



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

June 2017

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

Dear AOH Members,

I am looking forward to hosting you all this year for the Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the Academy. You will be notified soon when the attendance and lodging registration portal is available on our website. Throughout this newsletter is information concerning the meeting as well as some broader Academy business. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me (wesleya@smu.edu) or one of the other members of the Executive Committee.

Peace, *Wes Allen*

MEETING DETAILS

DATE:	Dec 7-9, 2017	HOTEL:	Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities 6070 North Central Expressway http://www.magnoliahotels.com
LOCATION:	Dallas, TX	AIRPORTS:	Dallas/Fort Worth International Dallas Love Field
HOST SCHOOL:	Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University		

MEETING SCHEDULE

A detailed schedule of activities at the Annual meeting will be provided at a later date, but to help you make travel arrangements and other such plans, here is an outline of the main elements of this year's meeting:

Wed, 12/6

African American Caucus
Executive Committee

Thu, 12/7

Morning
CATH
Executive Committee
Early Afternoon
Graduate student, Adjunct faculty,
and Junior faculty pre-meetings
Starting at 4:30 @ the Magnolia Hotel
Opening Worship
President's Reception
Dinner on Your Own
Panel Discussion

Fri, 12/8

Morning @ Perkins, SMU
Worship & Workgroups (Session 1)
Afternoon
Lunch provided by Perkins
Workgroups (Session 2)
Evening
Happy Hour @ the Magnolia
African American Caucus Worship
International Members Dinner

Sat, 12/9

Morning
Plenary Discussion Session
Annual Business Meeting
Closing Worship
Afternoon
On your own
Evening
Closing Banquet

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ANNUAL MEETING THEME

At our fiftieth meeting of the Academy of Homiletics (2015) in Nashville, TN, we began a three-year conversation concerning the future of the Academy. In that year, we celebrated the evolution of our guild and annual meetings. Our keynote lectures and starting point for our conversation focused on the changing landscape of theological education. The Saturday morning discussion began the process of naming elements of our identity as a scholarly and collegial guild that are valued at different levels.

At our fifty-first meeting (San Antonio, 2016), we continued the conversation by focusing more narrowly on how those values translate into a prioritizing of specific elements/activities of our annual meeting. At our fifty-second meeting, we will broaden the question to ask whether the discussions of the past two years lead us to affirm or modify our sense of identity as expressed in our mission/purpose statement.

Given this intensive focus on the future of our guild, the Executive Committee set as our 2017 theme, **Emerging Issues in the Field of Homiletics**. This theme invites us to examine wider trends, movements, and lacunae in our research and scholarship. This theme grows out of changes in our meeting this year that serve as some examples of the evolution of our field: a new workgroup focused on Preaching and Culture, another new group focused on Preaching, Media, and Technology, and the meetings of people serving in other forms of ministry while teaching preaching as adjuncts.

WORK GROUPS

While our Workgroups always include scholarship dealing with a variety of emerging issues in homiletics, this year we welcome papers as well that offering commentary on patterns that are emerging and gaps that need to be addressed. The **Call for Papers** went out this Spring and was emailed to the membership again in June. Members can find these instructions from the conveners of the workgroups at this [LINK](#).

The deadline for submission of an abstract and paper to a workgroup convener is **Sept. 1**, so you still have plenty of time to make a submission. Because we now have two sessions of workgroups on Friday, you both get to hear more papers discussed and have more members of the Academy discuss your paper.

Please make sure to follow the **style guide** for paper submissions *closely*. Conveners do not have time to serve as copyeditors for authors.

PANEL DISCUSSION

To help set the stage for our Academy-wide conversations concerning emerging issues in homiletical research, the Executive Committee has decided to kick off the Annual Meeting with a panel discussion composed of junior scholars. Often in our plenary sessions, we hear from senior scholars who are well-established in the field and have already traveled a clear trajectory of homiletical scholarship. The choice to invite junior scholars to speak to the whole assembly in this setting, conversely, is meant to exhibit the value we place on newer voices in the guild, especially as we look to its future. Younger scholars who have recently completed their PhD, are beginning to shape a publishing agenda, and are shaping their teaching interests have a unique perspective on the current trends in homiletical scholarship. We are grateful to the following colleagues for agreeing to participate in the panel:

Donyelle C. McCray, Yale Divinity School (PhD from Duke)
Jerusha Matsen Neal, Duke Divinity School, (PhD from Princeton)
Joni S. Sancken, United Theological Seminary (PhD from Toronto)
Sunggu Yang, Wake Forest School of Divinity (PhD from Vanderbilt)

WORSHIP SERVICES

With junior faculty serving as our panelists for the meeting, the Executive Committee chose to invite senior faculty to serve as our preachers. They will offer the gospel to those attending out of years of participating in homiletical teaching and research broadly and the Academy of Homiletics more narrowly. We are grateful to the following colleagues for agreeing to plan worship and preach to us:

Eunjoo Mary Kim, Iliff School of Theology
André Resner, Hood Theological Seminary
William Turner, Duke Divinity School

POSTER EXHIBITION

Because there are few clearer signs of the future trajectories of homiletical research than the dissertations being shaped by the current generation of doctoral students, and because the Academy wants to support and celebrate the work of up-and-coming scholars in our field, we want to invite graduate students in the dissertation phase of their doctoral program to present a poster to be exhibited at the Annual Meeting. This will include a time in which students will stand with their posters and describe their work to colleagues in the guild. For more information, contact Michael Knowles (knowlesm@mcmaster.ca). [Presenting a poster does not preclude students from submitting papers to workgroups.]

MISCELLANY

WEBSITE PASSWORD

Just a reminder that you no longer need a shared password to access member resources and an individual password to access personal information and registration on the Academy website (<http://www.homiletics.org/>).

Thanks to the work of Patrick Johnson, from now on you will only need your individual login and password to access both.

One of the website resources available only to members is the **membership directory**. Patrick and Hank Langknecht have also worked to update the directory as much as possible from our end. It is helpful if members review and update their **personal information** annually. Thank you, Patrick and Hank!

RETIREMENTS

Part of our tradition as a guild is to honor members of the Academy who will be retiring at the close of the academic year in which we are meeting.

If you are retiring, have recently retired and not yet been recognized, or if you know of such a retiree, please contact Sally Brown (sally.brown@ptsem.edu).

PUBLISHERS

Over the years we have had fewer publishers and exhibitors display at the Annual Meeting. This is due to the smaller marketing budgets available to publishers and not to the lack of effort of the Executive Committee (thanks especially to Debra Mumford for her work over the past two years!).

This year, Veronice Miles has taken up the mantle of this work. You can help! If you have a book you would like displayed, 1) encourage your editor to contact Veronice at (vmiles@wesleyseminary.edu) to find out about exhibiting options; and 2) pass on your publisher's contact information to Veronice so she can reach out to them directly.

DEATHS

Part of our tradition as a guild is to memorialize members of the Academy who have died during the past year as part of our closing worship service.

Please contact Sally Brown (sally.brown@ptsem.edu) if you are aware of a colleague we have lost since our last meeting in San Antonio.

OPEN SOURCING PAPERS UPDATE

At our 2015 Annual Business Meeting, the Academy voted to begin open sourcing papers presented at the annual meetings, so long as authors desired for them to be made available in this manner. The papers presented in San Antonio in 2016 are the first ones to be included in the open source collection. Because this is our first, we are still working out the proper procedures for the papers to be properly uploaded to and viewable on the web. We appreciate our friends at Princeton Theological Seminary for assisting us in this process. For questions, contact Michael Brothers (michael.brothers@ptsem.edu).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

The Executive Committee of the Academy of Homiletics is pleased to announce the 2018 Annual Meeting theme will be "**Preaching Creation.**" It includes, but is not limited to, such theological themes as the image of God, the creation of humanity and nature, ecological issues, and new creation. We hope that this early announcement helps the members prepare their workgroup papers. (We will be meeting in Denver that year!) If you have any questions, contact Eunjoo Kim (ekim@iliff.edu).

Important Announcement on the final page of the newsletter.

COSTS FOR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Executive Committee has been able to keep costs for attending the Annual Meeting low for 2016 and 2017. In 2018, meeting in conjunction with the SBL/AAR in Denver, our costs will be higher but we believe still manageable. Be assured the Executive Committee takes the issue seriously and is doing everything possible to 1) keep costs as low as possible in SBL/AAR years while 2) locating our hotel as near as possible to the SBL/AAR.

To try to keep future costs lower, we asked Courtney Murtaugh, our contracted meeting coordinator, to go ahead and begin exploring options for Boston in 2020. We were astounded at how high the proposals from Boston hotels are even this far in advance. Indeed, the costs will be prohibitive for many of our members.

Because the issue of meeting in conjunction with the SBL/AAR has been divisive in the past, the Executive Committee was hoping to delay debate about the possibility of altering our current schedule of meeting in conjunction with the larger guilds every other year until we had completed our broader three-year conversation about the future direction of the Academy started during our fiftieth anniversary meeting. But that is no longer the wisest course of action.

Soon the Executive Committee will be sending out a more detailed description of the situation and a survey asking for the opinions of the membership concerning possible responses to the situation. Please know that the Executive Committee recognizes that it is not authorized to make a decision about this matter. That requires a vote of the full membership at the Annual Business meeting. Our goal at this point is to gather input and create a transparent conversation in advance so that there are no surprises at the Business Meeting in December in Dallas.

We include this note in this email simply to begin laying the foundation for the conversation and to begin getting us all on the same page for that conversation. Please look for and respond to the follow-up email and survey later in July. If in the mean time, you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me (wesleva@smu.edu).

Peace, Wes Allen