

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-sixth Annual Convention June 9-12, 2022, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA. This was the first convention in person since 2019 as the United States, and the rest of the world, continue to recover from the effects and disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme of the convention was "Thinking Catholic Interreligiously." Registration for the convention was done electronically in the months leading to the meeting. The Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology met on Thursday, June 9, at 3:00-5:30 p.m. EST. The 2022 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented posthumously to Dr. Francine J. Cardman, Associate Professor of Historical Theology & Church History, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. The Opening Session was led on Thursday, June 9, by CTSA President Christine Firer Hinze, starting with a Land Acknowledgement Statement. Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, gave a word of welcome to all convention participants on behalf of the Archbishop of Atlanta, the Most Reverend Gregory John Hartmayer, O.F.M., Conv., who for scheduling reasons could not be present that evening. Fr. Ott led those attending in prayer. President Christine Firer Hinze introduced the first plenary speaker, Dr. Amir Hussain from Loyola Marymount University. The evening concluded with a reception. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the support provided by the following institutions: Fordham University, Georgetown University, Harvard School of Divinity, Harvard University, and Loyola Marymount University.

On Friday, June 10, the day began with a Memorial Service to remember and honor CTSA members who died within the last year. The service was followed by the second plenary session, delivered by Dr. Catherine Cornille from Boston College. After a day of sessions and conversations, the business meeting was held later on Friday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Active members present at the business meeting welcomed the new Active and Associated members presented to them by the Admissions Committee. The president's reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting. An additional reception was also sponsored by Boston College, Liturgical Press, and Paulist Press. At 8:00 p.m. EST, a special session called "At the Intersection of Race and Our Many Religions" was held, bringing together leaders from various religious traditions in conversation.

After morning prayer on Saturday, June 11, the third plenary session took the form of a panel under the title "Comparative Theology: Present Experience, Remembered Pasts, Imagined Futures," presided by Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J. The conversation was followed by sessions and conversations throughout the day. At 6:00 p.m. EST, convention participants gathered at The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Atlanta, GA to celebrate the Eucharist. Rev. Bryan Massingale presided at the liturgical celebration and President Christine Firer Hinze offered the reflection. After the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held back at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Christine Firer Hinze read the citation and presented the John Courtney Murray Award to Dr. Daniel K. Finn.

On Sunday, June 12, after morning prayer, Dr. Christine Firer Hinze delivered her Presidential Address. After this, she formally concluded her term as CTSA President and introduced the new President, Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

Antonio E. Alonso, from Emory University, served as the Liturgical Aide. During the convention several 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 (EST)	Event
Thursday, June 9, 2022	
9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	CTSA Board Meeting
1:00–4:30 p.m. and 6:00–7:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00–5:00 p.m.	<i>Theological Studies</i> Board Meeting
1:00–7:00 p.m.	Exhibits
3:00–5:30 p.m.	Women’s Consultation & Business Meeting
7:00–9:00 p.m.	Opening and First Plenary
9:00 p.m.	Opening Reception
Friday, June 10, 2022	
7:00–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast meetings*
7:00–8:15 a.m.	Mentorship breakfast*
7:15–8:15 a.m.	Zen Prayer/Meditation
8:30–9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service
8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Exhibits
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Second Plenary
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions I
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Women’s Consultation luncheon*
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Hearing of the Resolutions Committee
2:30–4:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions II
4:30–6:00 p.m.	CTSA Business Meeting
6:15–7:45 p.m.	President’s Reception for New Members
6:15–7:45 p.m.	Evening reception
8:00–9:30 p.m.	Special Session
Saturday, June 11, 2022	
7:15–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast meetings*
7:15–8:15 a.m.	Zen Prayer/Meditation
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Exhibits
8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Third Plenary
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions III
12:50–2:15 p.m.	<i>TS</i> Editorial Consultation Luncheon*
1:00–2:15 p.m.	CUERG Luncheon
2:30–4:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions IV
6:00 p.m.	Eucharist

7:30 p.m.	John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*
Sunday, June 12, 2022	
7:15–8:45 a.m.	Conveners' Breakfast
7:15–8:15 a.m.	Zen Prayer/Meditation
8:30–11:00 a.m.	Exhibits
9:00–10:00 a.m.	Fourth Plenary: Presidential Address
10:00 a.m.	Appointment of the New President
10:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Reception/Coffee
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	CTSA Board Meeting

**prior registration required*

Concurrent Sessions At-A-Glance

I. Friday Morning

1. Anthropology
2. God/Trinity
3. Practical Theology
4. Lonergan
5. Christianity and Judaism
6. Extractives and Catholic Peacebuilding
7. The Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone
8. World Religions and Global Responsibilities: The Legacy of Hans Küng
9. Tradition & Apocalypse: History, Race and Christian Temporal Being
10. Interreligious Learning in the Global South
11. Creation/Eschatology

II. Friday Afternoon

1. Catholicity and Mission
2. Theology and Science
3. Moral Theology
4. Thomas Aquinas
5. Rahner Society
6. Black Catholic Theology
7. Fieldwork in Theology
8. Mental Health in Theological Perspective
9. Zen-Ignatian Spirituality Insights on “Passing the Koan” of the 3rd Degree of Humility
10. Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian Theologies as Challenges to Catholic Theology: The View from Europe
11. Spirituality

III. Saturday Morning

1. Theologies of Hope in Light of Contemporary Mental Illness
2. Church/Ecumenism
3. Bioethics/Healthcare
4. Liturgy and Sacraments
5. Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church
6. Latino/a Theology
7. Transnational Catholicities: Faith and Popular Culture in Global Dialogue
8. Fundamental Theology/Method
9. Historical Theology
10. Atonement & Comparative Theologies: The Cross in Dialogue with Other Religions
11. Catholic Theology and the Contemporary University

IV. Saturday Afternoon

1. Hans Urs von Balthasar
2. Historical Theology
3. Decolonizing Catholic Theology
4. Catholic Social Thought
5. Christ
6. Comparative Theology
7. Asian/Asian-American Theology
8. Post-Post-Conciliar and Millennial Theologians
9. The Grace Needed for Salvation: The Insights from Three Thomists
10. Voting Rights & Moral Agency
11. Interfaith Community & Spiritual Companionship on Campus: Hindu, Buddhist, and Catholic Theological Perspectives

Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 9, 2022

- CTSA Board Meeting** 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Executive Board Room–Level 3
- Theological Studies Board Meeting** 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Georgia 3
- CTEWC Training Session** 12:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.
“Short and to the Point: Writing for a General Audience” **Atlanta Ballroom**
- Convener:** Christopher Vogt, St. John’s University
Presenter: Hank Kilbanoff, Emory University
Pre-registration required
- Registration** 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction
- Exhibits** 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction
- Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology** 3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Georgia 7-9
- Convener:** Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego
Moderator: Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
- Presenter:** Heather Miller Rubens, Executive Director and Roman Catholic Scholar at the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
- Paper Title:** “Dr. Eva Fleischner (1925-2020) and the Prospects for Interreligious Theological Thinking”
- Respondent:** Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder, Director of Education and Rabbi-in-Residence, Be’chol Lashon
- Respondent:** Elena G. Procaro-Foley, Professor of Religious Studies and Br. John G. Driscoll Professor of Jewish-Catholic Studies, Iona College
- Ann O’Hara Graff Memorial Award** 4:30 p.m.
The 2022 Ann O’Hara Graff Memorial Award will be awarded to Francine Cardman, Associate Professor, Historical Theology & Church History, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
- Business Meeting** 5:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

WCCT Steering Committee Members:

Convener: **Kathryn Lilla Cox**, University of San Diego
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Susan Bigelow Reynolds, Emory University
Annie Selak, Georgetown University

Thursday Evening, June 9, 2022

Opening and First Plenary Session

7:00–9:00 p.m.

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

Land Acknowledgement

The Catholic Theological Society of America acknowledges the Muscogee — Creek — people who lived, worked, produced knowledge on, and nurtured the land of today's Atlanta where we are meeting in June 2022. We remember that in 1821, the Muscogee were forced to relinquish this land, and we recognize the sustained oppression, land dispossession, and involuntary removals of the Muscogee and Cherokee peoples from Georgia and the Southeast. In the spirit of today's interfaith learning and living, we will continue to honor the Muscogee Nation and other Indigenous caretakers of this and other lands by humbly seeking knowledge of their histories and by committing ourselves to respectful stewardship of the land here in Atlanta and in every place where we live and teach.

We likewise remember, in the same spirit of repentance, and likewise with a resolve to work for healing and reparation, the many Black women and men who have suffered and still suffer from the sins of slavery and racism here in Atlanta and in all the places where we live and work. Sadly, we need also to remember the eight people, including six Asian-American women, murdered in the spa shootings that occurred here in March 2021.

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P.

Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Address: **Amir Hussain**, Australian Catholic University

“Thinking Interreligiously with Muslims: ‘A Practical, Not Primarily a Theoretical, Matter’”

Respondent: **Axel Marc Oaks Takaacs**, Seton Hall University

Opening Reception

9:00 p.m.

Georgia Prefunction

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Friday Morning, June 10, 2022

von Balthasar Society Breakfast

7:00–8:15 a.m.
Atlanta 4

**Mentorship Breakfast:
Transitioning into Careers in Theology**
Prior registration required

7:00–8:15 a.m.
Atlanta 3

Schillebeeckx Breakfast

7:00–8:15 a.m.
Atlanta 2

Comparative Theology Reading Group Breakfast

7:00–8:15 a.m.
Atlanta 1

Zen Prayer/Meditation

7:15–8:15 a.m.
Georgia 10

Memorial Service
Remembrance of Deceased CTSA Members

8:30–9:00 a.m.
Capital Ballroom

Exhibits

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction

Registration9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction**Second Plenary Session**

9:00–10:30 a.m.

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

Address: **Catherine Cornille**, Boston College

“‘Who Do You Say That I Am?’ Rethinking Christian Particularity
through the Religious Other”

Respondent: **Nougoutna Norbert Litoing, S.J.**, Harvard University

Coffee Break10:30–11:00 a.m.
Georgia Prefunction**Concurrent Sessions I****11:00–12:45 p.m.**I.1 Anthropology – Topic Session**Georgia 2**

Topic: Thinking Desire Interreligiously

Administrative Team: Heather DuBois, Elizabeth Pyne, Eric Meyer

Convener: **Elizabeth Pyne**, Mercyhurst University

Moderator: **Heather DuBois**, Stonehill College

Presenter: **Tiffany Lee**, Boston College

Paper Title: “‘The cure for addiction is suffering’: Lessons in Deep Learning
from Heruka’s *Life of Milarepa*”

Presenter: **Greg Mileski**, Boston College

Paper Title: “‘Seeking A New Desire: Sāntideva’s *Bodhicitta* and René Girard’s
Pacific Mimesis of Christ”

Respondent: **Won-Jae Hur**, Xavier University

I.2 God and Trinity – Topic Session**Georgia 3**

Administrative Team: Darren Dias, O.P., Gloria Schaab, S.S.J., Susie Paulik Babka

Convener: **Darren Dias, O.P.**, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto

Moderator: **Benjamin Lujan**, University of St. Michael’s College

Presenter: **Jessica Coblentz**, St. Mary's College
Paper Title: "Must a Good God Be a Feeling God? An Interreligious and Interdisciplinary Reflection on Moral Arguments for Divine Passibility"

Presenter: **Charles A. Gillespie**, Sacred Heart University
Paper Title: "Thinking Trinity Interreligiously"

I.3 Practical Theology – Topic Session

Georgia 4

Administrative Team: Elsie M. Miranda, Karen Enriquez, Milton J. Bravo

Convener: **Elsie M. Miranda**, Association of Theological Schools
Moderators: **Susan Bigelow Reynolds**, Emory University
Milton J. Bravo, St. John's University

Presenter: **Rafael Luevano**, Chapman University
Paper Title: "Interreligious Pandemic Death Narratives in the U.S. and Mexico"

Presenter: **Cecilia Titizano**, University of San Francisco
Paper Title: "Decolonizing Religious Landscapes for a Pluricultural Church"

Presenter: **Gustave Ineza**, University of Toronto
Paper Title: "Decolonizing Christian-Muslim Dialogue in the West"

I.4 Lonergan – Consultation

Georgia 5

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

Convener: **Brian Bajzek**, Marquette University
Moderator: **Fiona Li**, Regis College, University of Toronto

Presenter: **Andrew Vink**, Mount St. Mary's University
Paper Title: "Integrated Evil: El mal común, Prophetic Responsibility, and the Integral Scale of Values"

Presenter: **Joseph Ogonnaya**, Marquette University
Paper Title: "Bernard Lonergan in World Christianity"

Presenters: **John Dadosky**, Regis College, University of Toronto
Christian Krokus, University of Scranton
Paper Title: "What are Comparative Theologians doing when they are doing Theology?: A Lonerganian Perspective with Examples from the Engagement with Islam"

I.5 Christianity and Judaism – Consultation**Georgia 6**

Administrative Team: Elena Procaro-Foley, Nicole Reibe, Andrew Massena

Convener: **Elena Procaro-Foley**, Iona CollegeModerator: **Andrew Massena**, Loras CollegePresenter: **Mia Theocharis**, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

Paper title: "Franz Rosenzweig: An Alternative to the Issue of Fulfillment in 'Gifts and Calling'"

Presenter: **Ellen T. Charry**, Princeton Theological Seminary

Paper Title: "Augustine's Blinkered Israelology"

Respondent: **Michael Berger**, Emory UniversityI.6 Extractives and Catholic Peacebuilding – Topic Session**Georgia 7**

Topic: Catholic Peacebuilding and Mining: Integral Peace, Development, and Ecology

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

Convener: **Caesar A. Montevecchio**, University of Notre DameModerator: **Laurie Johnston**, Emmanuel CollegePanelists: **Lisa Sowle Cahill**, Boston College**William George**, Dominican University**Erin Lothes**, Saint Elizabeth University; "*Laudato Si'* Movement"I.7 The Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone – Interest Group**Georgia 8**

Administrative Team: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, C. Vanessa White

Conveners: **Kathleen Dorsey Bellow**, Xavier University of Louisiana**C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological UnionModerator: **LaShaunda Reese**, Loyola University ChicagoPresenter: **Byron D. Wratee**, Boston College

Paper Title: "James, Malcolm, and the Nation of Islam: An Exploration of Interreligious Comparison in Black Liberation Theology"

Presenter: **Chanelle Robinson**, Boston College

Paper Title: "'Beyond the River': James Cone and Interreligious Ecotheology"

Respondent: **John Segun Odeyemi**, Xavier University of Louisiana

I.8 World Religions and Global Responsibility:
The Legacy of Hans Küng – Selected Session

Georgia 9

Convener: **Martin Madar**, Xavier University
Moderator: **William Madges**, Xavier University

Presenter: **David Hollenbach, S.J.**, Georgetown University
Paper Title: "Hans Küng, a Global Ethic, and Religious Diversity"

Presenter: **Hille Haker**, Loyola University Chicago
Paper Title: "Global Responsibility and the Call for Change in the Catholic Church: The Legacy of Hans Küng"

I.9 Tradition and Apocalypse:
History, Race, and Christian Temporal Being – Selected Session

Georgia 10

Convener: **Grant Kaplan**, Saint Louis University
Moderator: **Mark Miller**, University of San Francisco

Presenter: **Jennifer Newsome Martin**, University of Notre Dame
Paper Title: "Our Once and Future Mother: Apocalyptic Mariology, Tradition, and the Religions"

Presenter: **Anne Carpenter**, St. Mary's College of California
Paper Title: "Grace From Above and From Below: Blondel and Theologians of the Underside"

Presenter: **Grant Kaplan**, Saint Louis University
Paper Title: "A Tainted Tradition? A Conversation with Hart and Jennings"

I.10 Interreligious Learning in the
Global South – Invited Session

Georgia 11 and 12

Convener: **Peter Phan, S.J.**, Georgetown University
Moderator: **Peter Phan, S.J.**, Georgetown University

Presenter: **Devaka Premawardhana**, Emory University
Paper Title: "Consolata Missions and the Discipline of Voluntary Displacement: A Model for Interreligious Learning"

Presenter: **Arun Jones**, Emory University
 Paper Title: “Indian and European Catholic Perspectives on Interreligious Learning in South Asia”

Respondent: **Elaine Padilla**, University of LaVerne

I.11 Creation/Eschatology – Topic Session

Georgia 13

Administrative Team: Daniel Minch, Daniel Horan, Elizabeth Groppe

Convener: **Daniel Minch**, Karl-Franzens University Graz
 Moderator: **Chelsea King**, Sacred Heart University

Presenter: **Elizabeth O’Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University
 Paper Title: “Redeeming the Commons of Creation: Towards an Interreligious, Decolonial, and Ecofeminist Theology of the Kin-dom of God”

Presenter: **Christopher Cimorelli**, National Institute for Newman Studies
 Paper Title: “The Fruits of Interreligious Dialogue on the Climate: Doctrinal Development and Creation Theology”

Respondent: **Daniel P. Scheid**, Duquesne University

Friday Afternoon, June 10, 2022

Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology Luncheon 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Atlanta 1 & 2

Hearing of the Resolutions Committee 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Capital Ballroom

Presiding: **Kristin Heyer**, Boston College
 Vice President, CTSA

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

Concurrent Sessions II 2:30–4:15 p.m.

II.1 Catholicity and Mission – Topic Session

Georgia 2

Administrative Team: Sophia Park, S.N.J.M., Laurie Johnston, Antonio Sison

Convener: **Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.**, Holy Names University
 Moderator: **Laurie Johnston**, Emmanuel College

Presenter: **Heejung Adele Cho**, Regis College
 Paper Title: "From Redemptoris Missio to Fratelli Tutti: The Mission of the Church and Interreligious Dialogue"

Presenter: **Enrico Beltramini**, Notre Dame de Namur University
 Paper Title: "Cosmic Christ and National God in Panikkar's *The Unknown Christ of Hinduism*"

Presenter: **Mary Doak**, University of San Diego
 Paper Title: "Radical Hospitality: A Public and Prophetic Mission for a Postcolonial Church"

II.2 Theology and Science – Topic Session

Georgia 3

Administrative Team: Amanda Alexander, Mark Fusco, S.J., Chelsea King

Convener: **Amanda Alexander**, Ministry Formation Institute
 Moderator: **Chelsea King**, Sacred Heart University

Presenter: **Joyce Ann Konigsburg**, DePaul University
 Paper Title: "Thinking Catholic Interreligiously about the Ethics of Climate Change"

Presenter: **Kevin Frederick Vaughan**, The College of St. Scholastica
 Paper Title: "'She blinded me with Classics!': Science in Dialogue with Religious Classics according to Pope Francis"

Respondent: **Megan Loumagne Ulishney**, University of Nottingham

II.3 Moral Theology – Topic Session

Georgia 4

Administrative Team: Daniel Cosacchi, Rachel Bundang, Kate Ward

Convener: **Daniel Cosacchi**, Marywood University
 Moderator: **Rachel Bundang**, Santa Clara University

Presenter: **Molly Greening**, Loyola University Chicago
 Paper Title: "Between Nepantla and Natural Law: How Definitions of Rationality Impact the Ethics of Interreligious Engagement"

Presenter: **David Kwon**, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
 Paper Title: "A Confucian Contribution to the Catholic Just War Tradition"

III.4 Thomas Aquinas – Consultation**Georgia 5**

Administrative Team: Dominic Langevin, O.P., Daria Spezzano, David Elliot

Convener: **Dominic M. Langevin, O.P.**, Dominican House of Studies
 Moderator: **Frederick C. Bauerschmidt**, Loyola University of Maryland

Presenter: **Melanie Barrett**, Mundelein Seminary / University of St. Mary of the Lake

Paper Title: “A Thomist Reconsideration of the Torah for the Moral Life of Catholic Christians”

Presenter: **Bruce Marshall**, Southern Methodist University

Paper Title: “Judaism Among the Religions, According to Aquinas”

Presenter: **David M. Lantigua**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: “Aristotle, Ancient Romans, and the Amerindians: Spanish Thomists on the Imperial Seduction of Pagan Virtue”

II.5 Rahner Society – Consultation**Georgia 6**

Administrative Team: Brandon Peterson, Jakob Rinderknecht, Michael Canaris, Mary Beth Yount, Erin Kidd

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

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

Presenter: **Peter Fritz**, College of the Holy Cross

Paper title: “Thinking Catholic Translatably: Revising Rahner on the World Church”

Presenter: **Maeve Louise Heaney**, Australian Catholic University

Paper Title: “Musicking Catholic Interreligiously through the Lens of Friendship”

Respondent: **Anthony Godzieba**, Villanova University

II.6 Black Catholic Theology – Consultation**Georgia 7**Joint Session with Latino/a Theology

Topic: Resistance

Administrative Team: Joseph Flipper, Emmanuel Osigwe

Convener: **Jennifer Owens-Jofre**, University of San Diego
 Moderator: **Chanelle Robinson**, Boston College
 Presenter: **Michelle Maldonado**, University of Scranton
 Paper Title: "Interrogating Identity: White-skin and Christian Privilege within Latino/a Theology"

Presenter: **Nicole S. Symmonds**, McAfee School of Theology
 Paper Title: "The Black Body as Religion: Mapping Blackness as a Site of Interreligious Theology and Ethics"

Presenter: **Cecilia Titizano**, University of San Francisco
 Paper Title: "Ancestral Wisdoms as Sources for Peoples in Resistance"

II.7 Fieldwork in Theology – Interest Group Georgia 8

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

Convener: **Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon**, Mercy High School
 Moderator: **Susan Bigelow Reynolds**, Emory University

Presenter: **Emma McDonald**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "Catholic Women and Physicians' Moral Decision-Making Regarding Infertility Treatments"

Presenter: **Jonathan Metz**, Marquette University
 Paper Title: "Called by their Gifts: A Phenomenological Study on the Parish Directors of the Milwaukee Archdiocese"

Presenter: **Jaisy Joseph**, Seattle University
 Paper Title: "Encountering the Other as Religious Minority: Eastern Catholics in Predominantly Muslim and Hindu Contexts"

II.8 Mental Health in Theological Perspective – Interest Group

Georgia 9

Conveners: **Jessica Coblenz**, St. Mary's University
Elizabeth Antus, Boston College
 Moderator: **Brianne Jacobs**, Emmanuel College

Presenter: **Peter Fay**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "The Problems and Invitation of Positive Psychology's Happiness and Well-Being Practices for People with Schizophrenia: Martin E.P. Seligman and Catholic Accounts of Human Flourishing in Conversation"

Respondent: **Stephanie Edwards**, Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium

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

II.9 Zen-Ignatian Spirituality Insights on “Passing the Koan”
of the 3rd Degree of Humility – Selected Session

Georgia 10

Convener: **James T. Bretzke, S.J.**, John Carroll University

Moderator: **Judith Merkle, S.N.D. deN**, Niagara University

Presenter: **James T. Bretzke, S.J.**, John Carroll University

Paper Title: “Zen-Ignatian Spirituality Insights on ‘Passing the Koan’: of the 3rd Degree of Humility”

Respondent: **Judith Merkle, S.N.D. deN**, Niagara University

Respondent: **Ruben Habito**, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

II.10 Jewish–Christian and Muslim–Christian Theologies as
Challenges to Catholic Theology: The View from Europe – Invited Session

Georgia 11 and 12

Convener: **Wilhelmus Valkenberg**, Catholic University of America

Moderator: **Wilhelmus Valkenberg**, Catholic University of America

Presenter: **Marianne Moyaert**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Paper Title: “Comparative Theologies Old and New: Exploring the Present of the Past”

Presenter: **Klaus von Stosch**, Bonn University

Paper Title: “The Qur’anic Theology as Catholic Challenge for Catholics”

Respondent: **Rita George-Tvrtković**, Benedictine University

II.11 Spirituality – Topic Session

Georgia 13

Administrative Team: Julia Feder, Mary Frohlich, Axel Marc Oaks Takacs

Convener: **Julia Feder**, Creighton University

Moderator: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College

Presenter: **Vincent Miller**, University of Dayton

Paper Title: “Hope, Affect, and the Particular: An Engagement with Joanna Macy’s Buddhist Proposal for ‘Active Hope’”

Presenter: **Wilson Angelo Espiritu**, KU Leuven and Ateneo de Manila University
 Paper Title: "The *Panata* to Nuestro Padre Jesus Nazareno: Filipino Popular Devotion as a Catalyst of Social Commitment"
Friday Evening, June 10, 2022

CTSA Business Meeting 4:30–6:00 p.m.

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

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

Publishers' Reception 6:15–7:45 p.m.
Hosted by Boston College, Paulist Press, and Liturgical Press **Atlanta 3-5**

President's Reception for New/Newer Members 6:15–7:45 p.m.
Prior registration required/ticket provided in registration packet **Atlanta 1-2**

Special Session 8:00–9:30 p.m.
At the Intersection of Race and Our Many Religions **Capital Ballroom**

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

Panelists: **Victoria Raggs**, Founder & Director,
 Atlanta Jews of Color Council

Imam Plemon el-Amin, Imam Emeritus,
 Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam

Balabhadra Bhattacharya Dasa, President,
 Vedic Friends Association

Discussant: **SimonMary Ahiokai**, University of Portland

Saturday Morning, June 11, 2022

Benedictine Universities and Colleges Breakfast 7:15–8:45 a.m.
Sponsored by Belmont Abbey College **Atlanta 1**

Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society 7:15–8:45 a.m.
Atlanta 2

Zen Prayer/Meditation 7:15–8:15 a.m.
Georgia 10

Morning Prayer 8:30–8:45 a.m.
Georgia 13

Exhibits 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction

Registration 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Georgia Prefunction

Third Plenary Session 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Presiding: **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, Harvard Divinity School,
Harvard University
President-Elect, CTSA

Panelists: **Mara Brecht**, Loyola University Chicago
Reid Locklin, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto
Stephanie Wong, Villanova University

“Comparative Theology: Present Experience, Remembered Pasts,
Imagined Futures”

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions III 11:00–12:45 p.m.

III.1 Theologies of Hope in Light of Contemporary Mental Illness **Georgia 2**
– Selected Session

Convener: **Cristina Lledo Gomez**, BBI - The Australian Institute of
Theological Education

Moderator: **Jessica Coblentz**, St. Mary's College

Presenter: **Kathleen Mroz**, Emmanuel College

Paper Title: “The Choice Between Faith and Recovery: The Need for
Interreligious Cooperation When Talking About Mental Illness”

Presenter: **Cristina Lledo Gomez**, BBI - The Australian Institute of
Theological Education

Paper Title: “Forgiving the Perpetrator: Imagining Hope After Grief”

Presenter: **Michele Saracino**, Manhattan College

Paper Title: “Self-Compassion: Our Last Hope”

III.2 Church/Ecumenism – Topic Session

Georgia 3

Administrative Team: Jakob Rinderknecht, Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Kathryn L. Reinhard

Convener: **Jakob Rinderknecht**, University of the Incarnate Word
Moderator: **Kathryn L. Reinhard**, Gwynedd Mercy University

Presenter: **Brian P. Flanagan**, Marymount University
Paper Title: "Synodality Beyond Collegiality"

Presenter: **Patrick Hornbeck**, Fordham University
Paper Title: "Synodality and/with Disaffiliated Catholics"

Presenter: **Phyllis Zagano**, Hofstra University
Paper Title: "The Problem of Synodality"

III.3 Bioethics/Healthcare – Topic Session

Georgia 4

Administrative Team: Michael McCarthy, Nichole Flores, Stephanie Edwards

Convener: **Michael McCarthy**, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator: **Cory Mitchell**, Mercy Health

Presenter: **Daniel J. Daly**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Envisioning the Virtuous Hospital: On an Ethical Framework Emerging from a Dialogue among Catholic and Secular Health Care Organizational Ethics"

Presenter: **Katherine Jackson-Meyer**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Moral Distress and Moral Resilience: Areas in Need of Interreligious Inquiry"

III.4 Liturgy and Sacraments – Topic Session

Georgia 5

Administrative Team: Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Kimberly Belcher, Xavier M. Montecel

Convener: **Sebastian Madathummuriyil**, Duquesne University
Moderator: **Layla Karst**, Loyola Marymount University

Presenter: **Jonathan Martin Ciraulo**, St. Meinrad Seminary
Paper Title: "The Ontological Demands of Cult in Hinduism and Christianity"

Presenter: **Elizabeth Groppe**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: “‘My Heart is Turned to Mourning’ (Job 30:31): Reimagining the Church’s Response to the Destruction of the Temple Interreligiously”

III.5 Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church – Consultation

Georgia 6

Topic: Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse: Two Cases

Administrative Team: Cristina Traina, Julia Feder, Stan Chu Ilo, Daniel Horan,
 Megan McCabe

Convener: **Cristina Traina**, Fordham University
 Moderator: **Natalia Imperatori Lee**, Manhattan College

Panelists: **Megan K. McCabe**, Gonzaga University
Michelle Wheatley, Gonzaga University
Jennifer Beste, College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University

III.6 Latino/a Theology – Consultation
Joint Session with Black Catholic Theology

Georgia 7

Topic: Healing

Administrative Team: Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Leo Guardado, Jennifer Owens-Jofré

Convener: **Joseph Flipper**, University of Dayton
 Moderator: **Cristina Castillo**, Diocese of San Bernadino

Presenter: **Marinus Chijioke Iwuchukwu**, Duquesne University
 Paper Title: “Christian Churches in North America and the Imperatives of Dialogue Toward Restitution and Restorative Justice for Blacks, Latinos, and Native Americans—A Pragmatic Healing Response”

Presenter: **Carolyn M. Jones Medine**, University of Georgia
 Paper Title: “Buddhist-Christian Integrated Practice: Meditation and Recollection”

Presenter: **Mauricio Najarro**, UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Program in Medical Anthropology
 Paper Title: “Responding to the Farmers’ Call: Langar and Eucharist on the Delhi Border”

III.7 Transnational Catholicities: Faith and Popular Culture
in Global Dialogue – Interest Group

Georgia 8

Administrative Team: Kevin Considine, Linh Hoang, O.F.M., Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.

Conveners: **Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.**, Holy Names University

Linh Hoang, O.F.M., Siena College

Moderator: **Kevin Considine**, Marian Catholic High School

Presenter: **Julia Prinz, V.D.M.F.**, Santa Clara University

Paper Title: "Shadows: Photography as a Global Medium in Theological Discourse"

Presenter: **Linh Hoang, O.F.M.**, Siena College

Paper Title: "Food: Nourishment for Transnational Catholicities"

Presenter: **Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.**, Holy Names University

Paper Title: "Murals: An Expression of Intercultural Catholicity"

III.8 Fundamental Theology/Method – Topic Session

Georgia 9

Administrative Team: Jeremy Wilkins, Mary Beth Yount, Ryan Dunns, S.J.

Convener: **Mary Beth Young**, Neumann University

Moderator: **Matthew Vale**, University of Notre Dame

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

Paper Title: "Exploring Ecofeminist Methodology: Insights from Comparing Ivone Gebara's Trinitarian Theology with the Hindu Kali Tantric Tradition"

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

Paper Title: "Unifying the Methodologies of Comparative Theology: A Critical Analysis of Five Recent Works"

Presenter: **Kristin Haas**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Interreligious Dialogue and Foundations of Doctrinal Humility: A Critical Appreciation of Cornille's Contribution"

III.9 Historical Theology – Topic Session

Georgia 10

Session Was Canceled Due to Unforeseen Circumstances

Administrative Team: Kenneth Parker, Elizabeth Huddleston, Rita George-Tvrtković

Convener: **Rita George-Tvrtković**, Benedictine University

Moderator: **Elizabeth Huddleston**, National Institute for Newman Studies

Presenter: **Joshua R. Brown**, Mount St. Mary's University
 Paper Title: "The Problem of Creation in the Chinese Mission: An Assessment of Giulio Aleni's *True Origin of the Ten-Thousand Things*"

Presenter: **Xueying Wang**, Loyola University Chicago
 Paper Title: "The Chinese Face of Our Lady: Alfonso Vagnone and the *Life of the Holy Mother*"

Presenter: **Robert Trent Pomplun**, University of Notre Dame
 Paper Title: "Intentional and Unintentional Inculturation in Ippolito Desideri's Heart of Christian Doctrine (Ke ri se ste an kyi chos lugs kyi snying po)"

III.10 Atonement and Comparative Theology: **Georgia 11 and 12**
The Cross in Dialogue with Other Religions – Selected Session

Convener: **Catherine Cornille**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Brian Robinette**, Boston College

Panelists: **John Thiel**, Fairfield University
Julia Feder, Creighton University
Klaus Von Stosch, Bonn University

III.11 Catholic Theology and the Contemporary **Georgia 13**
University – Topic Session

Topic: The Catholic University in Church and World

Administrative Team: Edward Hahnenberg, Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos

Convener: **Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos**, University of Detroit Mercy
 Moderator: **Edward P. Hahnenberg**, John Carroll University

Panelists: **Erin Brigham**, University of San Francisco
Michael E. Lee, Fordham University

Saturday Afternoon, June 11, 2022

***Theological Studies* Editorial Consultation Luncheon**

12:50–2:15 p.m.
Atlanta 5

CUERG Luncheon 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Atlanta 4

Concurrent Sessions 2:30–4:15 p.m.

IV.1 Von Balthasar – Consultation **Georgia 2**

Administrative Team: Jennifer Newsome Martin, Charles Gillespie, Danielle Nussberger

Convener: **Jennifer Newsome Martin**, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: **Megan Heeder**, Marquette University

Presenter: **Daniel A. Drain**, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family

Paper Title: “Crossing Deepest Hell: Balthasar’s *Descensus* Theology”

Presenter: **Nathan Bradford Williams**, University of Toronto

Paper Title: “Childlikeness: A Balthasarian Entrée to Comparative Theology”

Respondent: **Kathleen Cavender-McCoy**, Marquette University

IV.2 Historical Theology – Topic Session **Georgia 3**

Administrative Team: Kenneth Parker, Elizabeth Huddleston, Rita George-Tvrtković

Convener: **Kenneth Parker**, Duquesne University

Moderator: **Rita George-Tvrtković**, Benedictine University

Presenter: **Nicole Reibe**, Loyola University Maryland

Paper Title: “When Good Theology Loses: The Failed Theology of Christian Unity in Late Medieval Spain”

Presenter: **Wilhelmus Valkenberg**, Catholic University of America

Paper Title: “Means and Methods of Interreligious Engagement: Converging Goals and Diverging Methods of Ramon Marti, O.P. (1220-1285) and Georges Chehata Anawati, O.P. (1905-1994)”

Respondent: **Amir Hussain**, Loyola Marymount University

IV.3 Decolonizing Catholic Theology – Interest Group **Georgia 4**

Administrative Team: Rufus Burnett, Elizabeth O’Donnell Gandolfo, Bradford Hinze

Convener: **Bradford Hinze**, Fordham University

- Moderator: **Rufus Burnett, Jr.**, Fordham University
- Panelists: **Melissa Pagán**, Mount Saint Mary's University
Gerald Boodoo, Duquesne University
Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Xavier University of Louisiana"

IV.4 Catholic Social Thought – Topic Session

Georgia 5

Administrative Team: Patrick Flanagan, C.M., Jens Mueller, William George

- Convener: **Patrick Flanagan, C.M.**, St. John's University
Moderator: **Marcus Mescher**, Xavier University
- Presenter: **David Cloutier**, Catholic University of America
Paper Title: "And Then There Were Nones? CST, Interreligious Dialogue, Fratelli Tutti, and the Secular Surge"
- Presenter: **Michael VanZandt Collins**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Toward Rectifying Terrestrial Habits: 'Respect for Nature,' Muslim-Christian Dialogue and the Ethics of Recognition"
- Presenter: **Nicholas Hayes-Mota**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Catholic in Principle, Interfaith in Practice? The Case of Faith-Based Organizing"

IV.5. Christ – Topic Session

Georgia 6

Administrative Team: Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, John Thiede, S.J., Mary Kate Holman

- Convener: **Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University
Moderator: **John Thiede, S.J.**, St. Marquette University
- Presenter: **James Robinson**, Iona College
Paper Title: "'Jesus Christ destroys all our dualisms': Raimon Panikkar's Cosmotheandric Christology"
- Presenter: **Mary Frohlich**, Catholic Theological Union
Paper Title: "Christ of the Forest: The 'New Animism' and Christology"

IV.6 Comparative Theology – Topic Session

Georgia 7

Administrative Team: Peter Feldmeier, Reid Locklin, Stephanie Wong

- Convener: **Peter Feldmeier**, University of Toledo
Moderator: **Reid Locklin**, University of Toronto
- Presenter: **Laurel Marshall Potter**, Boston College
Paper Title: "All Catholic Theology is Comparative Theology"
- Presenter: **Megan Hopkins**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Ritual as Comparative Source Material: Illustrated through Eucharist and Dhikr"
- Respondent: **Marianne Moyaert**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

IV.7 Asian/Asian American Theology – Consultation

Georgia 8

Administrative Team: **Marianne Moyaert**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

- Convener: **Julius-Kei Kato**, King's College-Western University
Moderator: **Min-Ah Cho**, Georgetown University
- Presenter: **Erica Siu-Mui Lee**, Regis College, University of Toronto
Paper Title: "Bernard Lonergan and Peter Phan: Trinitarian Reflections on Being and Thinking Catholic Interreligiously"
- Presenter: **Ang Q. Tran, S.J.**, Santa Clara University
Paper Title: "Religiously Betwixt and Between: Asian Catholic Theologians in the midst of Religious Pluralism"
- Presenter: **Leo D. Lefebure**, Georgetown University
Paper Title: "Peter Phan's Interreligious Theology"

IV.8 Post-Post Conciliar and Millennial Theologians – Interest Group

Georgia 9

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

- Convener: **Michael Canaris**, Loyola University Chicago
Moderator: **Katherine Schmidt**, Malloy College
Presenter: **Michael Magree, S.J.**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Does the Past Have a Future? Theologies of Grace from the Temporal Margins"
- Presenter: **Jens Mueller**, University of Dayton
Paper Title: "Teaching Theology during a Pandemic: Rethinking Teaching Strategies in Pluralist Contexts"

Presenter: **Bryan Wratee**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Sisters and Brothers in the Wilderness: The Technocratic Paradigm and Howard Thurman’s Wilderness Theology”

IV.9 The Grace Needed for Salvation:

Georgia 10

The Insights from Three Thomists – Selected Session

Convener: **Ligita Ryliškytė, S.J.E.**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Jeremy W. Blackwood**, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Presenter: **Richard Lennan**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Beyond ‘The Anonymous Christian’: Reconsidering Rahner on Grace and Salvation”

Presenter: **Matthew Louis Petillo**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Divine Love in a Global Context: Insights from Lonergan”

Presenter: **Roger Haight, S.J.**, Union Theological Seminary
 Paper Title: “Schillebeeckx and Theologies of Religious Pluralism”

IV.10 Voting Rights and Moral Agency – Selected Session

Georgia 11 and 12

Convener: **Susan Bigelow Reynolds**, Emory University
 Moderator: **David DeCosse**, Santa Clara University

Panelists: **Nichole Flores**, University of Virginia
Rev. Kim Jackson, MDiv., Episcopal Church of the Common Ground and Georgia State Senator, District 41

IV.11 Interfaith Community and Spiritual Companionship on Campus:

Georgia 13

Hindu, Buddhist, and Catholic Theological Perspectives – Invited Session

Convener: **John Borelli**, Georgetown University
 Moderator: **John Borelli**, Georgetown University

Presenter: **Brahmachari Shweta Chaitanya**, Emory University
 Paper Title: “A Hindu Perspective on the Interreligious Realities of Campus Community and Spiritual Companionship Today”

Presenter: **Ven. Priya Rakkhit Sraman**, Emory University
 Paper Title: “A Buddhist Perspective on the Interreligious Realities of Campus Community and Spiritual Companionship Today”

Presenter: **Callie Tabor**, Emory University
 Paper Title: "A Catholic Perspective on the Interreligious Realities of Campus Community and Spiritual Companionship Today"

Saturday Evening, June 11, 2022

Eucharist at The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 6:00 p.m.
 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, Georgia

Walking Directions (Approximately a 19 minute walk / 0.8 Mile; mostly flat)

Exit hotel and turn left onto Courtland St. Walk Courtland for approximately 3 blocks to Edgewood Ave. Turn right onto Edgewood Ave and walk one block to Peachtree Center Ave. Turn left onto Peachtree Center Ave. (will become Central Ave) and walk 3 main blocks. The church will be on the left at Central Ave. & Martin Luther King Junior Drive.

Bus Transportation will be provided for those unable to walk to the church coach lines will be parked near the hotel entrance.

John Courtney Murray Award Banquet 7:30 p.m.
Capital North & Central

Sunday Morning, June 12, 2022

Conveners' Meeting 7:15–8:45 a.m.

New conveners (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet Francis X. Clooney, S.J., CTSA President-Elect, Kristin Heyer, CTSA Vice President, and Kevin Brown, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2023 convention.

Zen Prayer/Meditation 7:15–8:15 a.m.
Georgia 10

Morning Prayer 8:30–8:45 a.m.
Georgia 13

Exhibits 8:30–11:00 a.m.
Georgia Prefunction

Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Presiding: **Kristin Heyer**
Boston College
Vice President, CTSA

Address: **Christine Firer Hinze**
Fordham University
President, CTSA

“Remembering the Rest of Life:
Toward a Rest-Inflected Theology of Work and Action”

Appointment of the New President 10:00 a.m.
Capital Ballroom South

Breakfast and Reception / Coffee 10:15 a.m.
Capital Prefunction

Appointment of the New President 10:00 a.m.
Capital Ballroom South

Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Executive Board Room

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2022

Citation from Dr. Christine Firer Hinze, CTSA President:

The John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement

The person upon whom we confer the Society's highest honor this evening, the fourth of eight children, showed an interest in thinking about the Catholic faith from an early age; at the start of the Second Vatican Council he had already begun pursuing theological studies. With a knack, as well, for numbers, and an interest in social justice, a bachelor's degree in Mathematics was followed by a year of community service as a VISTA volunteer working with African-American migrant laborers and marginal farm families. This experience, and the questions it prompted, led our colleague to master's and doctoral studies in two disciplines (including classes with four Nobel Laureates), and a lifelong commitment to connecting principled and informed thinking, judicious policy analysis, and practical, community-based engagement for change.

After joining the CTSA as a newly-minted Ph.D. in 1977 and landing a joint, tenure-track appointment at a distinguished midwestern Catholic university that same year, our talented awardee was quickly recognized for leadership and administrative as well as academic skills, and was named, in succession, chair of the university's largest department, dean of its school of theology, and to a professorship in an endowed chair. Likewise, during over 45 years of CTSA membership, our colleague's gifts, generosity of spirit, and dedication to Catholic theology, the church, and our Society have led to service as chair or member of numerous major committees and task forces, as a board member, and as president—remarkably, while compiling equally impressive records of service and leadership in several other national learned societies.

Our awardee is an award-winning teacher and researcher, deeply respected and beloved by students, mentees and colleagues near and far. Disciplined labors over five decades have yielded an enviable resumé of scholarly publications, including over a dozen scholarly monographs, scores of peer reviewed articles and chapters, and many edited or co-edited volumes. Additionally, with prolific contributions to general-audience publications, and invitations to speak or consult in over twenty-two countries, and our honoree is truly a public and globally-engaged intellectual. Further, in a field that encourages solo careerism, and in a time prone to intellectual, and ecclesial acrimony and siloing, he has been a purveyor of patient and civil conversation, a resolute bridge builder and a skilled collaborator, bringing together scholars of different generations, disciplines, and intellectual and ecclesial sensibilities in many fora, and in a range of creative, multi-year research and writing projects.

A person of multitudinous accomplishments and recipient of many well-deserved accolades including the Monica Hellwig Award for Outstanding Contributions to Catholic Intellectual Life from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, our esteemed colleague is a person of modesty, grace and gratitude, who leads, as he will often say, 'a blessed life' both academically and personally. A loving spouse, Dad to two grown children Jacob and Stephanie, with us here this evening, he enjoys woodworking, gardening, playing poker and bridge, and spending time with his two young grandsons during regular visits to Seattle.

In recognition of and gratitude for all of this, and for the ways his life and labors have blessed so many, it is abundantly fitting, and my great joy and honor to bestow, on behalf of the whole membership of the Catholic Theological Society of America, this year's John Courtney Murray Award for lifetime achievement and service to Professor of Theology and Clemens Professor of Economics at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and our beloved colleague, Daniel K. Finn.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Dr. Christine Firer Hinze called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. EST.
Dr. William Loewe served as parliamentarian.

Report of the Admissions Committee

Dr. Rachel Bundang presented the report on behalf of the Admissions committee. Members of the Admissions Committee for 2021-2022 were Dr. Rachel Bundang, Dr. Darren J. Dias, O.P., and Dr. Steven Battin, and Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Secretary, *ex officio*. The Committee had several interactions via email and met via Zoom on May 18, 2022. The committee studied ninety-nine applications. From these, the committee discerned seven special cases, of which three were recommended to be presented to the membership. Four were not. A total of ninety-five names were forward to the membership. The following are the numbers of applicants in the three traditional membership categories: New Active membership applicants: forty; Associate Applicants applying to Active membership: eighteen; New Associate membership applicants: thirty-seven. The names of those the committee recommends for membership were posted on the Convention bulletin board. The CTSA Admissions Committee moved that those recommended for Associate and Active membership be approved.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. They were greeted with a round of applause. President Christine Firer Hinze asked all new members present at the meeting to stand up. She encouraged them to participate actively in the life of the Society, including elections. New members are found in the appendices to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Report of the Nominations Committee

After a process of receiving, vetting, and discerning nominations from the general membership, the members of the Nominations Committee, Dr. Susan K. Wood, S.C.L., (Chair), Dr. Bradford Hinze, and Dr. Susan Abraham submitted the names of candidates recommended to stand for election to serve on the Board. Dr. Susan K. Wood read the names proposed by the committee:

The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follow:

For Vice-President:	Dr. Michael E. Lee Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid
For board members:	Dr. Nancy A. Dallavalle Rev. Linh Hoang, O.F.M. Dr. Elaine Padilla Dr. Brian D. Robinette

There were no nominations from the floor.

President Christine Firer Hinze thanked all standing for election. As voting results became available, they were announced to the membership.

Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid was elected as Vice-President. Dr. Nancy A. Dallavalle and Rev. Linh Hoang, O.F.M., were elected as Board Members. Dr. Hosffman Ospino (Secretary) and Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M., (Treasurer) were reelected by acclamation for another one-year term.

Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J., assumes the Presidency for the year 2022-2023. Dr. Kristin Heyer becomes President-Elect. The rest of the Board of Directors are Dr. Christine Firer Hinze (Past President), and Christina Astorga and Edward Hahnenberg as Board Members.

The President thanked Dr. Michael E. Lee, Dr. Elaine Padilla and Dr. Brian D. Robinette for their generosity to stand for election.

Report of the President

The following is the text of the report read by Dr. Christine Firer Hinze:

1. Gratitude and Appreciation.

This is a Society that runs on generous service, and in turn, on gratitude and appreciation. So many people deserve our thanks—administrative team members; conveners; presenters; committee chairs and members, our student assistants, everyone at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, and more. *Thank you!* I express my special gratitude to our wonderful Board Members and Officers. It has been my honor and joy to collaborate with such a gifted and dedicated group of colleagues for the common good and future of the Society and its mission. Much respect and gratitude to our outgoing Board Members, Meghan Clark and Tim Matovina, and our continuing members Christina Astorga and Ed Hahnenberg. Many thanks also to our marvelous officers, Secretary Hosffman Ospino, Treasurer Patrick Flanagan, C.M., Vice President Kristin Heyer, President-Elect Frank Clooney, S.J., who has put together such a wonderful conference for us this year, Past President Maria Pilar Aquino; and to our indefatigable Executive Director, Mary Jane Ponyik, for your dedication and for all you have done for the CTSA cause over this past year, and in addition for the true kindness and great patience all of you have shown to me.

2. Gifts in Support of the 2022 Convention.

Thanks to generous responses from outreach to the home institutions of our presidential line and this year's plenary speakers, the CTSA received the following donations in support of the 2022 Convention. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions:

Fordham University	\$3,000
Georgetown University	\$5,000
Harvard University	\$5,000
Loyola Marymount University	\$2,500
Plus 8 Program Ad Purchases	\$2,250

For a total of \$17,750 toward defrayal of convention expenses.

I also want to acknowledge the individual members who have generously, and increasingly contributed to the CTSA. Between January 1, 2021, and June 2022 these individual donations have totaled over \$6,500. These funds help to defray costs for events at and beyond the annual meeting, and to extend our ability to help defray convention costs students or others with limited incomes. Thank you so much.

3. Advancing Board & Society Commitments on Racial Injustice.

Pursuant to the public commitments articulated in the June 2020 CTSA Board Statement on Racial Injustice to strive, as theologians and teachers, and as a Society, to advance:

- *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.*

Over the past year the Board and Presidential Line have continued to prioritize these goals, working especially with the leadership of the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups to identify and support avenues for concretely advancing them. Efforts over the past year have included: designing and introducing a Land Acknowledgement statement in our opening plenary, (a new practice which we will work to further develop and enhance in Milwaukee next year and going forward); thanks to the work of the Virtual Events Committee and our Executive Director, an excellent, very well-received session focusing on anti-racist pedagogies which took place in early December; continued attention in our 2022 Convention planning to increasing programming that reflects these goals, in particular by incorporating and centering theological contributions from underrepresented groups.

I thank all members who are involved in this ongoing labor, and urge us to keep our eyes on the CTSA's commitments to this work, striving to live up to these commitments more fully and deeply in all areas of our work as a Society.

4. Update: Four-Year Consultation on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church.

This Consultation, established by the Board ensure that the CTSA continue and deepen its work as a learned society to address, understand, and effectively respond to the scandal of sexual abuse in the church, is holding its first of four annual sessions at our 76th annual convention.

5. Board Action on Report and Recommendations of the Committee Reviewing CTSA Investments and Fossil Fuels.

This committee was chaired by Erin Lothes with members Dan DiLeo, Nancy Rourke, and Matthew Shadle. Following up on a history of discussions and

deliberations about divestment by the CTSA going back to 2013, this dedicated committee did extensive research on this issue over the past year, submitting its report in late April, 2022. In May, their report and recommendations were made available to the membership, accompanied by a letter asking for input and feedback. A special meeting of the CTSA board was also held in May to discuss the report. At its meeting of Thursday, June 10, the Board unanimously accepted **three resolutions for action**, which closely follow the recommendations of the committee report. The accepted action items are the following:

Motion to Freeze Investments in Fossil Fuels

Approve to freeze any new investments in the Carbon Underground 200, either through direct ownership or commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds, including reinvestment of dividends, effective June 30th, 2022.

Motion on Fossil Fuel Divestment

Divest from direct or commingled investments in the Carbon Underground 200 no later than the 2025 Annual Convention.

Motion to Create Fossil Fuel Divestment Plan Task Force

The Board charges the President to form a Task Force during 2022-2023 to develop a plan to be presented at the 2023 Annual Convention for divestment from direct or commingled investments in the Carbon Underground 200 no later than the 2025 Annual Convention.

During 2022-23, the Task Force will work closely with the Board and officers, as it develops this proposed plan, and opportunities for members' input and discussion of the evolving proposal will be provided over the coming months. Thanks to all who, over the years, have contributed to making this historic step. Incoming President Frank Clooney and the board will welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions.

6. Board approves formation of a “Centennial Planning Committee.”

At its June 10 meeting, the Board approved the formation of a “Centennial Planning Committee,” and charged the president and past-president with determining its membership and refining the implementation of its tasks after the June 2022 Board Meeting. As described in the approved proposal:

“The Centennial Committee will work with the Board and Officers to help the CTSA to attend to North American Catholic theology’s evolving contours and national and international contexts, challenges and opportunities; and in light these, to envisage, articulate and set guiding, strategic goals, to assist the Board in its work of advancing those goals. To that end, the Committee, working under the authority of the elected officers and board, will be responsible, in consultation with membership, for developing, submitting to the Board for approval, monitoring, and regularly updating a mission-driven, multi-year strategic plan for the CTSA, guided by a long range vision shaped in response to questions such as, What may or ought the CTSA look like three, five or ten years down the road? What guiding

vision for 'The CTSA at 100' will best reflect our Society's mission and aspirations, and what priority issues and strategic goals can most fruitfully orient our work in the present, and as we approach our 80th, 85th, 90th, and 95th anniversaries."

Pending some further refinement, during the **first phase of its work** the Centennial Committee's tasks are likely to include:

- Reviewing the mission of the CTSA, and study CTSA's historical records (e.g., Board minutes and statements, *Proceedings* volumes) for information on the ways the Society has embodied that mission.
- Scanning the Society's current organizational profile to surface strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities WOT).
- Building on a 2022 report on "economic and financial context," scanning the external environment for current and future trends which might impact the Society over the next five, ten, or twenty-five years.
- Drafting a vision statement for "The CTSA at 100" to be presented to the Board and membership for discussion and input.

During his presidency, Frank Clooney and I, as past-president, will be refining the committee's charge, membership composition and terms, etc., and he will be inviting members to join the committee in its inaugural year. We will post more information about this in the newsfeed as it develops. If you have comments, suggestions, or questions about this initiative, or if you or someone you know would like be considered for serving on this committee, please let me and President Clooney know.

7. Encouraging creative inroads for engagement between CTSA members and U.S. and Canadian Bishops.

Much gratitude to our 2021–2022 liaisons Darren Dias, O.P., (Canadian Bishops) and Tom Rausch, S.J., (USCCB Liaison). Both Darren and Tom have expressed the desire to explore with the Board and Officers potential new or renewed initiatives to build and enrich communication and relationships between CTSA theologians and North American bishops.

One ongoing effort is our CTSA program supporting meetings between member-theologians and their local or regional bishops. Participation in this program has not been robust in the past several years.

However, I'd like to point out a proposal we received from Prof. Marc Tumeinski at Anna Maria College in Massachusetts, who proposed a zoom-based reading group with Cardinal Wilton Gregory and CTSA members from nine different universities. As a pandemic-inspired variation on the "meeting with local bishops" theme, this proposal represents an experimental spirit that I hope we might emulate by coming up with other fresh efforts to connect members with Bishops and Bishops Conferences in 2022-23.

8. A final important item to note is the upcoming, five-year review of our convention structure which will include attention to the ways we designate our time across the convention, as well as on the pre-convention day of Thursday.

You will hear more about this from our incoming President; I encourage you to please respond to opportunities for input, and to be engaged in this process of review and, hopefully, improvement over the coming year-plus.

In conclusion, I extend my abundant and heartfelt thanks to each member of the Society for your dedicated labors in the fields of theology, for your service to the academy, society, and church, and for the honor of serving as your CTSA president during the past year.

Report of the President-Elect

The following is the text of the report read by Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

1. As President-Elect, I heartily endorsed the President's remarks of acknowledgment, adding my own thanks to all who had worked so hard to make this year's convention a success. I am particularly grateful to Mary Jane Ponyik, Executive Director, and Dorie Goehring (Boston College, Ph.D. student), Program Organization Assistant, who were impressively efficient at every stage in the planning of the conference and its actual happening. I add a word of special appreciation for the good work of David Rohrer Budiash, who served as a videographer for the plenary sessions. Recording plenaries was only an experiment this year, but one that I hope leads to the wider dissemination of our presentations on the web in years to come.
2. I was relieved and pleased that so many of our members came to Atlanta, in this first convention "after" COVID, for a convention that was amazingly almost "back to normal." With the assistance of Dorie Goehring, I was able to estimate the robust presence of underrepresented groups on the program in terms of plenary speakers, in leadership positions, and among presenters.
3. This was a wonderfully diverse convention in terms of content too, with so many of us in so many ways rising to the occasion and seriously taking up the convention theme, "Thinking Catholic Interreligiously." I am grateful to all who participated in the topic, selected, and invited sessions, and especially to our plenary speakers and respondents for their superb and stimulating presentations. The richness and diversity of the ways in which we approached the theme confirms for me that the interreligious realities of today's world can and must be a constructive dimension of all Catholic theology in the decades to come.
4. I was particularly pleased with the Friday evening session, "At the Intersection of Race and Our Many Religions," with eloquent and heartfelt presentations by Victoria Raggs, Founder and Director, Atlanta Jews of Color Council, Imam Plemon El-Amin, Imam Emeritus, Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, and Balabhadra Bhattacharya Dasa, President of Vedic Friends Association. The panel benefited immensely as well from Susan Abraham's role as moderator, and Simon Mary Ahiokhai as respondent.
5. This year we witnessed the value of fall and spring Zoomed conversations—on anti-racism in the undergraduate classroom (December) and on *Fratelli Tutti* (April). Worthy in themselves, these online discussions also encourage us to plan on more such events as a regular part of the Society's life in the years to come.

The use of Zoom and other online technologies also give us exciting new venues for deeper and sustained communication with the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACTHUS), the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT), World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL), and potentially other international organizations as well.

6. I confirm too the continuity in planning mentioned by our President in her report, particularly with regard to our Fossil Fuels Divestment commitment, the work of the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church initiative, and Society's Commitments on Racial Injustice.
7. The CTSA convenes and does its work only in the shifting landscape of theology and higher education, affected by and attentive to shifting demographics, urgent economic factors, and the changing needs of a diversifying church in North America and across the globe. Where will we be in ten years as an organization? Or by the 100th anniversary of the Society in 2045? I therefore see as a necessary priority for my year as president (2022-23) that we engage seriously in short term self-assessment, by this year's mandatory five-year convention structure review, and by longer term planning, e.g., by the "Centennial Planning Committee" which will gradually form and take up its tasks this year. I welcome suggestions on both, and anticipate "town hall" sessions on Zoom during the year to further conversations on every aspect of our near-term and longer range future as a Society.
8. Overlapping with President's Report: We need to make certain there is continuity and follow-up regarding the following:
 - a. The Fossil Fuel Divestment Committee's work, in light of our conversations at this Board meeting and report to the membership at the Business meeting;
 - b. The work of the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church initiative;
 - c. Advancing the Board & Society's Commitments on Racial Injustice;
 - d. The practice of fall and spring Zoomed conversations, on anti-racism in the undergraduate classroom (December) and on *Fratelli Tutti* (April); these during-the-year discussions seem clearly to be a good practice which we should make a regular part of the Society's life in the future;
 - e. Reinvigorating the CTSA's relationship with North American bishops, in Canada and the United States,
 - i. possibly by way of more targeted, select conversations with bishops who seem open to conversations;
 - f. The establishment, missioning, and forward-movement of the Centennial Planning Committee, to look forward at the large issues facing theological and academic organizations such as ours in the next twenty-five years; and
 - g. Monitoring ongoing initiatives to ensure continuity from the presidency of Christine Firer Hinze to that of Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

Report of the Vice-President

The following is the text of the report read by Dr. Kristin Heyer.

I am most grateful to Mary Jane Ponyik and my Presidential Line and Board colleagues for their ongoing collaboration and assistance. Thanks, as well, to the leadership of CUERG for our meetings this year.

I wish to highlight the successful mentorship event held this morning, where senior members of the Society met with new members. As in recent years, the primary purpose of the event was to welcome the new members to the CTSA, with this year's theme as transitioning into careers in theology. I am grateful to all involved for their participation in the event! I add my thanks to everyone who contributed to today's Memorial Service honoring our departed members.

Looking to my work during the year ahead as President-Elect, I am happy to note that initial plans for the 2023 convention in Milwaukee are beginning to come together, with a concise yet generative convention theme: "Freedom." I am pleased to introduce Emma McDonald, the new program organization assistant. Emma is a current doctoral candidate at Boston College and just presented her research last session in the Fieldwork in Theology interest group. I wish to thank Kate Ward (Marquette) and Shawnee Daniels Sykes (Mt. Mary University) and David Stosur (Cardinal Stricht University) for serving on the Local Arrangements Committee. Thanks to our outgoing Liturgical Coordinator, Tony (Antonio) Alonso, who has agreed to help onboard Layla Karst, who will succeed him next year.

I am grateful to the invited plenary speakers and respondents for next year, as well: Andrew Prevot (Boston College) who will address the freedom of God and human freedom; Darlene Weaver (Duquesne University) who will address the relationship of freedom to moral agency, with respondent Melissa Pagán (Mount Saint Mary's University); and finally, Leo Guardado (Fordham University), Stan Chu Ilo (DePaul University) and Mary Mee-Yin Yuen (Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy, Hong Kong); their panel will address threats to freedom along with modes of resistance and agency in different international contexts. I look forward to working with you all in bringing the convention's theme to life in topic, selected, and invited sessions. If you are an incoming convener of a consultation, interest group, or topic session, please remember to join our breakfast meeting on Sunday.

I hope that the theme narrative you received as you entered will help stimulate your reflection about the many ways our theological subdisciplines can help illuminate the gift and challenge of freedom. We have witnessed tensions between individual liberty and the common good resurge during the pandemic, yet Catholic theology has long articulated a more robust understanding of freedom than mere license. I have sketched potential applications of that understanding, beginning with this year's interreligious theme and expanding out to the various subdisciplines represented at our annual conventions and beyond. I look forward to seeing the creative directions you all take the theme in response to our Call for Proposals. I am also investigating the possibility of a local tour or two related to the theme, as well. I welcome ideas from all of you for the 2023 convention in Milwaukee.

One resolution was submitted to the Resolutions Committee this year, and in my *ex officio* role as chair of the committee, I wish to thank the members of the committee, Marcus Mescher and Mary Kate Holman, Bill Loewe, our parliamentarian, and the resolution's author, P.J. Johnston.

The following is the statement of the resolution that the CTSA members in attendance at the Business Meeting on June 10, 2022 approved as a position of the CTSA:

The Catholic Theological Society of America stands in solidarity with members of the LGBTQIA+ community. We affirm their dignity and rights as persons made in the image of God and stand committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our LGBTQIA+ colleagues, both in society at large as well as at our annual meetings. As the CTSA convenes in Atlanta for its 2022 annual meeting, its members deplore the unprecedented wave of attacks on the community across the nation. Legislative restrictions or attacks are frequently combined with dehumanizing and abusive rhetoric, which have predictably led to a surge in hate crimes and murders against the transgender community and others dehumanized by these policies and rhetoric. As Catholics it is our responsibility to denounce this systematic marginalization and disenfranchisement of transgender persons and any other vulnerable communities subjected to a comprehensive assault on their basic dignity and rights of citizenship. We call upon the USCCB along with local and state legislators to reconsider any policy positions that may have contributed to the current explosion of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate. We implore church leaders to consider how these policies alienate LGBTQIA+ persons, their families, and young Catholics from their parishes and from the Church, frequently discrediting Christianity itself. We commit in the words of Galatians 3:28 to that *koinonia* in which there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for (we) all are one in Christ Jesus.

A motion to approve was made. The results of the vote were 126 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Report of the Secretary

CTSA Secretary, Hosffman Ospino, began by thanking the membership for their trust in renewing his service as an officer of the Board. He highlighted a strong number of membership application this previous year: a total of ninety-nine, of which ninety-five were moved forward for consideration of the membership at the Business Meeting. He invited all members to continue to encourage colleagues, doctoral students, and particularly members from underrepresented communities to consider membership in the Society. He expressed his gratitude to the members of the Admissions Committee, Dr. Darren J. Dias, Dr. Rachel Bundang, and Dr. Steven Battin for their generous service.

Dr. Ospino offered a word of gratitude to the CTSA Executive Director, Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik for her outstanding service to the Society and its members. Dr. Ospino served as a Board of Directors liaison to CUERG along with Vice-President Kristin Heyer. The conversations have been fruitful and we look forward to continued collaboration.

During this time, a couple of members of the CTSA sent materials associated with the Society to the archives at Catholic University of America. If you happen to have

served the CTSA in any capacity and have materials in your possession, please contact me or send them directly to the Archives at CUA appropriately labelled.

Dr. Ospino plans on increasing efforts to connect with doctoral students in between-conventions. More information about these steps will be announced later during the year.

Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M., was included in the documents provided to the members attending the Business Meeting. This report is also included in the *Proceedings*. Rev. Flanagan completed his first year of service as Treasurer and he expressed his gratitude to his predecessor, Dr. John Dadosky for his support during the transition. He also thanks Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik and Rev. Dan Daily, S.J. for assisting him with his responsibilities. He highlighted the work of the Task Force on Economic Context, Business Model and Financial Plan for helping the Society to understand important realities about divestments and re-investments.

Rev. Flanagan expressed that we are in challenging economic times in this country and the world. Many Catholic organizations, including our institutions of higher education, are facing difficulties. Many are bracing for a much-announced decline in enrollment by 2025 (a loss of about 800,000 new incoming students), affecting the Northeast in particular. There are global realities that have made the economy unstable. While the CTSA finances have enjoyed certain stability, currently our investments are down 9 percent. We have some funds that will help the Society on rainy days and to support initiatives at the service of the membership, yet those funds may run out quickly. We need more creativity. Rev. Flanagan will continue to monitor investments, explore ways to reinvest beyond Fossil Fuels, be more precise in the development of the budget, and seek out grants and donations to support the work of the Society. He invited members to continue to be generous with their donations and to encourage their institutions to support the CTSA.

Report of the Executive Director

The following is the text of the report read by Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik.

Welcome back everyone! This year's convention attendance is 349 with 75 percent attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet. There are nineteen publishing houses represented at this year's convention, and 9 program ads were purchased. This year, sixty-three attendees participated in the NativeEnergy, an expert provider of carbon offsets initiative. The project Madya Pradesh [India] Green Bricks for Urban Construction is to be the recipient of the collected funds.

Callie Tabor and Susan Bigelow Reynolds served as this year's Local Arrangements Committee. They have done a terrific job in assisting Christine, Frank and me with the preparation of the convention. In addition, I would like to thank the student volunteers from Boston College, Emory University, Oblate School of Theology, John Carroll University, and the University of Dayton, who make up this year's registration team.

Future Conventions

The CTSA will travel to Milwaukee next year. The room rate will be \$155 and the meeting dates are June 8-11. Your room reservation at the convention hotel impacts the current and future CTSA conventions. For every fifty rooms booked, the CTSA receives a credit. In addition, your room booking assists the CTSA in receiving responses and competitive room rates from our request for proposals from hotels for future conventions. The CTSA uses approximately fifteen meeting rooms at its annual convention, and hotels consider the number of sleep room bookings versus the square footage of required meeting space ratio when determining whether or not to submit a proposal to the CTSA.

The CTSA has taken measures to sustain the attendance at the annual meetings. The CTSA contracts with hotels in second tier cities as we meet during peak travel time in the summer. Our room rate and registration rate is competitive. In addition, we continue to award twenty convention scholarships each year to offer financial assistance to CTSA members. The submission deadline date to submit a scholarship application is October 1.

CTSA Newsfeed

Have you posted on the CTSA Newsfeed yet? If not, I encourage you to do so. Take a moment to post an event you are hosting at your university, a comment on current events as it relates to theology, or an item that might be of interest to your colleagues. Directions on how to post are posted on the Newsfeed website page. I am always a great resource too if you need assistance in figuring out how to post.

Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram #CTSA2022

The CTSA continues to hold a strong presence on Twitter with 1,600 followers. We continue to have a presence on Instagram at our convention—follow #CTSA2022. New in social media is the CTSA now holds a presence on LinkedIn. Whatever your preferred social medium, be sure to follow us!

Housekeeping Matters

An electronic convention evaluation request will be sent to the email address you provided when you registered for the convention. If you could please complete and submit the evaluation within the next two weeks, it would be very much appreciated. Your comments are valuable to the president-elect in the planning of the next year's convention.

Those who are attending the John Courtney Murray banquet, seats have been pre-assigned in the banquet hall. The purpose for doing this is to help prevent the congestion at the doorways.

Thank you for your continued support for my work as the executive director of your Society. Covid has brought it challenges to the CTSA in terms of gathering, but I am proud to say that the Society continues to engage online and in person. It is my pleasure to serve. And I remind you to never hesitate to reach out to me.

Report of CUERG

Dr. Stephanie Wong presented the Report from CUERG.

Leadership. The Committee for Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Minority Groups thanks the outgoing convener Melissa Pagán for her leadership. The leadership

team going forward will consist of Joseph Flipper (University of Dayton), Stephanie Wong (Villanova University), and Leo Guardado (Fordham University).

Communication. CUERG appreciates ongoing meetings with the liaisons of the Board. Especially as the Society returns to in-person conventions but continues to utilize Zoom meetings, the CUERG leadership aims to increase communications throughout the year with the wider CUERG membership.

Luncheon. As in past in-person conventions, we will have the pre-registered luncheon tomorrow (Saturday) at 1:00 p.m., an opportunity for members of under-represented backgrounds and for those interested in matters of representation to join to get to know each other.

Report of the INSeCT Delegate

Dr. Ramón Luzárraga, CTSA representative to INSeCT provided the following report.

The process by which INSeCT has revamped its structures to become an international networking center for Catholic theological societies to communicate and collaborate with each other is complete. The website has been revamped, containing news from member organizations. This news consists of meetings, publications, job opportunities, and other resources. The website address is: <https://www.insecttheology.org/>.

INSeCT hired an executive secretary, Maddison Reddie-Clifford, to manage the website, and the daily activity of the organization.

The transition of INSeCT from being a registered charity in Europe to a 501c registered organization in the United States is still in process. The reason for this is my responsibility. I had to move from Arizona to Washington and settle into a new home and position.

In terms of the fee, *mea culpa*. I will be placing the request for funding for the next coming year. Otherwise, it has been an honor to be you representative. Thank you.

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

Dr. Jaisy Joseph and Dr. Rufus Burnett, Jr., CTSA representatives to the WFTL provided the following report.

It is with great excitement that we stand before you in the planetary spirit of solidarity to give this report on World Forum on Theology and Liberation.

The World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL), “has as its objective and mission to be a space of convergence, encounter and exchange, with theologies and theologians around the world who commit themselves to the principle of liberation in their personal, regional and international contexts.” It was first organized in January 2003, during the third edition of the World Social Forum (WSF) in Porto Alegre, Brasil. In a meeting between theologians, the idea arose of carrying out an activity on Liberation Theology in the programming of the World Social Forum.

Since our last report submitted on May 27, 2021, several events have taken place. First, on June 1, 2021, the International Committee elected new members to serve on the Methodological and Executive Committees. Members of the Executive Committee include, Kochurani Abraham Karippaparampil (Kerala, India, Asia), Wairimu Beatrice Churu (Nairobi, Kenya, Africa), the Executive Secretary, Denise Couture (Montréal,

Canada, North America), Jesus Alejandro Ortiz Cotte (Puebla, Mexico, Latin America), and the Executive Coordinator, Jean-François Roussel (Montréal, Canada, North America). Members of the Methodological committee include, Geraldina Cespedez (Landívar, Guatemala) Ceaser Kuzma (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil) Pilomena Mwaura (Nairobi, Kenya, Jesus Alejandro Ortiz Cotte (Puebla, Mexico). On September 9, 2021, Rufus Burnett, Jr. (Fordham University), who is one of the CTSA liaisons to the WFTL, joined the Methodological Committee. On November 2021, the WFTL released a new collection of essays entitled, *The World Will Never Be the Same: Liberation Theologies in Times of Pandemic*. These essays emerge from the World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL) 2020/2021. Beginning on December 10, 2021, members of the WFTL met to plan the eleventh gathering of the WFTL, which was held in two parts.

The first part was originally planned to be held in a hybrid format along with the World Social Forum (WSF) in Puebla, Mexico on May 1-6, 2022. Due to local challenges however, the panel format was converted to fully online and the Executive committee nominated Jesus Alejandro Ortiz Cotte to represent the WFTL in person at the WSF in Mexico, City. The general theme of the WSF is “Another World Emerges from the Coronavirus Pandemic.” The second part met online, Monday through Thursday of this week. The theme of part two of the eleventh gathering of WFTL is “Action and Promise: Struggling Against Violence, Building Justice and Rethinking Rationality in the Time of Climate Change,” which covered major topics such as the futures of the WFTL and the World Social Forum, Eco-justice and Climate Change, Liberating Practices of Resistance, and Depatriarchalizing and Decolonizing Theology. All activities and sessions included simultaneous translation between four languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French. Decolonial and Liberationist approaches to gender violence, patriarchy, and the marginalization of the faith perspectives of women and LGBTQIA+ communities figured most prominently in the forum. Presentations on grassroots projects engaged the embodied realities of migration, disappearances, and indigenous spiritualities. These presentations sparked generative discussions on how the faith experiences of the vulnerable inspire hope alternative imaginings of justice, solidarity, peace, freedom and belonging. Self-critical discussions emerged on the promise of continuing to meet in large format international forums. In light of the multifaceted narratives of struggle, members collectively imagined new possibilities of interaction (via Zoom and other platforms) that take into account local experiences with pandemics, climate change, and polarized political realities.

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.” Especially during the two-year synodal process inaugurated by Pope Francis from 2021-2023, the necessity of listening to the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth become apparent through venues like WFTL, which widen the horizons of CTSA's capacity to be enriched by voices beyond the US/Western framework. 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. 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

Dr. Neomi DeAnda read the citation for the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award. She first thanked the other members of the committee, namely Chris Pramuck and Judith Gruber, for their work in reading the submissions and selecting this year's winner. She also thanked all who submitted essays.

The 2022 Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award is presented to Craig A. Ford Jr., Ph.D.

Craig A. Ford, Jr.'s essays, "Our New Galileo Affair," ascertains urgent questions around official Catholic teaching regarding gender and sexuality. Built around a conversation of science and religion, this essay gives a careful and thorough examination of all sides of the questions and their development through the years. The position of a new Galileo moment presents a sound, compelling and creative argument. The essay articulates four parallels around LGBTQ+ issues in the Catholic Church. It also outlines a sophisticated critique of "gender ideology" as a catchall phrase to describe the philosophical background to any/all positions on gender and sexuality which oppose magisterial teaching. Ford's essay powerfully summarizes what the author names as the current "ecclesial deformity" which blocks the movement of the Holy Spirit within the People of God toward truth. This ecclesial deformity arises from two dominating practices: that of subjecting LGBTQ+ persons who inhabit Catholic institutions to unwarranted and heightened monitoring of their lives; and seeking to institute a magisterial authoritarianism in the vein of a narrow interpretation of the moral theology of John Paul II. "Our New Galileo Affair" finely outlines constructive, practical, and ethical theological ways forward to the urgent removal of this ecclesial deformity as a remedy before our churches become irrelevant around issues of gender and sexuality.

Congratulations, Dr. Ford!

Action to Receive the Reports

All reports were received by acclamation.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Adjournment

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. EST.

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