

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-seventh Annual Convention on June 8-11, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme of the convention was "Freedom." Registration for the convention was conducted electronically in the months leading to the meeting. The Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology met on Thursday, June 8 at 3:00-5:30 pm, CST. The 2023 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu, Professor of Theology and Theological Aesthetics at Loyola Marymount University. The Opening Session was led on Thursday, June 8 by CTSA President Francis X. Clooney, S.J., starting with a Land Acknowledgement Statement. Most Reverend Jerome Edward Listeki, Archbishop of Milwaukee, gave a word of welcome to all convention participants and led the opening prayer. President Francis X. Clooney, S.J. introduced the first plenary speaker, Dr. Andrew Prevot from Georgetown University. The evening concluded with a reception. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the support provided by the following institutions: Boston College; the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, the Department of Theology, and the Department of Catholic Studies at Duquesne University; President John J. DeGioia and Georgetown University; Harvard School of Divinity at Harvard University; John LaFarge Jesuit Community; Marquette University; Saint Louis University; University of Dayton; and Villanova University.

On Friday, June 9, the day began with a Memorial Service to remember and honor CTSA members who passed away during the previous year. The service was followed by the second plenary session, delivered by Dr. Darlene Fozard Weaver from the University of Dayton. After a day of sessions and conversations, the business meeting was held on Friday afternoon from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, CST. 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. Additional receptions were also sponsored by a collaborative of publishers (Liturgical Press, Orbis Books, and Paulist Press) and Marquette University. At 8:30 pm, CST, a special session called "What is the Future of the CTSA?" was led by the Centennial Committee. The session was open to all members attending the convention.

After morning prayer on Saturday, June 10, the third plenary session was a panel presided by Dr. Kristin E. Heyer. The panelists were Dr. Leo Guardado from Fordham University, Dr. Stan Chu Ilo from DePaul University, and Dr. Mary Mee-Yin Yuen from Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology & Philosophy. After the panel, sessions and conversations followed throughout the day. At 6:30 pm, CST convention participants gathered at Old Saint Mary Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to celebrate the Eucharist. CTSA President, Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J. presided and preached. After the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held back at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Francis X. Clooney, S.J. read the citation and presented the John Courtney Murray Award to Rev. Roger David Haight, S.J.

On Sunday, June 11, after morning prayer, Dr. Francis X. Clooney, S.J. delivered his Presidential Address. After this, he formally concluded his term as CTSA President and introduced the new President, Dr. Kristin E. Heyer.

Dr. Layla A. Karst from Loyola Marymount 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**Concurrent Sessions At-A-Glance****I. Friday Morning**

1. Freedom Across Theological Diversity
2. Anthropology
3. Theology of Peacebuilding and Nonviolence
4. An Exploration of Unfreedom in the Moral Life
5. Lonergan
6. Theories of Freedom and Contemplative Praxis
7. Catholic Theology and the Contemporary University
8. Spirituality
9. Latino/a Theology
10. Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church
11. Christianity and Judaism

II. Friday Afternoon

1. Doing Theology from the Peripheries
2. Freedom at the Beginning and End of Life
3. Christ
4. Thomas Aquinas
5. Mental Health in Theological Perspective
6. Rahner
7. Catholicity and Mission
8. Public Theology
9. Black Catholic Theology
10. Disability Theology
11. Hans Urs von Balthasar

III. Saturday Morning

1. Ethical Challenges in a Post-Roe America
2. Synodality and Freedom in the Church
3. Practical Theology
4. Freedom, Coercion, and Self-Realization
5. Church / Ecumenism
6. Bioethics/Healthcare
7. Comparative Theology
8. Catholic Social Thought
9. Moral Theology
10. Fundamental Theology/Method
11. Creation/Eschatology

IV. Saturday Afternoon

1. Decolonizing Catholic Theology
2. The Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone
3. Asian/Asian American Theology
4. Pre-liberal Theologies of Freedom in a Post-liberal Age
5. Liturgy/Sacraments
6. Historical Theology
7. Fieldwork in Theology
8. Moral Theology
9. Freedom for All of Us
10. Theology and Science
11. God and Trinity

Plenary Sessions At-A-Glance

First Plenary
Thursday Evening

Andrew Prevot
Georgetown University

Second Plenary
Friday Morning

Darlene Fozard Weaver
University of Dayton

Respondent:
Melissa Pagán
Mount Saint Mary's University

Third Plenary
Saturday Morning

Leo Guardado
Fordham University

Stan Chu Ilo
DePaul University

Mary Mee-Yin Yuen
Holy Spirit Seminary College of theology and Philosophy

Fourth Plenary

Francis X. Clooney, S.J.
Harvard University
President, CTSA

Special Session of the Centennial Committee

Friday Evening

“What is the Future of the CTSA?”

Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 8, 2023

CTSA Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Crystal Room
<i>Theological Studies Board Meeting</i>	1:00–5:00 p.m. Pere Marquette
Registration	1:00–4:30 p.m. and 6:00–7:00 p.m. Regency Prefunction
Exhibits	1:00–7:00 p.m. Atrium
Minowakiing debwemagad (The good land, it is true): An Indigenous Experience of Milwaukee <i>Pre-registration required to participate in the tour. Group will meet in hotel lobby.</i>	11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Off Site
Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology	3:00–5:30 p.m. Lakeshore

Administrative Team: Jessica Coblentz, Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Julia Feder, Margaret Mary Moore

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

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

Presenter: **Theresa Yugar**, California State University, Los Angeles

Paper Title: “Women’s Freedom: 40 Years on Since Ruether’s *Sexism and God-Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology*”

Respondent: **Rachel Bundang**, Santa Clara University

Ann O’Hara Graff Memorial Award 4:30–5:00 p.m.
The 2023 Ann O’Hara Graff Memorial Award will be awarded to
Cecilia González-Andrieu
Professor of Theology and Theological Aesthetics
Loyola Marymount University

Business Meeting

5:15–5:30 p.m.

WCCT Steering Committee Members:

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

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Stephanie Wong, Villanova University

Susan Bigelow Reynolds, Emory University

Win Whelan, St. Bonaventure University

Thursday Evening, June 8, 2023

Opening and First Plenary Session

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

Presiding: **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, Harvard University
President, CTSA

Land Acknowledgement

The Catholic Theological Society of America acknowledges the Menominee, Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Fox, Mascouten, Sauk and Ojibwe nations, on whose homeland we convene in Milwaukee in June 2023. Members of these nations have known these lands as relatives for millennia, and their descendants remain our hosts. We also acknowledge that

Milwaukee is located along the southwest shores of Michigami (meaning “big water” in Anishinaabemowin), where the Milwaukee River, Menomonee River and Kinnickinnic River meet. We are mindful of our responsibility to practice good relations with the land and water as elders and ancestors past, present and emerging have done.

Our responsibility here, and where we live and teach, entails learning about these cultural traditions that inform good stewardship of our environment and practicing ongoing good relations with the sovereign nations who care for it. In a spirit of reconciliation, we can create the conditions of hospitality for current Indigenous community members and all yet to walk with us. We likewise remember, in the same spirit of repentance and with a resolve to work for healing and reparation, other legacies of violence, enslavement, displacement, and dispossession that have created the local landscape here. We recall, in particular, how Milwaukee’s history of institutionalized racism has yielded the hyper-segregated city that it is today.

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Address: **Andrew Prevot**, Georgetown University

“Elusive Freedom: The Struggle Continues”

Opening Reception

9:00 p.m.

Atrium / Executive Ballroom

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Friday Morning, June 9, 2023

von Balthasar Society Breakfast	7:00–8:15 a.m. Solomon/Juneau
Mentorship Breakfast: Navigating as New Members <i>Prior registration required</i>	7:00–8:15 a.m. Executive B
Schillebeeckx Breakfast	7:00–8:15 a.m. Executive C
Comparative Theology Reading Group Breakfast	7:00–8:15 a.m. Executive A
Zen Meditation	7:15–8:15 a.m. Crystal
Memorial Service <i>Remembrance of Deceased CTSA Members</i>	8:15–9:00 a.m. Regency Ballroom
Exhibits	8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Atrium
Registration	9:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Regency Ballroom Prefunction
Second Plenary Session	9:00–10:30 a.m. Regency Ballroom
Presiding: Christine Firer Hinze , Fordham University Past President, CTSA	
Address: Darlene Fozard Weaver , University of Dayton “Freedom in a Morally Diverse World”	
Respondent: Melissa Pagán , Mount Saint Mary’s University	
Coffee Break	10:30–11:00 a.m. Atrium

Concurrent Sessions I**11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**I.1 Freedom Across Theological Diversity:**Lakeshore A**Engaging the Past as Invitation and Limitation – Invited Session

Convener: **Linh Hoang, O.F.M.**, Siena College
 Moderator: **Conor M. Kelly**, Marquette University

Panelists: **Shawn Colberg**, St. John’s University
Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University
Linh Hoang, O.F.M., Siena College

I.2 Anthropology – Topic Session**Lakeshore B**

Administrative Team: Elizabeth Pyne, Eric Meyer, Tiffany Hartnell-Howden

Convener: **Elizabeth Pyne**, Mercyhurst University
 Moderator: **Eric Meyer**, Carroll College

Presenter: **Elizabeth O’Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Paper Title: “‘No one takes my life, I give it freely’: Reimagining Human Freedom in Light of Ecomartyrdom”

Presenter: **Jessica Coblentz**, Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame, Indiana)

Paper Title: “Freedom from Sexual Attraction? Thinking with Asexual Reappraisals of the Human Person”

Presenter: **Daniel Minch**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Paper Title: “The Promise of the Future Is Also the Threat of the Future: Money as *Theos* and the Constraints of *Homo Oeconomicus*”

I.3 Theology of Peacebuilding and Nonviolence – Interest Group**Lakeshore C**

Administrative Team: Eli McCarthy, Leo Guardado, Teresia Hinga (d. 3/31/23)

Convener: **Eli McCarthy**, Georgetown University
 Moderator: **Leo Guardado**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Lisa Sowle Cahill**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Can the Theology of Nonviolent Peacebuilding Co-Exist with the Permission of Just Defense?”

Presenter: **Leo Lushombo**, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
 Paper Title: "Environmental Justice, Peacebuilding, and Nonviolence"

Respondent: **Heather Dubois**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "An Appreciative Inquiry"

I.4 An Exploration of Unfreedom in
 the Moral Life – Selected Session

Gilpatrick AB

Convener: **R. Zachary Karanovich**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Daniel P. Scheid**, Duquesne University

Presenter: **Xavier M. Montecel**, St. Mary's University
 Paper Title: "Liturgical Vice: Unfreedom and Injustice in Christian Worship"

Presenter: **R. Zachary Karanovich**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "Agency on the Other Side of Oppression: Evaluating Moral Constraints on the Freedom for Solidarity"

Presenter: **Kate Jackson-Meyer**, Harvard University
 Paper Title: "Tragic Dilemmas and the Precarity of Moral Goodness in Light of Constrained Moral Agency"

I.5 Lonergan – Consultation

Solomon Juneau

Administrative Team: Erica Siu-Mui Lee, Jennifer Kendall Sanders, Brian Bajzek

Convener: **Erica Siu-Mui Lee**, Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy
 Moderator: **Robert Elliot**, Boston College

Presenter: **Jeremy W. Blackwood**, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology
 Paper Title: "Graced Freedom as *Memoria* in Conversation: Developing Lonergan with Doran and Lawrence"

Presenter: **Christopher Krall, S.J.**, Creighton University
 Paper Title: "'The Truth Will Set You Free': The Freeing Power of the Virtue of Humility Backed by the Neuroscience of Self-Esteem"

Presenters: **Eric A. Mabry**, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
 Paper Title: "*Deliberatio Christi*: Did Christ Decide Which Parables would be Best?"

I.6 Theories of Freedom and Contemplative Praxis – Selected Session **Milwaukee A**

Convener: **Jacob W. Torbeck**, Valparaiso University
 Moderator: **Derrick Witherington**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **Min-Ah Cho**, Georgetown University
 Paper Title: “Reclaiming Silence as a Spiritual and Political Practice of Freedom”

Presenter: **Jacob W. Torbeck**, Valparaiso University
 Paper Title: “One is Undone: Kenotic Freedom in Christian Mystical Theologies”

Presenter: **Kathleen McNutt**, Marquette University
 Paper Title: “On Care for our Common *Gnōmē*: Eco-spirituality and Freedom in Maximus the Confessor”

I.7 Catholic Theology and Contemporary University – Interest Group **Milwaukee B**

Administrative Team: Edward P. Hahnenberg, Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos

Convener: **Edward P. Hahnenberg**, John Carroll University
 Moderator: **Nancy Dallavalle**, Fairfield University

Presenter: **J. Matthew Ashley**, University of Notre Dame
 Paper Title: “Teaching and Spiritual Direction: A Fruitful Tension in the Classroom?”

Presenter: **Craig A. Ford, Jr.**, Saint Norbert College
 Paper Title: “Catholic Theology and DEI Initiatives on Campus: Emerging Roles for Theologians”

Presenter: **Elisabeth Vasko**, Duquesne University
 Paper Title: “There Is Enough to Go Around: Do You Have the Courage to See It, to Believe It?”

I.8 Spirituality – Topic**Crystal***Contemplation and Freedom in Late Modernity*

Administrative Team: Mary Frohlich, Axel Marc Oaks-Takacs, C. Vanessa White

Convener: **Mary Frohlich**, Catholic Theological Union
 Moderator: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union

Presenter: **Benedict Shoup**, University of Notre Dame
Paper Title: "The Freedom of Being Before God: Edith Stein, Jean-Yves Lacoste, and the Sanjuanist Paradigm of Freedom in the Twentieth Century"

Presenter: **Kristen Drahos**, Baylor University
Paper Title: "Re-Calling Contemplation: Byung-Chul Han and the Promise of Mysticism"

Presenter: **Christian Krokus**, University of Scranton
Paper Title: "Christian de Chergé and the Martyrdom of Love"

I.9 Latino/a Theology – Consultation

Executive C

Administrative Team: Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Mauricio Najarro, Cesar "CJ" Baldelomar

Convener: **Jennifer Owens-Jofré**, Saint Louis University
Moderator: **Cesar "CJ" Baldelomar**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Presenter: **Ish Ruiz**, Emory University
Paper Title: "Liminality, Pedagogy, and Freedom: Exploring the Liberatory Practices of Queer Puerto Rican Catholics"

Respondent: **María Teresa Dávila**, Merrimack College

Respondent: **Miguel Díaz**, Loyola University Chicago

I.10 Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church – Consultation

Executive D

Framing the Problem: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Global North and South

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

Convener: **Cristina Traina**, Fordham University
Moderator: **Daniel Horan**, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana)

Presenters: **Julie Hanlon Rubio**, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University
Paper Title: Framing the Problem: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the United States

Presenters: **Stan Chu Ilo**, DePaul University
Sr. Josée Ngalula, Catholic University of Congo, Kinshasa
 Paper Title: Framing the Problem: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Central Africa, Nigeria, and Congo

I.11 Christianity and Judaism – Consultation

Pere Marquette

Administrative Team: Nicole Reibe, Andrew Massena, Carol Ann Martinelli

Convener: **Nicole Reibe**, Loyola University Maryland
 Moderator: **Mia Theocharis**, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

Presenter: **Andrew Massena**, Loras College
 Paper Title: "Freedom with the Law: Proposing a Christian Practice of *Torah Lishmah*"

Respondent: **Bethany Slater**, Denison University

Friday Afternoon, June 9, 2023

Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology Luncheon 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Executive AM

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

Presiding: **Nancy Pineda-Madrid**, Loyola Marymount University
 Vice President, CTSA

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

Concurrent Sessions II

2:30–4:15 p.m.

II.1 Doing Theology from the Peripheries: Roundtable Discussion and Analysis from North American Working Group for the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development Project – Selected Session **Lakeshore A**

Convener: **Bradford Hinze**, Fordham University
 Moderator: **Meghan J. Clark**, St. John's University (New York)

Panelist: **Stan Chu Ilo**, DePaul University
 Paper Title: "Encounter—Listen—Discern—Learn—Humble Accompaniment"

Panelist: **Jennifer Owens-Jofré**, Saint Louis University
 Paper Title: "Doing Theology in Ways that Develop Right and Just Relationships"

Panelist: **Darren Dias, O.P.**, University of St. Michael's
 Paper Title: "Doing Theology by Engaging People Where They Are"

II.2 Freedom at the Beginning and End of Life: **Lakeshore B**
Constrained and Enhanced in Healthcare Structures – Selected Session

Convener: **Daniel J. Daly**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
 Moderator: **Shaun Slusarski**, Boston College

Presenter: **Emma McDonald**, Boston College
 Paper title: "Freedom and Constraint in Transnational Surrogacy and Gamete Donation"

Presenter: **Daniel J. Daly**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
 Paper title: "The Constrained Moral Agency of the Dying: The Contribution of Structural Analysis to Catholic End-of-Life Ethics"

Respondent: **Daniel K. Finn**, St. John's University (Minnesota)

II.3 Christ – Topic Session **Lakeshore C**

Administrative Team: John Thiede, S.J., Mary Kate Holman, Eugene Schlesinger

Convener: **John Thiede, S.J.**, Marquette University
 Moderator: **Mary Kate Holman**, Benedictine University

Presenter: **Flora Tang**, University of Notre Dame
 Paper Title: "The Queerness of Jesus and the Ungendered Flesh of Christ: Hortense Spillers and M. Shawn Copeland's *Enfleshing Freedom* in Conversation"

Presenter: **Giadio DeBiasio**, Boston College
 Paper Title: "Freeing the Pathway to Salvation: Christ's Death and the Salvation of Unbaptized Infants Who Die"

Presenter: **Taylor Ott**, KU Leuven
 Paper Title: "Following Jesus the Dissident: Developing a Theory of Dissent for a Liberative Church"

II.4 Thomas Aquinas – Consultation**Gilpatrick AB**

Administrative Team: Daria Spezzano, David Elliot, Gregory LaNave

Convener: **Daria Spezzano**, Providence CollegeModerator: **Shawn Colberg**, St. John's UniversityPresenter: **William C. Mattison**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Virtue and Freedom: Resources from Aquinas on Habit"

Presenter: **Robert Barry**, Providence College

Paper Title: "Freedom under Original Sin"

Presenter: **Nicholas Ogle**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Aquinas on Free Choice and the Scope of Moral Responsibility"

II.5 Mental Health in Theological Perspective – Interest Group**Solomon Juneau**

Administrative Team: Elizabeth Antus, Jessica Coblentz

Conveners: **Jessica Coblentz**, St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana)**Elizabeth Antus**, Georgetown UniversityModerator: **Marcus Mescher**, Xavier UniversityPresenter: **Todd Whitmore**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Who is My Brother and Sister?: A Kinship Approach for Responding to Addiction"

Respondent: **M.T. Dávila**, Merrimack CollegeRespondent: **Andrew Kim**, Marquette UniversityII.6 Rahner – Consultation**Milwaukee A**

Administrative Team: Mark Fischer, Jakob Rinderknecht, Mary Beth Yount

Convener: **Brandon Peterson**, University of UtahModerator: **Michael Rubbelke**, St. John's School of TheologyPanel Title: "Grace, Freedom, and the Church: A Conversation with Richard Lennan about *Tilling the Church* (2022)"Panelist: **Richard Lennan**, Boston College School of Theology and MinistryPanelist: **Mary Beth Yount**, Neumann UniversityPanelist: **Michael Canaris**, Loyola University Chicago

II.7 Catholicity and Mission – Topic Session**Milwaukee B**

Administrative Team: Laurie Johnston, Antonio Sison, Cristina Lledo Gomez

Convener: **Laurie Johnston**, Emmanuel College

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

Presenter: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College

Paper Title: “Liberating Charism: Freedom, Grace and the Mission of Catholic Institutions”

Presenter: **Daniel Rober**, Sacred Heart University

Paper Title: “Catholic Higher Education and Theologies of Mission at the Crossroads of Identity and De-institutionalization”

Respondent: **Cristina Lledo Gomez**, BBI-The Australian Institute for Theological Education

II.8 Public Theology – Interest Group**Crystal**

Administrative Team: Rosemary P. Carbine, David DeCosse

Conveners: **Rosemary P. Carbine**, Whittier College

David DeCosse, Santa Clara University

Moderator: **Rosemary P. Carbine**, Whittier College

Presenter: **Victor Carmona**, The University of San Diego

Paper Title: “The Reign of God, Freedom, and US Immigration Policy”

Presenter: **David DeCosse**, Santa Clara University

Paper Title: *Created Freedom under the Sign of the Cross: A Catholic Public Theology for the United States* (Pickwick Publications, 2022)

II.9 Black Catholic Theology – Consultation**Executive C**

Administrative Team: Rev. Emmanuel Osigwe, Chanelle Robinson, Nicole Symmonds, LaRyssa Herrington, Craig A. Ford, Jr.

Convener: **Rev. Emmanuel Osigwe**, St. John Vianney Seminary

Moderator: **Chanelle Robinson**, Boston College

Presenter: **Kayla August**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Preaching as a Path to Freedom: Narrative Homiletics as A Tool of Healing the Black Community and Reclaiming Our Story”

Panelist: **John Barnes**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “The Sound of Sweet Repose: The Black Musical Tradition as a Theological Response to Black Violence and Death”

II.10 Disability Theology – Interest Group

Executive D

The Past: Looking for Evidence of Disability

Administrative Team: Mary Jo Iozzio, Miguel Romero

Convener: **Mary Jo Iozzio**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

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

Presenter: **Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F.**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: “Reinventing Life, Recomposing Faith: Reflections on the Interactive Dynamics of Disability, Interdependence and Theological Imagination”

Presenter: **Miguel Romero**, Salve Regina University

Paper Title: “Disability and Medieval Theology: A Subversively Orthodox *Ressourcement*?”

II.11 Han Urs von Balthasas – Consultation

Pere Marquette

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

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

Moderator: Drenda Landers, Marquette University

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

Paper Title: “The Spirit’s Personal Freedom in Balthasar’s Theology”

Presenter: **Travis LaCouter**, KU Leuven

Paper Title: “Playing the Part: Dramatic Action in Balthasar and Stanislavski”

Respondent: **Megan Heeder**, Marquette University

Friday Evening, June 9, 2023

CTSA Business Meeting

4:30–6:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom

Presiding: **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, Harvard University
President, CTSA

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

Publishers' Reception

Hosted by Boston College, Paulist Press, and Liturgical Press

6:15–7:45 p.m.
Atrium

**Marquette University Reception for
Alumni, Faculty, and Students**

6:15–7:45 p.m.
Executive CD

President's Reception for New/Newer Members

Prior registration required/ticket provided in registration packet

6:15–7:45 p.m.
Executive AB

Special Session of the Centennial Committee

What is the Future of the CTSA?

8:00–9:30 p.m.
Regency Ballroom

Convener: **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, Harvard University
President, CTSA

Moderator: **Christine Firer Hinze**, Fordham University
Past-President, CTSA

Panelist: **Kevin Burke, S.J.**, Regis University

Panelist: **Linh Hoang**, Siena College

Panelist: **Craig A. Ford, Jr.**, St. Norbert College

Saturday Morning, June 10, 2023

Benedictine Universities and Colleges Breakfast <i>Sponsored by College of St. Benedict and St. John's University</i>	7:15–8:45 a.m. Executive B
Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society	7:15–8:45 a.m. Executive A
Zen Meditation	7:15–8:15 a.m. Crystal
Morning Prayer	8:30–8:45 a.m. Crystal
Exhibits	8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Atrium
Registration	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Regency Ballroom Prefunction
Third Plenary Session	9:00–10:30 a.m. Regency Ballroom
Presiding: Kristin E. Heyer , Boston College President-Elect, CTSA	
Panelist: Leo Guardado , Fordham University “Cage and Liberated in the Historical Struggle for Freedom Across and Beyond Borders”	
Panelist: Mary Mee-Yin Yuen , Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy “Inner Freedom and Outer Constraint: Reflections in an Asian Context”	
Panelist: Stan Chu Ilo , DePaul University “Freedom and Eschatological Fulfilment: The Perils and Promise of Afro-Modernity”	
Coffee Break	10:30–11:00 a.m. Atrium

Concurrent Sessions III

11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

III.1 Ethical Challenges in a Post-Roe America – Invited Session**Lakeshore A**

Convener: **M. Cathleen Kaveny**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Christina Astorga**, University of Portland

Presenter: **Jana Bennett**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: “Challenges Facing the Pro-Life Movement”

Presenter: **Shawnee Daniels-Sykes**, Mount Mary University (d. 10/31/22)
as read by C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union
 Paper Title: “Pro-Birth v. Pro-Life: A Womanist Expands the Perspectives”

Presenter: **M. Cathleen Kaveny**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Challenges Facing the Law”

III.2 Synodality and Freedom in the Church – Selected Session**Lakeshore B**

Convener: **Martin Madar**, Xavier University
 Moderator: **James Nickoloff**, College of the Holy Cross

Presenter: **Kristin Colberg**, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University
 Paper Title: “Synodality as an Act of Ecclesial Self-Actualization”

Presenter: **John J. Markey, O.P.**, Oblate School of Theology
 Paper Title: “Freeing the Spirit to Free the Church: Implications of the Pneumatological Principle for a More Authentic Synodal Process”

Presenter: **Mary Kate Holman**, Benedictine University
 Paper Title: “The Freedom to Speak and the Freedom to be Heard”

III.3 Practical Theology – Topic Session**Lakeshore C***Religious Freedom and Human Liberation: Mapping Dissonances*

Administrative Team: Susan Bigelow Reynolds, Milton Javier Bravo, Ish Ruiz

Convener: **Susan Bigelow Reynolds**, Emory University
 Moderator: **Milton J. Bravo**, Edgewood College

Presenter: **James Bretzke, S.J.**, John Carroll University
 Paper Title: “‘Pride’ and Prudence in Catholic Schools Identity: Flagging Freedom and Liberation”

Presenter: **Cynthia Cameron**, University of St. Michael's College
 Paper Title: "Living into Freedom: A Developmental Framework for a Theology of Freedom for Children and Adolescents"

Presenter: **Richard Hanson**, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
 Paper Title: "Secularity and Religious Freedom: Charles M. Taylor's narrative of secularity and secularization as a resource for understanding the dynamics of religious freedom in modern societies"

III.4 Freedom, Coercion, and Self-Realization: Voices from
 20th Century Theology – Selected Session

Gilpatrick AB

Convener: **Catherine Yanko**, Catholic University of America
 Moderator: David Cloutier, Catholic University of America

Presenter: **Catherine Duggan**, University of Notre Dame
 Paper Title: "Preserving Freedom in Love-Governed Civic Liberalism"

Presenter: **Catherine Yanko**, Catholic University of America
 Paper Title: "The Ethics of Self-Realization According to Herbert McCabe"

Presenter: **Darren Yau**, Princeton University
 Paper Title: "Non-Violence and the Problem of Political Coercion"

III.5 Fundamental Theology/Method – Topic Session

Solomon Juneau

Administrative Team: Mary Beth Yount, Ryan Duns, S.J., Nicholas Olkovich

Convener: **Mary Beth Yount**, Neumann University
 Moderator: **Nicholas Rademacher**, University of Dayton

Presenter: **Christina McRorie**, Creighton University
 Paper Title: "When contexts condition our agency, what's going on theologically?"

Presenter: **Peter Nguyen**, Creighton University
 Paper Title: "Edith Stein on the Freedom of the Individual's Interiority amid the Threat of Totalitarianism"

Presenter: **Jack Pappas**, Fordham University
 Paper Title: "Metanthropology and the Problematic of Freedom in Balthasar and Rahner"

III.6 Bioethics/Healthcare – Topic Session

Milwaukee A

Administrative Team: Nichole M. Flores, Stephanie Edwards, Daniel J. Daly

Convener: **Daniel J. Daly**, Boston College

Moderator: **Dorothy Lee Goehring**, Boston College

Presenter: **Jason Eberl**, Saint Louis University

Paper Title: “Freedom of Conscience and the Common Good During a Pandemic”

Presenter: **Shaun Slusarski**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Public Health Beyond Bars: Incarceration, Bioethics, and the Common Good”

III.7 Comparative Theology – Topic Session

Milwaukee B

Administrative Team: Reid Locklin, Stephanie Wong, Julius-Kei Kato

Convener: **Reid Locklin**, University of Toronto

Moderator: **Stephanie Wong**, Villanova University

Presenter: **Akhil Thomas**, Harvard University

Paper Title: “Christian-Hindu poems for South Indian Christians:
A Comparative reading of the Christian poetry of Ernst Hanxleden
(1681–1732)”

Presenter: **Matthew Vale**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Natural Liberation: A Christian Reception of Dzogchen”

Respondent: **Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier**, Loyola Marymount University

III.8 Catholic Social Thought – Topic Session

Crystal

Administrative Team: Jens Mueller, William George, Kate Jackson-Meyer

Convener: **Jens Mueller**, Notre Dame of Maryland University

Moderator: Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University

Presenter: **Christopher Welch**, Rivier University

Paper Title: “Work and Human Freedom in Consumer Culture and Higher Education”

Presenter: **Nicholas Olkovich**, St. Mark's College

Paper Title: “The Politics of Religious Freedom: Revisiting the Murray Project for a Polarized Age”

III.9 Moral Theology – Topic Session**Executive C***New Methods for Urgent Moments*

Administrative Team: Rachel Bundang, Kate Ward, David Kwon

Convener: **Rachel Bundang**, Santa Clara UniversityModerator: **Marcus Mescher**, Xavier UniversityPresenter: **Cristina Traina**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “Freedom or License? The Path through Vulnerability”

Presenter: **Anna Floerke Scheid**, Duquesne University

Paper Title: “Agency, Technology, and Freedom from Radicalization”

Presenter: **Ish Ruiz**, Emory University

Paper Title: “Rescuing Probabilism: A Tool to Guide Catholic Schools Forward on Matters of LGBTQ+ Inclusion”

III.10 Church/Ecumenism – Topic Session**Executive D**

Administrative Team: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Kathryn L. Reinhard, Elyse Raby

Convener: **Natalia Imperatori-Lee**, Manhattan CollegeModerator: **Kathryn L. Reinhard**, Gwynedd Mercy UniversityPresenter: **Layla Karst**, Loyola Marymount University

Paper Title: “Bold Speech: Lay Liturgical Preaching and the Synodal Church”

Presenter: **Jaisy Joseph**, Villanova University

Paper Title: “From Humiliation to Healing: A Mimetic Account of Finding Freedom through the Forgiving Victim”

Presenter: **Jeannine Hill Fletcher**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “In Bondage and In Freedom: Intimacies of a Black and White Catholicism”

III.11 Creation/Eschatology – Topic Session**Pere Marquette**

Administrative Team: Daniel Horan, O.F.M., Elizabeth Groppe, Daniel Scheid

Convener: **Daniel Horan, O.F.M.**, Saint Mary’s College

Moderator: Elizabeth Groppe, University of Dayton

Presenter: **Dylan Belton**, Villanova University
 Paper Title: "'Openness' to the Transcendent and Human Animality: Re-reading Henri De Lubac's Mystery of the Supernatural"

Presenter: **Colleen Carpenter**, Carleton College
 Paper Title: "'Behold I Make All Things New': Prophetic Eschatology and Climate Fiction"

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

Saturday Afternoon, June 10, 2023

Theological Studies Editorial Consultation Luncheon 12:50–2:15 p.m.
Manager's Suite, Third Floor

CUERG Luncheon 1:00–2:15 p.m.
Executive AB

Concurrent Sessions 2:30–4:15 p.m.
IV.1 Decolonizing Catholic Theology – Interest Group **Lakeshore A**

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

Convener: **Rufus Burnett, Jr.**, Fordham University
 Moderator: **Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University Divinity School

Presenter: **Mark Freeland**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 Paper Title: "Minowakiing as the Good Land: Milwaukee and the Decolonization of Indigenous Relationships to Land and Life"

Respondent: **Cecilia Titizano La Fuente**, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

Respondent: **Steve Battin**, University of Notre Dame

IV.2 The Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone – Interest Group **Lakeshore B**
Black First and Everything Else Second

Administrative Team: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, C. Vanessa White, LaShaunda Reese

Convener: **Kathleen Dorsey Bellow**, Xavier University of Louisiana
 Moderator: **LaShaunda Reese**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union
 Paper Title: “James Hal Cone’s Journey to Freedom”

Presenter: **SimonMary Asese Ahiokhai**, University of Portland
 Paper Title: “A Decolonial Anthropology of Freedom: Insights from James H. Cone and Frantz Fanon”

IV.3 Asian/Asian American Theology – Consultation

Lakeshore C

Administrative Team: Edmund Chia, Stephanie Wong, Min-Ah Cho

Convener: **Edmund Chia**, Australian Catholic University
 Moderator: **Akhil Thomas**, Harvard University

Presenter: **(Huili) Kathy Stout**, University of Dayton
 Paper Title: “Three Competing Visions for Freedom in Republican-era China”

Presenter: **Antonio D. Sison**, Catholic Theological Union
 Paper Title: “Silent Inculturation: Faith, Unfreedom, and Japan’s Hidden Christians”
 Presenter: **Christina Astorga**, University of Portland
 Paper Title: “Postcolonial Imagination: Towards a Postcolonial Filipina Feminist Theology”

IV.4 Pre-liberal Theologies of Freedom in a Post-liberal Age – Selected Session

Gilpatrick AB

Convener: **Michael C. Magree, S.J.**, Boston College
 Moderator: **Stephen Pope**, Boston College

Presenter: **Michael C. Magree, S.J.**, Boston College
 Paper Title: “Origen on Freedom: Christian Exaltation of the Human in the Face of Gnosticism”

Presenter: **Elisabeth R. Kincaid**, Loyola University New Orleans
 Paper Title: “Francisco Suárez, SJ: Freedom for Whom?”

Presenter: **Grant Kaplan**, Saint Louis University
 Paper Title: “The Freedom of a Catholic? Johann Adam Möhler’s Political-Theological Turn”

IV.5. Liturgy/Sacraments – Topic Session

Solomon Juneau

Administrative Team: Kimberly Belcher, Xavier M. Montecel, Benjamin Durheim

Convener: **Kimberly Belcher**, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: **Thomas McLean**, KU Leuven

Presenter: **LaRyssa Herrington**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Baptism as Mystical-Political Engagement? Exploring the Rite of Baptism in African American Slave Narratives During the Antebellum Period"

Presenter: **Bruce Morrill, S.J.**, Vanderbilt University

Paper Title: "Taking Liberties with Liturgy: Consistency and Conflicts in Principles, Legal and Theological"

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

Paper Title: "Is the Feminist Free to Pray on Her Knees?"

IV.6 Historical Theology – Topic Session

Milwaukee A

Administrative Team: Elizabeth Huddleston, Joshua R. Brown, Rita George-Tvrtkovic

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

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

Presenter: **Joshua R. Brown**, Mount Saint Mary's University

Paper Title: "The Cultural Challenges of Creation: Catholic Faith and Chinese Reason in Giulio Aleni's Wanwu *zhenyuan* 萬物真原"

Presenter: **Robert Trent Pomplun**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Faith and Reason in the Tibetan Writings of Ippolito Desideri (1684–1733)"

IV.7 Fieldwork in Theology – Interest Group

Milwaukee B

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

Convener: **Layla A. Karst**, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: **Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon**, Mercy High School

Presenter: **Laurel Marshall Potter**, Boston College

Paper Title: "¡*Que viva la ronda!* Dialogue as a Framework for Theological Fieldwork"

Presenter: **Dorris van Gaal**, Calvert Hall High School

Paper Title: "Migration Experiences as a *Locus Theologicus*: Qualitative Research in Migration Theology"

Respondent: **Edward P. Hahnenberg**, John Carroll University

IV.8 Moral Theology – Topic Session
Freedom in Pursuit of the Common Good

Crystal

Administrative Team: Rachel Bundang, Kate Ward, David Kwon

Convener: **Marc Rugani**, Saint Anselm College

Moderator: **Kate Ward**, Marquette University

Presenter: **Elizabeth Sweeny Block**, Saint Louis University

Paper Title: “Searching for Truth: What Religious Freedom Can Teach Us about Moral Freedom”

Presenter: **Ramon Luzarraga**, Saint Martin’s University

Paper Title: “John Courtney Murray: Prophet”

Presenter: **Sara Bernard-Hoverstad**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Climate Anxiety, Moral Agency, and Social Ethics”

IV.9 Freedom for All of Us – Invited Session

Executive C

Convener: **Bryan Massingale**, Fordham University

Moderator: **Miguel Díaz**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **Bryan Massingale**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “I’ll Fly Away: Toward a Black Queer Spirituality of Desire, Transformation, and Resistance”

Presenter: **Elsie Miranda**, The Association of Theological Schools

Paper Title: “Free to be Queer and Catholic: Gender Identity and the Liberating Love of God at the Intersection of Church and Culture”

Respondent: **Adam Beyt**, St. Norbert College

IV.10 Theology and Science – Topic Session

Executive D

Administrative Team: Chelsea King, Kevin Vaughan, Megan Loumagne Ulishney

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

Moderator: **Kevin Vaughan**, The College of St. Scholastica

Presenter: **Charles Gillespie**, Sacred Heart University
Paper Title: "Freedom and Observation: Theodramatics Meets Quantum Theory"

Presenter: **Ligita Rylis̄kytė, S.J.E.**, Boston College
Paper Title: "The 'Cosmic' Freedom and Emergent Probability"

Presenter: **Benjamin Hohman**, Providence College
Paper Title: "Has John Haught Freed Freedom Enough?"

IV.11 God and Trinity – Topic Session

Pere Marquette

Administrative Team: Susie Babka, Darren Dias, O.P.

Convener: **Susie Babka**, University of San Diego
Moderator: **Mary Ann Hinsdale**, Boston College

Presenter: **Robert Elliot**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Human Freedom as Participation in Trinitarian Shared Intentionality"

Presenter: **Jonathan Heaps**, Boston College
Paper Title: "Divine Desire, Divine Freedom, and Contemplative Prayer"

Presenter: **Brianne Jacobs**, Emmanuel College
Paper Title: "Prodigal Love: Gendered Parent Language and God"

Saturday Evening, June 10, 2023

Eucharist at Old Saint Mary Parish

6:30 p.m.

844 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Walking Directions: Exit the hotel and turn right onto Kilbourn Ave. and walk to N. Broadway. The church is located on the corner of E. Kilbourn Ave. and N. Broadway.

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

7:45 p.m.
Regency AB

Sunday Morning, June 11, 2023

Conveners' Meeting 7:15–8:45 a.m.
Executive Ballroom

New conveners (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet Kristin Heyer, CTSA President-Elect, Nancy Pineda-Madrid, CTSA Vice President, and Kevin Brown, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2024 convention.

Zen Meditation 7:15–8:15 a.m.
Milwaukee A

Morning Prayer 8:30–8:45 a.m.
Milwaukee A

Exhibits 8:30–11:00 a.m.
Atrium

Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address 9:00–10:15 a.m.
Regency Ballroom AB

Presiding: **Nancy Pineda-Madrid**, Loyola Marymount University
Vice President, CTSA

Address: **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard University
President, CTSA

“Freedoms and Fears: The Musings of a
Comparative Theologian on the Future of the CTSA”

Appointment of the New President 10:00–10:15 a.m.
Regency Ballroom AB

Coffee and Pastries 10:15 a.m.
Atrium

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.
Milwaukee B

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Eternal rest grant to Shawnee, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2023

Citation from Dr. Francis X. Clooney, S.J., CTSA President:

The John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement

The colleague whom the CTSA honors this year with the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement has for over half a century contributed significantly to theology and to the life and well-being of the church and God's people. Well before "public theology" became a watchword, our honoree set about rethinking the language of faith in the contemporary world. With typical understatement and modesty—yet equal resolve—he became a leader in the theological community and among us especially in the CTSA.

Our honoree was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, attended parochial school in Caldwell, New Jersey, and then Xavier High School in Manhattan. There followed a BA (1960) and an MA in Philosophy (1961) from Berchmans College, Philippines, and some practical experience teaching in the Philippines.

He then earned an STB from Woodstock College, Maryland (1967), when that school was at the height of its academic fame. Then came a Ph.D. in Theology from the prestigious Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1973. Later on, in 2005, he was the recipient of that Divinity School's Alumnus of the Year Award.

In a long career he has taught for extended periods of time at graduate schools of theology in Chicago, Toronto, Cambridge, Massachusetts and, since 2004, at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has also lived out the global dimension of theology as a visiting professor: in Pune, India; Lima, Peru; Nairobi, Kenya; Paris, France; and Manila, Philippines.

Major publications in the first decade of his career include several foundational books: *The Experience and Language of Grace* (1979); *An Alternative Vision: An Interpretation of Liberation Theology* (1985); and *The Dynamics of Theology* (1990). His best-known book is a work in Christology which attracted attention world-wide—including even in Rome—and was awarded the Catholic Publishing Association First Prize for Theology in 1999. Even today it is found on countless course reading lists.

In the decade following that momentous book he turned to more historically centered publications, including three volumes of *Christian Community in History* (2004-08) as well as *The Future of Christology* (2003). He focused then on more contemporary versions of what was at once partly fundamental and partly interconfessional theology: *Christian Spirituality for Seekers: Reflections on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius* (2012), *Spirituality Seeking Theology* (2014), and *Spiritual and Religious: Explorations for Seekers* (2016).

There was still more to come from his prolific pen: *Faith and Evolution: A Grace-Filled Naturalism* (2019) and, just a few months ago, *The Nature of Theology: Challenges, Frameworks, Basic Beliefs* (2022), reprising and renewing themes from earlier years.

Recognized from the beginning of his long career as a dedicated and insightful teacher, in every context our awardee has been appreciated as a guide and mentor to students at all levels—many of whom speak of him as "the best teacher I ever had."

It was entirely fitting then that we honor the theologian who was President of the CTSA in 1994-5 and gave the Presidential Address for the fiftieth anniversary of the Society in 1995 in New York City. He likewise graced us with the homily for our virtual celebration of our seventy-fifth anniversary in 2020.

And so it is with pride and gratitude tonight, here in Milwaukee, that the Catholic Theological Society of America is exceedingly happy to confer the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement on Roger David Haight, S.J.

There were no nominations from the floor.

President Francis X. Clooney, S.J., thanked all standing for election. As voting results became available, they were announced to the membership.

Dr. Susan Abraham was elected as Vice-President. Dr. SimonMary Asele Ahiokhai and Dr. Elsie M. Miranda 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.

Dr. Kristin Heyer assumes the Presidency for the year 2023-2024. Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid becomes President-Elect. The rest of the Board of Directors are Dr. Francis X. Clooney, S.J. (Past President), Dr. Nancy Dallavalle (Board Member) and Dr. Linh Hoang (Board Member).

The President thanked Dr. J. Matthew Ashley, Dr. Daniel P. Castillo, and Dr. Jakob Karl Rinderknecht for their generosity to stand for election.

Report of the President

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

1. This is a Society that runs on generous service, and hence too 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 Hyatt Regency, and more. I wish also to thank our Board Members and Officers for their tireless work on behalf of the Society.
2. In particular, and on behalf of all CTSA members, I thank Kristin Heyer for her work as President-Elect in planning so interesting and timely a convention this year. I also thank Emma McDonald for her superb supporting work as Convention Assistant; the Local Arrangements Committee, Kate Ward, David Stosur, and our late lamented colleague, Shawnee Daniels-Sykes; Layla Karst and her liturgical team; and Mary Jane Ponyik and her Registration Team, for once again as always arranging every detail of the convention, anticipating every unexpected challenge, and making all this work out smoothly.
3. I am happy also to acknowledge this year's academic donors, whose generous gifts have enabled us to support our programs and students in need of scholarships to attend the conference: Boston College; McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, the Department of Theology, and the Department of Catholic Studies, Duquesne University; President John J. DeGioia and Georgetown University; Harvard School of Divinity, Harvard University; John LaFarge Jesuit Community; Marquette University; Saint Louis University; University of Dayton; Villanova University. I also thank members of the Society who have graciously and most often anonymously regularly make gifts to the Society to support the works of the Society and our members.
4. **Revised Dues Structure.** At the June 8 Board meeting, the Board received from the Finance Committee a recommendation on a revised dues structure:

New Annual Dues Schedule	
Income Range	Dues
< \$20,000	\$40
\$20-39,000	\$70
\$40-59,999	\$90
\$60-79,999	\$110
\$80-99,999	\$130
\$100-119,999	\$150
\$120-149,999	\$170
\$150,000 +	\$190

The purpose of this revised dues structure is to alleviate undue burdens on junior members of the Society and those in less secure positions, the retired, etc., and to put in place more categories of dues calibrated to the likely salaries of higher paid members. The Board approved the recommendation. It will be monitored in the next years, and further adjustments made as warranted.

5. **Update on Five-Year Review.** I thank the Review Committee for their thoughtful and careful work in putting together the survey: Anna Bonta Moreland (chair), Susan Abraham, Meghan Clark, Grant Kaplan, and Carmen Nanko-Fernández. The survey the committee devised is a nuanced one that invites input from multiple angles about the nature and purposes of the annual convention. All members have been encouraged to fill it out, so as to give guidance to the Board in affirming our best practices and in making needed changes regarding how we use our Thursday-Sunday annual meeting time. This is all the more important today, in an era when expenses are rising, individual and institutional resources diminishing, and, on the positive side, new virtual possibilities for other modes of conversation opening up. The committee will complete their report this summer and give it to the Board, with their recommendations for moving forward.
6. **Fossil Fuel Committee.** As reported in last year's Proceedings in the Secretary's Report, in June 2022 the Board voted to freeze new investments in the Carbon Underground 200, to divest from direct or commingled investments in the Carbon Underground 200 no later than the 2025 convention. To this purpose, a committee was appointed by me in the summer of 2023: Erin Lothes, Chair; Daniel DiLeo; Matthew Shadle; and as a consultant, John O'Shaughnessy, CFO, Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

On April 25, a virtual Town Hall meeting was held, where the committee made a preliminary report and discussed various aspects of it with those attending. The video of the meeting was made available to members who could not attend the meeting. The Board received the committee's final report in May, with this recommendation:

The Fossil Fuel Committee has, as scheduled, provided the Board with the follow-up new investment proposal. The core of the committee's report is as follows: "After extensive research, which involved examining and rejecting six other asset management firms, the Task Force recommends that the Catholic Theological Society of

America remove its assets from Christian Brothers Investment Service (CBIS), and re-invest the equity (stocks) portion in a separately managed account (SMA) managed by Aperio Group.” This equity portfolio, the report noted, is to be constructed to track the S&P 500 benchmark index. Assets in the Aperio SMA should be held in a custody account through Schwab, which is a free account.

At the June 8 Meeting, the Board discussed the proposal at length, including by Zoom with Committee Chair Erin Lothes, and endorsed the committee’s Report, thus committing us to a removal of our assets from CBIS and reinvestment of them in a separately managed account (SMA) managed by Aperio Group. The Board will continue to monitor our investments, and be alert regarding any further changes that might be warranted in years to come.

7. **Meeting with heads of Catholic theological societies.** In the winter months, I (and in some cases President-Elect Kristin Heyer as well) zoomed with the heads of other Catholic theological societies in North America: Academy of *Catholic Hispanic* Theologians of the United States; Academy of Catholic Theology; Black Catholic Theological Symposium; Canadian Theological Society; College Theology Society; Fellowship of Catholic Scholars; Société Canadienne de Théologie

On February 6, 2023, representatives of the Societies met for an hour’s meeting by Zoom. It was devoted to introductions to the various societies and to the individuals present on the Zoom as current leaders. We identified issues of common concern, for example: the well-being of Catholic seminaries, colleges, and universities; problems and possibilities related to theological exchange among the societies; our participation in the current global synodal conversations. We concluded by hoping that regular meetings—perhaps twice a year—might become customary, and that we might also visit each other’s annual meetings on occasion. Further meetings will occur during 2023-24.

8. **Liaisons with the Bishops of the United States and Canada.** In 2022, Leo Lefebure (Georgetown University) and Catherine Clifford (St. Paul University) were appointed liaisons, respectively, with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Conference of Bishops. They have already been most helpful to the Society in helping us to renew and rethink how best we can relate to the two conferences. We anticipate a meeting with the Canadian Bishops’ liaison in the fall of 2023. A similar meeting with the USCCB representative, possibly along with representatives of other Catholic societies, will occur during 2023-24.
9. **Collaboration with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.** In the early spring of 2023, I was in contact with Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., the President of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. After other matters were dealt with, Fr. Holtschneider himself raised the possibility of our working together. He wrote in his March 9, 2023, letter, “ACCU and its constituent universities benefit mightily from the work of theologians, but we do not attend to

the discipline itself. For some time now, I have been worried about the state of your discipline and even more for its future. I wonder if the nature of the challenges you are facing can be resolved by faculty alone or need the partnership of the presidents and trustees my association serves. I approached you therefore to test my ideas and inquire whether CTSA would like our partnership.”

Further conversation—among Fr. Holtschneider, Kristin Heyer, and me—explored the possibilities for collaboration. We agreed to start with the gathering and updating of data on the state of Catholic theology on campus, with respect to core requirements, majors and minors, and the number of tenure track positions available (with an eye toward trends, decrease, increase, or no change). As a result, we have agreed to work with ACCU in updating data from prior surveys and in compiling new data, with theologians providing key questions to guide the interpretation of the data and the drawing out of the significance of the data. This has become a multi-society endeavor, with three liaisons who will work with ACCU: Johann Vento, Georgian Court University, President, of the College Theology Society; James Keating, Providence College, representing the Academy of Catholic Theology; and our own Edward Hahnenberg, John Carroll University, representing the CTSA. Conversations are expected to continue over the summer months.

10. **The Centennial Committee**, missioned in 2022 to think ahead to where the Society will be in the next years, has been at work and has met numerous times in the past year. We have sought to identify key concerns facing the Society today and, on that basis, to clarify a vision for the years to come. The CC hosted at 830pm on Friday evening, June 9, a conversation on the work of the Committee and the crucial issues facing us in the next years. The meeting was well-attended, and much data collected by the Committee members.
11. **The New Members Reception** occurred as usual after the Business Meeting. Rita George Tvrtkovic (Benedictine University) and Darren Dias (University of St. Michael's College) offered words of welcome and shared their experience in finding their way in the Society; Stephanie Wong spoke on behalf of CUERG; Kristin Heyer and I also offered brief remarks. Invited too were the leaders of the eight current Interest Groups.

Report of the President-Elect

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

I would like to express deep gratitude to all who have helped plan and pull off this year's convention here in Milwaukee: in particular, for the enormous planning work and invaluable institutional memory of Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik, the practical wisdom and diligence of Program Assistant Emma McDonald, who is a few weeks away from defending her dissertation, and the support and collaboration of members of the presidential line and board. Thanks to all of the administrative teams for their work in making the program possible, and to all of you on the program for taking the theme of “Freedom” in such generative and exciting directions. The plenary and concurrent sessions underway have already provided rich reflections on freedom,

marked by theological depth and various diversities: whether in terms of race/ethnicity, gender/sexual orientation/gender expression, national origin or viewpoint.

I also wish to thank the local arrangements committee, chaired by Kate Ward, who was joined by David Stosur and Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, may she rest in peace. Thanks too to Brad Hinze for his help facilitating the preconvention tour of nearby Indigenous sites with our guest Mark Freeland, which sold out. Our updated local land acknowledgements resource document may be found on the convention website. Thanks to our new liturgical aid Layla Karst, our returning photographer Paul Schutz, our impromptu videographer Dorie Goering, and, for the second year in a row, to Zen meditation coordinator Ruben Habito. Thanks to our pairs who participated in the “Sharing the Wisdom” initiative this year.

I’ll let Mary Jane report on the convention numbers, but I’m very pleased to see so many here in Milwaukee during a period of continued caution and institutional funding cuts. I’m struck by how we can deepen theological friendships meeting in person. We are grateful for your adoption of our pilot QR code which saved about \$7,000 in projector rental costs and to those who uploaded papers for greater accessibility.

Looking back, I add thanks to those who made possible the year’s online programming related to the Synod and ChatGPT as well as the Fossil Fuels ad hoc committee for their informative town hall meeting. I look forward to learning how the pilot book club experience goes, as well.

Thanks to those of you who joined the USCCB’s Zoom convenings with theological guilds related to the Synod on Synodality in recent weeks; we have already received some valuable suggestions about taking CTSA input on the synod further, with a study group or ongoing guild discussions, and I welcome input from others of you as well. I am likewise happy to receive feedback on the CTSA’s relationships with the US and Canadian bishops’ conferences more broadly, and am grateful to our liaisons’ ongoing work in that vein.

In the year ahead, I shall work with the Board to take up input from the convention review committee and ongoing work of the Centennial Committee, from other important standing committees, such as CUERG (Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups), and our liaisons to wider networks such as INSeCT and the World Forum on Theology and Liberation. I plan to continue the collaboration President Frank Clooney has begun this year in convening leadership representatives from other English-speaking theological guilds across North America, including a collaborative project with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) just getting underway. As I plan to take up the work begun by immediate predecessors, I am mindful of the new economic challenges, ongoing demographic shifts, changing institutional and social climates—not to mention planetary climate!—amid which we do our work. I look forward to collaborating with all of you to help the Society adapt, so as to continue to foster theological engagement with urgent questions facing the church and our world.

Report of the Vice-President

The following is the text of the report read by Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid.

I wish to express my gratitude to Mary Jane Ponyik, Kristin Heyer, Frank Clooney, Chris Hinze and Hosffman Ospino for guiding my work and effort. Their wisdom was integral to all that I did this year. Every board member chipped in when asked to do so. Gracias.

I. Duties at the 2023 Convention

One of my responsibilities at this convention is to oversee the convention's liturgical services. In a particular way, I want to recognize with gratitude Layla Karst, CTSA Liturgical Liaison. The prayerfulness and beauty of our liturgical prayer services throughout this convention are because of her leadership and efforts. I thank all the members who contributed to our **Memorial Service** which honored the twenty-one members who passed this year. Thank you as well to all the members who contributed to our morning prayer services and meditation practice, and all who are contributing to our Eucharistic celebration tomorrow.

I am equally grateful to all members who made our New Members Mentorship Breakfast today such a success. Gracias.

I serve as chair of the Resolutions Committee, which in addition to myself, includes Min-ah Cho and Mary Kate Holman. We reviewed one resolution, "Supporting Members Harmed by Program or Institutional Closures or Cutbacks," written and presented by Kate Ward. The resolution earned unanimous support from the committee. The following is the text of the resolution considered by the CTSA members in attendance at the Business Meeting on June 9, 2023:

In recent years, members of the Catholic Theological Society of America have been harmed by the closures of the academic institutions or programs that employ them, resulting in unexpected loss of employment even, in some cases, for tenured faculty. These circumstances seriously injure the worker dignity of the affected faculty and their right to stable and sufficient employment, as well as harming the students of the programs and institutions which are abruptly closed, usually without meaningful consultation with faculty, students and other institutional stakeholders. Furthermore, such sudden closures of programs and institutions harm all academic workers by creating a climate of fear and instability which disincentivizes academic laborers from defending our own dignity in employment. It is the position of the CTSA that as academic workers, we and our labor are not disposable or interchangeable, and that colleagues who lose their jobs due to program or institutional closures are still valued theologians with important contributions to make to our shared work. While deploring these sudden closures of programs and institutions in the strongest possible terms, the Society wishes to support colleagues in such situations in discerning their new path forward, in continuing their professional development, and in seeking other academic employment if they so desire.

By adopting this resolution, the CTSA membership strongly urges the Board of Directors to actively pursue a plan that mitigates or

waives membership fees and conference registration fees for a period of some years for members who have lost employment due to program or institutional closure.

The resolution was discussed, voted and adopted by an overwhelming majority of CTSA members: 115 in favor, 7 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Over the past year, I met with the leadership of CUERG a couple of times to seek input on the planning of the upcoming 2024 convention and to seek CUERG advice on how CTSA address “underrepresented” constituencies beyond race and ethnicity.

II. Seventy-Eighth Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, June 13-16, 2024

I am thrilled to welcome each of you to Baltimore, Maryland for CTSA’s Seventy-Eighth Annual Convention. For years, I have been haunted by a passage in the gospel of Luke “... and **all** flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:6). Inspired by this phrase, I have chosen the theme, ***Social Salvation***. This convention theme invites CTSA members to consider: Is social salvation fundamentally a never-ending process in history that confronts and subverts evil, an ongoing interpretive process that *reads the past*, Jesus’ vision of the reign of God, *towards the future*, the promise of eternal life, *in the present*, the here and now of our lives?

To help us consider Social Salvation, I am delighted to announce our plenary speakers:

1. Carlos Mendoza-Alvarez, O.P., Professor of Theology at Boston College and formerly of the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.
2. Susan Abraham, Professor of Theology and Postcolonial Cultures and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Pacific School of Religion.
3. Vincent Miller, Professor and Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture and Committee Chair of Doctoral Programs in Theology at the University of Dayton.
4. Kristin Heyer, CTSA President, Professor of Theology at Boston College

I am equally delighted to announce that Daniel Castillo, Associate Professor of Theology at Loyola Maryland has agreed to serve as the Local Arrangements Chair in Baltimore, and to announce that Rev. Dorie Geohring, Boston College doctoral student, will serve as Program Organization Assistant for this convention.

Most of all I want to thank you the CTSA members for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore next year. Gracias!

Report of the Secretary

CTSA Secretary, Dr. Hosffman Ospino, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the CTSA as the Secretary of the Board of Directors, which has been an enjoyable experience. He offered his gratitude to the members of the Admissions Committee Dr. Steve Battin, Dr. Rachel Bundang, Dr. Anna Bonta Moreland, and Dr. Ted Ulrich for working with him in the process of vetting applicants to Active and Associate membership. He noted that the CTSA remains strong attracting new members who will enrich the life of the Society. He encouraged all those present at the Business Meeting to invite colleagues in their earlier careers and doctoral students in theology or related fields who are not members of the Society to consider

applying for membership. He also brought to the attention of the membership the fact that there is a growing number of theologians who have applied for membership, have the academic credentials and are committed to the mission of the CTSA, yet are not working in traditional academic settings like colleges/universities and seminaries. He invited to consider identifying more of these professional leaders and encourage them to apply for membership.

Dr. Ospino expressed his gratitude to the CTSA Executive Director, Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik for her outstanding service to the Society and its members. This year he served as a Board of Directors liaison to CUERG along with Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Vice-President.

He updated the membership about a process to archive digital materials associated with the life of the CTSA. We are currently engaged in conversations with the archivist at the Catholic University of America to ensure the best format to save digital information, particularly large quantities of emails, in formats that can be retrieved in the future.

Dr. Ospino reminded the members that he is available to support all members as they navigate the life of the Society.

Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Dr. Patrick Flanagan, C.M., included the Financial Report in the documents provided to the members attending the Business Meeting. This report is also included in the *Proceedings*. Unable to attend the meeting for health reasons, Fr. Flanagan submitted his report after the Business Meeting. He thanks CTSA Executive Director Mrs. Mary Jane Ponyik and Dr. Dan Daily, S.J. for assisting him with his responsibilities. He highlights the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of Fossil Fuels and that of the Centennial Committee for helping the Society to understand its financial realities.

Dr. Flanagan reiterates 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 in the next five years (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 7 percent. We have some funds that will help the Society on challenging days and to support initiatives at the service of the membership, yet those funds may run out quickly. We need more creativity. Fr. Flanagan will continue to monitor investments, work with the Fossil Fuels Committee to move investments, be more precise in the development of the budget, and seek out grants and donations to support the work of the Society. He invites 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.

Good evening! It is my pleasure to once again be together with you again. This year's convention attendance is 356 with 71 percent attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet tomorrow night.

There are nine publishing houses represented at this year's convention and eight program ads were purchased. There are seven additional ads within our program highlighting the universities and colleges who donated funds to the CTSA in support of our convention. These ad spaces were provided to these institutions as a token of our appreciation.

This year, sixty-one attendees reduced their carbon footprint by donating funds through Native Energy, an expert provider of carbon offsets initiatives. The project, "Turn Methane into Heat for Smallholder Farmers in Mexico," will be the recipient of the collected funds.

Kate Ward, David Stosur, and Shawnee Daniels-Sykes—who presence is greatly missed this year—served as this year's Local Arrangements Committee. They have done a terrific job in assisting Kristin, Frank, and me with the preparation of the convention. Emma McDonald served as a program organization assistant and as a member of our registration team. Layla Karst is serving as the CTSA's liturgical aide. Our photographer is Paul Schutz and our videographer is Dorie Goehring. Thank you all so much for your contributions to the annual convention.

Our terrific registration team includes student volunteers from Boston College, Cardinal Stritch University, Harvard Divinity School, Marquette University, and the University of Dayton. A huge thank you to our registration team as well.

Next year, the CTSA will travel to Baltimore. The room rate at the Renaissance Baltimore Innerharbor Hotel will be \$165 and the meeting dates are June 13-16.

The CTSA awards convention scholarships each year to offer financial assistance to members. The submission deadline date to submit a scholarship application is October 1.

The CTSA continues to hold a strong presence on Twitter with over 1,800 followers. We continue to have a presence on Instagram during our convention (follow #CTSA2023). The CTSA has been on LinkedIn for a year now. So, whatever your social medium preference, be sure to follow us!

New this year with the CTSA is the development of the CTSA Book Club. We have eighteen members who have expressed interest in participating. On May 4, the book club met for the first time via Zoom to discuss Susan Bigelow Reynolds's book *People Get Ready: Ritual, Solidarity and Lived Ecclesiology in Catholic Roxbury*, (Chapters 1-3). The book was well received by the members in attendance. We are scheduled to next meet on June 22 to discuss Chapters 4-6. Please consider joining us!

A couple of housekeeping matters: An electronic convention evaluation request was sent to the email address you provided when you registered for the convention. Please complete and submit the evaluation within the next two weeks. Your comments are valuable to the president-elect in the planning of the next year's convention.

For those attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet, the CTSA provided the opportunity for attendees to pre-select their seats. If you have a banquet ticket and have not reserved your seat, please know that there will be a seat for everyone. Upon return from the celebration of Eucharist, please head directly into the banquet hall with your entrée ticket in hand. You will not be served an entrée without your ticket. Please see me if you have any questions.

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as your executive director. Never hesitate to reach out to me.

Report of CUERG

Dr. Joseph Flipper presented an abbreviated version of the Report from CUERG. The following is the full text of his report:

Mission, Vision & Annual Gathering

The Committee for Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups, a committee of the CTSA Board, was developed to serve as a resource to members of underrepresented ethnic and racial groups at the CTSA. It was also developed to challenge the overall CTSA membership to be more attentive at the convention and local levels towards the global and diverse nature of the church, in its leadership, writings, research, presentations, panel sessions, explorations and teachings.

Annually, a luncheon takes place at the convention where theologians of color and their allies gather, share scholarship, network, update, inform and strategize as members of the CTSA. This format emphasized community building, accolades, opportunities to share news about scholarship being done from the Asian/Asian American, Latina/o/x, and Black/African and African American Consultations, and ask questions or share concerns. The 2023 CTSA Convention is the first post-pandemic annual meeting and we have suffered disruption over the last several years. We determined that it would be appropriate to guide a discussion about the retrieval of what has worked in the past to support our communities and about the needs for the future.

CUERG Leadership Team

(Asian/Asian American, Latina/o/x, Black/African & African American Consultation Members)

1. Joseph S. Flipper (Chair), University of Dayton (2020–2023)
2. Stephanie Wong, Villanova University (2021–2024)
3. Leo Guardado, Fordham University (2022–2025)

Joseph Flipper served as chair of CUERG for 2022–2023. Stephanie Wong will cycle on as the next chairperson and will serve from 2023–2024. The leadership team selected Byron Wratee, Boston College to serve from 2023–2026. Both transitions in leadership will occur at the 2023 convention.

Liaison between CUERG Leadership & The Executive Board

In their commitment to give greater attention to racial justice since the publication of the racial justice statement by the CTSA in 2020, the Board appointed two board members to act as liaisons between the Board and CUERG leadership. In 2022–2023, the liaisons were Hosffman Ospino and Nancy Pineda-Madrid. The CUERG leadership has found that working with liaisons improved communication between the Board and CUERG and enabled CUERG to more effectively serve to consult the board. CUERG members are willing to speak at meetings of the CTSA board.

CUERG notes that the liaisons have asked what else must CTSA do to realize its commitments to racial justice. Even if the answer to the question is not always evident, CUERG and the Board are working toward more effective habits of listening.

Clarification of the Role of CUERG

In the 2022–2023 cycle, CUERG leadership noted that there needed to be a clarification and/or delimitation of what is expected from leaders of CUERG. We noted

in conversations this year that there was some lack of understanding among members of CTSA as to the role and scope of CUERG. Even though it is founded as a committee of the CTSA Board, because CUERG is composed of members from the Asian/Asian American, Latina/o/x, Black/African & African American Consultations, it could easily be interpreted as a representative body.

CUERG engaged in conversations with the Board to clarify the role of CUERG as a standing committee of the CTSA Board. The CTSA Board Liaisons acknowledged that in its role as a consultative committee, the Board can commission CUERG to carry out research and support programming for CTSA.

The Land Acknowledgement and “Becoming Kin”

CUERG is grateful that CTSA has instituted a land acknowledgement begun at the 2022 annual convention. And we are happy that this has continued with the 2023 convention in Minowakiing (Milwaukee), which also will include the pre-convention event on the indigenous experience of Milwaukee. Several people related to the CUERG chair that they were thankful the CTSA instituted the land acknowledgement.

While land acknowledgements can become routine and simply “performative,” the CTSA Board and CUERG have been attentive to making its land acknowledgement real, that is, to be in relationship and solidarity with those on whose lands we are visitors. While CTSA members certainly have more to do, by instituting the acknowledgement the CTSA shows an understanding that we are guests and it sets the expectation that we enact reciprocal forms of relationship. In the words of Patty Krawec, we seek to “become kin.”

Facilitating Effective Communication with Members from Underrepresented Groups

During the 2022-2023 year, there were several meetings directed toward establishing more effective and two-way communication with members of underrepresented groups. The question of communication was deeply connected to conversations from 2021–2022 about how to recruit and retain junior scholars of color and to encourage participation in the luncheon. And CUERG determined that structures for effective two-way communication were lacking and it required the capacity to send messages to CTSA.

Considering that the Catholic Church is in the multi-year process of discernment of its synodal nature and structures, CUERG has worked toward opening up communication structures to allow for more effective listening. With advice and support of the board, CUERG worked with the CTSA director to establish an official CUERG Gmail account for email and access to the CTSA distribution lists. The CUERG chair now is able to directly email the CTSA members or specifically those who identify as belonging to an underrepresented group. This year, it has allowed CUERG to encourage members to register for the convention and for the CUERG luncheon. It has also allowed us to highlight the sessions of the Asian/Asian American, Latina/o/x, and Black/African and African American Consultations, and other relevant sessions.

Future CUERG chairs will need to be trained in the use of the CTSA distribution list.

2023 Convention

1. Consultations and sessions

1. Latino/a Theology Consultation (Friday, June 9, 11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.)
2. Black Catholic Theology Consultation (Friday, June 9, 2:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)
3. Decolonizing Catholic Theology Interest Group (Saturday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)
4. Liberating Theology of James Hal Cone Interest Group (Saturday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)
5. Asian/Asian American Theology Consultation (Saturday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)

6. LUNCHEON: (Saturday, June 10, 2023)

1. Fifty-three registrations
2. AGENDA
 1. Welcome, Introduction of CUERG leadership team, and introduction to CUERG
 2. Blessing of the Meal and Lunch
 3. Guided table conversation

Future Items

1. The capacity to use the CTSA distribution lists are excellent for communicating from CUERG to the membership. We may require additional discernment of how we can build synodal structures to actively listen to members of our communities.
2. Consideration of recruitment, retention, and mentoring activities. The CTSA leadership has created several programming activities at the annual meeting aimed at recruitment and retention. CUERG has been in conversation with the CTSA leadership to consider the best ways to support these activities and to engage members from underrepresented groups. This may be part of ongoing discussions in the coming year.

Report of the INSeCT Delegate

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

1. INSeCT, with its revamped structure and website <https://www.insecttheology.org> is now fulfilling its renewed mission to be an international networking center for Catholic theological societies to communicate and collaborate with each other. Here are some recent examples of their work:
 1. INSeCT inaugurated an online lecture series, having completed two so far. The last series was held in April of this year, with decolonizing theologies helping decolonize the world as its theme. Dr. Melissa Pagán of Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles and Dr. Pushpa Joseph of the University of Madras were the featured speakers.
 2. From March 27 to 30 of this year, INSeCT collaborated with the Catholic University of Leuven and the Ateneo de Manila University to hold an international conference, *De/colonizing Theologies*:

Global Histories, Contemporary Challenges.

3. Now, INSeCT is planning its General Assembly in Rome, scheduled for April 1-6, 2024. According to INSeCT President Ruben Mendoza, the reason this meeting is being held in Rome is to increase their profile among members of the Vatican Curia, and by extension the organizations which are members of INSeCT.
 4. Dr. Mendoza has sent out a request which I am conveying to you in this report. If any CTSA members have contacts with members of the Curia, please communicate that to him and Dr. Judith Gruber, who are taking the lead in organizing this conference.
2. INSeCT hired a new executive secretary, Neven Vukic, to manage the website, and the daily activity of the organization.
 3. The transition of INSeCT from being a registered charity in Europe to a 501(c) registered organization in the United States is still in process. The reason for this is my responsibility. The promised legal help, after several requests from me, did not materialize, coupled with a heavy workload inside and outside the University. This year for example, I raised funds, organized, and led the ACHTUS colloquium. Fortunately, I developed an excellent rapport with our business school faculty and will turn to them for help.

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

Dr. Rufus Burnett, Jr., CTSA representative to the WFTL provided the following report.

It is with enthusiasm for the future that I submit this report to the CTSA. Several major developments have occurred since the last hybrid WFTL forum based in Mexico City and online in the spring of 2022. This report will highlight some of these developments and point to some of the implications that these developments have for enriching the ongoing relationship between the CTSA and the WFTL. These developments include: plans to meet in conjunction with the next World Social Forum in Kathmandu, Nepal; the development of year around WFTL programming; a new open access online journal for the WFTL; and new memberships.

The Forum

In March of 2023 the World Social Forum (WSF) announced that its next forum would take place in Kathmandu, Nepal March 13-17, 2024 (recently changed to February 13-19, 2024). The Secretariat, the Executive Committee, and the Methodology Committee have begun their work and will be meeting with the International Committee on June 7, 2023 to begin choosing a delegation to attend the WSF. These plans also include establishing a local delegation on the ground in Katmandu to work locally with the WSF team. Since its establishment, the WFTL has always meet in conjunction with the WSF and has offered sessions that could be attended by WSF participants. In May of 2022, this practice was greatly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic, logistical, and technical difficulties. In light of these challenges the International Committee agreed to host a separate online forum in June of 2022. Given the challenges of meeting in conjunction with the WSF in 2022, the WFTL is exited to send a delegation of at least twenty members to participate in the

WSF in 2024. The primary thematic for the WFTL during the WSF will be on practices of liberation in Asia.

Implications for CTSA Partnership:

This will be the first time in the history of the WFTL/CTSA partnership that the CTSA liaison members will have the opportunity to attend the WFTL forum. Plans are in the works to make the sessions hybrid. If local support and technology are sufficient, CTSA members will have an opportunity to attend remotely.

Programming between the Forums

This year the Executive and Methodological Committees proposed plans to include year-round programming in webinar and zoom meeting formats. These webinars will help invite a broader global audience into the WFTL and increase our opportunity to build partnerships beyond the WSF. In addition to the webinars, the WFTL plans to build long term partnerships with grassroots organizations working on projects for liberation. These partnerships (solidarity pairing projects) will be spearheaded by smaller delegations of WFTL members which will work with groups on the ground to help strengthen the WFTL's commitment to solidarity with local movements and organizations across the globe.

Implications for CTSA Partnership:

Plans for year-round online programming will offer CTSA members more opportunities to participate and potentially become members of the global community that is the WFTL. Ongoing webinars and solidarity pairing projects will also provide the CTSA liaison with a steady flow of content to share with the CTSA. CTSA members at large will be afforded opportunities to share and get feedback on their research and experiences in community with the WFTL.

Open Access Online Journal

The WFTL is in the last steps of the process of securing an online open access journal publication contract with Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal (PUM). The online journal will publish proceedings from the forums as well as articles on practices of liberation.

Implications for CTSA Partnership:

The open access journal will provide CTSA members with an additional resource to inform themselves about the theological perspectives that are emerging from the WFTL and its partners. It could also offer another outlet for CTSA members to publish if they are so inclined.

New Members

Following the forum in May-June of 2022, the Secretariat compiled a list of individuals who gave presentations. On February 4, the Executive Committee also proposed inviting other individuals whose writings and commitments align with the principles of the WFTL and demonstrate great quality. After discussions and further verifications, the Executive and International Committees, invited the following members to the International Committee along with other individuals from their countries: Elizabeth Isingi (Kenya), Patrick Gnanapragasam (India), Paul Hwnag (South Korea), Shiluinla Jamir (India), Felicia Dian Parera (Indonesia), Zakia Soman (India), Marta Luzie de Frecheiras (Brazil), Afonso Murad (Brazil), Cesar Baldelomar

(USA), Ariane Collin (Canada), Ángela Haager (Mexico), Laura Matamala Lienlaf (Mexico), Ignace Ndongala Maduku (Canada), Marisa Noriega (Mexico), Florence Ollivry (Canada), Marilu Salazar (Mexico), and Gareth Rowe (United Kingdom).

Concluding Thoughts

As I conclude, I would like to publicly thank Jaisy Joseph, Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University, for her work with the liaison over the last two years. I think I speak for the International Committee of the WFTL as a whole when I say that we hope that she will continue to participate in the WFTL. Her intellectual contributions, particularly her work “Responding to Shame with Solidarity: Sex Abuse Crisis in the Indian Catholic Church,” *Asian Horizons* 14, no. 2 (2020) were illuminating and have no doubt influenced some of the new developments itemized above as well as the work of theologians in the WFTL. I look forward to continuing my service to the liaison in the years of 2023-2024 and plan to leverage the new developments within the WFTL to further enrich this partnership.

Presentation of the LaCugna Award

Dr. Reid B. Locklin read the citation for the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award. He thanked the other members of the committee, namely Dr. Chris Pramuck and Dr. Judith Gruber, for their work in reading the submissions and selecting this year’s winner. He also thanked all who submitted essays.

This year there were seventeen very fine essay submissions reviewed by the LaCugna Award Committee. Members of the committee reviewed the submissions independently, and then met over zoom to discuss and evaluate each essay. We were finally unanimous in our choice of the winner of this year’s LaCugna Award, Susan Reynolds, for her essay, “‘I Will Surely Have You Deported’ Undocumenting Clergy Sexual Abuse in Immigrant Communities.”

Meticulously researched and narrated in journalistic detail, the essay exposes a widespread pattern in which predatory priests intentionally targeted victims from undocumented families, while bishops systematically concealed and perpetuated the abuse by treating immigrant communities as dumping grounds for abusive clergy. Reynolds shows how the active “undocumenting” of victims by church authorities in the wake of their abuse—the myriad ways that truths are concealed, coded, and translated within existing documentary evidence—decenters and often erases victims’ subjectivities, enfolding them, as she writes, “into a narrative in which their abuser plays the role of protagonist. “Laundered through chancery files,” victims disappear “into the banal materiality of office paper and manila folders.” The last part of the essay interrogates the post-Vatican II theological and pastoral landscape, suggesting that theological currents such as the preferential option for the poor – the idealization of intimacy with Hispanic and immigrant poor—“transformed barrios and parishes in cities like Los Angeles into new missionary wilds, helping to create the conditions for the production of undocumented victims.”

Reynolds concludes her essay with a powerful message for the church, and indeed, implicitly, for her fellow theologians. “Attending to such testimony,” she writes, “that is, to the presences lingering behind these absences—requires that we avoid mistaking the voices of documents for the voices of victims themselves. The practice of reading between the lines becomes not merely an attempt to connect a diffuse set of dots but

an epistemic strategy of witnessing to the undocumented subjects and testimonies hidden within and beyond the records.”

Congratulations, Susan.

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 5:55 pm, CST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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