

INTRODUCTION – MID-YEAR GATHERINGS

Seeking creative avenues for advancing the CTSA’s mission to reflect theologically on the signs of the times, especially in light of pandemic constraints and the momentous national and global events that transpired between the 2019 and 2021 conventions, a subcommittee of the Board of Directors, appointed by President Maria Pilar Aquino, developed a proposal for offering select, virtual opportunities for members to engage in scholarly reflection and collegial conversation with one another. The resulting pilot program, “Teaching and Doing Theology in Real Time,” comprised two events (via Zoom platform), each attended by seventy-five to one hundred-plus members.¹

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¹ For recent writings by CTSA members relevant to the subjects of these two virtual events, see, e.g., Jeannine Hill Fletcher, *The Sin of White Supremacy* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2017); Paulinus Ikechukwu Odozor, “One-Liners from the Pope and Church Officials on Race Won’t Do Anymore,” *Church-Life Journal*, Sept. 8, 2020, <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/one-liners-on-race-from-the-pope-and-other-catholic-officials-wont-do-any-longer/>; Anna Floerke Scheid, “Political Violence, Ethics, and the U.S. Elections,” *Political Theology Network*, Nov. 6, 2020, <https://politicaltheology.com/political-violence-ethics-and-the-u-s-elections/>.