

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

**THE 72<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES

MINUTES of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of the Society held at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, during 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

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**TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

**17.00 BUSINESS MEETING I**

The FIRST BUSINESS MEETING was held at 17.00, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, in the Sanlam Auditorium.

Prior to the start of the First Business Meeting, Prof. Gert Steyn extended a welcome to conference participants, offered reflections upon contemporary South Africa, and stated the importance of the 72<sup>ND</sup> General Meeting of SNTS being held at the University and in the country. Then, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, Prof. Johann Buitendag, offered a welcome to attendees on behalf of the University and Theology Faculty, the oldest such faculty in South Africa (in its 100<sup>TH</sup> year of existence).

**Prof. C. Holladay (*President*, in the Chair)**

**BM2017/01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

- The *President* thanked our hosts on behalf of the Society and welcomed everyone present to the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting, especially those who were guests of the Society, and with the striking of the gavel officially declared the General Meeting open.
- Former *Presidents* Morna Hooker (1988), Petr Pokorný (1994), Peder Borgen (1998), Hans Dieter Betz (1999), James Dunn (2002), and Udo Schnelle (2014) sent their apologies for not being able to attend and also sent their best wishes for a successful General Meeting.

**BM2017/02 Deaths of (former) Members**

- Members (or former members) whose deaths had come to the attention of the *Secretary* since the last General Meeting included the following:
  - Gonzala Arando Perez (Apr 2016)
  - Kenneth E. Bailey (May 2016)
  - Günther Baumbach (2007)
  - Michel Bouttier (Aug 2015)
  - Jerzy Chmiel (Aug 2016)
  - Carsten Colpe (2009)
  - Marinus de Jonge (Dec 2016)
  - Joseph Fitzmyer (Dec 2016)
  - Josephine Ford (May 2015)
  - Heinz Giesen (Jul 2016)
  - Erich Grässer (Jun 2017)
  - Marie Isaacs (Aug 2016)
  - Gert Jeremias (Aug 2016)
  - M.D. Johnson (2011)
  - Thomas Kraabel (Nov 2016)
  - Kikuo Matsunaga (Oct 2015)
  - Ulrich Mauser (Aug 2015)
  - Paul-Gerhard Müller (Oct 2016)
  - Franz Mussner (Mar 2016)
  - Richard Pervo (May 2017)
  - Walter Radl (Jul 2012)
  - Matthias Rissi (Mar 2006)
  - James Robinson (Mar 2016)
  - Gérard Rochais (Aug 2016)
  - Alexander Sand (Mar 2013)
  - Zdeněk Sázava (Jan 2017)
  - Wolfgang Schenk (Dec 2015)
  - Siegfried Schulz (Jan 2010)
  - Benedikt Schwank (Oct 2016)
  - Turid Karlsen Seim (Nov 2016)
  - Graydon Snyder (May 2016)
  - Hans-Friedrich Weiss (Jun 2016)
  - G. Minette de Tillesse (Aug 2016)

- Members were asked to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of these deceased members.
- Members were also asked to please alert the *Secretary* during the course of this General Meeting or afterwards, preferably by e-mail, if they knew of other society members who had died. These deaths will then be announced at the next General Meeting in Athens
- All deaths are recorded in the minutes of the Society and reported in the April issue of *NTS*.

**BM2017/03 Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting in Montreal, Canada, 2016**

- The Minutes were made available on the Society's website (snts.international) and were summarised for the April issue of *NTS*.
- The approved minutes were signed by the *President* and given to the *Secretary*

**BM2017/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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

**BM2017/05 Arrangements for the 2017 General Meeting**

- Prof. Gert Stein (Chair of the LOC) made various announcements regarding the Meeting, touching upon a number of necessary details and noting that there were 134 conference meeting participants (members and their guests) and 34 accompanying persons.

**BM2017/06 Election of *President* for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting in Athens, Greece (2018)**

- Last year the Committee nominated Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland) to be the *President* of the Society at its 73<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting of the Society in Athens, Greece. The Society elected him to serve in this role by way of applause.
- Until the Athens General Meeting, he will serve on the Committee as *President-Elect*

**BM2017/07 Nomination of *President* for the 74<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in Marburg, Germany (2019)**

- The Committee nominated Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) to be *President* of the Society at its 74<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in Marburg, Germany. The Society will vote on this nomination at the General Meeting in Athens (2018). As the nominee of the Committee, Prof. Kloppenborg now becomes the *Presidential Nominee* for 2019
- Prof. Judith Lieu (*Past President*) was warmly thanked for her service to the Society over the past 4 years, not least for her energetic, visionary, and resourceful leadership.

**BM2017/08 Nomination of New Members**

The *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still, reported that the Committee approved 38 nominations of new members for consideration. He announced these names (and their countries), and confirmed that this list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board in the Graduate Center Foyer. Members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee Meeting on Friday. The *President* thanked Prof. Still for his service to the Society.

**BM2017/09 International Initiatives**

- The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bill Loader, spoke to his circulated report covering the year to June 2017. Prof. Loader impressed upon the Society the strategic importance of its various international initiatives and stressed the

need for the Society's ongoing sponsorship of the same. He was thanked by the *President* for his work.

#### **BM2017/10 Treasurer's Report**

- The *Treasurer*, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, spoke regarding her circulated report and draft of the Statement of Financials Activities of the Society Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017. Whereas last year's financial report showed a deficit, this year's financials showed a small surplus. Next year's report, the *Treasurer* indicated, will show a significant expenses arising from the Montreal meeting. The *President* thanked her for her work over the course of the past year. Given that the *Treasurer* will not stand for another term, members residing in the United Kingdom who might be interested serving in this role, were encouraged to contact the *President* or *Secretary*.

#### **BM2017/11 Any Other Business**

- President's Matters—Last year, it was noted, Past-President Lieu challenged the Society to be thoughtful and intentional about its identity and purpose. The *President* thanked the Society for taking her charge seriously and reported progress along the following lines:
  1. Membership renewal through CUP;
  2. the SNTS website, made possible through the efforts of the *Secretary*;
  3. Members survey, a comprehensive, responsive, electronic survey was conducted in April-June 2017 among the membership. 751 members with email addresses were contacted, and 307 responded—a 40.9% response rate. The *President* then offered an overview of various demographics discovered by the survey and also noted a number of general, recurring themes found in the survey. Next, Prof. Holladay identified certain challenges facing the Society, not least its present profile. Additionally, ongoing concerns regarding the annual meeting and its diversity, vitality, and limitations were noted.
  4. Where do we go responding to the survey? A Working Committee will be formed to offer constructive, concrete outcomes arising from the survey.
  5. Concluding encouragement: a. Actively participate in shaping the future of the Society; b. Exercise initiative, take new initiatives, and make recommendations as members of the Society; c. Renew membership annually, and encourage our colleagues to do the same; and d. Nominate new members. The size of active members is considerably smaller than the membership roster—at least one-half smaller, perhaps two-thirds.
  6. In concluding, the *President* thanked the *Secretary*, *Assistant Secretary*, *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, *Treasurer*, *Past-President*, *President-Elect*, Local Organizing Committees, and all of its members. SNTS is a non-profit organization in the best sense of the word, he noted. Its mission continues to animate and propel it.

18.00 The Society was welcomed at an opening reception and programme at Freedom Park.

#### **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

08.00 Morning Prayers in English (Prof. Margaret MacDonald) were held in the University Chapel.

08.50 Prof. Michael Wolter (Germany) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'Ein exegetischer Blick auf Röm 11,25-32' at a plenary session of the Society in Sanlam Auditorium.

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken at the Amphitheatre.

11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held

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

1. *Apostolic Fathers, Apologists, and the History of Early Christianity* (Prof. C. Breytenbach and Dr C. Rothschild). Terminates in **2017**.

Wed: Jonathan Draper (South Africa), 'Prophecy and "Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" in Didache 11:7-8—from Q and the Synoptic Gospels to the Apostolic Fathers and Beyond' – respondent: Francis Watson (UK); Thu: Clayton Jefford (USA), 'Prolegomena to Establishing the Vorlage of the Didache' – respondent: Adela Yarbro Collins (USA); Fri: Clare Rothschild (USA), 'Down the Rabbit Hole with Epistle of Barnabas' – respondent: Johan Thom (South Africa)

2. *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* (Profs C. Landmesser and M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Florian Wilk (Germany), "'Aus Gott, vor Gott und zu Gott hin.'" Charakteristika der Rede von Gott in den Korintherbriefen des Paulus' – "'From God, before God, and unto God.'" Characteristics of Language about God in the Corinthian Letters of Paul'; Thu: Johannes Beutler (Germany), 'Vom Gott Israels zum Vater Jesu: Zur johanneischen Gotteslehre' – 'From the God of Israel to the Father of Jesus: On the Johannine Teaching about God'; Fri: Karl-Heinz Ostmeyer (Germany), 'Die Alte Rede von Gott in der neuen: Biblische Theologie heute?' – 'The Old Language about God within the New: Biblical Theology Today?'

3. *The Johannine Writings* (Profs J. Frey, M. Gruber and Ch. Karakolis). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Ansgar Wucherpennig SJ (Germany), 'Johannes 6 für Leser des Markus: "Begrift ihr denn noch nicht?"; Thu: Kobus Kok (guest: Belgium), 'Restoration of Spiritual Sight: Perspectives on the Conceptual World of John (9) and the Odes of Solomon'; Fri: Christina Hoegen-Rohls (Germany), "'Nicht eine Krankheit zum Tode" - Zum Lebensbegriff in Joh 11'.

4. *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (Profs Matthias Konradt and William Loader). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: David Instone-Brewer (UK), 'Aristotle's Three-fold Submission in the Household codes of Paul, Peter, Philo and Josephus' – respondent: Christine Gerber (Germany); Thu: Todd Still (USA), "'Paul", "Peter" and Slaves: Texts and Contexts' – respondent: Fika Van Rensburg (guest: South Africa); Fri: Margaret MacDonald (Canada), 'Reading Ethical Injunctions involving Parents and Children in light of the Flexible, Shifting, and often Precarious Realities of Family life in the Roman World' – respondent: Peter Müller (Germany).

5. *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (Profs Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco, and Gosnell Yorke). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Christopher Stanley (USA), 'Paul and Asklepios: The Greco-Roman Quest for Healing and the Mission of Paul' – respondent: Paul Trebilco (New

Zealand); Thu: Eric Wong (Hong Kong), 'A Discussion of Mission in Paul and Mark' – respondent: Nathanael Wang (guest: Republic of China); Fri: Gosnell L. Yorke (Zambia), 'Translation and the Early Christian Mission: A Linguistic Move from Jesus, the Speaker, to the Gospel Writer' – respondent: Eugene Eung-Chun Park (USA).

6. *Hebrews* (Profs C.A. Eberhart and W. Kraus). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Edwin Broadhead (USA), 'Alternatives to Temple and Cult in Hebraic and Early Christian Traditions – Alternativen zu Tempel und Kult in hebräischen und frühchristlichen Traditionen' – respondent: Michael Tilly (Germany); Thu: William Loader (Australia), 'The Conception of Jesus as High Priest in Hebrews – Die Vorstellung von Jesus als Hohepriester im Hebräerbrief' – respondent: Christian Eberhart (USA); Fri: Georg Gäbel (guest: Germany), 'Bedeutung des Todes Jesu im Hebräerbrief – The Meaning of the Death of Jesus in Hebrews' – respondent: Wolfgang Kraus (Germany).

7. *Social History and the New Testament* (Profs. H. Löhr, M. Öhler, and A. Runesson). Terminates in **2017**.

Wed: J. Albert Harrill (USA): 'Imperial Aesthetics of "Narrative Architecture": The Representation of Buildings and Monumentality in literature' – respondent: TBA; Thu: Gerhard A. van den Heever (guest: South Africa), 'Hybrid Identities: An Early Christian Cult Group Taking Shape in the Context of Roman Imperial Cult' – respondent: Stephen Hultgren (Australia); Fri: Thomas Witulski (Germany), 'Die kultisch-religiöse Kaiserverehrung im Imperium Romanum am Beispiel der Provinz Asia' – respondent TBA.

8. *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (Profs P. Arzt-Grabner and J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: James Harrison (Australia), 'The Second Sophistic Oracular Mentality in Asia and its Relevance for Early Christian Prophecy: Ionian, Lydian, Phrygian and Anatolian Perspectives' – respondent John Kloppenborg (Canada); Thu: Peter Arzt-Grabner (Austria), 'How Magical Are "Amulets" with Biblical Texts: Criteria and Catalogue' – respondent: Richard Ascough (Canada); Fri: Erastus Jonker (guest: South Africa), 'An Evaluation of *P.Oxy.* 840 as a Jewish-Christian Document' – respondent: Christina Kreinecker (Austria).

9. *Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (Drs W. Campbell and J. Gundry). Terminates in 2021.

Wed: Pieter Botha (South Africa), 'The Politics of Christian Identity: Researching Paul, Contexts and Readers'; Thu: Judith Gundry (USA), 'Grace, Ethnicity and Gender: Paul's Denuding of Difference without Masking the Gift'; Fri: Steven Kraftchik (guest: USA), 'To Please God: Theological Ethics in 1 Thessalonians'.

10. *New Testament Textual Criticism* (Dr C. Clivaz, Profs U. Schmid and T. Wasserman). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Sara Schulthess (guest: Switzerland), 'Marciana Gr. Z. 11 (379) and the Project HumaReC: An Innovative Research Model for an Unique New

Testament Manuscript' – respondent: Hugh Houghton (UK); Thu: Hugh Houghton (UK), 'Electronic Transcriptions of New Testament Manuscripts: The State of the Question' – respondent: Klaus Wachtel (Germany); Fri: Klaus Wachtel (Germany), 'The Digital Present and Future of the Editio Critica Maior (ECM) of the New Testament' – respondent: Ulrich Schmid (Germany).

11. *Memory, Narrative, and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (Profs S. Byrskog and J. Schröter, and Dr S. Hultgren). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Michal Beth Dinkler (guest: USA), 'New Formalism and Narrative Christology: Returning to the Structure of the Synoptic Gospels'; Thu: Tobias Nicklas (Germany), 'The Gospel of Peter between the Synoptic Gospels and "Apostolic Memoirs" of Late Antiquity'; Fri: Jens Schröter (Germany), 'The Contribution of Apocryphal Gospels to the "Memory of Jesus": Beyond the Canonical / Non-Canonical Divide'.

12. *The Book of Revelation* (Profs D. Aune and D. Hellholm, and Dr Th. Witulski). Terminates in 2017.

Wed: Thomas Witulski (Germany), 'Die literarische Einheitlichkeit der Sendschreiben, diskutiert am Beispiel von Apk 2,1-7'; Thu: Nils Neumann (Germany), 'Affective Responses to the Divine Plagues in Revelation'; Fri: Joint Session with the seminar: *Social History and the New Testament*.

13. *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Profs K. Backhaus, C. Holladay, D. Marguerat). Terminates in 2021.

Wed: Carl Holladay (USA), 'Acts 25:16 and Luke's Knowledge of Roman Law'; Thu: Stephan Witetschek (Germany), 'Anti-Who? On the Discovery, Construction and Suspicion of Anti-Imperial Polemics in Luke-Acts and Elsewhere'; Fri: Simon Buttica (guest: Switzerland), 'Entre Jérusalem et Rome: Les Actes de Luc, récit fondateur d'un peuple'.

14.15 A Main Paper was given in Sanlam Auditorium by Prof. Josef Verheyden (Belgium), 'The Luke-Acts Conundrum: Method and Reason in Reflecting on the Composition of a Two-Volume Work'.

16.15 Quaestiones Disputatae were presented in Sanlam Auditorium - 'What was distinctive about early Christian "faith"?'; Prof. Michael Wolter (*President* and Chair); panelists: Profs Teresa Morgan (guest: UK), Mark Seifrid (USA) and Francis Watson (UK) (venue)

18.00 Participants were invited to a reception, dinner, and address by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Pretoria, Prof Cheryl de la Rey at Rautenbach Hall.

#### **THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

08.00 Morning Prayers in French (Prof. Jean-Bosco Bulembat-Matand) were held in the University Chapel.

09.00 A Main Paper was given in Sanlam Auditorium by Prof. Clare Rothschild (USA), 'The Muratorian Fragment as Fraud'.

11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 A Main Paper was given in Sanlam Auditorium by Prof. Matthias Konradt (Germany) "Nehmt auf euch mein Joch und lernt von mir!" (Mt 11,29): Mt 11,28-30 und die christologische Dimension der matthäischen Ethik'.

16.30 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

1. Troy Martin (USA), 'Christ's Healing Sore: A Medical Reading of 1 Peter 2:24'
2. Gabriella Gelardini (Switzerland), "'Glaube" im Hebräerbrief und sein Verhältnis zur Soteriologie'
3. Kathy Ehrensperger (UK), 'Join in Imitating me (Phil. 3:17) – Embodying Christ in the Face of "the Enemies of the Cross"'
4. Jeffrey Weima (USA), 'The Political Charges against Paul and Silas in Acts 17:6-7: Roman Benefaction in Thessalonica'
5. Emmanuel Nlenanya Chinwokwu (Nigeria), 'The Lord's Supper as History and Challenge in the Thoughts of John and Paul'

18.00 Following dinner in the Adlers Restaurant, participants were invited to a concert by the Music Department of the University of Pretoria at the Musaion.

### **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

08.00 Morning Prayers in German (Dr. Heinz Heistermann) were held in the University Chapel.

09.00 A Main Paper was given in Sanlam Auditorium by Prof. Jean-Claude Loba Mkole (South Africa) 'Exégèse et traduction interculturelles du nouveau testament'.

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 A Main Paper was given in Sanlam Auditorium by Prof. Matthias Konradt (Germany) "'Nehmt auf euch mein Joch und lernt von mir!" (Mt 11,29): Mt 11,28-30 und die christologische Dimension der matthäischen Ethik'.

16.30 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

1. Stephen Hultgren (Australia), "'A Vision for the End of Days": The End of Mark as Apocalyptic Deferral'
2. Petr Mareček (Czech Republic), 'Die enigmatischen Worte in Lk 2,35a und ihre Deutung im lukanischen Doppelwerk'
3. Paul Anderson (USA), 'A Bi-optic Hypothesis – An Inclusive Theory of Gospel Relations'
4. Peter-Ben Smit (Netherlands), 'Affect and Suspense in the Prologue of the Gospel of John'
5. Christos Karakolis (Greece), "'Of Those Falling Asleep" – "of Times and Seasons": Parallelism, Metaphorical Language, and the Meaning of γρηγορεῖν and καθεύδειν in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11'

16.15 The presentation was made to the Society by Holger Strutwolf (Germany), Klaus Wachtel (Germany), and Georg Gäbel (guest: Germany) on 'The new Acts Volume of the *Editio Critica Maior*'.

17.00 **BUSINESS MEETING II**

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

### **BM2017/12 Nomination and Election of New Committee Members**

- Profs Christine Gerber and Johan Thom were to rotate off of the Committee at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The *President* thanked them for their contributions to the Committee and the Society over the past 3 years.
- The Committee nominated Profs Daniel Gerber (France) and Korinna Zamfir (Romania) to take their place for the period 2017-20. The membership showed its approval by way of applause.

### **BM2017/13 Election of New Members**

- Prof. Todd Still (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the following 38 names of those scholars whose nomination had been approved by the Committee and published on the noticeboard for comment by members during the course of the General Meeting:

Dr. Frantisek ÁBEL	Dr. Simon J. JOSEPH
Dr. Sean ADAMS	Dr. Jennifer Wright KNUST
Prof. Dr. Grigory V. ALFEYEV	Dr. Jan L.H. KRANS
Dr. Christian BLUMENTHAL	Dr. Outi LEHTIPUU
Dr. Lincoln BLUMELL	Dr. Micheal R. LICONA
Prof. Ian BOXALL	Dr. Darian LOCKETT
Dr. Jeannine BROWN	Dr. Matthew V. NOVENSON
Dr. Lynn H. COHICK	Dr. Eric OTTENHEIJM
Prof. Dr. Pieter F. CRAFFERT	Dr. Stephen PATTEMORE
Dr. N. Clayton CROY	Dr. Cosmin PRICOP
Dr. Priscille DJOMHOUÉ	Dr. Rikard ROITTO
Prof. Dr. Volker GÄCKLE	Prof. Mikhail SELEZNEV
Dr. Mark GOODACRE	Dr. Nathalie SIFFER
Dr. Nijay GUPTA	Dr. Janet SPITTLER
Dr. Raimo HAKOLA	Prof. Dr. Matthew THIESSEN
Dr. Peter M. HEAD	PD Dr. Franz TÓTH
Dr. Alison JACK	Prof. Steve WALTON
PD Dr. Torsten JANTSCH	Dr. Catrin WILLIAMS
Dr. Roy R. JEAL	Dr. William M. WRIGHT
- Having done so, he confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved.
- The *President* thanked the *Assistant Secretary* for his service to the Society.

### **BM2017/14 Editors' Reports**

- Prof. Francis Watson (*Secretary to the Board and Journal Editor*) presented a report to the Society regarding the journal, which included names of new editorial board members endorsed by the Society: Jostein Ådna, Paul Foster, Sandra Huebenthal, Peter Oakes, Markus Oehler, Uta Poplutz, Joan Taylor, and Oda Wischmeyer.
- Prof. Paul Trebilco (*General Editor of the Monograph Series*) spoke to his distributed report. The *President* noted that Prof. Trebilco was set to retire from his office as *General Editor* of the Monograph Series at the end of 2017, and that last year the Society had elected Prof. Eddie Adams (UK) to succeed him from 2018, for 5 years
- *Editor of the Journal*: Prof. Watson is due to retire as *Editor of the Journal* on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018. Article C.2 of the Constitution states: 'The [Editorial] Board shall nominate, and the Society in General Meeting shall appoint, an Editor of the journal (who shall be Secretary of the Board).'



- The Editorial Board's nomination of Dr Simon Gathercole of the University of Cambridge was presented to the Members for their approval by way of applause. His election was to be ratified by the Syndics of the University Press.
- The *President* thanked Profs Trebilco, Watson, and the Editorial Board for their service to the Society.

#### **BM2017/15 Future General Meetings**

- 2018 Athens: Prof. Christos Karakolis made a presentation regarding the upcoming meeting, 7-10 August.
- 2019 Marburg, July 29-August 2: Nothing new was reported
- 2020 – The *President* reported that the Society had received a formal invitation from the Rector of the Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, to host its General Meeting 28-31 July. Prof. Bernardo Estrada addressed the Meeting, extending this invitation in person. The Society accepted this offer by way of applause.
- Members were encouraged to consider hosting the General Meeting in 2021 or 2022. It was noted that this is excellent way to showcase a university's international profile. Informal enquiries are to be made to the *Secretary*, who can outline what is required.

#### **BM2017/16 Programme of the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting in Athens, Greece (2018)**

The *Secretary* reported the following regarding next year's meeting:

- *Presidential Address and Invited Main Papers:*  
The presidential address is to be given by Prof. Jean Zumstein.  
Main papers will be offered by Profs Harold Attridge (USA); Helen Bond (UK); Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark); and Daniel Gerber (France).
- *16 Current Seminars (potential maximum of 18)*
  1. *Apostolic Fathers, Apologists and the History of Early Christianity* (C. Breytenbach, C. Rothschild) – terminates in **2017**
  2. *The Greek of the New Testament* (J.W. Voelz, J. Peláez, P. Danove) – terminates in 2019
  3. *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid) – terminates in 2019
  4. *The Johannine Writings* (J. Frey, M. Gruber, Ch. Karakolis) – terminates in 2020
  5. *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (M. Konrad, W. Loader) – terminates in 2020
  6. *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (E.E.C. Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke) – terminates in 2018
  7. *Hebrews* (C.A. Eberhart, W. Kraus) – terminates in 2020
  8. *Social History and the New Testament* (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson) – terminates in **2017**
  9. *Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament* (J. Herzer, G. Oegema) – terminates in 2019
  10. *Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impacts on their Interpretation* (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer) – terminates in 2018
  11. *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg) – terminates in 2018
  12. *Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (W.S. Campbell, J. Gundry) – terminates in 2021
  13. *New Testament Textual Criticism* (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, T. Wasserman) – terminates in 2018

14. *Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (S. Byrskog, J. Schröter, S. Hultgren) – terminates in 2018
  15. *The Book of Revelation* (D. Aune, D. Hellholm, Th. Witulski) – terminates in **2017**
  16. *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Profs K. Backhaus, C. Holladay, D. Marguerat) – terminates in 2021
- Seminars scheduled to terminate in 2017 that were approved by the Committee for continuation include:
    - *Apostolic Fathers, Apologists and the History of Early Christianity* (C. Breytenbach, C. Rothschild) – to terminate in 2020
    - *Social History and the New Testament* (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson) – to terminate in 2022
  - New Seminars approved by the Committee to start in 2017 include:
    - *Philo and Early Christianity* (G.E. Sterling, P.J. Bekken) – to terminate in 2022
    - *Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches* (S. Matthews, D.A. Smith) – to terminate in 2020

There will, therefore, be 17 Seminars in Athens (2018).

#### **BM2017/17 Any Other Business**

- The *President* thanked those who presented Main Papers, Short Papers, and Seminar Papers, as well as the conveners of the Seminars.
- The *President* thanked, on behalf of the Society, the Committee, Officers, and Editors of the Society.
- The *President* announced the Working Group, chaired by the *Past President* (Prof. Carl Holladay) and including the following: including the Secretary (Andrew Clarke), Judith Gundry (Committee Member), Christina Kreinecker, and Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole.
- Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers, stewards, and volunteers for a successful General Meeting. These individuals were called forward: Profs Gert Steyn (Chair), Ernest van Eck, Drs Hanré Janse van Rensburg, Zorodzai Dube, Peter Nagel, and Mrs Karen Esbagh. In addition, the following team of assistants were recognized: Yvette Bosman, Anuschka Lottering, Pieter Rossouw, Dawie Rotteveel, Robert van Niekerk, and Anna Wagner
- The *President* declared the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of the Society formally concluded by striking the gavel.

18.15 There was a farewell dinner for participants at the Pretoria Zoo.