

## **Appendix 2**

### **REPORT ON CUERG'S ACTIVITIES**

The Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG) consists of the following CTSA members: Peter Phan and Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Co-Chairs; Gemma Cruz, Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Jon Nilson, Jamie Phelps, Jean-Pierre Ruiz, and Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier. In 2008-09, CUERG cultivated our collective understanding of our role as resource to CTSA by implementing the following initiatives:

1. CUERG established a web presence:
  - a. On the CTSA web site as a page that is accessible by clicking on the tab “committees” located in the section entitled “About the CTSA.” On this CUERG page there are helpful links to the Institute of Black Catholic Studies, the Institute for Leadership Development and Study of Pacific and Asian North American Religion, Pacific Asian and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the US [ACHTUS], and the Latino/a Bibliography of Theology and Religious Studies.
  - b. On Facebook as a group, access is open to all with Facebook accounts.
    - Thanks to the committee members for their ongoing input in the development of these sites and to the CTSA office of the Executive Secretary. Special thanks to Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier for her initiative and efforts in coordinating the elements for this web presence and for volunteering to be the contact person for web updates.
2. CUERG is in the process of developing a project to explore intercultural and transnational pedagogies in theology and religious studies, which we are seeking external funding. This project aims to serve the membership of the CTSA by advancing our discussion of the implications of the shifting demographics in our classrooms and of the growing body of scholarship from constituencies previously underrepresented in academia. Thanks to Jean-Pierre Ruiz for spearheading this initiative.
3. At this year’s annual convention, CUERG hosted a working luncheon of 35 invited CTSA members. The purpose of this luncheon was to assist the committee in the planning of the aforementioned project. Thanks to Dee Christie for her efforts in making this luncheon possible.

CUERG makes the following recommendations:

1. That it remains the practice of the convener to avoid concurrent scheduling of our respective communities' consultations—thanks to Bryan Massingale for his efforts in insuring that this was the case this year.
2. That program units encourage diversification in participation at the levels of leadership and presenter roles. This is one way also to surface leadership for elected positions to increase representation on the Board of Directors.
3. That consideration be given to a broader range of potential annual meeting sites to include Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

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