considered in more than one year.)

- 2011 [W] Gary B. McGee, *Miracles, Missions and American Pentecostalism* (Orbis Books, 2010)
 [F] Claudia Währisch-Oblau, *The Missionary Self-Perception of Pentecostal/Charismatic Church Leaders from the Global South in Europe: Bringing Back the Gospel* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2009)
 [F] Matthew Sutton, *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America* (Harvard University Press, 2008)
- 2010 [W] Paul Alexander, *Peace to War: Shifting Allegiances in the Assemblies of God* (Cascadia, 2009).
 [F] Anthea Butler, *Women in the Church of God in Christ: Making a Sanctified World* (University of North Carolina Press, 2007)
 [F] Wolfgang Vondey, *People of Bread: Rediscovering Ecclesiology* (Paulist Press, 2008)
- 2009 [W] David Reed, *In Jesus' Name: The History and Beliefs of Oneness Pentecostals* (Deo Publishing, 2008)
 [F] Anthea Butler, *Women in the Church of God in Christ: Making a Sanctified World* (University of North Carolina Press, 2007)
- 2008 [W] Allan Anderson, *Spreading Fires: The Missionary Nature of Early Pentecostalism* (SCM Press & Orbis Books, 2007)
- 2007 [W] Cecil M. Robeck Jr, *The Azusa Street Mission*



From the pre-Meeting tour of holy sites of the Church of God in Christ near Memphis: This window is from Asia Baptist Church in Lexington, Mississippi. COGIC founder Bishop Charles H. Mason attended this Missionary Baptist Church during the 1890s, prior to organizing the first Church of God in Christ. [Photo & caption by Glenn Gohr]

and Revival: *The Birth of the Global Pentecostal Movement* (Nelson Reference & Electronic, 2006)

- 2006 [W] Edmund Rybarczyk, *Beyond Salvation: Eastern Orthodoxy and Classical Pentecostalism on Becoming Like Christ* (Paternoster Press, 2004)
- 2005 [W] Amos Yong, *Spirit-Word-Community: Theological Hermeneutics in Trinitarian Perspective* (Ashgate Publishing, 2002)
- 2004 [W] Douglas Jacobson, *Thinking in the Spirit: Theologies of the Early Pentecostal Movement* (Indiana University Press, 2003)
- 2003 [W] Grant Wacker, *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture* (Harvard University Press, 2001) Ω

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Consultation Theme: Holy Spirit, Power, and Feminist Subjectivity in Pentecostalism

Monday, November 21: 9:00 am–11:30 am, in CC-3016

Sammy Alfaro, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Janice Rees, Charles Sturt University and Sydney College of Divinity: Subject to Spirit: The Promise of Pentecostal Feminist Pneumatology and Its Witness to Systematics

Saunia Powell, Graduate Theological Union: Pentecostal Articulations of Feminist Theory

Lisa Stephenson, Lee University: An Emerging Pentecostal–Feminist Theological Anthropology: North America and Beyond

Pamela Holmes, Queen’s School of Religion: Towards Useable Categories of Women’s Experiences and Power: A Canadian Pentecostal Feminist Considers the Work of Margaret Kamitsuka and Kwok Pui Lan
Responding: Yolanda Pierce, Princeton University

Society for Pentecostal Studies and Related Sessions at the Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting

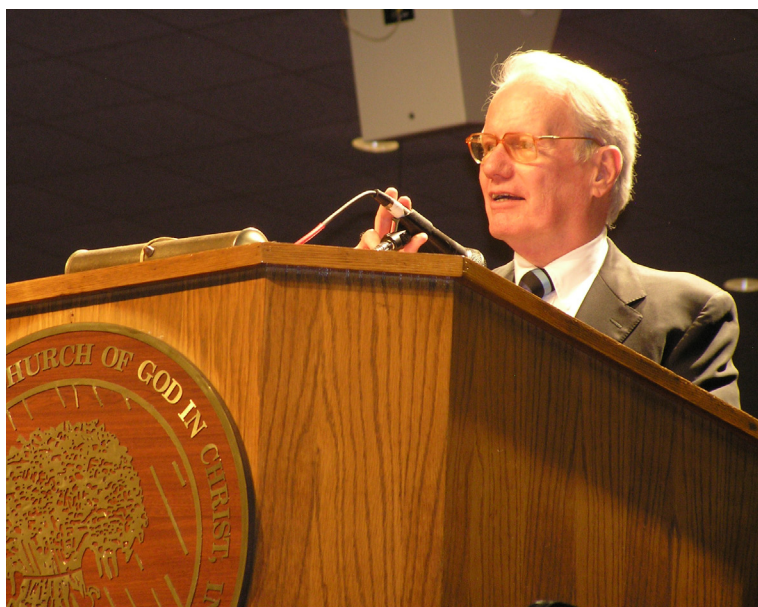
Charismatic Perspectives on the Hebrew Bible

P19-193: *Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am–11:30 am, in Golden Gate 6, Hilton*

April Westbrook, Vanguard University of Southern California, Presiding

Rickie Moore, Lee University: Old Testament Apocalyptic and the Beginning and End of Wisdom (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)



Program Chair and now-President of the SPS, Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, greets the opening session of the Society’s 40th Annual Meeting, a worship service with lecture, hosted by Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, in Memphis, TN, Thursday, March 10, 2011. [Photo by Mark E. Roberts]

Rich Israel, Vanguard University of Southern California: Spirit, Wind and Fire: Agents of Divine Presence in Numbers 11 (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Willie Wessels, University of South Africa: True and False Prophecy: A Perspective from the Book of Jeremiah (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

SBL Formation of Luke-Acts Section: The Influence of Q on the Formation of Luke-Acts

S19-322: *Saturday, November 19, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm, in Yerba Buena 14, Marriott*

Paul Elbert, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding
Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College: The Influence of Q on the Formation of the Third Gospel

Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Respondent

Thomas Brodie, Dominican Biblical Institute, Respondent

Leslie Keylock, Evangelical University and Seminary, Respondent

John Kloppenborg, University of Toronto, Respondent

Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College, Respondent

Society for Pentecostal Studies Reception

P19-400: *Saturday, November 19, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Continental Ballroom 4*

Review of Frederick J. Gaiser, *Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry*

P20-140: *Sunday, November 20, 9:00 am–11:30 am, in Salon 10, Marriott*

Lee Roy Martin, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding

Rebecca G. S. Idestrom, Tyndale University College and Seminary (Ontario), Panelist (20 min)

John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)

Clifton R. Clarke, Regent University, Panelist (20 min)

Panel Discussion (20 min)

Frederick J. Gaiser, Luther Seminary, Respondent (30 min)

Open Discussion (40 min)

SBL Formation of Luke-Acts Section: The Influence of the Prologues on the Formation of Luke-Acts

S20-117: *Sunday, November 20, 9:00am–11:30am, in Sierra 1, Marriot*

Paul Elbert, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding
Paul Elbert, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Introduction

Bart Bruehler, Indiana Wesleyan University: Patterns of Ecphrasis in Luke-Acts

Heather Gorman, Baylor University: The Role of Rhetoric in Luke’s Defense of Jesus

Tobias Hagerland, Lund University: *Chreia* Elaboration and the Last Supper Discourse

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Spirit and Community in the Gospel of John

P20-339: *Sunday, November 20, 4:00 pm–5:45 pm, in Sierra F, Marriott*

Jeffrey Lamp, Oral Roberts University, Presiding

Blaine Charette, Northwest University (Washington):
Spirit, Glory, and Sonship in the Gospel of John
(25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Reed Anthony Carlson, Luther Seminary: The Spirit
in the Body: Pneumatology of Creation in John
20.19–23 (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Jonathan Bernier, McMaster University: Community in
Johannine and Pentecostal Hermeneutics (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Prophecy and Apocalyptic in the New Testament

P21-291: *Monday, November 21, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm, in Walnut, Marriott*

Kenneth J. Archer, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Pre-
siding

Roger Stronstad, Summit Pacific College: The
Prophethood of All Believers: Three Voices—One
Message (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University: Choose Your
Own Adventure: A Fresh Look at the Structure of
the Book of Revelation (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Melissa Archer, Pentecostal Theological Seminary:

Worship in the Apocalypse: A Narrative Pentecostal
Reading (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

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Children"; Robert Gallagher, "Pilgrim Missionaries: Reflections on My Pilgrimage in Mission"; and Rosemarie Kowalski presenting on service learning. The future is bright for the Missions/Intercultural Interest Group. We look forward to new faces and new presentations in Virginia for 2012!

By Corky Alexander

Ecumenical Studies: Together with the Philosophy Interest Group (and a lot of work by its leader, Bill Oliverio), the Thursday pre-conference panel considered Wolfgang Vondey's *Beyond Pentecostalism* successfully. Attendance was great, the discussion, rich! Peter Hocken and Steve Studebaker were sorely missed.

Notable Parallel Sessions included these: Doug Jacobsen's Friday morning digital-slide presentation, "The World's Pentecostals: How Many and Where?"; and Shane Clifton's "Ecumenism from the Bottom Up," hindered by his unfortunate absence (please continue to pray for Shane's healing) but nevertheless well read by Jacqui Grey, with a strong response from David Cole. On Friday afternoon, the entire team did well, with Eric Newberg's "Pentecostals and Peace in the Holy Land: Addressing the Arab-Zionist Conflict in Israel/Palestine from a Renewal Perspective" and Michael Chan's "A Pentecostal Theology of Judaism in Conversation with Robert Jenson." Audience participation was particularly robust.

On Saturday morning, Ralph Del Colle critiqued Frank Macchia's *Justified in the Spirit* with "The Spirit as the Substance of Justification – A Bridge too Far," with Frank's response. Presentation and response were strong, enriched by the overlap of ecumenical and theological categories. Saturday afternoon presentations were likewise good: Paul King's "Rethinking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Sanctification: An Ecumenical Harmonizing Blended Alternative to Finished Work Pentecostal and Wesleyan Pentecostal Views of Sanctification"; Peter Morgan's "A Pentecostal Perspective to Moltmann's *God in Creation: A New Look at Mission*"; and David Reed's "Missionary Resources for an Independent Church – Case Study of the True Jesus Church."

Fourteen attended our Interest Group Meeting, at which Tony Richie was re-elected as IGL. Mel Robeck presented on developing ecumenical dialogues, and the Group progressed with its plan to recruit Society members to participate in formal ecumenical dialogues, helping meet the need for global and diverse Pentecostal representation. The Group also affirmed the need for increased communication throughout the year, and Richie's intention to continue highlighting "intra-Christian" issues, with some attention to "inter-religious" aspects of ecumenical activity, was affirmed by the



Lots of visiting and 'catching up' (*sans Rapture*) going on at the reception hosted by Mason Temple COGIC after the opening worship service, Thursday night of the 40th Annual Meeting (2011) in Memphis, TN, March 10, 2011. [Photo by Larry F. Ligocki]

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group as consistent with its purpose.

Group-related events after the 2011 Meeting included the sixth phase of conversations in Rome of The International Dialogue between the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and Some Classical Pentecostal Leaders and Churches, June 10–16. The general theme for this quinquennium is “Charisms in the Church: Their Spiritual Significance, Discernment, and Pastoral Implications.” We’re especially pleased by the involvement of our own SPS members and ecumenists, Mel Robeck (co-chair), David Moore, David Cole, and Dan Ramirez, on the Pentecostal team, as well as Ralph Del Colle, who serves on the Catholic team.

On June 28, the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, Switzerland, released “Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World: Recommendations for Conduct,” a five-page document on the conduct of mission. It was issued following five years of consultations among the World Council of Churches, the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Evangelical Alliance and is the first document unanimously endorsed by these three bodies, along with Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, evangelical, Pentecostal and independent churches. The membership of these totals some two billion and represents nearly 90% of the world’s Christians. SPS participants included Connie Au, Raymond Hodge, Cheryl Bridges-Johns, Tony Richie, and Amos Yong.

By Tony Richie



Bill Faupel and Jennifer Miskov generate impromptu publicity for her latest publication at the Society’s 40th Annual Meeting in Memphis. [Photo by Seth Zielicke]

History sponsored a series of panels that reflected the continued maturation and expansion of scholarship about and by Pentecostals. Following on the successful roundtable on Pentecostal Holiness history in the 2010 Meeting’s pre-conference (Thursday) session, this year’s program included an engaging roundtable of members of the Church of God in Christ Scholars network. The seeds planted by Ithiel Clemmons and watered by Raynard Smith are yielding a rich harvest.

A conference panel on Oneness Pentecostal histories represented another welcome innovation. Scholars shared insights from several vantage points. Yasunori Aoki’s paper offered a nuanced analysis of the agency of Japanese believers and leaders vis-à-vis missionary legacies and missiological practice; Rosa Sailes fleshed out the story and significance of the prominent (and recently deceased) Bishop Arthur Brazier of Chicago; and Lloyd Barba framed his discussion of the movement’s inter-racial dynamics through a study of the city of Stockton, California.

The conference’s venue near the home of one of the flagship US denominations also prompted an unprecedented number of presentations (among several Interest Groups) that examined the racial diversity, opportunities, and challenges of US Pentecostalism in light of its theological roots, institutional and academic development, and civic and political engagement. (Craig Scandrett-Leathermann’s final spoken-word riff on his text was priceless.) Whether seen as the movement’s strength or its Achilles’ heel, these features of Pentecostalism continue to press scholars toward a fuller and deeper understanding of the movement’s origins and contemporary and future trajectories.

Similarly, the questions posed by social history and other methods were reflected in a panel of papers examining the legacy of pioneers such as Carrie Judd Montgomery (Jennifer Miskov) and the rhetoric of early women preachers (Kristen Dayle Welch; note: the conference paper CD lists this paper under the correct last name; and Miskov’s paper is available from her: jennmiskov@juno.com). Finally, the historical theology panel papers explored the oft-neglected contributions of George Whitefield to African American and Methodist religiosities, the diversity of early Pentecostal eschatology, and the continuities between Pentecostal triumphalism and its Protestant precursor.

The History Interest Group encourages the continued filling of lacunae. In this spirit, we welcome paper and panel proposals on denominational, regional, non-US, transnational, and congregational histories and biographies, as well as on methods. While the Thursday pre-conference slot has served the denominational category well, given the unique overlap with the Empower conference in 2012, we are planning a session on “Precious (and Forgotten) Memories: History and Amnesia in Global Pentecostalism’s Future,” in which we press the question of history, its stakes, methodologies, and challenges with the many leaders who will be present. Toward that end, we welcome suggestions.

By Daniel Ramirez

Ethics encourages people to join the Facebook groups “Pentecostals and Charismatics for Peace and Justice” or “Society for Pentecostal Studies Christian Ethics Interest Group.”

By Katie Attanasi

Biblical Studies enjoyed a packed schedule of quality presentations on a broad variety of topics. The presenters were an ethnically diverse group of American and international scholars, which included both men and women, both established scholars and students. The Thursday morning session included papers on the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Hebrews, and the

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Johannine corpus. The afternoon began with an exciting panel discussion of Martin Mittelstadt's new book, *Reading Luke—Acts as a Pentecostal*, which Roger Stronstad called “the book of the decade.” Parallel Sessions on Friday and Saturday examined texts from both the Old and New Testament. A well attended Friday-afternoon session was devoted to Pentecostal responses to N.T. Wright's view of justification by faith. The Saturday New Testament session began with a panel discussion of Rebecca Skaggs' recent commentary, *Revelation*.

By Lee Roy Martin

Philosophy: Sessions began Thursday morning with a panel session co-sponsored with Ecumenism, reviewing Wolfgang Vondey's *Beyond Pentecostalism: The Crisis of Global Christianity and the Renewal of the Theological Agenda*. Reviewers included Steven Studebaker (read by Christopher Stephenson), Koo Dong Yun, Ralph Del Colle, and Peter Hocken (read by Tony Richie). Reviewers offered varied assessments, and Vondey responded to each.

Friday morning, a session on African-American Pentecostalism and racial issues featured Eric Williams on Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones Jr. and Dave Mowers on J. Kameron Carter. Each included interesting historical details at the intersection of philosophy, Pentecostalism, and racial issues, with responses from Estrela Alexander, David Daniels, and Darrin Rodgers.

At our business meeting, Bill Oliverio was reelected for a second term as Interest Group Leader, a term which runs through the 2014 Meeting. Immediately afterwards, over the lunch hour, Philosophy sponsored a session with Harvey Cox of Harvard. At this session, Nimi Wariboko reviewed Cox's agenda in *Fire from Heaven*, a decade-and-a-half after the book's original publication, and then Cox addressed the Society regarding both his book and the status and future of Pentecostalism.

Friday afternoon's session hosted a panel on the Templeton Foundation-funded Science and the Spirit project. Wariboko, William Kay, and Jeff Hittenberger each assessed the book that resulted, and Amos Yong and Steve Badger, who participated in the project, responded. Lively discussion ensued, sparked, in part, by Badger's witty remarks.

Saturday morning included papers from younger scholars: Chris Emerick's on orality and the Spirit and Bill Oliverio's on hermeneutics, realism, and legitimate options for Pentecostal faith. Jack Poirier responded to both, offering appreciation and criticism of each paper. Saturday afternoon's session had a trio of forays into philosophical issues. Kay, who recently authored *Pentecostalism: A Very Short Introduction* in the Oxford University Press series, evaluated predictions of the future of Pentecostalism. Chris Green's response especially addressed some eschatological aspects of Kay's paper. Fred Ware's presentation on human and divine agency in Spirit baptism generated plenty of discussion on the relation between divine and human action, with Emerick offering an initial evaluation. Finally, Christopher King assessed the potential for skeptical theism to address the problem of evil.



The University of Birmingham (UK) contingent having Memphis BBQ at Rendezvous restaurant. [Photo by Seth Zielicke]

Glen Menzies reformulated King's argument in response.

For the 2012 Meeting, the Philosophy Interest Group looks forward to new work from our network of scholars, who continue to unpack, assess, and develop philosophical commitments in relation to Pentecostal faith. We look forward to making public our 2012 slate this fall.

By Bill Oliverio

Theology hosted a number of excellent presentations at the 2011 Meeting by a diverse group of theological thinkers. Joonhoo Yoon and Janet E. Warren launched the Parallel Sessions with an interrogation of Spirit and spirits. Yoon examined the difference in the Old Testament between pneumatology and concepts of angels, wisdom, and goddess.. Warren examined the nature of evil and demonic spirits through the lens of Chaos and Chaos/Complexity theories in order to suggest a scientific interpretation. Jeffrey W. Barbeau, Jacob Dobson, and Larry Sterling Jr. investigated the potential contributions of Wesleyan theologian D.T. Niles and Roman Catholic theologian Yves Congar for the construction of Pentecostal theology and explored the problems of conflating Pentecostalism and evangelicalism. Eric L. Lewis and Pamela Holmes analyzed the role of Ithiel C. Clemmons for North American theology and critiqued capitalism and social class through Michael Moore's documentary *Capitalism: A Love Story*, from a Pentecostal perspective. The final session investigated methodological issues in Pentecostal theology: Peter Neuman probed the nature of religious experience in order to argue that all experience is mediated; Christopher Stephenson developed a typology for Pentecostal theological approaches as expressed by contemporary Pentecostal theologians; and Edmund Rybarczyk considered the potential contributions of aesthetics for Pentecostal pneumatology.

Theology also held a symposium on eschatology in which Murray Dempster explored Jesus' eschatology and its relation to his ethics of social justice; and Nestor Medina contextualized Pentecostal eschatology in Guatemala to argue that

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submissions, as well as the upcoming issues.

2011 Meeting: Jeffrey Gros brought a report regarding planning for the 2011 meeting at Memphis Theological Seminary/All Saints Bible College, Memphis, Tennessee, March 10–12, 2011.

2012 and 2013 Meetings: The President announced that the 2012 meeting is scheduled to meet at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, March 1–3, 2012. 2013 is a joint meeting with the WTS (location yet to be determined).

Executive Committee Activities:

Newsletter: The Executive Committee commended the editors of the *Newsletter*: Mark Roberts and Darrin Rodgers. The membership expressed their appreciation through applause.

Student/Campus Groups: President Alexander announced efforts, with Jeremy Crenshaw's initiative, to establish a program for student advisory groups and on-campus student representative positions.

Identity and Purpose: President Alexander shared the following action of the Executive Committee:

From time to time every organization should review its identity and Constitution, with the intention of affirming the identity and stated purpose and/or enhancing the statements according to the developing membership and activities of the organization. In order to accomplish this goal, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Society, the Society for Pentecostal Studies will initiate the following plan:

1. Appoint a special task force to review the identity of the Society and purpose statement in the Society's Constitution (Articles I and II), as well as the attitudes of the membership in these matters. This review should include one or more polls and interviews during 2010, followed by a public dialog through both electronic means and an open forum during the 2011 annual meeting.
2. The special task force will make recommendations to the Executive Committee for their consideration in 2012.
3. The Executive Committee will make recommendations to the membership for approval at the 2013 annual meeting.

President Alexander announced that Bill Faupel will serve as Chair, and the Executive Committee will appoint the Task Force in the coming weeks.

Interfaith Relations Commission – National Council of Churches: Tony Richie highlighted his written report regarding this work.

Faith and Order Commission – National Council of Churches: Tony Richie brought a brief update, on behalf of Terry Cross, regarding this work.

American Academy of Religion: Amos Yong brought an update of the work of the Pentecostal Consultation over the past three years, announcing that there will be another 3-year term

as a Consultation with AAR.

Society for Biblical Literature: Chris Thomas brought an update of the Society's work with SBL.

Election to Standing Committees:

- Editorial Committee: Michael Wilkinson
- Library and Research: Tim Senapiratne
- Membership: David Norris, Steven Fettke

Election of Executive Director: Amos Yong brought the nomination of Ed Decker as Executive Director (beginning 2011) on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Ed Decker was elected as the Society's Executive Director, beginning 2011.

Appreciation of Retiring Officers and Committee Members: The President led the Society in appreciation of the following:

- Amos Yong: immediate past president and nominating committee chair
- Arlene Sanchez Walsh: second vice president
- Kim Alexander: program committee chair
- Glen Menzies: onsite coordinator
- Sang-Ehil Han: Asian/Asian American interest group leader
- David Bundy: library and research committee
- Estrela Alexander: editorial committee
- Robert Graves and Tony Moon: membership committee
- Frank Macchia: Editor of *Pneuma*

Appreciation of Frank Macchia: The President offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Frank Macchia has served faithfully as editor of *PNEUMA: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* for the last eleven years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the journal has only grown in prominence and renown as one of the leading scholarly publications in the field of Pentecostal studies; and

WHEREAS, part of the journal's acclaim and eminence can be seen in its being included in the American Theological Library Association Religion full text database; and

WHEREAS, part of his editorial accomplishments involved leading the transition of the journal to its present home with Brill Publishers; and

WHEREAS, his work as journal editor has continued to expand the interdisciplinary scope of the journal;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Society for Pentecostal Studies expresses its appreciation to Frank D. Macchia for his service as editor of *PNEUMA*.

The resolution was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved with an extended standing ovation.

Appreciation of North Central University: President Alexander led the Society in expressing appreciation to the extraordinary hospitality of North Central University.

President Alexander **adjourned** the meeting at 5:55. Ω

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the Annual Meeting. This expansion is due in part to the change in the way Interest Groups conduct the Parallel Paper Sessions on Friday and Saturday. The shift from one paper per Parallel Session to a panel of papers has allowed for a significant increase in the number of participants each year.

We have also added **two new Interest Groups:** Asian/Asian American Studies and Christian Ethics. Because of the large number of biblical scholars in the society, we also granted the Biblical Studies Interest Group the opportunity to offer two tracks of parallel papers on Friday and Saturday.

Participation in the Annual Meeting has increased with the **growth of activities on Thursday** as well. For many years, Annual Meetings officially began on Thursday evening and ended with a banquet on Saturday evening. At the time I was appointed, the Pentecostal—Roman Catholic dialog was taking place on Thursday afternoon, the librarians and archivists occasionally held a workshop, and the Oneness—Trinitarian dialog was underway. Over time we have added other events to the Thursday schedule. The first Interest Group to take advantage of Thursday was Biblical Studies. They requested to have Thursday programming with a format differing from the Friday and Saturday Parallel Paper Sessions. Other Interest Groups saw the rapid success of Biblical Studies and their opportunity to develop additional programming, and creative members proposed innovative symposia such as sessions on Canadian Pentecostalism, diversity, honoring Stanly Horton, and denomination-specific sessions. In Memphis, Thursday activities included a tour of historic Church of God in Christ sites. This combination of changes in Parallel Paper Sessions and Thursday offerings has given opportunities for creativity and additional participation in the Annual Meeting. While this growth has been healthy for the Society, it has complicated the planning and managing the Annual Meetings.

Regarding **governance** of the Society, the most important change during the last eight years was the reconfiguration of the office of Executive Secretary. At the time I was appointed, Bill was already exploring alternative ways of handling the growing responsibilities of the office. For example we looked seriously at subscribing to a service that would manage our membership and our periodicals. I concluded that these were either too expensive or would not provide the type of personal service our members expected. The work load of the Executive Secretary became even greater when more and more of the conference finances began to flow through our website.

By 2007 the Executive Committee concluded that the best approach was to add an additional officer. We proposed to divide the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary into the **offices of Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer.** As Executive Director, I have managed the conference planning and general Society business. The Secretary-Treasurer has managed the finances and membership of the Society. I am thankful for Dan Neary, our first Secretary-Treasurer, and for the support he has received from Presi-

dent Joseph Castleberry and Northwest University (WA).

I am also thankful for the **ways the public face of the Society has evolved and improved** in recent years. For many people, *PNEUMA* is the most important aspect of the Society. By the time I came on board, we were already contracted with Brill to publish *PNEUMA*. Frank Macchia not only had the herculean task of editorial responsibilities, but he also managed the transition to Brill, worked with a myriad of Brill changes in personnel and policies, and constantly challenged Brill to develop a regular publication schedule. He was also instrumental in the negotiation to increase issues per year from two to three issues, which we believe will greatly increase the profile of *PNEUMA* among scholars and institutions not otherwise related to the Society. Now we are blessed to have Dale Coulter and Amos Young editing the Journal.

With the shift to information-sharing via the Internet, the **Society's website** has become essential for sharing communication, membership renewals, paper proposal submissions, and conference registration. At the time I became Executive Secretary in 2003, Harold Hunter had made tremendous strides in developing our website at a time when few of us had such knowledge or inclination and not many software options existed. Harold led the way. Following his resignation in 2005, we were blessed to obtain the services of David Massey, who has recently taken us yet another step forward.

Our website also hosts our new and improved *Newsletter*. As the responsibilities for Executive Secretary increased, I found that I could not succeed at everything. Regrettably, I fell behind in publishing the twice-yearly *Newsletter*. Out of desperation, I approached my friend Mark E. Roberts, who had extensive book editorial experience, and asked for help. The Executive Committee agreed to appoint Mark as co-editor of the *Newsletter* and recommended a shift to online publishing. Mark developed the format you are reading now. He also recommended the addition of Darrin J. Rodgers to the editorial team, and together they are producing an expanded and far more attractive publication.

Attendance at our Annual Meetings has been excellent. The first meeting after my appointment was at Marquette University (2004), where we had 214 registered attendees. Then in 2008 we had a record registration of 600 at our joint meeting with the Wesleyan Theological Society at Duke University. Conference registration topped 300 at Fuller Theological Seminary (2006), Lee University (2007), North Central University (2010) and Memphis (2011). Throughout this period of good participation in Annual Meetings, we have also enjoyed keynote addresses from invited guests of great value to the Society, such as Philip Jenkins in 2004, Clark Pinnock in 2005, and Jürgen Moltmann in 2008; Assemblies of God General Superintendent George Wood addressed us in 2009, and we had the privilege of hearing from Harvey Cox in 2011. Personally, **my last meeting as Executive Director** was especially gratifying. The opening ceremony at historic Mason Temple, the joint hosting by Memphis Theological Seminary and All Saints Bible College, and the positive diversity

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of the program made the meeting a unique and wonderful experience. And I am very thankful for the expressions of kindness you showed to me.

Of course, success at every Annual Meeting depends very much on the efforts of the Program Chair, the Onsite Coordinator, and Interest Group Leaders. They work hard every year to bring a quality program and meeting experience to the Society. All of them are of inestimable value to the Society, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked with each of them.

Along with all of this, our members have **growing presence at both the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings**, our members are publishing widely, and each year there are numerous excellent books nominated for the *PNEUMA* Book Award. While the Society cannot take credit for the rapid expansion of Pentecostal scholarship, I do believe that our activities are a part of the synergism that we are seeing in Pentecostal scholarship globally.

As do other organizations, the Society for Pentecostal Studies faces challenges, but I am confident we will grow and develop with each of them. Our meetings are now too big for many Pentecostal college campuses. It is difficult to find the space for three days and so much activity. Yet the alternative of meeting in hotels raises our expenses and makes it more difficult for younger members to participate. I hope that we will find ways to increase involvement of students and emerging scholars and that we will become more diverse. At the same time must be intentional about maintaining our strengths, one of which is that we create space where young scholars can connect with senior scholars.

In 2010 we began **discussing the nature and purpose of the Society**. The Society was birthed by classical Pentecostals who wanted to create a place where Pentecostal scholars could meet together for support and fellowship. At our first meeting held in conjunction with the Pentecostal World Fellowship in Dallas in 1970, the proposed name was Society of Pentecostal Scholars. The adoption of the name Society for Pentecostal Studies immediately portended a broader and more inclusive membership and purpose. From my point of view, that has been a good thing. I have been enriched with

the interaction among Pentecostals, charismatics, and scholars who do not consider themselves part of these renewal movements. At our meeting in Memphis, our diversity was evident in the rich Pentecostal worship at Mason Temple and the opportunity to dialog with Harvard Professor Harvard Cox. I continue to look forward to this variety of experience at every Annual Meeting.

Yet from time to time, every organization must **review its purpose**. We found this necessary when the World Pentecostal Fellowship changed its purpose statement, which had been the basis of our purpose statement. Now approaching forty-two years of existence, the Society has a great opportunity to celebrate where we have come from and to forge our future. When the Executive Committee proposed this review at our meeting in Minneapolis, we were very grateful that Bill Faupel agreed to lead this multi-year effort. I look forward to my continued service on this task force.

These are some of my **recollections and reasons to be grateful** for the last eight years. I am thankful for the progress and the challenges. I am also excited that Lois Olena has succeeded me. She is already bringing innovation and new ideas that will improve the life of the Society. She certainly has her work cut out for her as the Society inevitably becomes even more complex.

Finally, I must say **thank you to my local communities** who have support my service to the Society. The Pentecostal Theological Seminary provided storage space and occasional office help. Thank you, Steve Land! Lee University provided a student assistant every year, as well as some financial assistance. Thank you, Carolyn Dirksen, Terry Cross, and Rickie Moore. The Dixon Pentecostal Research Center provided office space, the services of Kim Roebuck, and the gift of my time and attention to Society business on many occasions. Thank you, Janie Hand and Kim. All of these persons and institutions have contributed much to the success of SPS. Of course, all of you know that in addition to Kim's role as an employee, the fact that she is my wife demanded added sacrifice. I am especially thankful for her support and that of my children, William and Beth, who have often put up with the absence of Dad. They have enabled me to have the blessing of serving the Society for Pentecostal Studies. God has been good, and now I look forward to other opportunities that he will provide for us all. Ω

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Guatemalan Pentecostal eschatology has been connected to the socio-political development in the country.

The Theology Interest Group looks forward to an inspiring conference in 2012. Papers may include theological contributions on issues of immigration and political involvement, social and cultural transformation, racial and ethnic diversity, Pentecostal interrogations of anthropological issues related to embodiment, or the theology of the stranger or alien.

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ample, more seasoned scholars mentoring younger ones and helping to open doors for them, as well as older scholars being "reverse mentored" (as Earl Creps says) by younger scholars), but also a mutual respect for people of other denominations and ethnicities, as well as among men and women who partner and learn together. I'm excited to be starting my watch in the context of planning for next year's Meeting, where NextGen leaders, key ecclesial leaders, and SPS scholars will focus together on strategizing for Spirit-empowered ministry in the twenty-first century. I am passionate about transmitting the heritage of the past. Ω

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Religion and Culture offered presentations such as these: “Between Order and Improvisation: The Production of Pentecostal Music at Evangel Temple Christian Center,” a case study in which Travis Cooper examines how accommodation and/or resistance towards processes of the ritualization, formalization of charisma occur at Evangel Temple Christian Center (ET) in Springfield, Missouri. Rodney L. Parker’s “Charles Mason’s Testimony of Pentecost as a Theology of Experience: Toward a Pneumatic Christology for Black Holiness-Pentecostalism,” which posits that the testimony of the Pentecostal experience of Charles Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ, is a “theology of experience” and lays the foundation for a pneumatic Christology for Black Holiness-Pentecostalism. Vinson Synan’s “Elvis Presley’s Memphis 1950–1953,” walked us through the landscape and cultural life of Memphis, TN, highlighting religious influences, including the Southern quartets that would have influenced a young Elvis Presley.

“‘The Few Who Got Through’: The Nineteen Women Ordained by Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr. STD (1982–1990),” by Delrio Antoinette Ligons-Berry, overviewed the history of women’s participation in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) to provide the context in which Bishop Jones ordained these women in Philadelphia, PA, between 1982 and 1990. “Gifts From the Spirit: Women from New Covenant Pentecostal Church,” by Mary Grace Puckett, used participant observation and interviews to identify what the Pentecostal church as to offer in the way of personal empowerment to the women who make up 80% of the membership at New Covenant Pentecostal Church of Charlottesville, Virginia. “‘Out of the Mouths of Babes’: Pentecostalism and Girl Evangelists in the Flapper Era,” by Thomas A. Robinson, explored the phenomenon of the girl evangelists in the 1920s— who they were, where

they ministered, and how the media became captivated— contrasting them with the flappers: traditional girl versus modern girl.

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“Racial Reconciliation as an Expression of Love in a Charismatic Congregation,” by Michael Wilkinson and Peter Althouse, examined how the experience of God’s love transformed Catch the Fire Montreal, a charismatic congregation and how that experience created a space for reconciliation among its racially diverse membership. In “Rhetorical Thoughts, Strategies and Rhythms of Dr. King and Hip-Hop Music,” Earle J. Fisher compares the rhetorical strategies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with those of hip-hop artist Jay-Z, comparing thought, structure, and rhythm.

“Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Culture,” by Andrew Davies, introduces the work of crafting a rationale and an agenda for the development of a solidly Pentecostal position on culture and Pentecostals’ engagement with society. An unscheduled but delightful addition to the program was Rev. Donald Evans’ first-person account of his participation in the Memphis Miracle. (A transcript is available from the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center.)

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Recent Periodical Articles Pertinent to Pentecostal-Charismatic Studies

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