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## A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: “CHANGES....”

Greetings from the ASCH office at Baylor University! The autumn semester began at Baylor a month ago but the beginning of autumn actually occurred this week. I mention this because the theme of change applies to the ASCH as well. Some of these changes are related to the upcoming Winter Meeting – more about that in the following article. The other changes concern membership dues and the web site.

In October the ASCH will have a new web site. (The address will not change and so ‘revamped’ is perhaps a more accurate word.) The present web site is, by standards of digital technology, very old. I won’t bore you with the technical problems – although some of you have experienced them first hand – but they were too many to revise. A new start seemed a better approach.

A new web site is an opportunity to make changes to the Society’s web profile that were not possible before. I had some ideas about what I would like to see: streamlining the membership renewal process, for example. Naturally, I’m interested in any ideas members might have. What should be on the web site that is not there at present? Take a look at [www.churchhistory.org](http://www.churchhistory.org) in the next week or so and write to [asch@churchhistory.org](mailto:asch@churchhistory.org) if you have any good ideas.

With regard to membership dues, the change is really a return to the past (with a slight wrinkle). I will send the first reminder to renew membership for 2010 by e-mail in October. A month later, in November, I will send a reminder in the mail. I will send a final reminder, by mail, in February.

The wrinkle I referred to is this: members who do not renew by the end of February will be put on an inactive list. Members on the inactive list will not receive *Church History* but will continue to receive the newsletter.

The changes I’ve mentioned should increase the Society’s digital visibility and put the Society on a more secure financial footing. The Society’s journal and the awarding of book prizes such as the Philip Schaff Prize mean that the ASCH, though a small society, is both well-known and growing. Long may the latter two continue!

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

For many years, ASCH met twice annually—once in January in conjunction with the American Historical Association and a host of cognate societies, and then once later in the spring when we met “on our own.” Increasing cost of mounting two meetings was one factor that led the council a few years ago to have a spring meeting only in odd-numbered years. Hence we gathered in Montreal this past spring for a splendid time as we celebrated a more international program both in our location and in topics of sessions.

I mention this because this newsletter includes announcement of our forthcoming annual meeting in San Diego in January 2010. That’s an even-numbered year. So there will be no spring meeting when we can relish some of the camaraderie and intellectual stimulation that comes when there are a hundred or so of us in one place, not a few thousand.

So I want to urge you to plan to join us in San Diego as that will be our only formal meeting for the calendar year. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will get glimpses of the extraordinary program that our committee, headed by president-elect Dick Heitzenrater, has crafted. As well, San Diego is itself a stunning locale for us explore as religious historians.

This past year has been a momentous one for ASCH as we wrestled with the impact of the economic recession on our resources, a considerable drop in the number of folks actually paying membership dues, and the move of our offices to Baylor University under the watchful direction of executive secretary Keith Francis.

Let us renew our personal and professional friendships and celebrate the fresh direction of ASCH by coming together in record numbers in San Diego. I shall be there. I hope you will be there, too.

Charles Lippy

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## A WORD FROM NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS COURTNEY LYONS AND DAVID SCOTT

Happy Fall! We hope this semester has begun well for you and look forward to our quickly approaching national meeting in San Diego. As we have heard from several of you regarding the newsletter, we have been glad to hear that its contents are helpful to you. Please email us at [courtney\\_lyons@baylor.edu](mailto:courtney_lyons@baylor.edu) or [dscott@bu.edu](mailto:dscott@bu.edu) with suggestions, feedback, or announcements you’d like included in the newsletter. See you in San Diego!

Courtney Lyons and David Scott  
Newsletter Co-Editors

## UPDATE ON THE WINTER MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

The next meeting of the ASCH will be the Winter Meeting in San Diego, January 7-10, 2010. As in the past, the ASCH will be one of the affiliate societies holding a meeting at the American Historical Association (AHA) Meeting.

The official hotel for the ASCH will be the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina on 333 W. Harbor Drive. The hotel is also the co-headquarters for the AHA meeting; the AHA headquarters will be in the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. (A couple of the ASCH sessions will be held in the latter hotel.)

When I became Executive Secretary, several members drew my attention to some 'problems' which occur as a result of the Society's connection to the AHA at the Winter Meeting. One of these is the necessity to register for the AHA meeting in order to obtain the AHA-negotiated hotel rate. For ASCH members who are not members of the AHA this seemed an unfortunate extra expense.

This year there will be a change. I have arranged the reservation of a block of eighty rooms at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown (HIED). The rooms in the HIED are \$89 per night which includes breakfast and free wireless internet access. (The cheapest AHA rate is \$129 per night.) Furthermore, the same rate applies for up to four people in the room and can be used three days before January 7 and three days after January 10.

Members interested in reserving a room at the HIED should contact the hotel directly at 1-800-884-5788 and mention that they are with the ASCH. The reservation must be made before November 23 (or before the block is filled).

The HIED is about a twenty-five-minute walk from the Marriott and the Grand Hyatt. There is a trolley which runs between the HIED and the main AHA hotels.

As for the ASCH program itself, there is a summary of the sessions in this newsletter. A full listing of the sessions is on the ASCH web site. (Please let me know if there are any errors in spelling, affiliation, or paper titles.)

A change in the program is the return of the Distinguished Career Award Luncheon. David Steinmetz, this year's recipient, will be honored at a lunch on Friday afternoon, January 8. Members who do not wish to eat at the luncheon will be able to attend the session (but will be seated after the meal is served).

The conference registration form for all the events at the Winter Meeting is in this newsletter. The form can be mailed to the ASCH office at any time before January 5. It will not be possible to register for the Winter Meeting online until the new web site is launched. Everyone who registers will receive two free drinks at the presidential reception.

All those reading papers or participating in panels will be expected to be fully-paid members of the ASCH. (This is another change which is a return to the past.) It will be possible to register for the conference during the Winter Meeting; on the other hand, those who register before the conference will receive a reduction of \$5.

Feel free to contact the ASCH office with any questions about the upcoming meeting. I look forward to seeing some of you in San Diego...

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## ASCH ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW: SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: JANUARY 7-10, 2010

Many of you are undoubtedly still caught up in the fall rush that comes with the beginning of another academic year. You may be forgiven, therefore, for thinking that January seems like a long ways away. Yet a new year will be upon us soon, and with it, the annual ASCH meeting, this year to be held in San Diego, CA. The ASCH Newsletter is happy to provide you with a preview of this year's program. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Keith Francis or the ASCH offices.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### **Thursday, January 7**

3:00–5:00 p.m. Session 1. Discussing Jeffrey Cox's *The British Missionary Enterprise since 1700*

3:00–5:00 p.m. Session 2. Theologians, Preachers, and Prophets: Religious Leaders in America

3:00–5:00 p.m. Session 3. Life on the Fringes: Biography and the Changing Face of Eighteenth-Century Pietism

3:00–5:00 p.m. Session 4. History of Biblical Interpretation

3:00–5:00 p.m. Session 5, joint with the American Catholic Historical Association. Formation in the Early Church

3:30–5:00 p.m. Formation in the Early Church (Joint Session with the ACHA)

3:30–5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

5:00–6:00 p.m. Editorial Board Meeting

7:30–9:00 p.m. Council Meeting

#### **Friday, January 8**

7:30–9:00 a.m. Breakfast, Women in Theology and Church History

9:30–11:30 a.m. Session 6. Reflections on Mission History in Recognition of the Bicentennial of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

9:30–11:30 a.m. Session 7. Billy Graham's Significance in American Religious History

9:30–11:30 a.m. Session 8. Darwin, Racism, and National Identity

9:30–11:30 a.m. Session 9. Scripture and Tradition among Post-Restoration Dissenters

12:15–1:45 p.m. Distinguished Career Award Luncheon for David Steinmetz

2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 10, joint with the AHA. "A Spectacle unto the World": Suffering, Pain, and Martyrdom in Colonial North America "

2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 12. Religion, Politics, and Dissent in the English Church

- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 11, joint with the Society for Reformation Research. Female Saints and Sanctity in the Protestant Tradition
- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 13. New Perspectives on Religion and the American Revolution
- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 14. Changing Attitudes toward Women
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. Reception for Graduate Students

**Saturday, January 9**

- 9:00–11:00 a.m. Session 15. Recent Research on Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth
- 9:00–11:00 a.m. Session 16. Religion and Politics in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World
- 9:00–11:00 a.m. Session 17. Religion and Perceptions of Modern America
- 9:00–11:00 a.m. Session 18. Rethinking Ritual and Revival in Native-Protestant Encounter
- 9:00–11:00 a.m. Session 19, joint with the American Catholic Historical Association. The Cure of Souls, Liturgy, and Theology in the Middle Ages
- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Session 20, joint with the Society for Reformation Research. Issues in Sixteenth-Century Reformation Doctrine and Exegesis
- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Session 21. Evangelicals, Emotions, and Modernity
- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Session 22. Gender and Religious Leadership in the Early Twentieth Century
- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Session 23. Heathens, Heroes, and Harbingers in American Protestant Imagination
- 1:00–4:30 p.m. Session 24. A Tour of San Diego Places of Worship
- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 25. Review of *The World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh 1910*
- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 26. Religion and the Senses in the Eighteenth Century
- 2:30–4:30 p.m. Session 27. Teaching the Introductory Course in Church History
- 5:00–6:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- 6:00–7:00 p.m. Presidential Address
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Presidential Reception

**Sunday, January 10**

- 8:30–10:30 a.m. Session 28. Psychology and the Spirit: Protestant Experiences of the Self in Twentieth-Century North America
- 8:30–10:30 a.m. Session 29. Becoming Mainline: History, Memory, and the Long Story of American Congregationalism
- 8:30–10:30 a.m. Session 30. Civil Rights Conflict in the North: Under-Emphasized Elements of the African American Civil Rights Movement
- 8:30–10:30 a.m. Session 31. Questions of Authority in the Reformation
- 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Session 32. Horse-Shed Christianity Revisited: Parochial Response
- 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Session 33. New Perspectives on Two Centuries of Evangelicalism, Honor, and Masculinity in the American South
- 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Session 34. Bringing Peace and Life out of Chaos and Death: Christians in Republican China

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICAN RELIGIONS SECTION OF AAR

The North American Religions Section (NARS) of the American Academy of Religion invites nominations (including self-nominations) for three positions on its Steering Committee. The length of term is three years. Members of the Committee are responsible for evaluating proposals for the annual meeting program and for the final program design. Nominees must have been members of the AAR for one year and commit to attending annual meetings while on the Committee.

NARS encourages the use of diverse sources and multiple approaches to the study of religions in North America. In most sessions we seek to stimulate comparative discussion across a range of traditions around particular themes. Most years we also devote one session to new work on a particular religious tradition and another to a recently published book of outstanding merit in the field. Therefore, we especially appreciate receiving nominations of persons who represent the diversity -- disciplinary, regional, and programmatic -- within the Academy generally and on NARS topics specifically.

All nominations are welcome. Please send them by October 15, 2009, to Kathleen Flake ([kathleen.flake@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kathleen.flake@vanderbilt.edu)) and include the following information for each nominee: full name, institutional affiliation, and contact information.

## 2010 SUMMER SEMINAR OPPORTUNITY IN THE HISTORY OF WORSHIP

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**June 28 – July 16, 2010, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI**

**Dr. Lester Ruth, Asbury Seminary**

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*Application deadline is January 15, 2010*

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## **The Churches and the Evolution of Europe**

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Historically, Europe has been shaped by the Christian churches, and its faultlines in many instances reflect Christian divisions. The Christian understanding of the human person has until recently undergirded much of the common legal and moral framework, along with the inheritance of Roman law and Greek philosophy (both mediated through the Christian churches). But Europe has also undergone a massive secularisation, and even though the character of secularisation varies across the continent, the mainline churches are all suffering from decline. Migration has brought into Europe a significant presence of Christians from non-European cultures and members of other faiths; this can also be a cause of tension.

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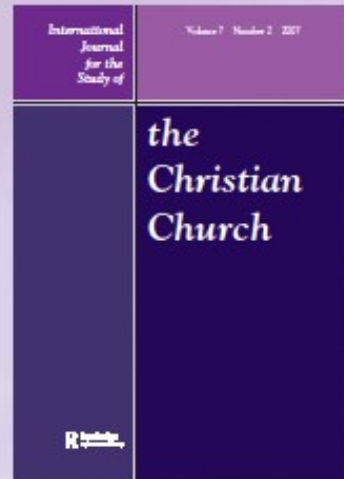
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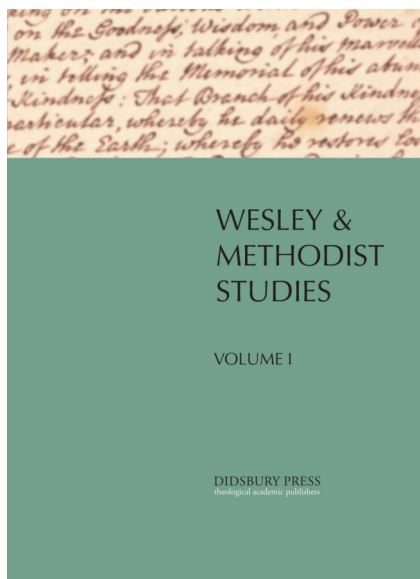
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*WMS* is now accepting essay submissions for future volumes. For further details, including style notes for contributors, see: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/wesley-and-methodist-studies/>



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## 2010 INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions

The forty-fifth annual conference of the Mormon History Association will be held May 27-30, 2010 at the Kansas City Sports Complex Hotel in Kansas City, MO. It has been twenty-five years since the last MHA conference was held in Missouri. The 2010 theme, "The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions" recognizes the family as a central social and religious institution within Mormon traditions.

Mormon traditions (also called Restoration traditions) have historically recognized the family and home as the spatial, social, and emotional place where men, women, and children become religious and moral people. Fatherhood and motherhood have been interpreted as religious, as well as biological and social roles.

Papers and panels on all aspects of the history and practice of family life in all Restoration traditions are welcomed. Since Independence, Missouri, serves as the "homeland" to dozens of Restoration traditions, we especially encourage papers that examine or compare lesser studied groups. Of special note, 2010 marks the sesquicentennial of Joseph Smith III's ordination as leader of the Community of Christ and the twenty-fifth anniversary of its first priesthood ordinations of women. Both events sparked controversy and caused the re-examination of how family roles shaped religious practices. Presenters could explore religious interpretation of the family, gender roles within the family, the Mormon religious experience within families, children and childhood, Mormon domestic architecture, or Mormon material culture.

MHA invites and actively seeks proposals for complete sessions, panels, and other presentations. While we encourage presentations related to the theme, we also welcome other proposals. While the Program Committee will give preference to complete two or three paper session proposals, individual paper proposals will be considered. Please send an abstract of the paper (no more than 300 words) that outlines your argument and the sources that will be used plus a short CV (no longer than two pages) for each speaker. Previously published papers will not be considered.

The deadline for proposals is **October 1, 2009**. Proposals should be sent by email to: mhameeting2010@gmail.com. Hard copies of proposals can also be sent to:

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or

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Notification for acceptance or rejection will be made by January 1, 2010. Additional instructions will be available on the MHA website at <http://mhahome.org>.

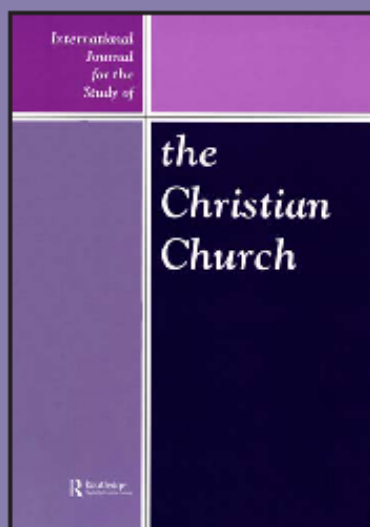
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## The Orthodox Churches in Contemporary Contexts

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# International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church



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Whilst the Orthodox Churches, that is the Chalcedonian Orthodox Churches, are still predominantly located in their traditional heartlands of Eastern Europe and the Middle East, for historical and political reasons large numbers of Orthodox Christians have become well established in North America and Western Europe. This situation has not only involved them in significant issues of jurisdiction and the creation of 'new' cultural identities, but has also challenged them to search for authentic ecclesial structures in varying contemporary contexts; to engage in a dynamic way with the ecclesiological and canonical questions that new situations have posed for them, and to enter critically into dialogue with a number of other Christian traditions, including the Oriental Orthodox Tradition to which they are closely related.

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Articles of up to 8000 words are invited for this issue. They may focus on the Orthodox presence in any part of the world and may cover areas such as the following, though other topics of research are not excluded:

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- The significance of the Orthodox *diaspora* in its response to new contemporary and cultural contexts
- The place of the Oecumenical Patriarchate in European and global Orthodoxy
- The ecclesiological significance of Mount Athos and of monasticism in general in 21<sup>st</sup>-century Orthodox spirituality
- New or nascent movements within the Orthodox Spiritual Tradition and liturgical life
- Orthodox approaches to contemporary problems which confront the Christian Church as a whole: mission and evangelisation; society and culture; ethics; church-state relations; nationalism and ethnicity; democracy, freedom of religion and pluralisation; ecological and environmental issues; the communication revolution and globalization
- The role of ecclesiology in ecumenical dialogues involving Orthodox churches (e.g. with Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican churches)
- The contribution and influence of particular Orthodox theologians and thinkers to ecclesiology in their own or other churches'

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