

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-fifth Annual Convention on June 10-13, 2021. The convention was held online in light of the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic that prevented members from traveling, and to ensure the safety of all. It was the first online convention in the history of the CTSA. This annual convention served as an opportunity to resume the CTSA's annual meetings after suspending the convention in 2020 because of the pandemic. The theme of the convention was "'All you who labor...' Theology, Work, and Economy." Registration for the convention was done electronically in advance to the meeting. The continuing group, Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology, met on Thursday, June 10th at 2:00-3:15 p.m. PDT and held its business meeting. They met again on Friday, June 11th at 12:30-2:00 p.m. PDT for their main event and the presentation of the Ann O'Hara Graff Award. The 2021 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to Susan Abraham, Professor of Theology and Postcolonial Cultures, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Pacific School of Religion.

The Opening Session was led on Thursday, June 10th by CTSA President María Pilar Aquino. The Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego offered a virtual word of welcome and led the convention participants in prayer. President María Pilar Aquino introduced the first plenary speaker, Dr. Gemma Tulud Cruz from Australian Catholic University. The evening concluded with a virtual reception to which all members were invited to attend based on availability using an electronic platform. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the support provided by the following programs and institutions: Boston College, Catholic Theological Union, The Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University, Fordham University; Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley Campus, at Santa Clara University; Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame; and the College of Arts & Sciences, University of San Diego.

On Friday, June 11th, the day began with the second plenary session, "The CTSA at 75: Looking Back, Around, and Forward," which took place in the form of a panel moderated by C. Vanessa White and had Charles E. Curran, M. Shawn Copeland and Natalia Imperatori-Lee as panelists. The business meeting was held in the late afternoon that day. A special Business Meeting took place on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 with the goals of voting on proposed amendments to the CTSA By-Laws and admission of new members and change of status from Associate to Active. The president's reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting on Friday as well as other virtual receptions.

Activities on Saturday, June 12th opened with the third plenary session, delivered by David Cloutier from Catholic University of America. At 12:30 p.m. PDT the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG) hosted a presentation and conversation with Melinda Jolly, a Dharawal/Tharawal Aboriginal Australian leader. The day closed with a liturgy of the Word followed by a virtual reception at which President María Pilar Aquino read the citation and presented the John Courtney Murray Award to Susan K. Wood, SCL. The award was delivered in

person by John Dadosky.

On Sunday, June 13th, the CTSA community gathered virtually for a Memorial Service to honor CTSA members who died recently. The service was followed by the fourth plenary session and Presidential Address, delivered by María Pilar Aquino. After the address, she formally concluded her term as CTSA President and introduced the new President, Christine Firer Hinze. Antonio Alonso, from Emory University, served as the Liturgical Liaison for the convention. During the convention several other special receptions, breakfasts, sessions and other meetings took place. See the convention program below for more details.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Convention Schedule At-a-Glance

Day and time (PT)	Event
Thursday	
8:30–10:00 a.m.	Morning events*
1:00–5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors & Social Gatherings
12:00–5:00 p.m.	<i>Theological Studies</i> Board Meeting
1:00–2:00 p.m.	Textual Journeys in Comparative Theology
2:00–3:30 p.m.	Women's Consultation & Business Meeting
4:00–5:15 p.m.	Opening and First Plenary
5:30–8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception
Friday	
8:30–5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors & Social Gatherings
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Second Plenary
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions I
12:30–2:00 p.m.	Women's Consultation Event and Award
12:45–2:00 p.m.	Hearing of the Resolutions Committee
2 :30–3 :45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions II
4:00–5:45 p.m.	CTSA Business Meeting
6:00–7:30 p.m.	President's Reception for New/Newer Members
6:00–7:30 p.m.	Publishers' Reception
7:30–9:00 p.m.	Charlie Curran's Room
Saturday	
8:30–5:00 p.m.	Exhibitors & Social Gatherings
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Third Plenary
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions III
12:30–2:00 p.m.	<i>Theological Studies</i> , CUERG Event*
2 :30–3 :45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions IV
4:30–5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word, JCM Award Announcement
5:45–8:00 p.m.	John Courtney Murray Reception*
Sunday	
8:00–9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:30–11:00 a.m.	Fourth Plenary, Appointment of New President
11:30–12:30 p.m.	Convener's Meeting
1:00–3:00 p.m.	CTSA Board Meeting

*prior registration required

Concurrent Sessions At-A-Glance

The session titles are hyperlinked to take you to the complete session information

I. Friday Morning

1. Christianity and Judaism
2. Working With/In the Church:
Contributions of and Challenges for
LGBTQ+ Persons
3. Asian/Asian-American Theology
4. Extractives and Catholic
Peacebuilding
5. Fieldwork in Theology
6. Confronting Clergy Sexual Abuse:
Evidence-Based Research and
Directions for Change
7. Precarious Labor and 21st Century
Capitalism: The Catholic Tradition's
Growing Edge
8. Lonergan
9. Rahner Society
10. Moral Theology I
11. Work, Retirement, and One's Life

II. Friday Afternoon

1. Spirituality
2. Theology and Science
3. The Liberating Theology of James Hal
Cone
4. Resisting Your Bliss: Interdisciplinary
Approaches to Theology, Vocation,
and Work
5. Practical Theology
6. Latino/a Theology
7. Mental Health in Theological
Perspective
8. Moral Theology II
9. Transnational Catholicities: Faith and
Popular Culture in Global Dialogue
10. Historical Theology I
11. The Vision of Vatican II: Its
Fundamental Principles

III. Saturday Morning

1. Catholicity and Mission
2. Bioethics/Healthcare
3. God/Trinity
4. Hans Urs von Balthasar
5. Post-Post-Conciliar and
Millennial Theologians
6. Justice at Work in 21st Century
U.S. Catholic Universities
7. Historical Theology II
8. Schillebeeckx
9. 'Everything is Connected':
Dorothy Day, Flannery
O'Connor, and Pope Francis on
Work
10. Church/Ecumenism
11. Black Catholic Theology

IV. Saturday Afternoon

1. Creation/Eschatology
2. Catholic Social Thought
3. Aquinas
4. Fundamental Theology/Method
5. Laboring in the Church's Vineyard:
Lay Ecclesial Ministers and Their
Workplaces
6. Theological Witness of Oscar Romero
7. Christ
8. Anthropology
9. Liturgy and Sacraments
10. Comparative Theology
11. Vatican I 151 Years Later: Fresh
Perspectives

Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 10, 2021

Mentorship Event 8:30–10:00 a.m.
Intended for junior members. Meet with other junior members and a designated senior member for round table discussion. Topic “How to Publish”.

Von Balthasar Society Event 8:30–10:00 a.m.
All are welcome

Benedictine Universities & Colleges Event 8:30–10:00 a.m.
Gathering of those who have ties to Benedictine Universities and Colleges. If you have Benedictine affiliation, please consider attending.

Jesuit Colleges & Universities Interested in Dialogue & Comparative Theology 8:30–10:00 a.m.
By invitation only

Rahner Event 8:30–10:00 a.m.
All are welcome

Writing for *Commonweal Magazine* Event 8:30–10:00 a.m.
Commonweal Magazine is hosting an event intended for new and junior members. Matthew Sitman, Commonweal Magazine's associate editor, will present.

Exhibitors & Social Gatherings 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Theological Studies Board Meeting 12:00–5:00 p.m.

Textual Journeys in Comparative Theology 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
 Ibn al-‘Arabī on Jesus and the Perception of Divinity

Conveners: Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University
 Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University

Moderator: Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University

Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology 2:00–3:15 p.m.
 Administrative Team: Kathryn Lilla Cox, Elizabeth Antus, Julia Feder

Women’s Labor Under the Forces of White Supremacy and Colonialism:
 Two Theological Intersectional Analyses

- Conveners: **Elizabeth Antus**, Boston College
Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego
- Moderator: **Julia H. Brumbaugh**, Regis University
- Presenter: **Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Mistaken Identities: Reading the Traffic(king) Signs of Sex, Race, and Theology in the United States”
- Presenter: **Neomi De Anda**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: “Borders, Women, and Realities of Livelihoods”

Business Meeting 3:15–3:30 p.m.

Women’s Consultation Steering Committee:
 Elizabeth Antus, Boston College (Convener)
 Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego (Convener)
 Jessica Coblentz, St. Mary’s College (Notre Dame, IN) (Treasurer)
 Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Seminary of the Southwest (Secretary)
 Julia Feder, Creighton University (Award Convener)
 Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University
 Rosemary Carbine, Whittier College
 Kimberly Humphrey, Boston College
 Chelsea King, Sacred Heart University
 Elizabeth Pyne, Fordham University
 Susan Bigelow Reynolds, Emory University
 Annie Selak, Georgetown University

Thursday Evening, June 10, 2021

Opening and First Plenary Session 4:00–5:15 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer:
Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy, Diocese of San Diego

Presiding: **María Pilar Aquino**, University of San Diego
 President, CTSA

Address: **Gemma Tulud Cruz**, Australian Catholic University
 “Theology and (De)humanizing Work in the Twenty-First Century”

Respondent: **Hosffman Ospino**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Opening Reception 5:30–8:00 p.m.

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Friday Morning, June 11, 2021

Exhibitors & Social Gatherings 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Second Plenary Session—Celebrating 75 Years 9:00–10:30 a.m.

“The CTSA at 75: Looking Back, Around, and Forward”

Presiding: **Paul Lakeland**, Fairfield University
Past President, CTSA

Moderator: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union

Panelists: **Charles E. Curran**, Southern Methodist University
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions I 11:00–12:15 p.m.

I.1 Christianity and Judaism—Consultation

Administrative Team: Matthew Tapie, Elena Procaro Foley, Nicole Reibe

Convener: **Matthew Tapie**, Saint Leo University

Moderator: **Elena Procaro Foley**, Iona College

Presenter: **Heather Miller Rubens**, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

Paper Title: “Anti-Black Racism, Anti-Semitism, & Islamophobia Today: Interrogating the Role of Supersessionism in White Supremacy”

Respondent: **Fatimah Fanusie**, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

Respondent: **Benjamin Sax**, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

I.2 Working With/In the Church: Contributions of and Challenges for LGBTQ+ Persons—Selected Session

Convener: **Adam Beyt**, Fordham University

Moderator: **Craig Ford, Jr.**, Saint Norbert College

Presenter: **Jason Steidl**, St. Joseph’s College

Paper Title: “It’s Complicated: LGBTQ+ Catholic Employees and Public Criticism of Church Teaching”

Presenter: **Meg Stapleton Smith**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “The Courage to Leave or The Courage to Stay? Mary Daly’s Lasting Challenge to LGBTQ+ Theologians and Catholic Thought”

Respondent: **Bryan Massingale**, Fordham University

I.3. Asian/Asian-American Theology—Consultation

Administrative Team: Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, Julius-Kei Kato, Edmund Chia

Convener: **Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos**, University of Detroit Mercy

Moderator: **David Kwon**, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota

Presenter: **Stephanie Wong**, Valparaiso University

Paper Title: “Chinese Catholic Action”

Presenter: **Deepan Rajaratnam**, Saint Louis University

Paper Title: “The *Sensus Fidei* of the Poor: A Theological Locus from which to Respond to Economic Exclusion”

Respondent: **Susan Abraham**, Pacific School of Religion

I.4. Extractives and Catholic Peacebuilding—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Caesar A. Montevecchio, Tobias Winright, Laurie Johnston

Convener: **Caesar A. Montevecchio**, Catholic Peacebuilding Network
Moderator: **Daniel Castillo**, Loyola University Maryland

Presenter: **Teresia Mbara Hinga**, Santa Clara University
Paper Title: “Extractives and Peacebuilding in Light of Gender and Post-colonial Theology”

Presenters: **Anna Floerke Scheid**, Duquesne University
Daniel P. Scheid, Duquesne University
Paper Title: “Integral Ecology, Just Peace, and Extractives”

I.5. Fieldwork in Theology—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon, Jaisy A. Joseph, Layla Karst

Convener: **Jaisy A. Joseph**, Seattle University
Moderator: **Layla Karst**, Loyola Marymount University

Presenter: **Susan Bigelow Reynolds**, Emory University
Paper title: “‘*Encaminémonos*’: Good Friday, Embodied Solidarity, and the ‘Generosity of Ritual’”

Presenter: **Leo Guardado**, Fordham University
Paper Title: “Teaching and Doing Latinx Theology Through Ethnographic Methods”

Respondent: **Nancy Pineda-Madrid**, Loyola Marymount University

I.6 Confronting Clergy Sexual Abuse: Evidence-Based Research and Directions for Change—Invited Session

Convener/Moderator: **Paul Lakeland**, Fairfield University

Presenter: **Fr. Martin Burnham**, PSS, Director of Admissions and Discernment, Society of St. Sulpice, US Province
Paper Title: “Conceptualizing and Measuring Clericalism in Roman Catholic Priests”

Presenter: **Julie Rubio**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Paper Title: “Seminaries and Clergy Sexual Abuse: What Do We Know? What Do We Need to Know?”

Presenter: **Jennifer Beste**, College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University
 Paper Title: "Justice for Children: New Directions for Responding to the Clergy Abuse Crisis"

I.7 Precarious Labor and 21st Century Capitalism: The Catholic Tradition's Growing Edge—Selected Session

Conveners: **Kristin E. Heyer**, Boston College
Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University
 Moderator: **Melissa Pagán**, Mount St. Mary's University

Presenter: **Joseph A. McCartin**, Georgetown University
 Paper Title: "Confronting Elusive Accountability in 21st Century Capitalism: Catholic Social Teaching on Labor at a Crossroads"

Presenter: **Jeremy V. Cruz**, St. John's University
 Paper Title: "Labor Associations and Worker Power: Catholic Social Teaching and Political-Economic Democracy"

Presenter: **Kristin E. Heyer**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "Enfleshing the Work of Social Production: Gendered Labor and Moral Agency"

I.8 Lonergan—Consultation

Administrative Team: Nicholas Olkovich, Kevin Vander Schel, Brian Bajzek

Convener: **Nicholas Olkovich**, St. Mark's College
 Moderator: **Jonathan R. Heaps**, St. Edward's University

Presenter: **Neil Ormerod**, Sydney College of Divinity
 Paper Title: "The Law of the Cross in an Ecologically Unsustainable Economy"

Presenter: **Erica Siu-Mui Lee**, Regis College, University of Toronto
 Paper Title: "Accounting and Business Ethics in a Digital Age: Lonergan's Notions of Bias, Conversion, and Scale of Values as Anthropological Presuppositions"

Presenter: **Joseph C. Mudd**, Gonzaga University
 Paper Title: "A Sacramental Economy: General Bias, Economic Conversion, and the Sacramentality of Labor"

I.9 Rahner Society—Consultation

Administrative Team: Michael Canaris, Brandon Peterson, Erin Kidd

Convener: **Kevin McCabe**, Seton Hall University

Moderator: **Mary Beth Yount**, Neumann University

Presenter: **Erin Kidd**, St. John's University, New York

Paper Title: "Seeking Epistemic Justice in the Work of Theology"

Presenter: **Mark Fischer**, St. John's Seminary

Paper Title: "Rahner's Seemingly Fruitless Labor Regarding the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary"

Respondent: **Terrence Tilley**, Fordham University

I.10 Moral Theology—Topic Session I

Administrative Team: Alessandro Rovati, Daniel Cosacchi, Rachel Bundang

Convener: **Alessandro Rovati**, Belmont Abbey College

Moderator: **Daniel Cosacchi**, Marywood University

Presenters: **Kathryn Lilla Cox**, University of San Diego

Jason King, St. Vincent College

Paper Title: "Beyond Laboring: Fostering the Love of Learning and the Desire for God in Theological Education"

Presenter: **Jonathan Malesic**, Southern Methodist University

Paper Title: "'You Get Over It': How the Benedictine Way of Work Can Overcome the Culture of Burnout"

I.11. Work, Retirement, and One's Life—Selected Session

Convener/Moderator: **Susan Ross**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **Stephen Bevans**, Catholic Theological Union

Paper Title: "Retirement and Wisdom"

Presenter: **Patricia Beattie Jung**, St. Paul School of Theology

Paper Title: "Moral Theology and Retirement"

Presenter: **Jill Raitt**, University of Missouri

Paper Title: "Retirement and Spirituality"

Friday Afternoon, June 11, 2021

Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology Event 12:30–2:00 p.m.
The Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology
invites you to join them to engage in dialogue and
mentorship.

Ann O'Hara Graff Award Presentation

The 2021 Ann O'Hara Graff Award will be presented to
Susan Abraham
 Professor of Theology and Postcolonial Cultures
 Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Pacific School of
 Religion

Networking and conversation will follow the award presentation.

Hearing of the Resolutions Committee 12:45–2:00 p.m.

Presiding: **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard Divinity School
 Vice President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: **William Loewe**, Catholic University of America

Concurrent Sessions II 2:30–3:45 p.m.

II.1 Spirituality—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Andrew Prevot, Julia Feder, Mary Frohlich

Convener: **Andrew Prevot**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Mary Frohlich**, Catholic Theological Union

Presenter: **Axel M. Oaks Takacs**, Seton Hall University
 Paper Title: "I am with those who are broken-hearted": Spirituality,
 Imagination, and the Disruption of Neoliberalism"

Presenter: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College
 Paper Title: "Uncovering the Bushels: Rediscovering the Spiritualities of Work
 in the Young Catholic Worker Movement and Catholic Worker
 Movement"

II.2 Theology and Science—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Paul J. Schutz, Amanda Alexander, Mark Fusco, SJ

Convener: **Paul J. Schutz**, Santa Clara University

Moderator: **Amanda Alexander**, Loyola Marymount University

Presenter: **Chelsea King**, Sacred Heart University

Paper Title: "Friend Request? Social Media's Distortion of Relationship"

Presenter: **Michelle Marvin**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Restoring Dignity with Neurotechnology: AI-Enhanced Biotechnology and the 'Vocation to Work'"

Presenter: **Benjamin Hohman**, Boston College

Paper Title: "Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral? The Effacement of Creaturehood in Wartime Economies"

II.3 The Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, C. Vanessa White

Session Title: "The Theologian's Task: Resistance, Empowerment and Freedom"

Convener: **Kathleen Dorsey Bellow**, Xavier University of Louisiana

Moderator: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union

Presenter: **M. Shawn Copeland**, Boston College

Paper title: "Black Theology and the Present Moment"

Presenter: **Bryan Massingale**, Fordham University

Paper title: "'This Is What Theology Looks Like': Cone's Challenge to Black and Liberation Theologies (and Theologians)"

II.4 Resisting Your Bliss: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Theology, Vocation, and Work—Selected Session

Convener: **Anita Houck**, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)

Moderator: **Maureen L. Walsh**, Rockhurst University

Presenter: **Anita Houck**, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)

Paper Title: "The Play of Work: Virtue in Discourses of Work and Vocation"

Presenter: **Reid B. Locklin**, St. Michael's College

Paper Title: “Effort, Election, and Disgust: Vocational Discernment in the *Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad* and *Spiritual Exercises*”

Respondent: **Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos**, University of Detroit Mercy

II.5 Practical Theology—Topic Session

Administrative Team: William Clark, SJ, Karen Enriquez, Elsie Miranda

Convener: **William Clark, SJ**, College of the Holy Cross

Moderator: **Elsie Miranda**, Association of Theological Schools

Panelists: **Phyllis Zagano**, Hofstra University

Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Seminary of the Southwest

Cesar (CJ) Baldelomar, Boston College

Milton Javier Bravo, Fordham University

Panel title: "Church Work"

II.6 Latino/a Theology—Consultation

Administrative Team: Elaine Padilla, Leo Guardado, Melissa Pagán

Session Title: Intersecting Journeys and the Birthing Pangs of a New Civilization

Conveners: **Elaine Padilla**, University of La Verne

Moderator: **Natalia Imperatori-Lee**, Manhattan College

Presenter: **Peter C. Phan**, Georgetown University

Paper Title: “Theology of Migration: Asian and Latinx Perspectives”

Presenter: **Shawnee Daniels-Sykes**, Mary Mount University

Paper Title: “The Wet Nurse and the Nanny: The Evolution of Work in the United States and the Other Mother.”

Presenter: **Hosffman Ospino**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: “Latino Immigrant Labor in *lo Cotidiano*: A Theological Reading”

II.7 Mental Health in Theological Perspective—Interest Group

Conveners: **Susan Abraham**, Pacific School of Religion

Jessica Coblentz, Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame, IN)

Moderator: **Peter Fay**, Boston College

Presenter: **Elisabeth T. Vasko**, Duquesne University
Paper Title: "Under Pressure: How Can, and Should, Religiously Affiliated Colleges Respond to Student Mental Health Crises?"

Presenter: **Elizabeth Antus**, Boston College
Paper Title: "What Does a Political, Liberationist Approach to Mental Illness Look Like?"

II.8 Moral Theology—Topic Session II

Administrative Team: Alessandro Rovati, Daniel Cosacchi, Rachel Bundang

Convener: **Alessandro Rovati**, Belmont Abbey College
Moderator: **Rachel Bundang**, Santa Clara University

Presenter: **Luke Arredondo**, Florida State University
Paper Title: "Just Wages, Leo XIII, and Catholic Parish Salaries"

Presenter: **Thomas Massaro, S.J.**, Fordham University
Paper Title: "The Renewal of Catholic Labor Justice Advocacy under Pope Francis"

Presenter: **Xavier M. Montecel**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Liturgy and Ethics: Weaving Together the Work of the People and the Work of Holiness"

II.9 Transnational Catholicities: Faith and Popular Culture in Global Dialogue— Interest Group

Administrative Team: Linh Hoang, OFM, Sophia Park, SNJM, Kevin P. Considine

Session Title: Transnational Catholicities in Food, Arts, and Music

Convener: **Linh Hoang, OFM**, Siena College
Moderator: **Sophia Park**, Holy Names University

Presenter: **Min-Ah Cho**, Georgetown University
Paper Title: "They' Stink: Body Odor Disgust Sensitivity, Transnational Catholicities, and Bong Joon-ho's Film *Parasite*."

Presenter: **Linh Hoang**, Siena University
Paper Title: "*Crazy Rich Asians* and Asian Christianity"

II.10 Historical Theology—Topic Session I

Administrative Team: Andrew Salzmann, Kenneth Parker, Elizabeth Huddleston

*Session Title: Capitalism as Competitor to the Sacramental Economy:
Engaging the Work of Eugene McCarraher*

Convener: **Andrew Salzmann**, Benedictine College
Moderator: **Ramon Luzarraga**, Benedictine University Mesa

Presenter: **Christopher Haw**, University of Scranton
Paper Title: “Dismal Science and the Bread of Life: On the Unnatural Enchantments of Mammon’s Modern Growth”

Presenter: **Daniel Rober**, Sacred Heart University
Paper Title: “Social Catholicism and the Wages of Whiteness: Working Toward Solidarity”

II.11 The Vision of Vatican II: Its Fundamental Principles—Selected Session

Convener: **Catherine E. Clifford**, Saint Paul University
Moderator: **Edward P. Hahnenberg**, John Carroll University

Presenter: **Ormond Rush**, Saint Paul’s Theological College

Respondent: **Paul D. Murray**, Durham University

Respondent: **Susan K. Wood**, Regis College

Friday Evening, June 11, 2021**CTSA Business Meeting**

4:00–5:45 p.m.

Presiding: **María Pilar Aquino**, University of San Diego
President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: **William Loewe**, Catholic University of America

President’s Reception for New/Newer Members 6:00–
7:30 p.m.

Hosted by the CTSA Board for those who became new members within the last three years. The event provides the opportunity for Board members to welcome the new

members to the society and for new / newer members to meet one another.

Publishers' Reception 6:00–7:30 p.m.
Come gather in a social environment to meet up with colleagues and friends in the publisher's hall.

Charlie Curran's Room 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Charlie Curran invites you to visit with him and friends at this event.

Saturday Morning, June 12, 2021

Exhibitors & Social Gatherings 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Third Plenary Session 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Presiding: **Christine Firer Hinze**, Fordham University
 President-Elect, CTSA

Address: **David Cloutier**, Catholic University of America

“The Workers’ Paradise: Eternal Life, Economic Eschatology, and Good Work as the Keys to Social Ethics”

Respondent: **Kate Ward**, Marquette University

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions III 11:00–12:15 p.m.

III.1 Catholicity & Mission—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Stephen Bevans, Sophia Park, Laurie Johnston

Session Title: The Work of Doing Contextual Theology

Convener/Moderator: **Stephen Bevans**, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: **Eduardo Fernández**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Deborah Ross, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Paper Title: “The Work of Contextual Theology: ‘Doing Theology as If People Mattered’”

Presenter: **Antonio Sison**, Catholic Theological Union

Paper Title: “*Hekima Christus*: Inculturation and the Imaging of African Anthropological Dignity”

Presenter: **Mary Kate Holman**, Benedictine University

Paper Title: “‘The Church is in this world like yeast in dough’: The Impact of Worker Communities on Marie-Dominique Chenu’s Missiology”

III.2 Bioethics/Healthcare—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Michael Jaycox, Michael McCarthy, Nichole Flores

Convener: **Michael Jaycox**, Seattle University

Moderator: **Katherine Jackson-Meyer**, Boston College

Presenter: **Stephanie C. Edwards**, Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium

Paper title: “The Labor of Memory: Disentangling Trauma, Healing, and Institutional Results”

Presenter: **Nicholas Hayes-Mota**, Boston College

Paper Title: "The Challenge of the Common Good: Applying Catholic Social Teaching through Community Organizing in the Healthcare System"

Presenter: **Nathaniel Blanton Hibner**, Catholic Health Association

Paper Title: “Ministry, Margin, Mission: Competing Paradigms for Catholic Healthcare Leadership in the United States”

III.3 God/Trinity—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Brian Robinette, Gloria Schaab, SSJ, Darren Dias

Convener: **Brian Robinette**, Boston College

Moderator: **Tiffany Lee**, Boston College

Presenter: **Jane Lee-Barker**, Australian Lutheran College – University of Divinity

Paper Title: “Come unto Me: Work, Mysticism, Contemplation and Theosis in the Trinitarian Theology of Romano Guardini”

Presenter: **Ruben L.F. Habito**, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
Paper Title: "Triune Mystery as Zen Koan"

III.4 Hans Urs von Balthasar—Consultation

Administrative Team: Jennifer Newsome Martin, Charles Gillespie, Nicholas J. Healy, Danielle Nussberger

Convener: **Jennifer Newsome Martin**, University of Notre Dame
Moderator: **Christopher Hadley, S.J.**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Presenter: **Mark Yenson**, King's University College at Western University
Paper Title: "Mozart as Theological Subversive"

Presenter: **Anne M. Carpenter**, St. Mary's College of California
Paper Title: "Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Dismantling of Europe: Theological Aesthetics as Subversive Work"

Presenter: **Peter Joseph Fritz**, College of the Holy Cross
Paper Title: "Avant-Garde and Christ: Artworks, Economy, and the Balthasarian Sublime"

III.5 Post-Post-Conciliar and Millennial Theologians—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Katherine Schmidt, Michael Canaris, Mary Beth Yount

Convener: **Katherine G. Schmidt**, Molloy College
Moderator: **Daniel A Rober**, Sacred Heart University

Presenter: **Kevin McCabe**, Seton Hall University
Paper Title: "Does Catholic Queer Theology Have a Future?"

Presenter: **Adam Sheridan**, University of Dayton
Paper Title: "Contesting The Holy Queen: The Salve Regina and Catholic Imagination of Labor"

III.6 Justice at Work in 21st-Century U.S. Catholic Universities—Invited Session

Convener/Moderator:
Gina Wentzel Wolfe, Catholic Theological Union

Presenter: **Gerald Beyer**, Villanova University

Paper Title: “Curing the ‘Disease’ in Corporatized Higher Education: Prescriptions from the Catholic Social Tradition”

Presenter: **James Donahue**, St. Mary’s College of California
 Paper Title: “Ethical Decision Making at Catholic Colleges and Universities: The Case of Adjunct Faculty”

Presenter: **Kerry Danner**, Georgetown University
 Paper Title: “The Three-Tiered Class System of Academic Labor: Undermining Mission, Destabilizing Communities”

III.7 Historical Theology—Topic Session II

Administrative Team: Andrew Salzmann, Kenneth Parker, Elizabeth Huddleston

Session Title: Theologies of Work in Significant Historical Figures

Convener: **Andrew Salzmann**, Benedictine College
 Moderator: **Kenneth Parker**, Duquesne University

Presenter: **Elizabeth Huddleston**, National Institute for Newman Studies
 Paper Title: “Work and Prayer: Newman’s Work with the Poor at St. Mary and St. Nicholas Parish in Littlemore”

Presenter: **Shawn Colberg**, College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University
 Paper Title: “Poverty, Prayer, and Labor”: Aquinas, Bonaventure, and the Defense of the Mendicants at Paris”

Presenter: **Ryan Marr**, Mercy College of Health Sciences
 Paper Title: “Cardinal Manning and the London Dockers’ Strike: A Model for Episcopal Participation in Labor Organizing”

III.8 Schillebeeckx for a New Generation—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Stephan van Erp, Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Kathleen McManus, OP

Convener: **Stephan van Erp**, KU Leuven
 Moderator: **Kathleen Mroz**, Emmanuel College

Presenter: **Christopher Cimorelli**, Caldwell University
 Title: “From Cynicism to Vigilance: The Negative Contrast Experience and Ecotheology”

Presenter: **Robert (Bobby) Rivera**, St. John's University
Title: "Catholicity in an Age of Globalization: The Contribution of Edward Schillebeeckx"

Tribute: In memory of **Robert Schreiter**'s holy life and legacy

III.9 "‘Everything is Connected’: Dorothy Day, Flannery O'Connor, and Pope Francis on Work"—Selected Session

Convener: **Daniel Cosacchi**, Marywood University
Moderator: **Mark DeMott**, Fordham University, mdemott@fordham.edu

Presenter: **Daniel Cosacchi**, Marywood University
Paper Title: "Pope Francis, Dorothy Day, and Activism Today: An Unlikely Connection"

Presenter: **Brent Little**, Sacred Heart University
Paper Title: "The Subversion of Work: The Disruption of American Whiteness in O'Connor's 'The Displaced Person'"

Respondent: **Jennifer Reek**, Independent Scholar

III.10 Church/Ecumenism—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Colleen Mary Mallon, OP, Jakob Rinderknecht, Natalia Imperatori-Lee

Convener: **Colleen Mary Mallon, OP**, Independent Scholar, Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

Moderator: **Jakob Rinderknecht**, University of the Incarnate Word

Presenter: **Kathryn L. Reinhard**, Gwynedd Mercy University
Paper title: "The Work of Ecumenism: Rethinking Ecumenical Labor through Recognition"

Respondent: **Catherine Clifford**, St. Paul University, Ottawa

Respondent: **Kathryn Johnson**, Director for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

III.11 Black Catholic Theology—Consultation

Session theme: Erasure, Displacement, Labor, and Surplus in the New Gilded Age: Seeking Theologies of Life-Flourishing in the Black World.

Administrative Team: SimonMary Ahiokhai, Joseph Flipper, Kathleen Dorsey Bellow

Convener: **SimonMary Ahiokhai**, University of Portland

Moderator: **Joseph Flipper**, Bellarmine University

Presenter: **Camillus O. Njoku**, Loyola University, Chicago

Paper Title: “Anti-Black Race-Based Socio-Politics of Work and the Making of the Underclass: A Theologico-Decolonial Perspective”

Presenter: **Rufus Burnett, Jr.**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “Surplus, Decoloniality, and God Talk: A Decolonial Reflection on the Thought of Charles Long and James H. Cone”

Presenter: **Emmanuel Osigwe**, Duquesne University

Paper Title: “The Impact of Ecocracy and the Global Economy on the Black People: Reinventing a Theology of Resistance and Integral Human Develop.m.ent”

Saturday Afternoon, June 12, 2021

***Theological Studies* Editorial Consultation Event**

12:30–2:00 p.m.

Private event

CUERG Event

12:30–2:00 p.m.

CUERG, the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups, invites all members of the CTSA to participate in this event. The purpose of the event is twofold: first, to find ways to improve the CTSA experience for all members by increasing the participation and visibility of underrepresented constituencies at all levels of the CTSA; second, to encourage national and international networks with scholars of color regarding all matters pertaining to the profession. Please join us!

Concurrent Sessions

2:30–3:45 p.m.

IV.1 Creation/Eschatology—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Rhodora Beaton, Daniel Minch, Daniel Horan, OFM

Convener: **Rhodora Beaton**, Oblate School of Theology
 Moderator: **Daniel Minch**, University of Graz

Presenter: **Gunda Werner**, Karl-Franzens University Graz
 Paper Title: "*Laudato Si'*: Radical, but Anti-Modern Environmentalism? Comments on the Ambivalent Argumentation in *Laudato Si'* Regarding Creation and Ethical Stewardship"

Presenter: **Elizabeth Groppe**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: "To Keep Is Not To Till (Gen 2:15): Reimagining the Human Vocation to Labor in the Christian Exegetical Imagination"

Presenter: **Paul J. Schutz**, Santa Clara University
 Paper Title: "*Sentire Cum Terra*: Human Work, Co-Creation, and Ecological Responsibility"

IV.2 Catholic Social Thought—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Kate Ward, Patrick Flanagan, Jens Mueller

Convener: **Kate Ward**, Marquette University
 Moderator: **William George**, Dominican University

Presenter: **Levi Checketts**, Holy Names University and St Mary's College of California
 Paper Title: "The Harvest is Ready: Christian Work in a Post-Labor Society"

Presenter: **Barbara Hilkert Andolsen**, Fordham University
 Paper Title: "Unions for All, Justice for All"

Presenter: **Matthew Gaudet**, Santa Clara University
 Paper Title: "All *We* Who Labor: Catholic Social Thought and Working Conditions in Academic Theology"

IV.3 Aquinas—Consultation

Administrative Team: William C. Mattison III, Fr. Dominic Langevin, O.P., Daria Spezzano

Convener: **William C. Mattison III**, University of Notre Dame
 Moderator: **Daniel Finn**, College of Saint Benedict / St. John University

Presenter: **Mary Hirschfeld**, Villanova University
 Paper Title: "Usury: Is There Any Way to Bring Aquinas and Modern Economists into Conversation?"

Presenter: **Matthew Dugandzic**, St. Mary's Seminary & University
 Paper Title: "Usury and the Student Loan Crisis: Insights from Aquinas"

Presenter: **Elisabeth Rain Kincaid**, Nashotah House Theological Seminary
 Paper Title: "Usury and Professional Ethics: Is Virtue Possible in Finance?"

IV.4 Fundamental Theology/Method—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Christopher Hadley, SJ, Jeremy Wilkins, Mary Beth Yount

Convener: **Christopher Hadley, S.J.**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Moderator: **Eric A. Mabry**, St. Mary's Seminary and University

Presenter: **Ryan G. Duns, S.J.**, Marquette University
 Paper Title: "No Orthopathy without Orthoaesthesia: On the Necessity of Negative Effort"

Presenter: **Jonathan Heaps**, St. Edward's University
 Paper Title: "Theology is a Body-Working: Embodiment and Economies of Collaboration"

Presenter: **Ligita Rylíškytė, S.J.E.**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "The One Thing Needed in the Global Market"

IV.5 Laboring in the Church's Vineyard: Lay Ecclesial Ministers and Their Workplaces—Selected Session

Convener: **Maureen R. O'Brien**, Duquesne University
 Moderator: **Howard Ebert**, St. Norbert College

Presenter: **Mary Beth Yount**, Neumann University
 Paper Title: "Communion, Inclusivity, and Empowerment: Reaping the Harvest of Co-Workers in the Vineyard"

Presenter: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union
 Paper Title: "I'm Sick and Tired of being Sick and Tired": Consequences of Injustice for Lay Ministers working in Parishes

Presenter: **Maureen R. O'Brien**, Duquesne University
 Paper Title: Relational Theologies, Ministerial (De)Positioning, and Cross-Cultural Dimensions

IV.6 Theological Witness of Oscar Romero—Interest Group

Administrative Team: Todd Walatka, Michael Lee

Convener: **Todd Walatka**, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: **Michael Lee**, Fordham University

Panelists: **Rubén Rosario Rodríguez**, Saint Louis University

Todd Walatka, University of Notre Dame

Panel title: "Oscar Romero and Engaging Catholic Social Teaching Today"

Respondent: **O. Ernesto Valiente**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

IV.7 Christ—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Brianne Jacobs, Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, John Thiede

Convener: **Brianne Jacobs**, Emmanuel College

Moderator: **Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Presenter: **Julia Feder**, Creighton University

Paper Title: "Posttraumatic Recovery as the Work of Christian Discipleship: Jesus as a Model of Resistive Courage"

Presenter: **Eugene Schlesinger**, Santa Clara University

Paper Title: "'There is nothing hidden that will not be brought to light': Christ's Cross and the Discovery of Labor"

Respondent: **Megan McCabe**, Gonzaga University

IV.8 Anthropology—Topic Session

Administrative Team: Heather Dubois, Elizabeth Pyne

Convener: **Heather Dubois**, Stonehill College

Moderator: **Elizabeth Pyne**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Craig Sanders**, St. Louis University

Paper Title: "The Liberating Power of God's Rest in a Relentless Economy"

Presenter: **Janice Thompson**, King's College

Paper Title: “Likely to Become a Public Charge:” Immigration Policy and Theological Anthropology”

IV.9 Liturgy and Sacraments—Topic Session

Administrative Team: David Stosur, Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Kimberly Belcher

Session Title: Labor, Giving, and Thanksgiving: Biblical, Theological, and Liturgical Perspectives

Convener: **David A. Stosur**, Cardinal Stritch University

Moderator: **Xavier Montecel**, Boston College

Presenter: **Kristen Drahos**, Briar Cliff University

Paper Title: “Pass the Plate: The Joban Sacramentality of the Offertory”

Presenter: **Benjamin Durheim**, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University

Paper Title: “Labor and Liturgy: Virgil Michel and a Liturgical Theology of Meaningful Work”

Presenter: **Andrew Salzmann**, Benedictine College

Paper Title: “Liturgical Blessings of Agricultural Labor: A Critical History & Constructive Proposal”

IV.10 Comparative Theology – Topic Session

Administrative Team: P.J. Johnston, Peter Feldmeier, Reid B. Locklin

Convener: **P.J. Johnston**, St. Olaf College

Moderator: **Katie Mahowski Mylroie**, Boston College

Presenter: **Michael VanZandt Collins**, Boston College

Paper Title: “The Virtues of Renunciation? Rearticulating Sobriety as a Moral Virtue”

Presenter: **Anna Bonta Moreland**, Villanova University

Paper title: “Muhammad and the Prophetic Vocation”

Respondent: **SimonMary Ahiokhai**, University of Portland

IV.11 Vatican I 151 Years Later: Fresh Perspectives—Selected Session

Convener: **Kristin Colberg**, St. John's University/College of St. Benedict
 Moderator: **Amanda Osheim**, Loras College

Presenter: **John O'Malley, S.J.**, Georgetown University
 Paper Title: "The Limitations of Vatican I's Prophetic Mode"

Presenter: **Kristin Colberg**, St. John's University/College of St. Benedict
 Paper Title: "Vatican I 151 Years Later: Towards a Renewed Understanding of Primacy and Synodality"

Presenter: **William Portier**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: "New Receptions of *Pastor Aeternus*: From Chapter 4's Dead Letter of Infallibility to Chapter 3's Beginnings of Supranational Autonomy for the Church in a Voluntary Political Culture"

Saturday Evening, June 12, 2021

Liturgy of the Word & John Courtney Murray Announcement 4:30–5:30 p.m.

John Courtney Murray Award Reception 5:45–8:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning, June 13, 2021

Memorial Service 8:00–9:00 a.m.

**Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address
 And Appointment of the New President** 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Presiding: **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard Divinity School
 Vice-President, CTSA

Address: **María Pilar Aquino**, University of San Diego
 President, CTSA

"Theology Renewing Life: Prophetic Interventions and Enduring Commitments."

Conveners' Meeting 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

New conveners (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet with Christine Firer Hinze, CTSA President-Elect, Francis X.

Clooney, CTSA Vice President, and Kevin Brown, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2022 convention.

Sunday Afternoon, June 13, 2021

CTSA Board Meeting for New Board

1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Catholic Theological Society of America
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“Thinking Catholic Interreligiously”

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Link to Log into the Virtual Convention: <https://ctsa-online.org/Convention>

Login Information (Must be registered for the convention)

- CTSA Members: Member's email address and member #
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Software Used & Necessary Browser

- Zoom Meetings - Sessions, Meetings, Small Events

- Zoom Webinar - Plenary, Liturgy, and Memorial Service
- Gatherly - Exhibitor Hall, Receptions, Large Social Events

Browser Requirements: To fully participate in the virtual convention, you will need to utilize either **Chrome** or **Firefox** as your web browser, which is required to access the Gatherly events.

Note:

- Zoom and Gatherly will not require additional passwords to enter into a session or an event.
- Zoom will employ waiting rooms and attendees will be let into the room at the start time of the session or event.

Navigating Zoom and Gatherly

Zoom

- Click on the link provided by the CTSA.
- Click on “launch” or follow the instructions as prompted by Zoom.
- Once the host admits you into the meeting space:
 - Check to make sure your microphone is muted.
 - Microphone is located in the bottom left-hand corner of your screen.
 - When muted, the microphone icon will have a line slashed through it.
 - Keep your microphone on mute unless you are called upon to speak. To unmute your microphone, click once on the microphone. Once done speaking, please mute your microphone.
 - Your video camera should be on.
 - If you see yourself on the screen, then you are good to go.
 - If you are not centered on your PC’s screen, physically adjust your computer to center yourself in the screen window.
- Chat: You will only be able to “chat” with the moderator only. General chat will not be engaged.

Gatherly

- Requires either **Chrome** or **Firefox** as your windows browser
- Click on the link provided by the CTSA and you will arrive in a “spacial” room which imitates an in-person meeting experience, e.g. Exhibitor Hall.
- You will see:
 - the “**virtual room**” and within the room, you can identify yourself as the “diamond shape”. Other attendees will appear in the shape of squares.
 - **colored circles** which indicate a “huddle” of attendees who are chatting with one another (mimics Zoom experience).

- **Blue Circle** - The group you are in (if you joined a group discussion or are visiting with someone)
- **Green Circle** - Other groups who are engaged in discussion with whom you might like to join
- **Red Circle** - A group of attendees who have temporarily locked their discussion to prevent others from joining their group.
- **Group Privacy:** *When you are in a group, only those within your group can hear what you are discussing.*
 - **an elevator**, which—when you click on it—will let you access the other rooms.
 - **an exit sign**, click on this to exit Gatherly.
- Search for People - On the bottom right of your screen, you can see who is in the Gatherly spaces and what room they are in.
 - You have the ability to do a search for others here too.
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 - click within the room the location of where you would like to go and you will relocate.
 - approach another attendee or click on their square, you will be able to virtually see them (similar to a Zoom experience) and converse with this person
 - click on a green circle to join another group/huddle
Note: Groups/huddles are limited to 15 people

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2021

Citation from María Pilar Aquino, CTSA President:

The John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement

The theologian we honor this evening with the John Courtney Murray Award has a distinguished record of contributions to systematic and ecumenical theologies. As an expert in the influential theological movement *Nouvelle Théologie*, with a specialization in Henri de Lubac, *elle parle très bien le français et est également une experte dans cette langue romane*.

Our honoree is a thoroughly mid-Western person who was born in Washington, D.C, and raised in the Kansas City area. She has two twin brothers, two years younger, who prepared her to work in predominantly male environments for the rest of her life. She enjoys fishing and singing. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and French, then a master's in French, and moved into theology after ten years of teaching French in high school and college. Entering religious life with the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas, founded in 1858, our honoree embraced this community's Vincentian spirituality and charism. She has also spent many years working with Benedictines and Jesuits. With this array, one wonders, how many charisms can a person absorb in one lifetime?

Our award recipient has been recognized as a pioneer in the study of Henri de Lubac's theology in the U.S. Catholic theological community. Her doctoral dissertation at Marquette University in 1986 bears the title *The Church as the Social Embodiment of Grace in the Ecclesiology of Henri de Lubac*. Later in 1998, in her book titled *Spiritual Exegesis and the Church in the Theology of Henri de Lubac*, she demonstrated the unity of his approach by organically articulating spiritual exegesis, the Church, and Eucharist, in a treatment of the way the four senses of Scripture connect spiritual and historical realities. More recently, she published essays on "Henri de Lubac and the Church-World Relationship in *Gaudium et Spes*" and "Pope Francis and the Ecclesiology of Henri de Lubac." Her study of de Lubac has inspired the theological pursuits of a newer generation of Catholic theologians, as illustrated in the work of Joseph S. Flipper with his stellar book *Between Apocalypse and Eschaton: History and Eternity in Henri de Lubac*.

The Society member we honor today has made extensive contributions to various fields of theological inquiry, including ecclesiology, sacraments, liturgical theology, ecclesial ministry, ecumenism, and the theology of priesthood. Her book *Sacramental Orders* was translated and published in the Spanish language as *El Sacramento del Orden: Una Visión Teológica desde la Liturgia*. Her extraordinary scholarship includes six authored and edited books, and more than one hundred essays in academic, professional, encyclopedia, and pastoral publications. In addition to this, she has co-authored and co-edited official documents for the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Dialogue. Indeed, she is passionate about ecumenism, and has contributed abundantly both to its understanding through her scholarship, and its practice through her service.

Our eminent Society member has a breathtaking record of institutional and academic service. The list of service she has provided over decades is copious and impossible to condense. An illustrative sample includes appointments to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Baptist World Alliance, the International Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, and the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Likewise, her record of service to the profession and the academy simply excels: service to the CTSA Board and the presidential line, service as external program reviewer for Duquesne University, Graduate Theological Union, University of Notre Dame, and Saint Louis University, and work on innumerable university committees and in leadership positions at St. John's University, Marquette University, and currently at Regis College of the University of Toronto. She recalls with particular pleasure her service on the Committee on Illumination and Text of the Saint John's Bible project over the course of its production.

As we gather this evening to celebrate conferment of the Society's highest accolade, let us remember that from 1972 to 2019, thirty-nine male theologians have been recognized for their theological accomplishments, compared to only ten women theologians. This year, I am delighted that in recognizing our worthy colleague, we also contribute to rectifying this gender disparity.

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the Society, the academy, the church, and the wider community, the Catholic Theological Society of America is honored to present the John Courtney Murray Award for a lifetime of distinguished theological achievement, to Prof. Susan K. Wood, S.C.L.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

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SPECIAL MEETING

A special virtual Business Meeting took place on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 with the goals of voting on proposed amendments to the CTSA By-Laws and admission of new members and change of status from Associate to Active. The following are the minutes of that special meeting:

Presiding: María Pilar Aquino, President

Parliamentarian: William P. Loewe, The Catholic University of America

Purpose: The sole goals of this special Business Meeting were to vote on proposed amendments to the CTSA By-Laws and admission of new members and change of status from Associate to Active

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amendments: William P. Loewe, Chair
4. Report of the Committee on Admissions: Kevin Ahern, Chair
5. Adjournment

The Special Business Meeting began at 1:05 p.m. PDT.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino thanked all participants for joining the meeting and their support. She proceeded to explain the purpose of the meeting (see above).

1. Opening Prayer

Dr. María Pilar Aquino offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino offered a summary of the procedure to use during the meeting. She announced that the meeting is to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Approval of an item would be determined by simple majority. Dr. Aquino indicated that the CTSA Parliamentarian, Dr. William P. Loewe, would assist on any matters of clarification and order regarding procedure.

Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik offered basic instructions about using Zoom, especially the feature that allow participant to express that they have something to say.

3. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amendments: William P. Loewe, Chair

Dr. William P. Loewe, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amendments to the CTSA By-Laws on Electronic Procedures, explained the amendments. He thanked the other members of the committee Dr. Nancy A. Dallavalle, Dr. Robert V. Doyle, and Dr. Jakob K. Rinderknecht for their counsel.

Dr. Loewe explained that the Committee sent the amendments to the Board of Directors, which in turn approved them. Now they come to the Active membership from the Board of Directors. He explained that any amendments to the CTSA By-Laws always come from the Board of Directors.

Dr. Loewe commented that the discussion among the members of the committee reflected a generational divide. The older members of the committee suggested that the amendment should consider meeting electronically only in exceptional cases. The younger members suggested that we have the technology and it is more customary to meet electronically these days. This second position prevailed and it is reflected more clearly in the amendment to Article V.1 (i.e., Proposed Second Amendment 2), thus leaving the Board of Directors enough freedom to determine how they prefer to meet.

He proceeded to introduce separately each of the three amendments to be considered and voted upon by the Active members at the meeting:

Proposed Amendment 1: Article II, 1

The By-Laws read:

The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business semiannually at such place and time as they may choose. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or any three (3) Directors, provided the call gives fifteen (15) days notice and specifies the nature of the business to be brought up at such special meetings, together with the hour, day, and place thereof.

- Proposed amendment in blue:

The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business semiannually at such place and time as they may choose. [Meetings of the Board may be conducted by some appropriate technology.](#) Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or any three (3) Directors, provided the call gives fifteen (15) days notice and specifies the nature of the business to be brought up at such special meetings, together with the hour, day, and place thereof.

Proposed Amendment 2: Article V.1

The By-Laws read:

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are not consistent with Constitution or By-Laws of the Society.

- Proposed amendment in blue:

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are not consistent with Constitution or By-Laws of the Society. **When circumstances warrant, the Board is empowered to conduct electronically such business of the Society as it deems necessary. This business may include induction of new members, election of officers and Board members, and voting on resolutions.**

Proposed Amendment 3: article VI

The By-Laws read:

These By-Laws may be amended by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any business meeting, provided the proposed amendment was included in the call to the meeting, or was submitted at the previous annual meeting, or is recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

- Proposed Amendment reads, insertion of lines marked in blue:

These By-Laws may be amended by **a majority of the members present and voting at any in person or online business meeting, or voting period**, provided the proposed amendment was included in the call to the meeting, or was submitted at the previous annual meeting, or is recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

The Active members present at the meeting engaged in discussion about the texts and amendments presented:

In the discussion on the **Proposed Amendment 1**, it was noted that the wording "conducted by some appropriate technology" was too broad. It was proposed to add make a friendly amendment: "conducted by some appropriate **communications** technology." Dr. Loewe explained that friendly amendments to a proposal are to be approved by the proposers, in this case the Board of Directors. The majority of Board members at the meeting expressed their approval of this friendly amendment.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino asked all Active members whether there were any objections to moving forward with the amendment as revised: votes cast: 86; no objection: 84; objecting: 2.

Dr. Aquino called for a vote to approve Amendment 1 as revised. Votes cast: 93; yes: 93; No: 0. The amendment passed.

In the discussion about the **Proposed Amendment 2**, it was observed that some of the wording, as existing in the By-Laws at the time of the meeting, sounded awkward: "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are not consistent with Constitution or By-Laws of the Society." It was proposed that the language be the following: "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases **in which** they are not **inconsistent** with

the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society.” The majority of Board members at the meeting expressed their approval of this friendly amendment.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino asked all Active members whether there were any objections to moving forward with the amendment as revised: votes cast: 93; no objection: 92; objecting: 1.

Dr. Aquino called for a vote to approve Amendment 1 as revised. Votes cast: 93; yes: 92; No: 1. The amendment passed.

In the discussion about the **Proposed Amendment 3**, it was asked what was the meaning of “voting period.” Dr. Loewe explained that these words were added by the Board and did not come from the committee. The words mean that the Board can designate a period of time between to specific dates for Active members to cast their vote on a particular proposal. It was observed that in the past, Active members expressed preference for all voting to happen at actual meetings. Adding the words “voting period” seems to open the door for voting practices that do not require meeting in person or electronically. Considering the importance of the procedure, it was noted that it is preferable to vote on By-Laws amendments at meetings where the members are gathered. Consequently, a friendly amendment to delete the words “or voting period” was made. The amendment now reads: “These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any in person or online business meeting, provided the proposed amendment was included in the call to the meeting, or was submitted at the previous annual meeting, or is recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.” The majority of Board members at the meeting expressed their approval of this friendly amendment.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino asked all Active members whether there were any objections to moving forward with the amendment as revised: votes cast: 93; no objection: 90; objecting: 2; abstain: 1.

Dr. Aquino called for a vote to approve Amendment 1 as revised. Votes cast: 93; yes: 92; No: 1. The amendment passed.

The three By-Laws texts finally approved are the following:

Article II, 1: The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business semiannually at such place and time as they may choose. Meetings of the Board may be conducted by some appropriate communications technology. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or any three (3) Directors, provided the call gives fifteen (15) days notice and specifies the nature of the business to be brought up at such special meetings, together with the hour, day, and place thereof.

Article V.1: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society. When circumstances warrant, the Board is empowered to conduct electronically such business of the Society as it deems necessary. This business may include induction of new members, election of officers and Board members, and voting on resolutions.

Article VI: These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any in person or online business meeting, provided the proposed amendment was included in the call to the meeting, or was submitted at the previous annual meeting, or is recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

4. Report of the Committee on Admissions: Kevin Ahern, Chair

Dr. Kevin Ahearn, Chair of the Admissions Committee, provided a brief overview of the process that the committee followed to vet and recommend to the Society 28 applicants for Active membership and 14 applicants to Associate membership. The members of the committee are Dr. Ahearn, Dr. Rachel Bundang, Dr. Laurie Johnston, Dr. Darren J. Dias, and Dr. Hosffman Ospino (ex-officio). CTSA members had access to the names of all applicants and supporting information in the weeks prior to the meeting. See the names at the end of these minutes.

Dr. María Pilar Aquino asked whether there were any objections to receive the report from the Admissions Committee. Votes: 92; no objection: 91; objecting: 1.

Dr. Aquino then asked the Active members to vote to accept the candidates for Active and Associate membership to the CTSA as presented by the Admissions Committee. Votes: 92; no objection: 92; objecting: 0. Dr. Aquino welcomed all the new members in their respective categories. For the names of new Active and Associate members accepted this year, see the appendices that accompany the Proceedings.

5. Adjournment

Dr. María Pilar Aquino expressed her gratitude to the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amendments to the CTSA By-Laws on Electronic Procedures, the members of the Admissions Committee, Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik for her excellent work and particularly for coordinating the logistics associated with the meeting, and all attending the meeting. She invited all participants to the upcoming June 2021 Convention. Dr. María Pilar Aquino called the meeting to a close at 1:48 p.m. PDT.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

During the convention, María Pilar Aquino led the regular Business Meeting (online) on Friday, June 11, 2021, which she called to order at 4:02 p.m. PDT. William P. Loewe served as parliamentarian.

Report of the Nominations Committee

After a process of receiving, vetting, and discerning nominations from the general membership, the members of the Nominations Committee, Peter Phan (Chair), Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, and Susan K. Wood submitted the names of candidates recommended to stand for election to serve on the Board. These names had been identified in 2020, yet because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the election was postpone one year. The Nominations Committee confirmed that the candidates would still stand for election in 2021. CTSA President, María Pular Aquino, read the names proposed by the committee:

The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follow:

For Vice-President: Kristin Heyer
Michele Saracino

For board members: Cristina Astorga
Daren Dias
Lisa Fullum
Ed Hannenberg

There were no nominations from the floor.

Voting Procedure: CTSA President, María Pilar Aquino, reminded that membership that the voting process would be electronic. [Secretary's note: Electronic voting was approved by the Active members of the organization present at a Special Business Meeting on May 12, 2021 at which Article V, numeral 1 of the By-Laws was amended].

Kristin Heyer was elected as Vice-President. Cristina Astorga and Ed Hannenberg were elected as Board Members. Hosffman Ospino (Secretary) was reelected by acclamation for another one-year term. Patrick Flanagan, C.M. was elected as the new Treasurer for a one-year term.

Christine Firer Hinze assumes the Presidency for the year 2021-2022. Francis X. Clooney, S.J. becomes President-Elect. The rest of the Board of Directors are María Pilar Aquino as Past President, and Meghan J. Clark and Timothy Matovina as board members.

The President thanked Michele Saracino, Daren Dias and Lisa Fullum for their generosity to stand for election.

Report of the President

The following is the report presented by CTSA President, María Pilar Aquino:

1. Donations to the Convention:

Thanks to the following institutions for their generous donations to help support the convention:

The Center for Catholic Studies, Fairfield University
Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
Office of the Provost, Fordham University
College of Arts and Sciences, University of San Diego
Prof. Mari Carmen Servitje Montull
Office of the Provost and Dean of Faculties of Boston College
Office of the Dean, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Catholic Theological Union

2. CTSA Special Business Meeting

Called by the Board of Directors and notified by the CTSA Secretary, Hosffman Ospino, active members of the Society met for a Special Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. This is the first time ever that the CTSA has met for a

special business meeting, outside of its regular business meeting during the annual convention. The sole purpose of this meeting was “to vote on proposed amendments to the CTSA By-Laws and admission of new members and change of status from Associate to Active.” The members present and voting approved amendments of the CTSA By-Laws in Article II.1, Article V.I, and Article VI. The members also admitted to the Society 28 active members and 14 associate members. Thanks to the efficient work of our Executive Director, the amended By-Laws are now available at the CTSA website.

3. CTSA and USCCB Committee on Doctrine

The USCCB Committee on Doctrine convened a meeting with Representatives of Catholic scholarly societies on March 11, 2021. The three members who graciously accepted to Represent the CTSA are President-Elect Christine Firer Hinze of Fordham University, Jame Schaefer of Marquette University, and Daniel P. Scheid of Duquesne University. The Report of the President Elect, Christine Firer Hinze provides more important information about this meeting.

4. Words of Gratitude

Thanks to Society members. This Board, the Executive Office, and Committee Members deserve special recognition this year for service provided beyond their regular term. But first, gratitude is due to Society members, you all who have given us plenty of support and encouragement in the past two years as we have walked together through the most difficult times that the Society has ever experienced so far. The generosity of Society members is truly admirable. Our incoming President Christine Firer Hinze once mentioned to me that “we have not landed in these positions during easy times!” She is so right. But were able to complete our terms of service thanks to you, the members of a kind, bright, and supportive theological Society.

Special thanks to the many members who contributed to move forward the mission of the Society during difficult pandemic times, including members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amendments to the CTSA By-Laws on Electronic Procedures, the Ad Hoc Board Committee on Virtual Events, the Task Force on Economic Context, Business Model, and Financial Plan, the Presidential Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church, the CTSA Representatives to the USCCB biennial meeting, our stellar Program Organization Assistant, Elyse Raby, the Coordinators for CTSA Relations with the U.S. and Canadian Bishops, the Editor of the *Proceedings*, our photographer Paul J. Schutz, the Representatives to INSeCT and the WFTL, our Parliamentarian, the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups, the Committees on Finance and Scholarships, and the various gifted members of our standing committees, such as Resolutions, Nominations, Admissions, and the Awards Committee. Truly, the life of the Society has been sustained by the generosity and collective labors of its members.

Plenty of gratitude is owed to our stellar Liturgist Tony Alonso. He was invited by Past President Paul Lakeland to serve as CTSA Liturgical Liaison. For me, it has been a blessing to work with him. Tony brought grace and joy to our liturgical celebrations and strengthened our sense of community with his inspiring music, liturgical texts, and his sense of festive prayer. As a recognized composer of sacred music, Tony was honored this past year with a Latin Grammy Award nomination for his wonderful

album "Caminemos con Jesús." He has been magnificent in all things liturgical in service to the Society.

Thanks to those leaving the Board. Thanks to Kevin Burke and Julie Rubio for their excellent insight and contributions to the work of the Board in the past three years. Special thanks to John Dadosky for his outstanding service to the Society in the past five years. John's work as Treasurer has been thorough and efficient, and thanks in large part to his expertise on accounting and investments the Society's finances are currently in a very strong position. Congratulations to him on his new appointment as Director of the recently established "Msgr. John Mary Fraser Centre for Practical Theology" at Regis College. No words would be sufficient to thank Past President Paul Lakeland for serving the Society with excellence for five years, with his additional year of service to the regular four-year term in the presidential line. His brilliant counsel, wise leadership, and abundant magnanimity, along with his graceful presence and superb sense of humor served splendidly the Board and the Society. Thanks to him for his leadership during his tenure, and especially for his work on the issue of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. My personal gratitude and admiration are with him. Thank you, Paul.

Thanks to those who continue service. Gratitude is also owed to Board members Meghan Clark, Tim Matovina, and Hosffman Ospino for all their generous assistance during the past two years. Special thanks to our stellar Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik. A few weeks ago, the Chair of CUERG, Cristina Lledo Gómez said that Mary Jane is a "stabilizing and supportive pillar in our CTSA community." I could not agree with her more. Plenty of thanks to Mary Jane for her consistent efficiency, foresight, knowledge, and counsel. And finally, we are all privileged by having Christine Firer Hinze and Frank Clooney as members who continue leadership service in the presidential line. Wholehearted gratitude to them for their keen support, inspiration, courage, graciousness, wisdom, and dedication in moving forward the mission of the Society. During the anxiety of pandemic times, together with Paul, they have been my anchor and my shelter. I am personally indebted to them. Thank you.

Report of the President-Elect

CTSA Vice-President, Christine Firer Hinze presented the following report:

Good day to everyone, and thank you so much for being here today. In the Catholic liturgical calendar today, Friday June 11 is the solemn feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Reflecting on this while witnessing our long-awaited 75th anniversary convention unfold—in particular the two spectacular plenaries we have thus far shared --I am reminded that our mission as a learned society is by no means an abstractly intellectual one: the vocation of theology is matter of our minds *and* our hearts, *and* our fleshy bodies in their relational and physical historical locations. At its best, our practice of theology honors the meaning of today's feast, by honoring the inseparability truth and love, of our devotion to what is true, and the passionate, unstinting love of God all God's people, especially those most vulnerable, suffering or in need.

And if our quest for truth is indeed inseparable from love for those Jesus loves, in particular the poor, marginalized and vulnerable, we must, each year as the CTSA, rededicate ourselves to 'doing something' as Shawn Copeland urged us earlier today, to further our commitments. Our very devotion to the Gospel, and to the quest for

theological wisdom and learning makes us accountable, year after year, for seeking out ways to listen to the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of God's people wherever they are, and in light of that listening, new ways to put our, specific gifts as thinkers, teachers and learners in the service of our, specific, sisters and brothers in our specific circumstances and communities. And if we're going to do this, to allude the beautiful words of this year's Ann O'Hara Graff Award winner, Susan Abraham, we must seek, not safe spaces, but brave spaces, where pain can be metabolized, and the Spirit can work.

In light of the realities of this time and our context, the CTSA's elected leadership this week has approved several proposals that, we hope, will help us in the Society continue to ply these responsibilities.

First, Racial Injustice:

Our June, 2020 Board statement ended by committing ourselves, as theologians and teachers, and as a Society, to three specific tasks.

- A deeper engagement in our scholarship and teaching with the theological contributions coming from communities directly impacted by racialized violence, especially from Black, Womanist, Feminist, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian thinkers.
- A respectful listening to the insights from advocates for racial justice from afflicted communities who have been too often ignored and underappreciated in formal theological scholarship.
- A commitment to mentoring the voices of future theological leaders from disadvantaged and underrepresented communities, so that the face of Catholic theological engagement better reflects the present diversity of the faith community

To move us forward on these commitments, the Board has charged *The members of the presidential line (Vice-President, President-Elect, President and Past President), the Board liaisons to CUERG, and the leadership of CUERG will continue the conversation about further steps to be taken to advance the three commitments articulated in the June 2020 statement; and for building a process of ongoing attention to and evaluation of the work being done in this area by the Society and its members. A report will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting.*

Second, Presidential Commission on Clergy Sex Abuse:

The Board approved a proposal for moving forward the work of the 2018 Presidential Commission on Clergy Sex Abuse. With special thanks to Past President Paul Lakeland, Commission Board Liaison Julie Rubio, and Brad Hinze and all the members of that commission, the CTSA establishes a new Consultation on Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

Accompanying practical instructions:

- The Consultation is to begin with the 2022 CTSA Convention.
- It will be established for four years. The Board of Directors will evaluate it in the fourth year (i.e., October meeting 2026) to determine next steps.
- The President will work with the President-Elect on the logistics to integrate this new consultation into the annual convention program, and will report on such logistics to the Board at the October 2021 meeting.

Third, following up on Virtual Events Pilot Program(s):

In 2020, Meghan Clark, Julie Hanlon Rubio and I were charged by President Aquino as a small subcommittee to propose ways that the CTSA could use virtual communications (e.g. zoom webinars) to offer selected opportunities for members to engage with one another in scholarly and collegial reflection and conversation on matters of pressing theological importance in the months prior to the 2021 convention.

This resulted in a two-event pilot, "Teaching and Doing Theology in Real Time," With the indispensable contributions of Mary Jane Ponyik, and CTSA members including Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Craig Ford, Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Jon Nilson the first event, held November 10th, 2020, focused on our theological work amidst and in light of our racial context and signs of the times.

The second, held March 18, 2021, originally was slated to focus on doing theology amidst and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, (reflective of the flexibility this type of program can afford), following the events in the U.S. Capitol that took place on January 6, 2021, the focus of the second event shifted to looking at the implications and repercussions of the events of 1/6/2021 for our work as theologians, and featured Stan Chu Ilo, Bryan Hehir, Anna Flerky Sheid, Leo Guardado and Kathy Caveny. Each event drew approximately 100 participants.

The Board renewed the Virtual Events Subcommittee for the coming year, to a) review 2020-2021 "Real Time" pilot program, in light of its stated objectives and including by soliciting feedback from members who attend a plan for further experimenting with CTSA-sponsored virtual events in 2021-2022.

Finally, some brief words of thanks concerning our June, 2021 CTSA Convention:

In a way, we could call our gathering today a Tale of Three Cities and Beyond. After having to switch the 2020 convention site from Cleveland to Baltimore, then cancel Baltimore due to the pandemic, the board made the further the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel our original plans to meet in in person in Portland, Oregon in 2021. It's hard to overestimate how much adaptability and resilience this has required from many people. In this regard I want to publicly thank Ed Hahnenberg and his JCU colleagues; Dan Castillo and Lorene Mosley in Baltimore, and David Turnbloom in Portland – all of whom generously volunteered to serve as Local Arrangements Committees, only then to be told, thanks anyway. We eagerly look forward to our return to in-person meetings in 2022 in Atlanta and to our next opportunity to meet in Portland, Baltimore, or Cleveland.

Beginning at least one year ago, an enormous amount of work was undertaken, in particular by our Executive Director Mary Jane, along with our President, Pilar, to put together a refashioned, robust, user-friendly program and virtual platform that would capture some of the best of our traditional in-person gatherings, to create a truly memorable 75th convention. Thanks to their indefatigable work, though there are many things we miss this year, there are also many special elements we've been given to enjoy at this "one of a kind" meeting.

In particular, thanks to the generous initiative of Charlie Curran, in collaboration with Paulist Press and the CTSA board, we have all received a copy of Charlie Curran's newest book, *The Catholic Theological Society of America: A Story of 75 Years*. His perspective in this volume is particularly meaningful insofar as Charlie has been a CTSA member for over three-quarters of the Society's 75-year existence. The

appearance of this volume is a special anniversary gift, indeed, and I am grateful to Charlie Curran for sharing it with us.

For their incredible contributions in helping the Society navigate ourselves to this moment, together, across this painful and challenging year plus, I must extend heartfelt thanks first, to our President, María Pilar Aquino, and Executive Director, Mary Jane Ponyik, for your stellar work, your collaborative initiatives, your creativity, resilience, and fortitude. I also want to thank Past President Paul Lakeland, Vice President Frank Clooney, SJ, each of our officers and board members; and Elyse Raby, our convention graduate assistant, for so many invaluable contributions--over the course of an unprecedented, extended year of service in all of these roles-- to keeping us oriented and moving the work of the Society forward. I also am so grateful to those of you who have led administrative teams, conveners, moderators, and session participants, and all of you who have overcome zoom exhaustion to gather for this unique, 75th convention. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Report of the Vice-President

Francis X. Clooney, SJ (CTSA Vice-President, 2019-2021 and President-Elect, 2021-2022) reported that there were no resolutions submitted this year to the Resolutions Committee, but as ex officio chair of the committee, Frank thanked the committee members, Kathleen (Katie) Grimes and Marcus Mescher.

Frank also noted the successful Mentorship event held on June 10, where senior members of the Society met with new members. The primary purpose of these annual events is to welcome the new members to the Society, while also addressing a pertinent theme, this year “How to Publish.” The event was enhanced by the presence of three editors among the senior members.

Looking to the future and his work during 2021-22 as President-Elect, Frank noted that initial plans for the 2022 convention in Atlanta are beginning to fall nicely into place, in accord with the convention theme, “Thinking Catholic Interreligiously,” amply described in the announcement available online. He thanked Mary Priniski, OP (Candler School, Emory; Executive Director, Aquinas Institute) and Callie Tabor (doctoral student, Emory) for becoming the core members of the Local Arrangements Committee, and Antonio Alonso for agreeing to remain our Liturgical Coordinator for another year. He also introduced Dorie (Dorothy) Goehring, the new program organization assistant. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, former staff member at Harvard’s Center for the Study of World Religions, and current doctoral student at Boston College.

Regarding the convention theme, Frank expressed his gratitude to the invited plenary speakers and respondents: Catherine Cornille (Boston College), with respondent Norbert Litoing, SJ (PhD Cand., Harvard University); Amir Hussain (Loyola Marymount University), with respondent Axel Oaks Takacs (Seton Hall University); and Mara Brecht (Loyola University of Chicago), Reid Locklin (St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto), and Stephanie Wong (Valparaiso University), who will engage in an intergenerational conversation on the theme.

In the context of the 75th anniversary celebration this year, Frank added that this 2022 theme seeks a further widening of our catholicity to be open to traditions that have in the past been called merely “non-Christian” faith traditions, voices often been

ignored, demonized, or seen merely as foils to superior Christian beliefs and practices. It is an effort to welcome into the CTSA conversation different histories, practices, and worldviews, that we might work with those women and men of religions small and large, old and new, amid the challenges facing us all today. Frank looks forward to working with the CTSA members in bringing the convention's interreligious and comparative theological theme to life in topic, selected, and invited sessions. He closed by mentioning his openness to suggestions on how to make more vivid the interreligious dimension of the convention, perhaps by inviting for a special Friday evening session learned representatives of local faith communities, or by having available guided Zen or Yoga on convention mornings.

Report of the Secretary

CTSA Secretary, Hosffman Ospino, began his report indicating that it had been an honor to serve during the last two years in the midst of the pandemic, considering the difficulties. He thanked María Pilar Aquino for her leadership, the members of the presidential line, all board members and, in particular, the CTSA Executive Director, Mary Jane Ponyik for their incredible work and support.

After communicating throughout the year with applicants, Hosffman met in May 2021 with the members of the Admissions Committee -- Kevin Ahern, Laurie Johnston, Darren J. Dias and Rachel Bundang -- to review all applications to membership, then recommend the new members or members requesting change of status to the Active membership. The acceptance of new members took place at a Special Business Meeting on May 12, 2021 via Zoom.

The Admissions Committee, as a follow up of previous conversations, recommends that the Board of Directors considers a conversation about revisiting membership categories. A growing number of applicants have interdisciplinary trajectories that do not fit neatly into the traditional membership categories that the Society has.

Hosffman had the privilege of serving on the Search Committee for the new CTSA Treasurer. He provided support to the leaders of various committees, some of which had completed their work for last year. During the past year, Hosffman was tasked by the board to develop two documents that will serve an important role in helping the Board of Directors to streamline processes and relationships with the CTSA membership: "Public Statements Protocol" and "Relationship between the CTSA Board of Directors and its Committees." The documents were formally received by the Board on June 3, 2021. Hosffman currently serves as a Board of Directors liaison to CUERG, along with Frank Clooney, S.J. He concluded his report indicated that applications to membership are down, mostly due to the conditions created by the pandemic during the previous months. He invited all present to encourage colleagues and doctoral students to consider membership in the Society.

Report of the Treasurer

John Dadosky indicated that this is his last report as Treasurer. He thanked María Pilar Aquino for her leadership as president during trying times. He also thanked Susan Wood, who five years earlier nominated him for this position to serve the CTSA. The Society is in a strong financial position. John and Mary Jane agreed that, despite how

well the stock market has done, it would be wise not to make withdraws from the returns on the investments. This proved to be a good decision. As of June 11, 2021 the CTSA has close of \$800,000 in investments. This is about \$225,000 above the amount that the organization had in investments five years ago when he became Treasurer. He echoed Hosffman's invitation to increase the membership.

The audited statements and investment balances are available on the CTSA Only Members portal. Those same documents will be in the proceedings.

John is pleased to know that Patrick Flanagan, C.M. was nominated and elected as incoming Treasurer. He is very knowledgeable. John remains open to assist during the transition.

Report of the Executive Director

Good evening and happy 75th! On behalf of the Board and myself, I thank each one of you for your past, present, and future contributions and support of the CTSA. What an amazing group of theologians you are.

This year we have 462 registered attendees. In this number, I include our 13 student volunteers from Boston College, John Carroll University, Oblate School of Theology, Fordham University and the University of Notre Dame. I offer my gratitude to these volunteers and especially to Elyse Raby, Boston College, for her time and contributions to the planning and executive of the convention.

Twelve publishers are represented this year. Please take a moment to stop by their booth during a coffee break or attend tonight's publisher's reception. I know they are excited to see you. If you are unable to stop by to see them, the virtual platform's home page provides direct links to their convention publication highlights and discounts.

Next year, the CTSA is scheduled to meet in Atlanta, GA at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel on June 9 -12. The room rate is \$165++. The CTSA contracted with the Sheraton Atlanta in 2017 and, at this time, the plan is to meet in person. The cost to host a hybrid convention is exorbitant and it is difficult to ensure all participants—those present and those online—feel connected and enriched by the experience. And, I suspect, if you are like me, you long to see one another in person once again.

Now for al gentle reminder... if you have moved or now are affiliated with a new institution, please take a moment to log into the CTSA website and update your profile. If you are not sure how to do this, please email me and I will assist you with the process or update your profile for you. In addition, within your profile you have the ability to better inform the CTSA of the Society's demographics in the areas related to ecclesial status, religious affiliation, ethnicity, gender, and retirement. At your first convenience, please do take a moment to review your profile.

In closing, I offer my appreciation for each one of you. Your emails and notes of encouragement always uplift me and make my day. In 2011, ten years ago, Dee Christie coordinated her last convention and handed over the reins to me as I began to plan my first convention. Dee was an amazing executive director to the Society and her shoes have been difficult to fill. To this day, when needed—she continues to serve the Society as a sounding board and as a support for me. I treasure her advice and, more importantly, her friendship. Thank you, Dee! And, a huge thank you to each of you for all you do on a personal and professional level for me and the Society. The

Society belongs to you! It is your dedication, support and theological contributions that we celebrate this weekend as we look “Back, Around, and Forward.”

Report of CUERG

Cristina Lledo Gomez presented the Report from CUERG. CUERG was instrumental in encouraging the CTSA Board of Directors to write the Anti-racial Violence Statement published in 2020 in response to instances of violence against Black people in the United States. The statement was reissued this year at the rise of anti-Asian violence.

A survey was administered among the CTSA membership to learn about attitudes related to anti-racism. Of the 1,204 members of the Society, only 46 members responded (about 4%). Most of the respondents were white, Caucasian (30 of the 46 respondents). The second largest group of members responding was from the African and African-American communities. Not all views shared agree on questions related to race. There was a generalized sense that we could do more to address these questions as a society. Many responses were encouraging, serving as an invitation to develop practices to be more racially just within the Society. A conversation with the incoming president, Christine Firer Hinze, will take place to make the results of the survey available to the entire membership. CUERG leaders are still reflecting about the responses received.

Funding was allocated by the Board of Directors to support CTSA unwaged and student members who are members of CUERG henceforward to attend the annual Convention. Cristina reminded the membership that there is already a list of resources for theological reflection produced by underrepresented communities. Some of those resources are on the CUERG page on the CTSA website. Perhaps the link needs to be more visible. The Board of Directors assigned two liaisons from the Board to work more closely with CUERG. Cristina expressed her gratitude for this collaboration.

CUERG will hold a special presentation on Saturday, June 12 during the Convention to reflect on the importance of acknowledgement of or welcome to country. The guest speaker is Melinda Jolly, a Dharawal/Tharawal Aboriginal Australian leader. The event is open to all Convention participants.

Cristina thanked the other members of CUERG's leadership team, Melissa Pagán and Joseph S. Flipper. Cristina's leadership term ends this year and Stephanie Wong will be the next Asian/Asian American leader on the leadership team.

Report of the INSeCT Delegate

Ramón Luzárraga presented the report about INSeCT. During the last months since its online global meeting, INSeCT has been working on revamping its website, changing its place of legal incorporation from Germany to the United States to better receive and manage its grants, and thus increase opportunities for fundraising. Incorporation will be in the state of Washington since Ramón lives there. INSeCT is working with Porticus to procure a grant that will enhance its work as a networking agent for member theological societies. I continue to update INSeCT on CTSA activities as they develop.

Report of the Delegates to the World Forum on Theologies and Liberation (WFTL)

Rufus Burnett, Jr and Jaisy Joseph presented the report about the WFTL. This year the World Forum on Theologies and Liberation (WFTL) meet virtually in conjunction with the World Social Forum (WSF). The events WSF took place from January 23rd to January 30th. Originally organized in 2001 in Porto Alegre, Brazil, the WSF aims to provide an alternative to the World Economic Forum which was primarily focused on celebrating and leveraging the globalization of neoliberalism. This year marked the 20th year anniversary of the World Social Forum. The WSF was focused on around eight thematic spaces and four cross cutting themes. The thematic spaces included: Climate, Ecology, and Environment; Democracy; War and Peace; Social Justice; Economic Justice; Education, Culture and Communication; Feminisms Society and Diversity; and Indigenous peoples. Cross-cutting themes included: Anti-racism; Pandemic; Gender and Feminisms, and The Future of the Forum.

The WFTL contributed five major panels to the WSF focused on pluralistic spirituality, lay youth movements, the legacy and current challenges to liberation theology, global perspectives on violence against women and LGBTQIA peoples, and the COVID-19 pandemic. CTSA members were encouraged to visit the WFTL website for more information on these conversations: <https://fntlofficio.org/fms-virtual-2021-atividades-augestionadas/>.

In term of benefits associated with engagement with the WFTL, it was observed that collectively the panels organized for this year's WFTL conference offer promise in that they frame the ways in which a relationship with the WFTL can enrich the CTSA's mission to be "attentive to contemporary problems faced by the church and world." Within the panels there was a rich attentiveness to indigenous knowledges, and critical assessments of the legacies of Eurocentrism, colonialism, gender oppressions, and hegemonic racialization. While the CTSA regularly dedicates sessions and interest groups to similar topics, there is an increased possibility for closer engagement with the life-worlds and life-ways of the planet. As Peter Phan has indicated, such an engagement can aid how Catholicity is understood interculturally as well as interreligiously.

Contact with the World Social Forum also lends itself to the CTSA mission of "attentiveness to contemporary problems" in that it offers an opportunity to rethink ecclesial concerns beyond the ecclesial setting. In these panels we can see, similar to movements in North America, that social movements, led by the youth, are clarifying new instantiations of systemic evil and oppression. These movements can help ensure that theological reflection in the North is increasingly delinking itself from what decolonial theorist Walter Mignolo refers to as "designing the globe." Theological thinkers who primarily reside in the North need a captive space such that their norms, perspectives, and biases can be rigorously challenged by the spirit of liberation that blows where it will. Patient listening and thinking through the perspectives gathered at the WSF and the WFTL ensure that Northern based theological reflections are open to the revelations of other possible worlds. Through patient listening the WFTL is primed to produce a space for intercultural notions of theological reflection to thrive. Such a space can provide substantive and sustainable alternatives to the incipient coloniality that churns on the underside of modernity. As early liberation theologians contended, the irruption of the poor in history is not simply about the processes by which the

suffering of impoverished peoples becomes visible. The irruption of the poor is also the emergence of the dynamic ways in which the poor name, confront, and provide alternatives to the systems that impoverish. We are confident that the relationship between the CTSA and the WFTL can give greater theological significance to the hope of another possible world.

Presentation of the LaCugna Award

Edward P. Hahnenberg read the citation for the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award.

I would like to begin by thanking the other members of the committee, Neomi De Anda and Chris Pramuk, for their work in selecting this year's winner. I'd also like to thank Mary Jane Ponyik for her indispensable assistance. And, finally, thanks to all those members who submitted essays for consideration. The range of research, the strength of argument, and the depth of insight that we saw in these submissions is a real testimony to the vitality of the society.

The LaCugna Award committee received 27 essay submissions from eligible members before the January 31, 2020 deadline. Committee members read the essays, discussed the finalists, and notified the winner—who has been very patient in waiting an extra year to receive the award. So I am delighted finally to announce that the 2020-21 Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars goes to Cristina Lledo Gomez for her essay “Mother Language, Mother Church, Mother Earth.”

Gomez's essay amplifies the voices of indigenous women to call for a complex notion of mothering that offers “insight into how the world can heal from a type of Christianity which has at its foundations patriarchy, patronism, power-mongering, and a colonizing-consumerist mentality.” Drawing on infantile attachment theory, the essay begins with a trenchant critique of the idealized mother presented in church teaching—a projection of celibate men who see Mother Church always from the perspective of a child. The argument then turns to post-colonial discourses and the ecological wisdom of native peoples to reclaim the language of “mother” for an Earth in dire need of healing, reconciliation, and transformation. Congratulations, Cristina.

Action to Receive the Reports

All reports were received by acclamation.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

María Pilar Aquino thanked all for participating in the meeting. There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. PDT.

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