

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES 1954

Preamble. The Catholic Biblical Association founded at Sydney on the feast of St. Jerome, 1952, is under the heavenly patronage of that great Doctor of Biblical Learning.

Purpose. Its aim is threefold: 1) To promote the study of Divine Scriptures in accordance with the instructions of the Holy See, in the spirit of the Catholic Church and in accordance with modern scientific progress in biblical learning and in all those fields of research which throw special light on the written Word of God; 2) To promote fraternity and communication between Australian Catholic Scholars who are assigned to the work of teaching expounding or defending Holy Writ, or who cultivate studies closely connected with biblical science; 3) To help all those who in pastoral work, in schools, or in the lay apostolate are building up the knowledge of Christian doctrine on the sure foundation of the faith of the Church as set forth in the Catechism.

Membership. For the present there shall be two classes of members: Active Members and Associate Members. As the Association grows, we hope also to have members who shall be called Life Members or patrons.

Active Members are those who have special qualifications for Scripture studies and are in some degree specialists in this field.

Any person, institution, or group interested in the aims of the Association and recommended by one or more active members may be admitted to Associate Membership.

All members, active and associate, shall pay an annual fee of £1. The payment of this fee, which seems sufficient for present needs, shall entitle the particular member, as from January, 1955, or from the time of his enrolment, to receive the Quarterly (entitled "Scripture") of the Catholic Biblical Association of England, with which the Association of Australia has special ties of fraternity.

Activities of the Association. Since the Catholic Biblical Association is primarily intended to be a fellowship of professional Scripturists, its first endeavours shall be to keep its active members in close touch with each other by group meetings held at appointed times – which group meeting shall furnish occasion for reports from members, discussions of biblical questions, the reading of communications from overseas scholars, and the elaboration of programmes of biblical work.

According to the saying of the Wisdom of Ben Sirach otherwise called Ecclesiasticus (XXXIV, 47) : "I have not laboured for myself only, but for all who seek out the truth," the Catholic Biblical Association will devote itself to the propagation and popularization of Bible knowledge by public lectures and conferences, by answering questions sent to the secretary, and as time goes on, by biblical week-ends and biblical weeks. It is hoped that before long the Association will have a periodical publication of its own.

Officers: A Society, which is in its infancy, does not require nor even admit the machinery of administration which an adult organization demands. Consequently, there is no question just now of special committees, of an editorial board, a board of trustees, and such like. For present needs a simple organization will suffice.

Under the gracious patronage of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney and the honorary presidency of their Lordships, the two Auxiliary Bishops, there shall be a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and an editor.

In the absence of the Patron or one of the honorary Presidents, the Chairman shall preside over meetings and act as chief executive officer. The Vice-Chairman supplies his place as often as is needful. The Secretary shall be the chief organizer of the Association's activities. He shall keep minutes of the meetings, make records of whatever is to be recorded, send out communications and notices at the direction of the Chairman and, for the present, also act as Treasurer.

The Editor shall be consulted on all communications to the Press, and shall examine any writings prepared for publication by the Association as such.

The President and Vice-President shall be elected annually. The Secretary and Editor shall hold office for three years.

An annual meeting of Active Members shall hear the annual report of the Secretary, and shall attend to the election of officers and to any business that needs discussion and decision. This meeting shall be held on the feast of St. Jerome or on the day most convenient about that time. A High Mass shall be arranged on or about the feast of St. Jerome. Members should cultivate special devotion to their great Patron and to the Holy Spirit "who spoke through the Prophets."

As these Statutes are provisional, they shall be amended, changed, or supplemented, as soon as a majority of the Active Members judge necessary.

1964

The Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia was held last week, August 9-12, at St. John's University College. It marked a significant step in the history of this Association.

Twenty-five biblical scholars, including Fathers R. Cox C.M. and M. O'Meeghan S.M. of New Zealand, participated in the proceeds.

The Conference was organized by the Sydney regional group under the patronage of His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy, D.D. His Lordship Bishop Freeman D.D. presided at the opening session.

The four principal papers were presented by Fathers D. Murphy M.S.C. of Melbourne, L. Branagan C.S.S.R. of Ballarat, F. Mecham of Springwood and Camillus Hay O.F.M. of Melbourne. These treated of the historical value, liturgical character, language and patristic exegesis of our Gospel according to St. John.

Other papers concerned with this same Gospel were presented by Fathers R. Maher O.P. of Melbourne, L. Hannigan S.M. of Toongabbie, Jerome Crowe C.P. of Adelaide, C. Baker of North Turrumurra and H. Davis of Manly. These dealt with the Prologue to the Gospel, the significance of the title "Lamb of God", the washing of the disciples' feet before the Last Supper, the place of Mary and the Church in the writings attributed to St. John and the question of Our Lady's residence at Ephesus.

Papers treating of problems in present-day apologetics, the sacramentality of Scripture, Confession considered in its New Testament context and the "Our Father" were presented by Fathers K. Walsh of Manly, K. O'Shea C.S.S.R. of Ballarat, Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M. of Melbourne and M. Spora of St. Mary's Cathedral.

A special feature of the Conference was the summary given by Father W. Dalton S.J. of Pymble of the thesis which won for him last year the degree of Doctor of Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. This brilliant thesis deals with the interpretation of I Peter 3, 19 which concerns Christ's proclamation to the spirits in prison. It is to be published by the Pontifical Biblical Institute in the New Year.

Father I. Sanders C.M. of Eastwood, who acted as President during the proceedings, outlined his views on problems associated with the teaching of Scripture in Seminaries at the beginning of the special Forum devoted to this subject and guided the ensuing discussion.

The main business of the General Meeting was to give formal approval to the Constitutions of the Association. This was duly done after much thought and discussion. The Association is now finally and definitely established as a national body.

The dream of the late Dr. W. Leonard has now been realized.

Ten years ago, Dr. Leonard contacted the small group of Catholic biblical scholars then in Sydney. They formed a Catholic a Biblical Association which has now become the Sydney regional group of the Australian Association.

The members of the original Association met from time to time to exchange methods and ideas and did whatever was possible at that time to promote a deeper understanding among Catholics and non-Catholics of the teachings of the Church regarding the Bible.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Father H. Davis of Manly and encouraged by His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy D.D., this original Sydney group brought Father Alexander Jones from England in 1959 and organized the Biblical Congress at which he was Guest Lecturer.

Meanwhile, a similar Association had been formed by a group of Catholic biblical scholars in Melbourne. The members of the Sydney and Melbourne groups cooperated with Father I. Sanders C.M. in organizing the lecture tour of Father Bruce Vawter C.M. in 1962. During this tour, the members of the two groups met in Melbourne. It was decided to establish the Catholic Biblical Association on a national basis. Father H. Davis of Manly became the first President of this national Association.

The first annual meeting of the national Association was held in Melbourne during Pentecost Week of last year. Provisional Constitutions were drawn up and arrangements made for last week's National Conference and General Meeting in Sydney.

Besides promoting better mutual acquaintance and the exchange of ideas and methods among its active members, the Association also aims to help those engaged in pastoral work, in schools, or in the lay apostolate.

In recent months Conferences have been given to priests in Melbourne and Maitland. Members have cooperated with the Directors of Education in these two centres to provide Summer Schools and regular weekly lectures for religious teachers in Catholic Schools. Occasional lectures have also been given to priests and religious teachers in Sydney, Adelaide and Ballarat.

Lectures have also been given for the laity. These have been organized by the Newman Graduate Association, the Guild of St. Pius X and the Grail.

Demands made on the Association are increasing with the greater emphasis now given to biblical studies in Catholic Schools and as a result of renewed interest in the liturgy.

Any person or group in sympathy with the work or aims of the Catholic Biblical Association may be duly admitted to associate membership. Any eligible person can become a patron or life member of the Association. Qualified biblical specialists or those who have done some special study in this field are eligible for active membership.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, SYDNEY. AUGUST 9th - 12th 1964.

President: Rev. John Scullion, S.J.

Secretary: Denis Murphy, M.S.C.

Vice-President: Rev. Ian Sanders, C.M.

Treasurer: Rev. C. Baker.

Present: Revs.

John Thornhill SM	L. Branagan CSSR	R. Cox CM	C. Baker	Bill Dalton SJ
Camillus Hay OFM	L Hannigan SM	Jerome Crowe CP	M Spora	E. Hodgens
Campion Murray OFM	R. Maher OP	A. Mannix CM	K Walsh	F. Mechan
Denis Murphy MSC	Gregory Manly CP	G Meere	P Murray	David Walker
M O'Meeghan SM	Kevin O'Shea	R. Pryke		B. Kennedy
Angelo O'Hagan OFM	Anthony Healey OFM	H. Davies		

Apologies: Rev John Scullion (Studying overseas).

Papers: D. Murphy: The Historical Value of the Last Supper Discourses
L. Brannagan: Liturgical Fulfilment in John's Gospel
F. Mechan: St. John's Greek
W. Dalton: Christ's Proclamation to the Spirits in Prison
C. Hay: Antiochene Exegesis: A comparison between Theodore of Mopsuestia's commentary on St John and St John Chrysostom's Homilies on John.
C. Baker: Mary and the Church in John.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at St. John's University College, Sydney on August 11th and 12th, 1964.

The Vice-President, Rev. I. Sanders C.M., took the Chair.

PRESENT: Revs. C. Baker, L. Branagan C.S.S.R., R. Cox C.M., Jerome Crowe C.P., W. Dalton S.J., H. Davis, L. Hannigan S.M., Camillus Hay O.F.M., Anthony Healey O.F.M., E. Hodgens, B. Kennedy, R. Maher O.P., Gregory Manly C.P., A. Mannix C.M., F. Mecham, G. Meere, D. Murphy M.S.C., Campion Murray O.F.M., P. Murray, Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M., M. O'Meeghan S.M., K. O'Shea C.S.S.R., R. Pryke, M. Spora, J. Thornhill S.M., D. Walker, K. Walsh.

APOLOGIES: Rev. J. Scullion S.J., President, now studying overseas.

BUSINESS: 1. Constitutions:

On the motion of Rev. Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M., seconded by Rev. W. Dalton S.J., the text of the Provisional Constitutions was approved with the following amendments and By-Laws :

(a) Amendment - In Art. V, 5b, after the words "to accept and edit manuscripts for publication in this official organ" insert "or under the auspices of this Association". As it was thought unlikely that the association would be able to publish its own official journal for some time, Members resolved that this clause should be added in case the Association should publish in partnership with the Theological or other Society or Association. This clause would also cover any pamphlets or books published under the auspices of the Association.

(b) By-Laws - I. (Art. III, 1) Members of the Association shall pay an annual membership fee of one pound. New members shall pay an entrance fee of two guineas.
II. (Art. III, 2) The Regional Groups or, in areas where no Regional Group has yet been established, the Executive Board will determine whether candidates for Active Membership are qualified by virtue of "special work" in the biblical field. This requirement shall be interpreted in the broadest sense consonant with active participation in the activities of the Association.

III. (Art. III, 4) The fee to be paid by a Patron or Life Member shall be twenty pounds.

2. Interpretation of Constitutions:

(Art. III, 1) On the motion of Rev. D. Murphy M.S.C. seconded by Rev. Campion Murray O.F.M., it was resolved that all participants in this National Conference and Annual General Meeting together with all members of Regional Groups be declared eligible for Active Membership of the Association.

(Art. III, 5) Rev. H. Davis queried the wording of this Section, as he doubted whether it secured sufficiently the national structure and identity of the Association. After some discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Rev. L. Branagan C.S.S.R. seconded by Rev. C. Baker, to leave the wording as in the provisional text. It was the opinion of members that Sections 1 and 4 provided adequate controls of Regional Groups.

3. Nat.Conference and General Meeting in 1965 :

Resolved that this be held in Melbourne, the Regional Group to complete arrangements with the approval of the Executive Board. Agreed that the mid-Winter vacation period was the most suitable but, as dates do not coincide, some time at the beginning of August would be the best compromise.

ELECTION
OF
OFFICERS

The following were declare elected:

President : Rev. Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M., St. Paschal's College, 90 Albion Rd.
Box Hill E.11, Vic.

Vice-President : Rev. L. Branagan C.S.S.R.

Secretary : Rev. I. Sanders C.M., St. Joseph's Seminary, 143 Balaclava Road,
Eastwood, N.S.W.

Treasurer : Rev. C. Baker

Editor : Rev. W. Dalton S.J.

Angelo P. O'Hagan

4/8/1965

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Approved by Members in General Meeting
at St. John's University College, Sydney

August 11 – 12, 1964

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION
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Article I

The full name of this Association shall be THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1. The general aim of this Association shall be to promote scientific study of the Bible in accordance with the spirit and instructions of the Church.

Section 2. The special aims of this Association shall be

- (a) to promote a better mutual acquaintance among Catholic biblical scholars and to facilitate the exchange of methods and ideas.
- (b) to expound the teachings of the Church regarding the Bible and to promote deeper understanding among Catholic and non-Catholic scholars.
- (c) to help those who are engaged in pastoral work, in schools, or in the lay apostolate.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. The Membership of this Association shall consist of Active Members and Associate Members. All Members shall pay the same dues, and all shall enjoy the same rights and privileges except that only Active Members shall exercise active and passive voice.

Section 2. Candidates for Active Membership must be sponsored by a least one Active Member and be approved by the respective Regional Group or Executive Board. They must be qualified biblical specialists either by reason of their degrees or be reason of special work in this field.

Section 3. Any person or group in sympathy with the aims of this Association may be duly admitted to Associate Membership.

Section 4. Any eligible person may become a Patron or Life Member by the sum specified in the By-Laws.

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Article IV
Administration

Section 1. The ultimate authority in this Association shall reside in the Active Members duly assembled in General Meeting.

Section 2. Between General Meetings this Association shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at least at the time of the General Meeting. The President may call meetings at other times during the year.

Section 4. The Executive Board has the power to formally approve and recognize Regional Groups of this Association. It also has the power to withdraw such approval and recognition.

Section 5. Subject to the supreme authority, duly formed Regional Groups have authority in their region according to their Statutes.

Section 6. The fees paid by Members shall be administered by the Executive Board of this Association. However, Regional Groups have the administration of funds raised by the activities of their Groups.

Article V
Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The duties of the President shall be

- (a) to act as the chief executive officer of this Association.
- (b) to preside at the General Meeting and at meetings of the Executive Board. Section 2.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be

- (a) to assist the President in his duties.
- (b) to act as substitute for the President in the latter's absence from the General Meeting or from a meeting of the Executive Board.

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Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be

- (a) to record the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and to keep the records and papers of this Association.
- (b) to conduct the correspondence and ordinary administrative affairs of the Association according to the instructions of the Executive Board.
- (c) to issue official communications to Members at the direction of the President.
- (d) to record the Minutes of General Meetings.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be

- (a) to receive the funds of this Association and to make disbursements as provided for by the By-Laws or the Executive Board or by the Members in General Meeting.
- (b) to act as business manager of the periodical publications of the Association.
- (c) to submit to General Meetings a financial statement of the income and expenses of the Association.
- (d) to submit on request a financial statement to the members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. The duties of the Editor shall be

- (a) to prepare for publication the official organ of this Association.
- (b) to accept and edit manuscripts for publication in this official organ, or under the auspices of this Association, after due consultation with the members of the Editorial Board. This Editorial Board may in practice be the Executive Board.

Article VI

Election of Officers

Section 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor shall be elected at the General Meeting and their term of office shall extend from the end of the General Meeting at which they have been elected until the end of the next General Meeting; the Secretary, however, shall be elected for a three-year term. The President and Vice-President shall be ineligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices.

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Article VII
Activities

Section 1. General Meetings of the Members shall be held annually. The nature and frequency of the meetings of Regional Groups will be governed by their respective Statutes. At these meetings there shall be reports from Members, discussion of biblical questions, and elaboration of methods and programmes of biblical work.

Section 2. Both the General Meeting and the Regional Groups will see to the organizing and giving of study days devoted to biblical subjects for Associate members.

Section 3. The Executive Board and the Regional Groups shall work for the propagation and popularization of knowledge of the Bible by public lectures and conferences, and by answering questions.

Section 4. The Association will publish a periodical as its official organ.

B Y - L A W S

- I. (Art.III,1) Members of the Association shall pay an annual membership fee of one pound. New members shall pay an entrance fee of two guineas.
- II. (Art.III,2) The Regional Groups or, in areas where no Regional Group has yet been established, the Executive Board will determine whether candidates for Active Membership are qualified by virtue of "special work" in the biblical field. This requirement shall be interpreted in the broadest sense consonant with active participation in the activities of the Association.
- III. (Art.III,4) The fee to be paid by a patron or Life Member shall be twenty pounds.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONGRESS

and

GENERAL MEETING

held at

Newman College

under the patronage

of

His Grace Archbishop Simonds, D.D.

August 2nd-4th, 1965

<u>President:</u>	Revd A. O'Hagan, O.F.M.
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Revd L. Branagan, C.S.S.R.
<u>Secretary:</u>	Revd L. Sanders, C.M.
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Revd C. Baker

PROGRAM

Monday, Aug. 2nd

- 9.45 a.m. Main paper (1 hour plus discussion):
THE ORIGINS OF THE WORLD AND GEN 1-3
Revd C. Murray, O.F.M.
- 11.45 a.m. Shorter paper (1/2 hour plus discussion) :
WORK IN THE BIBLE
Revd G. Manly, C.P.
- 3.30 p.m. Short papers (20 min. plus discussion) :
* GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD” GEN 1 : 4, 10, 31)
Revd S. Hill, S.S.S.
* THE SABBATH
Revd L. Branagan, C.S.S.R.
* THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN
Revd E. Hodgens

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd

- 9.45 a.m. Main Paper:
CHRIST THE NEW ADAM
Revd W. Dalton, S.J.
- 11.45 a.m. Shorter paper:
IMAGE OF GOD
Revd J. Crowe, C.P.
- 3.30 p.m. Short papers:
* SOME ASPECTS OF THE NEW CREATION
Revd A. Mannix, C.M.
* ANTHROPOMORPHISMS IN GEN 1-2
Revd H. Pitman, O’Carm.
* DOES GEN 2-3 DEPICT A COVENANT?
Revd C. Baker

Wednesday, Aug. 4th

- 9.45 a.m. Main paper:
THE NATURE OF THE FALL IN GEN 1-3
Revd D. Murphy, M.S.C.
- 11.45 a.m. Shorter paper:
THE PENALTIES
Revd L. Hannigan, S.M.
- 3.30 p.m. Short paper:
“GREET NO ONE ON THE WAY” (LK 10, 4)
Revd A. O’Hagan, O.F.M.
- 4.15 p.m. General Meeting of CBA:
* Business and elections
* Teaching Scripture in seminaries:

Discussion led by Revd I. Sanders, C.M.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Newman College, Melbourne on August 4th, 1965.

The President, Rev. Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M. took the Chair. Those present at the Meeting were:

Revs. C. Baker (Syd.), L. Branagan C.S.S.R. (Ball.), J. Crowe C.P. (Melb.), G. Cristoph S.A.C. (Melb.), W. Dalton S.J. (Syd.), P. Gardiner S.J. (Melb.), L. Hannigan S.M. (Syd.), E. Hodgens (Melb.), Gregory Manly C.P. (Melb.), A. Mannix C.M. (Adel.), F. Mecham (Syd.), B. Moran (Melb.), Denis Murphy M.S.C. (Melb.), Campion Murray O.F.M. (Robertson), Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M. (Melb.), J. Phillips S.J. (Melb.), B. Pitman O.Carm. (Melb.), I. Sanders C.M. (Syd.), J. Thornhill S.M. (Syd.), A. Walker (Syd.), K. Walsh (Syd.), Rev. Bros. B. Hynes, Christian F.S.C. Others present for Conference lectures were:

Revs. M. Keating O.P., Bertrand Galvin O.P., Lawrence Fitzgerald O.P., Edward Gryst S.J., H. Johnston S.J., J. Golden S.J., S. Lennon S.J., J. McInerney S.J., J. Begley S.J., Leopold Walsh O.F.M., Daniel Neylan O.F.M., M. Griffin M.S.C., Victor Kennedy C.P., Nicholas Crotty C.P., John Kelly, ? Flynn S.J., J. O'Regan O.M.I., Phil Casey, Val Noone, M. Shadbolt, Christopher Goulding O.F.M., Gregory O'Donovan, O.C.S.O., B. Kennedy, B. Scott C.M., E. D'Arcy, K. O'Shea C.S.S.R., D. Brown C.S.S.R., J. O'Rourke C.M., B. Johnstone, J. Winson S.A.C., A. Mithen S.A.C., M. Costigan, J. Lanigan, John E. McCristal O.F.M., Mr. Byrne S.J. Rev. Bros. Dean, Ryan and Griffin (Christian Bros.), Ronald and Flavius (F.M.S.), Srs. M. Audry R.S.M. M. Callistus (N.D.deSion), M. Germaine (N.D.deSion), Pauline Therese (N.D.deSion), Mother Aquinas (I.B.V.M.)

National Conference and General Meeting for 1966.

Resolved that this be held in Sydney, the Regional Group to complete arrangements subject to approval of the Executive Board. Agreed that the location be St. John's College during vacation at end of 2nd Term as early in August as possible.

Election of Officers.

The following were declared elected:

President: Rev. W. Dalton S.J., Canisuis College, Pymble. N.S.W.
Vice-President: Rev. A. O'Hagan O.F.M., St. Paschal's College, Box Hill. Vic.
Treasurer: Rev. C. Baker, St. Columban's College, Nth. Turrumurra. N.S.W.
Editor: Rev. J. Phillipps S.J. Corpus Christi College, Glen Waverley. Vic.

Rev. I. Sanders C.M. of St. Joseph's Seminary, Eastwood. N.S.W. remains as Executive Secretary for second year of three-year term.

Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement read at the Melbourne Meeting was for the time up to 28th July, 1965. as follows:

<u>Credit</u>		<u>Debit</u>	
National C.B.A.A. Meeting, Sydney, 1964, Conference Fees	£114.15.0	Board, Meals, Honorarium to St. John's, College, Sydney, for National Meeting, 1964	£95.5.0
Membership Fees 1964-5)	£18.0.0	3,000 Quarto Letterheads for C.B.A.A.	£11.5.0
Interest	£2.1.8		
Fees for National C.B.A.A. Meeting, Melb. 1965	£6,15.0		
	<u>£141.11.8</u>		<u>£106.10.0</u>
<u>Balance</u>	<u>£35.1.8</u>		

W. J. Dalton S.J.

ST. COLUMBAN'S COLLEGE

"HAYES PARK," BOBBIN HEAD RD.

NTH. TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.

14th August, 1965.

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter enclosing the subscriptions for Brothers Christian and Canisius, F.S.C. and for your more recent letter enquiring about the list of those who attended the Melbourne meeting, together with a copy of the balance sheet presented at the meeting.

The following is taken from my list of those who paid something in view of the meeting in Melbourne and were present for some of the papers at least:-

Fr. Maurice Keating, O.P.	Fr. Christoph, S.A.C. *
Fr. Bertrand Galvin, O.P.	Fr. B. Pitman, O.Carm. *
Fr. Lawrence Fitzgerald, O.P.	Fr. Flynn (S.J. ?)
Fr. Edward Gryst, S.J.	Fr. J. Phillips, S.J.
Fr. Paul Gardiner, S.J.	Fr. David Walker *
Fr. H. Johnston, S.J.	Fr. B. Moran *
Fr. W. Dalton, S.J.	Fr. John Thornhill, S.M. *
Mr. (?) Byrne, S.J.	Fr. L. Hannigann, S.M. *
Fr. J. Golden, S.J.	Fr. J. O'Regan, O.M.I.
Br. F. R. Hickey (Bundoora)	Fr. Phil Casey
Br. Dean "	Fr. Val Noone
Br. Ryan	Fr. M. Shadbolt
Br. Griffin	Fr. Christopher Goulding, O.F.M.
Fr. S. Lennon, S.J.	Fr. C. Baker *
Fr. J. McInerney, S.J.	Fr. I. Sanders *
Fr. J. Begley, S.J.	Fr. Gregory O'Donovan, O.C.S.O
Br. Ronald (Marist Br.)	Fr. Bernard Kennedy
Fr. Leopold Walsh, O.F.M.	Fr. Bernard Scott, C.M.
Fr. Daniel Neylon, O.F.M.	Fr. Eric D'Arcy
Fr. Angelo O'Hagan, O.F.M. *	Fr. Eric Hodgens *
Br. Dynes (Christian Brother)	Fr. Leo Branagan, C.S.S.R. *
Br. Christian, F.S.C. * (Assoc.)	Fr. Kevin O'Shea, C.S.S.R.
Fr. M. Griffin, M.S.C.	Fr. Des Brown, C.S.S.R.
Fr. Denis Murphy, M.S.C.	Fr. John O'Rourke, C.M.
Fr. Victor Kennedy, C.P.	Fr. Brian Johnstone, C.S.S.R.
Fr. Gregory Manly, C.P. *	Fr. John Winson, S.A.C.
Fr. Nicholas Crotty, C.P. *	Fr. Alan Mithen, S.A.C.
Fr. Jerome Crowe, C.P. *	Fr. Michael Costigan
Fr. F. Mechan (Manly) *	Br. Flavius, F.M.S.
Br. John F. Kelly (Melb.)	Fr. J. Lanigan
Sr. M. Audrey, R.S.M.	Fr. A. Mannix, C.M. *
Sr. M. Callistus (N.D.deSion)	Fr. Kevin Walsh *
Sr. M. Germaine "	(Fr. John Evangelist McCristal, O.F.M.
Sr. Pauline Therese "	Mother Aquinas (?) I.B.V.M.)
	last two attended part only.)

* = Financial members for 1965-66

Br. Canisius F.S.C. & Fr. Camillus Hay, O.F.M. are also financial members, former Assoc. member.

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St Paschal's College,
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Victoria.
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Dear

The enclosed program for the annual national congress of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia is the final result of many proposals and of much planning on the part of CBA members. The program is quite self-explanatory. Nevertheless any enquiries about details will be welcomed.

The nature of the CBA, as well as the titles of the papers listed in the program, make it obvious the congress is by no means aimed at a wide, popular audience. It is meant to be of interest precisely to those concerned with biblical studies on a technical and to some extent specialized level. This is why you are warmly invited to attend.

We would be grateful if you could let us know whether you will be able to come or not. This will help us in finalizing practical arrangements.

With every best wish,

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Angelo P. O'Hagan, O.F.M.

(Angelo P. O'Hagan, O.F.M.)
President.

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General Program.

<u>Monday, Aug. 15th</u>)	9.30 a.m.	<u>Major Paper</u>
<u>Tuesday, Aug. 16th</u>)	10.30 a.m.	Morning tea
<u>Wednesday, Aug. 17th</u>)	11.00 a.m.	Discussion Groups
		11.45 a.m.	Question Time to 12.30 p.m.
			Lunch
		2.30 p.m.	<u>Specialised Study</u>
		3.00 p.m.	Question Period
		3.30 p.m.	Afternoon tea
		4.00 p.m.	<u>Specialised Study</u>
		4.30 p.m.	Question Period to 5.00 p.m.

THEME "THE STAGES OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTOLOGY : Thinking about Christ with the Apostolic Church."

METHODOLOGY Based on the following principles drawn from the "INSTRUCTION ON THE HISTORICAL TRUTH OF THE GOSPELS" issued by the Pontifical Biblical Commission on April 21st, 1964 :

- (a) "in appropriate cases the interpreter is free to seek out what sound elements there are in 'the Method of Form-history, and these he can duly make use of to gain a fuller understanding"
- (b) "In order to determine correctly the trustworthiness of what is transmitted ... , the interpreter must take careful note of the three stages of tradition" ...

- TITLES OF PAPERS
- I. MAJOR PAPERS : 1. "The Christology of the IPSISSIMA VERBA CHRISTI".
 - 2. "The PAULINE Construction".
 - 3. "The MATTHAEAN Construction".
 - 4. "The FOURTH GOSPEL Construction".
 - II. SPECIALISED STUDIES: 1. "The Christology of the Early Speeches in ACTS".
 - 2. "The Christology of the LUCAN Passion-Resurrection Narratives".
 - 3. "The Cosmic Dimensions of the Christology of Colossians".
 - 4. "The Christology of the Seven Letters of APOCALYPSE".
 - 5. "The Christology of CLEMENT (or of APOSTOLIC FATHER/S)".
 - 6. This period will be used for GENERAL MEETING.

Final details will be arranged by the President (Father W. Dalton S.J., Canisius College, Mona Vale Road, Pymble, N.S.W.). Suggestions and/or criticism should be forwarded to him.

MEMBERSHIP

FEES

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Active Members: Rev. C. Baker (Syd.), Rev. L. Branagan C.S.S.R. (Melb.), Rev. H. Brown, Rev. G. Christoph S.A.C. (Melb.), Rev. Jerome Crowe (Melb.), Rev. H. Davis, Rev. L. Hannigan S.M. (Syd.), Rev. E. Hodgins (Melb.), Rev. G. Manly C.P. (Melb.), Rev. A. Mannix C.M. (Adel.), Rev. F. Meehan (Syd.), Rev. B. Moran (Melb.), Rev. Campion Murray O.F.M., Rev. Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M. (Melb.), Rev. J. Philipps S.J., Rev. B. Pitman O.Carm. (Melb.), Rev. I. Sanders C.M. (Syd.), Rev. J. Thornhill S.M. (Syd.), Rev. D. Walker (Syd.), Rev. F. Walsh (Syd.)

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Ian Sanders C.M.
(Rev. Ian Sanders, C.M.)
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St. Joseph's Seminary,
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16th September, 1965

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

OF

AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING, SYDNEY, 1966.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, AUGUST 14th – 17th

PROGRAMME OF THE PAPERS

SUNDAY 14th

7.30 p.m. : Rev. W. Dalton, S.J., President –
The Christology of the IPSISSIMA VERBA CHRISTI.

This introduces the central theme of the Conference:

THE STAGES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTOLOGY -

Thinking about Christ with the Apostolic Church.

MONDAY 15th

9.30 - 10.30 : Rev. I. Sanders, C.M. - The PAULINE Construction.

11.00 - 11.45 : Discussion Groups.

11.45 - 12.30 : Comments and Questions.

2.30 - 3.00 : Rev. J. Crowe, C.P. - The Christology of the Early Speeches in ACTS.

3.00 - 3.30 : Comments and Questions.

4.00 - 4.30 : Rev. B. Heather - The Christology of the LUCAN Passion-Resurrection
Narrative.

4.30 - 5.00 : Comments and Questions.

TUESDAY 16th

9.30 - 10.30 : Rev. A. O'Hagan O.F.M. - The MATTHAEAN Construction.

2.30 - 3.00 : Rev. A. Mannix, C.M. - The Cosmic Dimensions of the Christology of
COLOSSIANS.

4.00 - 4.30 : Rev. L. McMorrow - EPHESIANS 4, 8-10: Gnostic or Christian
Redeemer?

WEDNESDAY 17th

9.30 - 10.30 : Rev. D. Murphy M.S.C. - The FOURTH GOSPEL Construction.

2.30 - 3.00 : Rev. E. Clancy - The Christology of the Seven Letters of the APOCALYPSE.

4.00 - 5.00 : General Meeting - Election of officers; place and date of next National
Conference.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
held at ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, SYDNEY, AUGUST 14th – 17th, 1966.

The President, Rev. William Dalton S.J. took the Chair.

Those present at the Meeting were as underlined. (Others attended Conference Lectures only).

Revs. B. Kennedy, I. Sanders C.M., N. Brown, T. Murphy C.S.S.R., W. Dalton S.J., W. Moran, L. McMorrow, C. Baker, M. Spora, K. O'Shea C.S.S.R., B. Pitman O'Carroll, P. Gardiner S.J.
F. Mecham, S. Hill S.S.S., L. Branagan C.S.S.R., L. Hannigan S.M., J. Thornhill S.M., J. Crowe C.P., B. Heather, D. Murphy M.S.C., A. O'Hagan O.F.M., A. Mannix C.M., E. Clancy, K. Walsh, A. Walker, B. Jackson C.M., B. Scott C.M., G. Manly C.P., S. Moran O.S.A., T. Doherty, P. Christie, G. Meere
 Bros. Christian F.S.C., Quentin F.M.S., Kieran F.M.S., F. Hickey (C.F.C.) B. Dynes (C.F.C.),
 Johnston (C.F.C.), P. Birrell (Gerard Majella's Institute).
 Sisters Clare Barry (DofCO, Justin Spence (D), M. Leo S.M.S.M., Gerard Majella S.M.S.M., Peter Claver S.M.S.M.
 Mr. Bruce Kay (Sec. of Biblical Fellowship).

Apologies: Revs. H. Davis, M. O'Meehan S.M. E. Hodges, R. Cox C.M. R. Barry C.M.
 Bro. McGlade C.F.C.

Business transacted.

1. Agreed next Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Melbourne, the Regional Group in Melbourne to complete arrangements, subject to approval of the Executive Board, in early August, probably at Newman College.

2. Election of Officers as follows:-

President: Rev. Brian Pitman O'Carroll) declared
Vice-President: Rev. E. Clancy) elected
Secretary: Rev. I. Sanders C.M. to complete third and final year of election.
Treasurer: Rev. C. Baker) declared
Editor: Rev. J. Philips S.J.) re-elected

3. Financial Report:-

Statement to 16/8/66 as read by Treasurer

<u>Credit</u>		<u>Debit</u>	
As of 28/7/65	\$70.70	Honorarium etc. (1965)	100.00
Interest on S.Bank Acc.	4.78	Stationery & Stamps (1965)	12.00
Conference Fees (1965)	163.50	Printing (1966)	2.82
Membership Fees (1965)	50.20	Stationery & Stamps (1966)	13.00
“ “ (1966)	20.00	Board etc. St. John's (1966)	120.00
Conference Fees (1966)	105.60		
Donation	4.00		\$247.82
	\$418.25		

Credit Balance (16/8/66) = \$170.43

4. Activities Regional Groups:

(a) Sydney : Quarterly Meetings of Active and Associate Members plus activities of individual Members.

- (b) Melbourne :
1. Lectures to Biblical Studies' Sisters following Senior Syllabus.
 2. Revs. D. Murphy M.S.C. and A. O'Hagan O.F.M. on Ecumenical Affairs' Committees.
 3. "Apostle of Corinth" published by Rev. D. Murphy M.S.C.
 4. Family Apostolate Groups by Revs. J. Philipps S.J. and S. Hill S.S.S.
 5. Activities of individual Members.

5. General Business:

Agreed that any members wishing to have copies of papers read should apply through Secretary to Member concerned.

B. H. Pitman
4/8/67

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual National Congress

and

General Meeting

to be held at Newman College, Melbourne

August 2nd – 4th

1967

President: Revd. B.H. Pitman, O.Carm.
Vice President: Revd. E. Clancy
Secretary: Revd. I. Sanders C.M.
Treasurer: Revd. C. Baker

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, August 2nd:

9.30 a.m. Opening of the Congress followed by
AN ADDRESS BY FATHER BARNABAS AHERN C.P.

10.45 a.m. Morning Tea

11.15 a.m. Discussion

12.30 p.m. Lunch

2.15 p.m. THE SUFFERING SERVANT, A CORPORATE PERSONALITY:
Revd. E. Clancy

THE SUFFERING SERVANT AS AN 'ASHAM FOR MANKIND
Revd. R. Barry C.M.

3..15 p.m. Afternoon tea

3.45 p.m. Discussion Groups

4.30 p.m. General Discussion until 5.00 p.m.

Thursday, August 3rd:

9.30 a.m. A SUMMARY TREATMENT OF JEREMIAH'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE BIBLICAL THEME OF SUFFERING: Rev. J. Barry C.M.

SUFFERING AND DIABOLIC POWERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:
Revd. D. Murphy M.S.C.

10.45 a.m. Morning tea

(Thursday, August 3rd) : continued

- 11.15 a.m. Discussion Groups
12.00 General Discussion
12.30 p.m. Lunch
2.15 p.m. MARTYRDOM IN THE INTERTESTAMENTAL WRITINGS:
Rev. A. O'Hagan, O.F.M.
SUGGERING IN THE PASSION NARRATIVES
Rev. J. Crowe, C.P.
3.15 p.m. Afternoon tea
3.45 p.m. Discussion Groups
4.30 p.m. General Discussion until 5.00 p.m.

Friday, August 4th:

- 9.30 a.m. THE SIGNIFACANCE OF 'THLIPSIS' IN ST. PAUL
Rev. G. Manly, C.P.
APOSTOLATE AND SUFFERING IN ST. PAUL
Rev. B. H. Pitman, O'Carm.
10.45 a.m. Morning tea
11.15 a.m. Discussion Groups
12.00 General Discussion
12.30 Lunch
2.30 p.m. ST. LUKE'S INTERPRETATION OF THE SERVANT THEME:
Rev. C. Baker
SUFFERING: A QUALIFICATION FOR HIGH-PRIESTHOOD:
Rev. L. McMorrow
3.00 p.m. Discussion Groups
3.45 p.m. Afternoon tea
4.00 p.m. General Discussion until 4.30 p.m.

Note: The Congress fee of \$3 includes morning and afternoon tea.
For those who wish to avail themselves of the facility
lunch will be available in Newman College.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Newman College, Melbourne, August 4th, 1967

The President, Rev. B. Pitman O'Carm., took the Chair.

Apologies: Revs. M. Spora, R. Cox C.M. G. Meere.

Treasurer's Statement (as at 31.7.67)

<u>Debit</u>		<u>Credit</u>	
18.6.66	Additional Honorarium to St. John's College for 1966 Conference	17.8.67	Credit Balance \$170.42
	\$20.00	1966-7	Membership fees 28.00
		1967-8	do 8.00
5.12.66	Boss Letterheads 25.88		
		1966	Conference Fees 48.89
18.7.67	Cash in hand as per Bank Statement 221.31		Donations 5.00
			Bank Interest 6.87

Venue of 1968 Conference

Agreed unanimously that venue should be Sydney.

Election of Officers:

The following were declared elected.

President : Rev. L. McMorrow (Sydney)
Vice-President : Rev. W. O'Shea (Brisbane)
Secretary : Rev. I. Sanders C.M. (Sydney)
Treasurer : Rev. C. Baker (Sydney)
Editor : Re. J. Phillips S.J. (Melbourne)

General Business:

- I. The Melbourne and Sydney Regional Groups reported following activities.
 1. Members had continued to attend Meetings of the Biblical Fellowship. C.B.A.A. Meetings were held in conjunction with the above in Melbourne and organized separately each quarter in Sydney.
 2. Sydney Active Members had been engaged in lecturing in the Xavier Institute, Holy Spirit Institute.
 3. Melbourne Active Members had continued their Course for Teachers in connection with the Biblical Studies Programme.
- II. Suggested to Organizers of 1968 Conference that the Theme be "The Law and the Prophets" or some Theme connected with Introtestamental Literature.
- III The Association welcomed the presence of Father Barnabas Ahern, who gave the opening lecture at the Conference.

Leo McMorrow.

Conference Enrolment Fees

An enrolment fee of \$5.00 from each participant to cover costs of organization, morning and afternoon teas, and lunch.

Dinner at St. John's is \$1.00 extra per day.

Full board and lodging: \$5.00 per day.

Membership fees of the Association (\$2) for 1968-69 are also due at the National Conference.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: Rev. L. McMorrow
Vice-President: Rev. W. O'Shea
Secretary: Rev. I. Sanders
Treasurer: Rev. C. Baker

PROGRAMME 1968

SUNDAY. Aug. 4. 7.30 p.m.

Open Lecture

THE DECALOGUE : a survey of modern research. Rev. J. Scullion S.J.

MONDAY Aug. 5

9.30 – 10.00 a.m. Paper: The Semitic Concept of Natural Law. Rev. E. Hodgens
Discussion before panel of 2 speakers.

11.00 – 12.00 Paper: The Attitude of the Prophets to Law and Cult. Rev. E. Clancy
Half-hour discussion, followed by lunch.

2.30 – 3.30 Papers: Covenant Renewal Festivals. Rev. C. Baker
The Torah and Wisdom. Rev. R. Barry

4.00 – 4.40 Discussion before panel of the 5 speakers

TUESDAY Aug. 6

9.30 – 10.30 a.m. Paper: Jesus, the new Moses. Brother R. Hill

11.00 – 11.40 : Discussion of previous paper.

11.40 – 12.10 Paper: The Prophet-like-Moses Expectation. Rev. R. Crotty C.P.
Discussion and lunch.

2.30 – 3.30 Papers: The Law of Christ in the Synoptics. Rev. W. O'Shea
Law and Commandment in the Johannine Writings.
Rev. L. McMorrow

4.00 – 4.40 Discussion before panel of the 4 speakers.

WEDNESDAY, August 7

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

Paper : Paul and the Law. Rev. A., Mannix C.M.

11.00 – 11.40 : Discussion of previous paper.

11.40 – 12.10

Paper : Freedom from law in Rom. 7-8. Rev. S. Hill S.S.S.

Discussion and lunch

2.30 – 3.30

Papers: Prophetic Elements in early Christianity. Rev. J. Crowe C.P.

Summary of Conference Findings.

4.00 – 5.00 : Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme : Law and Prophecy

AUGUST 4-7, 1968

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 1968

at St. John's College, University of Sydney.

Officers Present:

President: Rev. Leo McMorrow
Vice-President: Rev. William O'Shea
Secretary: - (resigned)
Treasurer: Rev. Chris. Baker

Pre-ten. Secretary elected : the Vice-President.

Treasurer's Statement

<u>Debit</u>		<u>Credit</u>		
4/8/67	Honorarium to Newman College	\$100.00	31/7/67 Balance	221.31
4/8/67	Honorarium to Rev. B. Ahern	\$ 30.00	4/8/67 Conference fees	
4/8/67	Stationery and Stamps	21.00	for Nat. Conf. Melb. 1967	85.00
			Membership Fees:	
31/7//68	Cash on hand per Bank		- 1967/8 : \$38.00	
	Statement	207.87	- 1968/9 : 2.00	40.00
			14/6/68 : Conference fees	
			for Nat. Conf. Sydney 1968	5.50
			Bank Interest	7.06
		<u>\$358.87</u>		<u>\$358.37</u>

Venue and Time of 1969 Conference:

It was agreed that the venue of 1969 Conference would be Melbourne, at a time to be decided by the incoming committee.

Election of Officers :

President : J. Scullion S.J. (Melbourne)
Vice-President : W. O'Shea (Brisbane)

Secretary : R. Crotty C.P. (Melbourne)
Treasurer : C. Baker (Sydney)
Editor : J. Phillips S.J. (Melbourne)

General Business

1. Melbourne Regional Group reported continued activity in the Fellowship of Biblical Studies. At the moment the President and Secretary of the FBS belong to the CBA.
2. The Sydney Regional Group put forward proposals concerning increased activity in giving leadership in biblical studies.
3. Fr. S. Hill S.S.S. mentioned a questionnaire circulated widely among people in Toowoomba area to establish the amount of interest in biblical studies.
4. It was suggested that the theme of next year's Conference be Eschatology, to be formulated by the Committee in more detail.
5. The question of the invitation to be represented at 1969 Conference of Biblical Associations was discussed. It was left to the new Committee on such means of representation.

The outgoing President then read a questionnaire from the Secretariat of the same Conference. The answering of this questionnaire was left to the incoming Secretary.

6. Fr. L. McMorrow was delegated to prepare a press release on the findings of the Association at this Conference, to be forwarded to several Catholic papers. It was left to Fr. R. Crotty to prepare a summary for the CBA and Scripture.

John J Sullivan S.J.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.
Annual Meeting, August 3-6, 1969. Newman College, Melbourne.

- Sunday, August 3. Opening: Welcome to all from the President.
 The Most Rev. J. Cullinane D.D.
 "Universal Salvation in the New Testament"
 Rev. W. J. Dalton S.J.
- Monday, August 4.
- 9.30 a.m. "Retribution in the Wisdom Literature"
 Rev. Brother R. C. Hill
- 10.15 a.m. Discussion: Morning tea
- 11.15 a.m. "Resurrection in Daniel and Macoabees"
 Rev. R. Crotty C.P.
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch
- 2.30 p.m. The CBAA is honoured to welcome as its distinguished guest
 the Reverend Raymond E. Brown S.S.
 "The Appearance of the Risen Jesus in John 21 and
 the Appearance to Cephas in 1 Cor 15, 5 and Luke 24,34."
 (Two sessions, each of 45 mins., divided by afternoon tea,
 and with discussion.)
- Tuesday, August 5.
- 9.30 a.m. "Partial Resurrection"
 Rev. Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M.
- 10.30 a.m. Discussion and Morning tea
- 11.15 a.m. Panel discussion of matters arising from papers read:
 Re. W. J. Dalton, R. C. Hill, R. Crotty, A. O'Hagan.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. "Eschatology in the Synoptic Parables"
 Rev. L. Branagan C.S.S.R.
- 2.45 p.m. Discussion : Afternoon tea.
- 3.30 p.m. "The Markan Apocalypse"
 Rev. W. O'Shea
- 4.15 p.m. Discussion

Wednesday, August 6

- 9.30 a.m. "Eschatology in the Epistles to the Thessalonians"
Rev. A. Mannix C.M.
- 10.15 a.m. Discussion: Morning Tea
- 11.15 a.m. "A Study of 1 Corinthians 15"
Rev. J. Crowe C.P.
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch
- 1.30 p.m. General Meeting: Election of Officers: venue and theme (?)
for next meeting; Treasurer's Report; General Business.
- 2.45 p.m. Transfer to Ormond College, Theologians Common Room.
for two lectures from Father Raymond Brown.

The annual subscription is due at the meeting. There will be a small charge for Lunch and Morning and Afternoon Tea which will be notified at the Meeting.

R. Crotty C.P.
Treasurer

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - 1969

at Newman College, University of Melbourne

Officers Present:

President :	Rev. J. J. Scullion S.J.
Vice-President :	Rev. W. O'Shea
Secretary :	Rev. R. Crotty C.P.
Treasurer :	Rec. Baker

Business.

1. Venue and Time of next Meeting.

It was decided that the next Meeting should be in Sydney from August 2nd - 5th.

2. Elections.

President :	Rev. Bro. R.C. Hill
Vice-President :	Rev. L. Hannigan S.M.
Treasurer :	Rev. C. Baker
Editor :	Rev. W. Dalton S.J.

3. Theme of next Meeting.

The theme chosen was Ministry in Scripture. The details are to be worked out by the Committee.

4. A letter was received from St. Patrick's Cathedral inviting the Conference to send a member to a Conference of the Australian Council of Churches who would conduct the worship services. The letter was handed on to Rev. H. Davis who agreed to discuss it with the Sydney members.

5. It was agreed that a digest of proceedings be prepared for the Catholic Biblical Quarterly and the Australian Catholic papers.

6. The incoming Committee was asked to consider the possibility of Group Worship at the next Meeting.

7. The incoming Committee was asked to consider the widening of membership, the raising of the subscription fee and the arrangement of a day of lectures for Religious etc. in association with the next Meeting.

R. C. Hill

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

1970 National Conference

Sunday August 2 to Wednesday August 5

Conference theme: Ministry

St John's College
University of Sydney

Opening of Conference: Sunday August 2

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Stanley, SJ.
Professor of New Testament Studies at Regis College,
Toronto, and visiting professor at the Pontifical
Biblical Institute and Gregorian University, Rome,
speaking on
"The relation of ministry to community in the New Testament".

PROGRAMME FOR MONDAY AUGUST 3

- 9.30 Rev. C. Baker, "The ministry of priests and kings according to Samuel".
- 10.30 Morning tea.
- 11.00 Discussion of Fr. Baker's paper.
- 11.30 Rev. R. Crotty CP., "The office of prophet in the Old Testament", and discussion of paper.
- 1.00 Lunch.
- 2.30 Rev. D. Stanley SJ., "The Christian hope in history as articulated by Paul and John", and discussion of paper.
- 3.45 Afternoon tea.
- 4.15 Panel discussion of the day's papers.
Panel members: Frs. Baker, Crotty, Stanley.

PROGAMME FOR TUESDAY AUGUST 4

- 9.30 Rev. R. Barry CM, "The relation between Jeremiah's ministry and the political and social circumstances of his time".
- 10.30 Morning tea.
- 11.00 Discussion of Fr. Barry's paper.
- 11.30 Rev. W. Dalton SJ., "Ministry and ministries in the New Testament" and discussion of paper.
- 1.00 Lunch.
- 2.30 Rev. L. Hannigan SM., " 'Ministry in John' in John" and discussion of paper.
- 3.45 Afternoon tea.
- 4.15 Panel discussion of the day's papers.
Panel members: Frs. Barry, Dalton, Hannigan.

PROGRAMME FOR WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

- 9.30 Rev. P. Callachor CSsR., "The ministry of the Word".
- 10.30 Morning tea.
- 11.00 Discussion of Fr. Callachor's paper.
- 11.30 Rev. A. Mannix CM., "The preacher of the Word in Paul" and discussion of paper.
- 1.00 Lunch.
- 2.15 Rev. B. Pitman OCarm., "The ministry and the Spirit" and discussion of paper.
- 3.30 Afternoon tea.
- 4.00 Close of Conference.
Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia.

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- 6.00 Dinner meeting of "The Orthodox", with Fr. Stanley guest of honour and centre of informal discussion. CBAA members welcome.

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Conference dues: fee for conference \$3 (\$5.50 if lunch taken each day)
dinner at St. John's \$1.00 per day
bed and breakfast at St. John's \$3.50
CBAA membership fees due at this time
Dues and enquiries to CBAA treasurer, Rev. C. Baker.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 1970

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

Officers Present:

President:	Rev. Bro. R. C. Hill
Vice President:	Rev. L. Hannigan
Secretary:	Rev. R. Crotty CP.
Treasurer:	Rev. C. Baker
Editor:	Rev. W. Dalton SJ.

Apologies: Most Rev. Bishop Carroll
G. Manly, A. O'Hagan, Bro. A. Moss, I. Sanders.

Business:

1. The venue for next year's Conference is to be Adelaide and the Conference will be a live-in. The time and location is left to the Executive.

The theme was left undecided. Suggested themes were: Hope, Sacramentality, Herenautics. This will be decided by the Executive.

The structure was also left to the Executive who were instructed to introduce workshops. The Executive should also enquire as to whether any visiting speakers were in the vicinity.

2. The Groups Worship introduced in 1970 should be continued.
3. Discussion on utility of joining the World Catholic Federation of Biblical Associates.

Financially the entry fee of \$250 would be impossible.

It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Bishops' Conference explaining our dilemma.

As the Bishops' Conference had entered into correspondence with the WCFBA it was also necessary to enquire as to the state of negotiations and the part to be played by the CBAA.

PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE CBAA.

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>30th August 1971</u>
8.00 pm	Opening of the Conference: His Grace Archbishop James Gleeson
	Paper: B. Dunlop. <u>The Problem of the Broken Covenant</u> (Ex.32-34)
	Discussion.
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>31st August, 1971</u>
9.30	Paper: E. Stockon. <u>The Literary Development of Job.</u>
10.15	Discussion. Morning Tea
11.15	Seminar Meetings: Group A (J. Crowe) Developments in the Study of Luke-Acts. Group B (E. Stockon) Old Testament Roots of Personal Spirituality.
12.15	Concelebrated Mass
1.00	Dinner
3.00	Paper: P. Callachor. <u>An Investigation of Mark 16:1-8.</u>
3.45	Discussion. Afternoon Tea
4.30	Continuing Seminars
6.00	Tea
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	<u>1st September</u>
9.30	Paper: J. Crowe. <u>The Infancy Gospel as Introduction to Luke-Acts.</u>
10.15	Discussion. Morning Tea
11.15	Continuing Seminars
12.15	Concelebrated mass
1.00	Dinner
3.00	Paper. A. O'Hagan. <u>Divorce in the First Two Christian Centuries</u>
3.45	Discussion. Afternoon Tea
4.30	Continuing Seminars
6.00	Tea
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>2nd September</u>
9.30	Paper: R. Crotty. <u>The Identification of the Suffering Servant.</u>
10.15	Discussion. Morning Tea
11.15	Continuing Seminars and General Discussion
12.15	Concelebrated Mass
1.00	Dinner
3.00	Paper: R. Barry. <u>Certain Australian Aboriginal Beliefs, Customs and Practices in the light of Pentateuchal Studies</u>
3.45	Discussion. Afternoon Tea
4.15 – 5.15	<u>Annual Business Meeting CBAA</u>

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

1971 National Conference Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Secretary's Report. Reading of Minutes. Discussion of following: -
 - (a) Membership of W.C.F.B.A.
 - (b) Extension of membership.
 - (c) Publication of this conference.
3. 1972 National Conference
 - (a) Future style and format of CBAA conference.
 - (b) Venue, date, theme, etc. of next conference.
4. Election of officer for 1972
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Secretary (3 years)
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Editor
5. General Business:

MINUTES OF NATION CONFERENCE 1971

1. Officers Present:

President: R. Barry CM.
Secretary: R. Crotty CP
Treasurer: P Callachor CSsR

2. Apologies:

3. Membership of WCFBA

After some discussion it was decided to empower A. O'Hagan OFM to act as our delegate while in Europe.

4. An Account of the Conference was to be prepared by the Secretary for distribution to the Catholic Press.

5. Format of next Conference.

The decline in interest and attendance was noted. Next year the Conference would be held in conjunction with A.N.Z.S.T.S. Conference in Melbourne. The day after the conclusion of ANZXTS would be reserved for the Business Meeting. The future of the National body would be discussed. The Committee was directed to make arrangements.

6. The Treasurer was directed to circulate members as regards their dues.

7. Elections: President: Jerome Crowe CP
 Vice-President: B. Doyle
 Secretary: R. Crotty CP
 Treasurer: P. Callachor CSsR
 Editor: W. Dalton SJ

Jerome Crowe
18/9/1971

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting
Newman College. Melbourne
August 19, 1972

1. Election of Acting Secretary
2. Apologies
3. Reading of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 1971
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a) Correspondence with Archbishop Goody
 - b) Correspondence with Frs. Angelo O'Hagan, Jack Barry
 - c) Correspondence with W.C.F.B.A.
5. Correspondence
 - a) Theological Seminar Committee apropos of visit of Fr. W. Harrington, O.P.
 - b) Fr. H. Richards
6. General Business
 - a) Continuance of C.B.A.
 - b) C.B.A. conference for 1973
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Officers
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Holy Cross
Serpells Road,
Templestowe, Vic. 3106

May 25th, 1972

Dear Fellow Member,

The National Conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia will be held at Newman College, Melbourne, on Saturday August 19, 1972. It will consist of a business session only and will commence at 9.30 a.m.

Last year's National Conference in Adelaide made the following decisions:

1. That the National Conference for 1972 be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association for Theological Studies.
2. That members wishing to read papers be advised to read them at the A.N.Z.S.T.S. meeting.
3. That the Conference be confined to a business session.
4. That the future of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia be discussed.

The last National Conference took note of the decline of interest and attendance together with the rise of parallel bodies like the A.N.Z.S.T.S. and the A.N.Z.A.T.S., which raise the question of the utility of the C.B.A.A., as a body of Catholic scholars and teachers. At the same time correspondence from the World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate urges us to affiliate with that world body whose purpose is different from that which our Association was founded for.

For these reasons it seems that this year's National Conference will be particularly important. As you probably know the A.N.Z.S.T.S. meeting will be preceded by a weekend under the auspices of the A.N.Z.A.T.S. devoted to a consultation on theological education in Australia. We hope for a large attendance at our National Conference.

Yours faithfully,

Jerome Crowe CP

Jerome Crow, C.P.
President.

MINUTES OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 1972

1. The Meeting agreed that Jerome Crowe would act as Minute Secretary.
2. Apologies: Sr Moriarity, P. Callachor, J. Scullion, W. Dalton, C. Baker, I. Sanders.
3. The Minutes of the 1971 Annual General Meeting were accepted.
4. Business Arising from Minutes:
 - a) President reported on unsuccessful approach to Archbishop Goody requesting Bishop's Conference to pay membership fee of C.B.A. in W.C.F.B.A.
 - b) President reported on Correspondence with Frs. A. O'Hagan, J. Barry.
 - c) President reported on Correspondence with W.C.F.B.A.
5. Correspondence:
 - a) President reported on approach from Theological Seminar Committee to use services of Fr. W. Harrington O.P.
 - b) President reported on letter written on behalf of Association to Fr. Hubert Richards.
6. General Business:
 - a) Discussion on continuance of C.B.A.
After general discussion it was unanimously decided that the C.B.A. continue.
 - b) C.B.A. Conference for 1973.
It was decided that the venue be in Sydney.
It was suggested to the incoming Executive that the meeting be held immediately prior to the A.N.Z.S.T.S. Meeting, possibly commencing the evening before and continuing for a day.
7. Treasurer's Report:
A letter from the Treasurer indicates a balance of \$30.04 and a sum of \$200 on fixed deposit until November 1972.

Elections:

- 1) President: Fr. M. O'Meeghan SM
- 2) Vice-President: Fr. M. Spora
- 3) Secretary: Fr. R. Romuald Barry CM
- 4) Treasurer: Fr. P. Callachor CSsR

Attendance: Sister Valerie PBVM

Frs. R. Barry, A. Mannix, W. O'Shea, G. Manly, J. Crowe, M. O'Meeghan
Br. B. Doyle

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

Dear Fellow Member,

The National Conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia will be held in the Council Room of St. John's College, Sydney, on Sunday, 19th August, at 4.00 p.m.

By courtesy of the staff of St. John's, an evening meal will be available in the College dining hall at 6.00 p.m., and the meeting will be able to continue afterwards if members so wish. The Sydney Branch of the C.B.A. has kindly offered to meet any expenses involved.

- Last year's National Conference was attended by eight members who decided:-
- that the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia should continue in existence, at least with an annual business meeting, even though the presentation of academic papers has disappeared with the development of A.N.Z.S.T.S. and other similar bodies.
 - that our 1973 Conference should be held in Sydney prior to the A.N.Z.S.T.S. conference.

The National Conference for 1973 will deal with the following:-

- a) Business matters arising since the previous meeting.
- b) A discussion of the Scripture Syllabus in the Seminary.
- c) Any other matters members may wish to refer to the Secretary before the meeting.

The interim programme for seminaries in Australia and New Zealand, "Preparation for the Priesthood", is due for revision at a meeting planned for Easter 1974. The CBA executive feels that our meeting provides us with an opportunity to offer constructive comment on paragraph No. 86 of this document. At the same time, we would be sharing our experience of teaching during the past two or three years – "Teachers of Sacred Scripture are encouraged to experiment in various ways of achieving this result within the limits of time available in the course." (Preparation for Priesthood, No.86)

To enable St. John's to cope with catering please advise the Secretary, Fr. Rom Barry C.M., by 10th August if you will be attending.

Yours faithfully,

M. O'Meegan S.M.

M. O'Meehan, S.M.

President

Marist Fathers' Seminary

Toongabbie, N.S.W. 2146

Rev. Fr. R. Barry, C.M.
St. Joseph's College,
141 Balaclava Road,
Eastwood. N.S.W. 2122

I shall be attending the National Conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia, Sunday 19th August.

(Please return this note by August 10th)

MINUTES OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 1973

1. Members present: M. O'Meegan (President), R. Barry (Secretary), C. Baker, M. Spora (Vice-President), B. Dynes, J. Scullion, G. Meere.

Apologies: C. Hioll, P. Callachor (Treasurer), A. Cole, J. Crowe, S. O'Shea, B. Pitman, E. Stockton.
2. The minutes of the 1972 National Conference were read and accepted.
3. Business arising from minutes: See under Correspondence.
4. Correspondence:
 - (a) President reported on letter from Fr. Phimpisan, General Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Commission of Thailand.
 - (b) Secretary reported on letter from Fr. Phimpisan sent to him by Fr. E. Stockton. As both the President and Secretary had replied to Fr. Phimpisan, the meeting did not require them to send any further letters.
 - (c) President reported on letter from Archbishop Goody (attached copy). The meeting requested the president and Secretary to draft a reply – after much discussion. (copy attached).
5. Reports from local groups of the Catholic Biblical Association.
 - (a) Sydney: Fr. Baker reported that there were now two meetings a year; members were encouraged to attend the meetings of the Fellowship of Biblical Studies (six meetings a year). The Sydney C.B.A. is now in its fourth year of providing a series of talks to the people. This year members worked through the CCD, lecturing in four centres around the city. Attendance was encouraging: from over 100 to 30, depending on the area. Those attending nowadays are not the Religious (they already attend other courses) but the ordinary faithful – an encouraging sight. So the CBA here is largely for the education of the people in the Bible.
 - (b) Melbourne: Fr. Scullion reported that the CBA there has not functioned for years, mainly because almost half of the Fellowship of Biblical Studies lectures have been given by CBA members and there is no need for separate meetings. Also members are providing Scripture courses in the various theological institutes around Melbourne, including Saturday 1 lectures to teachers of Biblical Studies. Fr. Scullion reported on the theological training in Melbourne, giving details of the new primary degree in theology which, by an act of the Victorian Parliament, can now be given. Lectures for this course are provided at the United Faculty of Theology, Catholic College and the Yarra Theological Union.
6. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer no report was offered. It is understood that there would be no substantial changes from last year's report. Membership fees for 1973 were waived.
7. General Business:
 - (a) Future of the C.B.A. of Australia. Its next meeting. After much fruitful discussion in which the members were unanimous in insisting that the CBA should continue to function, it was decided that a letter and questionnaire be sent to all members (copy affixed). The date and nature of the next meeting will be decided upon once the replies to the questionnaire have been assessed by the incoming committee.

8. Elections:

- (a) President: Fr A. O'Hagan (nominated by Fr Spora, seconded by Fr Baker; since Fr O'Hagan was not present his election was "sub conditione" that be accept).
- (b) Vice-President: Fr M Spora (remains in office).
- (c) Treasurer: Fr P. Callachor (remains in office).
- (d) Secretary: Fr B. Pitman (his election was also "sub conditione" ...)
- (e) Editor: Fr W. Dalton (remains in office).

9. Discussion: Scripture in the Seminary

The discussion was short but fruitful. We agreed to include a paragraph in the letter to Archbishop Goody urging the bishops to see to the preparation of men who would be teaching Scripture in Seminaries in Australia (see the copy of the letter to Archbishop Goody). The members felt there was little need to revise the paragraph in the document on seminary studies in Australian Seminaries.

(19 August, 1973)

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

St. Joseph's Training College,
141 Balaclava Road.
EASTWOOD. N.S.W. 2122

28th August, 1973

Dear Fellow Member of the CBA,

On the 19th August the annual National Conference of the CBA of Australia held its meeting at St. John's College, University of Sydney.

After much fruitful discussion in which the members were unanimous in insisting that the CBA should continue to function, it was decided that a letter and questionnaire be sent to all members of our association and that the following points be included:

- (1) The members present at the meeting were of the opinion that the next meeting of the CBA should be held at a different time to the ANZSTS conference. One reason for the original change in date of the CBA meeting to coincide with ANZSTS was that our members could give our full support to that organization. We feel that it is now well on its feet. Furthermore, our members often prefer to work around a theme, unlike ANZSTS. It is important too that there be a forum for Catholic scholarship which is both sought after and respected by Protestant theologians.
- (2) The members thought the meeting should continue for at least a day and a half, preferably on a week-end during term. It would be a short live-in.
- (3) The members further thought that next year, the conference might discuss justification and original sin in Protestant and Catholic theology or else the part play by creation theology in revitalizing theology as a whole (Westermann).
- (4) But the above three points may not be acceptable to the vast majority of CBA members who were unable to attend this year's meeting. Consequently, a questionnaire is attached to this page and it is hoped that each member (or associate member or friend) will answer the questionnaire and sent it by September 30 to the new secretary of the CBA of Australia.

Fr. Brian Pitman, O.Carm.,
c/- Carmelite Fathers
Park Road,
DONVALE. VIC. 3111

Yours in Christ,

R. J. Barry CM

(Fr. R.J. Barr, CM.
Formerly secretary of the
CBA of Australia)

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Whitefriars Monastery,
Park Road,
Donvale. Vic. 3111.

3 December 1973.

Dear Member,

This is a preliminary notice of the 1974 Conference of the CBAA. It is proposed that the meeting be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday of the 1st and 2nd of June, that is, at the beginning of second term; the venue is Melbourne. Most likely there will be an ecumenical biblical seminar on the Monday (Queen's Birthday) that CBAA members may like to attend; details later.

The theme for discussion is 'Creation Theology Revitalizing Theology as a Whole'. It was agreed by the Executive that the meeting should be in the form of 'aggiornamento' for the benefit of all: i.e. brief papers (not more than 15 minutes) on some aspect of the general theme. There are many possible topics, and the topic chosen could be the fruit of one's own exegetical or hermeneutical research, a survey of opinions about a text, the recent opinion of a particular author, an old opinion recently revived, hermeneutical discussion, etc.

In this way we would hope to make the treatment of our theme comprehensive. Brief and concise papers should allow plenty of time for discussion, and also allow both a great variety of speakers and the greatest active participation by all.

Further details will be sent early in 1974. In the meantime I would be grateful to hear from intending speakers.

With best wishes for a happy Christmas to all, I am,

Yours in Christ.

B. H. Pitman

Brian H. Pitman, O.Carm.
Secretary.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

c/- "Whitefriars"
Park Rd.
Donvale. Vic. 3111

May 1st, 1974

Dear Fellow Member,

The main details of the coming annual conference of the CBAA are as follows:

- Dates: Begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st
Concludes in the late afternoon of Sunday, June 2nd.
- Venue: Carmelite Monastery, Park Rd., Donvale
(For those travelling by public transport: Train to Mitcham: phone 874.4877 and a car will come to bring you to the monastery (or you may take a taxi from the station).
- Accommodation will be available for those who wish to stay overnight.
- Theme: CREATION THEOLOGY REVITALIZING THEOLOGY AS A WHOLE
- Speakers: Those presenting short papers for discussion are
- A. O'Hagan (Intertestamental Literature)
 - J. Scullion (The Genesis Narratives)
 - C. Baker (Deutero-Isaiah)
 - P. Callachor (II Cor. c.5)
 - B. Pitman (The Conference theme)

We hope there will also be other papers covering other areas. A final programme will be ready by the day of the Conference.

We would welcome other papers on the topic. As was explained in the last circular (Dec. 3rd, 1973) papers should be brief (about 15 minutes) and may be "the fruit of one's own exegetical or hermeneutical research, a survey of opinions about a text, the recent opinion of a particular author, an old opinion recently revived, hermeneutical discussion, etc."

We hope there will be a good attendance to discuss a theme of immense relevance in biblical study and systematic theology today; and though the approach of the Conference is biblical, it will be important for other areas of sacred science.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Brian Pitman O'Carm.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT DONVALE JUNE 1 - 2, 1974

1. The following were present at the meeting:

J. Scullion	A. Campbell	A. O'Hagan
B. Pitman	M. Dynes	C. Baker
W. Dalton	B. Doyle	L. Hannigan
S. Hill	T. Lockwood	L. Dunlop

2. GENERAL BUSINESS;

- (i) There was discussion about the World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate. It was noted that Australia is not a member. There had been discussion of this matter at the 1973 meeting and details of that discussion can be found in the Minutes for 1973. It seemed that at this stage no further action could be taken.
- (ii) There was discussion about the membership fee but it was decided to leave this in abeyance for the moment.
A fee will be charged each year for the Annual Conference.
The question of annual membership fee is to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- (iii) It was also decided that some form of financial help should be available to assist visiting lecturers.
- (iv) Next Meeting: It was agreed that the time of the next meeting will be related to the Annual Meeting of the A.N.Z.S.T.S. Since the venue for this meeting will be in Sydney, the meeting of the C.B.A.A. will also be there. Possible themes were suggested to the meeting but it was finally agreed that precise dates for the meeting and the theme would be left to the Executive.
- (v) Elections: The following officers were elected for the coming year:
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| <u>President</u> | L. Dunlop |
| <u>Secretary</u> | B. Pitman |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | B. Doyle |
| <u>Vice-President</u> | C. Hill |
| <u>Editor</u> | W. Dalton |

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

c/- Carmelite Theological College
Park Rd.
Donvale. Vic. 3111

March 26th, 1975

Dear Fellow Members,

Last year our annual meeting was held at Donvale on June 1st and 2nd. After the academic part of the week-end, at the business meeting, the following officers for the Association were elected.

President: Father L. Dunlop, M.S.C.
Vice-President: Brother C. Hill
Treasurer: Brother B. Doyle
Editor: Father W. Dalton S.J.
Secretary: Father B. Pitman O'Carm.

A recent meeting of the new executive has proposed that the Association's annual meeting for 1975 will be held in Sydney, on August 25th and 26th, the Monday and Tuesday of the week after the meeting of A.N.Z.S.T.S. which is also being held in Sydney.

It was also decided that there would not be a theme for the conference this year. Instead, members would be invited to submit material from the research in which they are currently involved, and this would form the basis for our discussions.

Would you please fill in the form at the end of this page, and return it to me as soon as possible.

And would you PLEASE NOTE that, because we wish to revise our mailing list (a decision of the 1974 meeting), the return of the form below (whether your reply is affirmative or negative) will be an indication that you wish to remain on the mailing list.

With every best wish for continued joy from this Easter season, I am,

Yours in Christ,

B. H. Pitman, O'Carm.

PLEASE DETACH AND SEND TO THE SECRETARY, as an indication that you wish to remain on the Association's mailing list:

hope to attend **

I am unable to attend the 1975 conference of the Association in Sydney, August 25th – 26th.

I hope to be able to offer a paper at the conference

** Further details will be sent later to those who hope to attend the conference.

Signed

CBAA MEETING 1975: MEMO TO SYDNEY ORGANIZERS

I. PAPERS OFFERED FOR PRESENTATION
AT THE 1975 MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

B.R. Doyle: REDACTION OF MATTHEW IN THE LIGHT OF THE BEATITUDES

A.O'Hagan: Either WIVES BE SUBJECT
or PRISCILLA AND AQUILA

A.F. Campbell: PSALM 78. A CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF
TENTH-CENTURY ISRAEL (45-50 min paper
+ discussion)

B. H. Pitman: MARY IN SCRIPTURE. A RECENT STUDY.

II. ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED AT CANISIUS COLLEGE, PYMBLE

Sunday night: 4 rooms: Campbell, Diamond, Kennedy, Pitman

Monday night 6 rooms: Campbell, Diamond, Kennedy, Pitman, Dynes, Spora

III. REGISTRATION RECEIVED:

C. Baker
A. Campbell
G. Diamond
B. Doyle
L. Dunlop
M. Dynes
L. Hannigan
C. Hill
B. Kennedy
A. O'Hagan
B. Pitman
K. Spence
M. Spora

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE GRADUATE HOUSE, MANLY, AUGUST 25 – 26, 1975

1. The following were present at the meeting:

L. Dunlop	B. Pitman	B. Doyle
M. Dynes	A. Campbell	M. Spora
L. Hannigan	C. Baker	A. O'Hagan
G. Diamond		

Apologies were received from the following:

R. Barry	J. Scullion	J. Crowe
C. Hope	A. Cole	W. Dalton
E. Stockton		

2. The Secretary reported on the reconstituted membership of the Association, as a result of the circular sent out asking people to reaffirm their continuing interest in the meetings of the Association. 37 people affirmed their interest, others had not replied. Fathers John Barry, Denis Murphy, Greg Manly, Campion Murray had written to withdraw because of other duties. Several members were overseas and could not be contacted, namely Fathers Heather, Thornbull, Gryst and Callahor.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (i) The matter of the membership of the World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate was raised again and in view of a letter from Cardinal Koenig to the Archbishops of the world, it was suggested that membership of the Australian Episcopate would be a way of offering some assistance to less developed nations. This recommendation would be forwarded to Archbishop Goody.
- (ii) There was also some discussion about the assistance that the C.B.A.A. could offer to the Bishops' Conference. It was not clear exactly what is involved but the meeting favoured assistance through a seminary team multi-dimensional approach to those topics on which the Bishops might be seeking assistance.
- (iii) Annual Subscription: It was agreed that beginning in 1976 an annual subscription of \$3 would be asked of all members. The Secretary will advise members of this decision. It was agreed that expenses for the Annual Conference would be separate from the annual subscription and would be determined for each Conference as it occurs.
- (iv) Next Meeting: It was agreed that the meeting for 1976 would be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday after the A.N.Z.S.T.S. Meeting. Since the venue for this latter is Adelaide, then our 1976 meeting will also take place in Adelaide. Exact dates and the precise venue to be notified to all at a later date.
- (v) The question of teaching biblical languages was raised and discussion followed but no firm decisions were made.
- (vi) Elections: The following were elected as officers for 1976

<u>President:</u>	A. Campbell	<u>Secretary:</u>	B. Pitman
<u>Vice-President:</u>	R. Barry	<u>Editors:</u>	A. O'Hagan
<u>Treasurer:</u>	B. Doyle		J. Scullion

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

c/- Carmelite Theological College,
Park Road,
DONVALE . Vic. 3111

Dear Fellow Members,

As already advised, the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, 24th and 25th August, 1976 in Adelaide. The venue will be:

St. Francis Xavier's Seminary
Stradbroke park
Rostrevor, S.A. 5073

and accommodation will be available for those who so desire it.

The meeting takes place in the week following the meetings of A.N.Z.S.T.S., A.N.Z.A.T.S., The Australian Catholic Theological Association and The Conference On World Religions.

Our Guest Speaker at the meeting will be Monsignor Jerome Quinn whose work is well known to many of us.

Several members have also indicated that they wish to deliver papers. If you, too, desire to do so, would you please let me know immediately so that the programme can be prepared.

I enclose with this letter a form that you can fill in and return to me if you are able to be present at the meeting. The meeting will begin at 9.30 on Tuesday, but if you wish to come to the Seminary on Monday night arrangements for your accommodation can be made.

I hope that you will be able to attend and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

B.H. Pitman, O'Carm.
Secretary

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1976

Minutes

- Papers: G. Diamond: The Exodus and Sinai traditions
M. Fitzpatrick: Mk 2:1-3:6 in the light of the pre-Markan
Collections Hypothesis: a reconsideration.
A. Campbell: The "Story of David's Rise" as a work of discourse.
B. Doyle: Audio-visual material on the Holy Land.

The Annual General Meeting was held at St. Francis Xavier's Seminary, Rostrevor on August 24th, 1976.

Present: A. Campbell, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Spora, R. Barry, G. Diamond, C. Baker, L. Dunlop, C. Moe, B. Doyle.

Apologies: Bp. Clancy, J. Scullion, B. Kennedy, W. Dalton, W. O'Shea, A. Mannix, C. Hope, Meere, D. Walker, A. O'Hagan, A. Cole, B. Pitman, E. Stockton, L. Hannigan, J. Thornhill, J. Crowe, P. Ryan, C. Connelly, A. Nelson, K. Spence, B. Dynes. G.

Minutes: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Business arising from Minutes:

The letter to WCFBA noted in the 1975 minutes was not written. The President's interview with Archbishop Goody indicated that there was no opposition to the project. A proposal to the bishops should be put through Bishop Clancy, the Bishop's Delegate for the Biblical Apostolate.

Correspondence:

The letter of resignation of the Secretary, B. Pitman, was received. A motion was passed expressing the thanks of the Association to the retiring Secretary; the motion is conveyed to him by letter. to be

A telegram of sympathy and best wishes is to be sent to Mgr. Jerome D. Quinn, who is in Alice Springs Hospital recovering from a moderately serious heart attack.

General Business:

- (i) Election of office bearers:
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| President: | M. Fitzpatrick O.F.M. |
| Vice-President: | M. Spora |
| Secretary: | G. Diamond (3 years) |
| Treasurer: | B. Doyle |
| Editor: | L. Dunlop |

A letter of gratitude is to be sent to W. Dalton for his services as Editor, in which he is to be asked to represent the Association at any Meetings with regard to WCFBA.

(ii) The Treasurer's report was received. The present Credit balance is \$558.16. The Treasurer was empowered to invest this amount as he thinks fit, after consultation with _____ and in agreement with the President.

(iii) The 1977 Meeting is to be held in conjunction with ACTA probably in Melbourne from the evening of the 15th August to the 17th August; the meeting may possibly be held in _____ Brisbane, if ACTA goes there.

(iv) The permanent mailing address of the Association is to be:

Catholic Theological College,
P.O. Box 302, CLAYTON, Vic. 3168.

The following should be informed of regular changes of

Office bearers: - the Bishop's Delegate
- the Secretary of the Episcopal Conference
- ACTA, ACMA, ANZATS, ANZSTS, AASR.

It was agreed to exchange information with the following with regard to visiting speakers:

- ACTA, ACMA, ANZATS, ANZSTS, AASR.
- Charles McDonald Lecture Foundation
- CTC re Cardinal Knox Visiting Scholar.
- Conference to Major Superiors.
- Pastoral Formation Programme, Melbourne.
- Pastoral Formation Programme, Sydney.
- Otago School of Theology.

(v) It was resolved to write to the WCFBA.

(vi) The question of travel expenses for conferences was referred to the Seminary Staff Conference in 1977.

(vii) A membership list is to be circulated.

The meeting agreed to note the general acceptance of invitations to ecumenical guests, _____ at the discretion of the Executive.

Gerard J. Diamond
6/12/1976

- 8.00 p.m. 'Priestly Servant Messianism in the letter to the Hebrews'.
- Rev. P. Jeffrey.

16/8/77

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
9.30 a.m. 'The Fourth Gospel's Presentation of Jesus as "Messiah" and
J.A.T. Robinson's "Redating".'
- Rev. F. Moloney S.D.B.
11.00 a.m. Morning tea.
12 noon Mass
1.00 p.m. Luncheon
2.30 p.m. Business Meeting
3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea
4.00 p.m. '11Q Melchisedek and Patterns of Early Christian Soteriology'
- Rev. B. Bryne S.J.
6.00 p.m. Dinner
7.30 p.m. Colloquium on the Teaching of Scripture

17/8/77

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
9.00 a.m. Mass
10.00 a.m. 'Targum on Ps.8 and the "Son of Man".'
- Rev. F. Moloney S.D.B.
11.00 a.m. Morning tea
11.30 a.m. 'Peter in the New Testament: Some Recent Views'. - Rev. M. Fitzpatrick O.F.M.
1.00 p.m. Luncheon

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- Papers: P. Jeffrey: 'Servant and Priest Messianism in the Epistle to the Hebrews'
F. Moloney SDB: 'The Fourth Gospel's Presentation of Jesus as "Messiah" and J.A.T. Robinson's "Redating".'
B. Byrne SJ: '11Q Melchisedek and Patterns of Early Christian Soteriology'
F. Moloney SDB: 'Targum on Ps. 8 and the "Son of Man".'
M. Fitzpatrick OFM: 'Peter in the New Testament: Some Recent Views.' in conjunction with ACTA).

The Annual General Meeting was held at Catholic Theological College, Clayton, on August 15th, 1977.

- Present: M. Fitzpatrick (Chairman), T. Crane, M. O'Brien, Sr. V. Lawson, B. Byrne, F. Moloney, G.J. Diamond.
- Apologies: Bishop Dougherty, Bishop Clancy, E. Stockton, J. Scullion, G. Meere, Br. C. Hill, P. Malone, Br. B. Doyle, M. O'Meaglan, B. Kennedy, A. Cole, A. O'Hagan, J. Crowe, L. Dunlop, W. O'Shea, D. Gryst, M. Spora, N. Werne, L. Hannigan, J. Barry, W. Dalton, A. Campbell, C. Baker, C. Hope, P. Jeffrey.
- Minutes: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Correspondence: A letter was received from L. Dunlop with regard to the question of obtaining lecturers in Scripture for seminaries in Oceania. It was resolved to send a circular to members requesting them to declare their availability over the next two years; a letter is to be sent to the A.G.C. and to the Major Superiors, informing them of the C.B.A.'s desires in this matter and of the circular sent to members.

Matters Arising from Minutes:

A membership list is to be sent out to members; the WCFBA correspondence was noted.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was received, indicating a cash balance of \$790.84, of which \$550 has been placed on interest bearing deposit.

- Election of Office Bearers: President: B. Byrne SJ
Vice-President: M. O'Brien OP
Treasurer: B. Doyle
Editor: F. Moloney SDB

1978 Meeting: The 1978 Meeting is to be held in Melbourne in May 1978, details are to be left to the Executive; a subsidy is to be provided to assist members from interstate. The importance of regional meetings or seminars was stressed.

1978

PROPOSED C.B.A. TIMETABLE

Monday, May 22nd:

8.00 pm Rev. M. Fitzpatrick OFM - Some reflections on R. Pesch's
new commentary on Mark

Tuesday, May 23rd:

9.30 am Rev. G. J. Diamond - Covenant as Precursor of Canon

11.00 am Rev. A. Campbell SJ - Communication concerning the Hebrew
O.T. Text Project of the United Bible
Societies, with some reflection on text
criticism.

12.00 noon Mass

4.00 pm Rev. R. Barry CM - Report of a Working Group dissatisfied
with previous solutions of text analysis of
Jeremiah and attempting to discover more
satisfactory means of control.

5.00 pm Business Meeting

7.00 pm Rev. B. Byrne SJ -
General discussion on teaching of Scripture

Wednesday, May 24th:

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Combined meeting with A.C.T.A.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 1978

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Papers:-

- M. FitzPatrick: Some reflections on R. Pesch's commentary on Mark.
G. J. Diamond: Covenant as Precursor of Canon.
A. Campbell: Communication regarding the Hebrew O.T. Text Project of the United Bible Societies, with some reflection on text criticism.
R. Barry: Report of a working group dissatisfied with previous solutions of text analysis of Jeremiah and attempting to discover more satisfactory means of control.
G. J. Diamond: Marriage in the Old and New Testaments (in conjunction with ACTA).

The Annual General Meeting was held at Catholic Theological College, Clayton, on May 23rd, 1978.

Present: B. Byrne (Chairman), A. Campbell, T. Goodall, M. FitzPatrick, R. Barry, J. Scullion, P. Jeffrey, G. Diamond.

Apologies: Abp. Goody, Bp. Clancy, Bp. Dougherty, G. Meere, M. O'Brien, B. Kennedy, J. Oudieman, C. Hope, P. Malone, M. O'Meeghan, D. Walker, A. Cole, B. Doyle.

Minutes of 1977 Meeting: The minutes were read and confirmed.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Rev. B. Moran with regard to the provision of "simple, accurate introduction to the separate books of the Bible, especially those books that receive greater attention in the lectionary."

After discussion, it was resolved to indicate to Rev. B. Moran that the C.B.A. was aware of the need for competent, simple presentations and would be most open to detailed proposals.

It was further resolved to write to the Australian Episcopal Conference indicating the Association's dissatisfaction with the currently available translations (esp. the Jerusalem Bible) and the selection of pericopes in the Lectionary and to request the Conference to bear that dissatisfaction in mind when revisions are mooted.

Matters Arising: No further action is contemplated re writing to members, regarding their availability for courses outside Australia; such matters should be dealt with through the appropriate channels. The Association resolved to await further developments with regard to the WCFBA.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported that the \$500 invested on fixed deposit was due to mature on 20/9/1978.

The meeting received the tentative report presented by the Secretary and indicated that the total credit, except for running expenses, should be invested on fixed deposit. The question of assistance to interstate participants at Conferences was raised.

Election of Office Bearers:

President: P. Jeffrey
VicePresident: T. Goodall
Treasurer: B. Doyle

Editor: F. Moloney

It was suggested that it is desirable that, in future, the VicePresident of one year be elected as President in the next year.

1979 Meeting: After a discussion of the frequency of meeting, it was resolved that the 1979 Meeting be held in May, at a place determined by the Executive after the ANZSTS Meeting in August. If ANZSTS does not go to Sydney, the CBA meeting will be held there, if ANZSTS does go to Sydney, the meeting will be held in Melbourne.

It was resolved that the Executive find out, in August, what papers are likely to be presented and discern a theme, if suitable. A Seminar is to be held on the Patriarchal Narratives; A. Campbell and then J. J. Scullion is to act as Convenor. The possibility of C.B.A.'s hosting a continuing seminar in Melbourne was investigated.

General Business: Rev. J. Sobb SJ was accepted as a member of the Association.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION 1979

Monday, May 28th:

8.00 pm - Paper: E. Stockton: "The Ethnic Structure of Modern Palestine as illustrating Biblical History."

Tuesday, May 29th:

9.30 am - Paper: A. Mannix: "John's Farewell Discourse and Discipleship."

11.00 am - Paper: M. FitzPatrick: "Further reflections on the Christological background to the Epistle to the Hebrews."

12 noon - Mass

4.00 pm - Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives

7.30 pm - Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives

Wednesday, May 30th:

9.30 am - Paper: F. Moloney: Topic to be arranged.

11.00 am - Business Meeting

12 noon - Mass

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - May 28th-30th, 1979:

Papers:

E. Stockton: The Ethnic Structure of Modern Palestine as illustrating Biblical History.

A. Mannix: John's Farewell Discourse and Discipleship.

M. FitzPatrick: Further reflections on the Christological background to the Epistle to the Hebrews.

F. Moloney: The Celibacy of Jesus ? A Redactional and Form Critical Study of Mt. 19, 3-12.

Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives, led by J. J. Scullion.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Catholic Theological College, Clayton, on May 30th, 1979.

PRESENT: M. FitzPatrick (Acting Chairman), J. Scullion, F. Moloney, B. Doyle, M. O'Brien, E. Stockton, A. Mannix, G. Diamond.

APOLOGIES: P. Jeffrey, T. Goodall, C. Hope, B. Byrne, A. Campbell, B. Kennedy, A. Cole, L. Harrigan, W. Dalton, T. Crane.

MINUTES OF 1978 MEETING: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of 21/6/1978 from Most Rev. E. B. Clancy with regard to WCFBA was read and discussed.

MATTERS ARISING:

After discussion, it was resolved to request from Rev. B. Moran more detailed proposals concerning his 1978 request.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that \$900 had been placed on interest bearing deposits until 30/9/1980 and that the current account has a credit of \$62.38.

The meeting resolved to reimburse \$30.00 to C.T.C. for C.B.A. expenses for the period August, 1977 – May 1979.

The meeting resolved to make it clear to Rev. B. Moran and to Archbishop Little that C.B.A. could contribute \$500 to the possible publication cost of simple introductions to separate books of the Bible.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

President:	F. Moloney
Vice-President:	T. Goodall
Secretary: (3 years)	G. Diamond
Treasurer:	B. Doyle
Editor:	F. Moloney

1980 MEETING:

The meeting approved in principle that the next meeting be held in Melbourne in conjunction with A.C.T. A. and possibly C.M. A.
The Secretaries of the respective Associations were requested to arrange the details.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was proposed to prepare a report of the meeting for "The Advocate".
J. Scullion promised to prepare a statement on the present state of the question with regard to Patriarchal Narratives.
Time is to be set aside for the Continuing Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives at the C.B.A. Meeting in May 1980.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE -- MAY, 1980

MONDAY, May 19th:

8.00 pm. Paper: Rev. A. Campbell SJ: A Prophetic Document from the late ninth century:
1 Sam. 12 – 2 Kings 10.

TUESDAY, May 20th

9.30 am Paper: Rev. A. O'Hagan OFM: Early Christian Niddah

11.00 am Paper: Rev. Bro. C. Hill CFC: "On looking again at Sunkatabasis"

12 noon Mass:

3.00 pm Business Meeting:

4.00 pm Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives:

6.00 pm Dinner:

7.30 pm Rev. F. Moloney SDB: A Christology develops: the use of the term 'the Son of Man' in the Gospel traditions.

WEDNESDAY, May 21st:

Morning: Meeting in conjunction with A.C.T.A.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

National Conference: May 19th – 21st, 1980.

PAPERS: A. Campbell : A Prophetic Document from the late ninth century:
1 Sam. 1-2 Kings 10.
A. O'Hagan: Early Christian Niddah
C. Hill: On looking again at Sunkatabasis
F. Moloney: A Christology develops: the use of the term 'the Son of Man' in
the Gospel traditions
Seminar on Patriarchal Narratives, led by A. Campbell.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Catholic Theological College, Clayton, on May 20th, 1980:

PRESENT: M. FitzPatrick (Acting Chairman), A. Campbell, C. Hill, B. Doyle, M. O'Brien,
G. Diamond.

APOLOGIES: F.. Moloney, A. O'Hagan, A. Nelson, E. Stockton, P. Gifford, J. Ovedeman,
J. Ovedeman, M. Spora, R. Barry, J. Crane, D. Walker, P. Jeffery, J. Sobb,
B. Dynes, B. Kennedy, E. Gryst, L. Hannigan, A. Cole, T. Goodall, N. Warne.

MINUTES OF 1979 MEETING: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: No further request was received from Rev. B. Moran.
A. Campbell indicated his pleasure that the Australian Episcopal Conference
is now a member of the World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was received. It was recommended that the
subscription should remain at \$3 and be levied on all members.
It was suggested that the Association might contribute in future to the travelling
expenses of members from Queensland, South Australia and New Zealand who
wish to attend the Annual Conference.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: President: T. Goodall
Vice-President: M. O'Brien
Treasurer: B. Doyle
Editor: A. Campbell

It was resolved that a report on the Conference and the minutes of the meeting
be sent to all members and that a report, prepared by the Editor, be sent to the
Catholic newspapers in the capital cities.

1981 MEETING: It was resolved that the 1981 Meeting be held at the Graduate House, St.
Patrick's College, Manly, in the third week of May in 1981. The President and
the Secretary are to clarify the precise date and relationship to the ACTA
meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Rev. A. Dean CM, was elected as a member of the Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Members were notified of the dinner in Sydney on 24th July, 1980, to
farewell Rev. T. Crane.

Catholic Biblical Association,
c/o Catholic Theological College
Bayview Avenue,
CLAYTON, 3168.

16th March, 1981.

Dear Members of Catholic Biblical Association,

The Annual Conference of the C.B.A. will be held at Gilroy House, St. Patrick's College, Manly, N.S.W. on May 18th – 20th, 1981. Those intending to stay at Gilroy House are expected to arrive on Sunday evening, May 17th, and depart after lunch on Wednesday, May 20th.

I regret the delay in advising you of these dates. I was awaiting the opportunity to enclose a report of last year's meeting, drafted in accord with the resolution of that Annual General Meeting, but it now seems inappropriate to further await the arrival of that document.

It is proposed that the Conference should include (i), the Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives moderated by Rev. A. F. Campbell SJ, (ii), papers in common with the Catholic Theological Association, preferably in the areas of the Authority of Scripture, and of Eschatology and Apocalyptic, and (iii), C.B.A. papers on any appropriate subject.

Would you please indicate by Monday, 27th April, whether you are able to attend the May Conference and by Monday, 6th April, the title of any paper you wish to present at the Conference.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

(Very Rev.) G. J. Diamond

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CBA / CTA CONFERENCE - MANLY, 17-20 MAY 1981

PROGRAMME

<u>SUNDAY 17 MAY</u>	6.30 pm	Supper (continuing till 10.00 pm)
<u>MONDAY 18 MAY</u>	9.30 am	CBA/CTA - The Problem of Son of Man and Messiah
	2.00 pm	CBA Br R.C. Hill - <u>Akribeia</u> : a Principle of Man and Messiah
	4.00 pm	CTA/CBA Rev. J. Thornhill - Reflections on the Renewal of Theological Method
	8.00 pm	CTA Discussion on the Pastoral Care of Mixed Marriages CBA Rev. M. Fitzpatrick - Jesus and His Adversaries: Reflections on A.J. Hultgren's Study of the Synoptic Conflict Stories
<u>TUESDAY 19 MAY</u>	9.00 am	CTA/CBA Rev. D. Coffey - Death as a Question of Negative Theology
	11.00 am	CTA - Discussion CBA Rev. A. Campbell - Samuel and Qumran : Text Criticism
	2.00 pm	CBA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	3.00 / 4.00 pm	CBA - Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives
	4.00 pm	CTA Rev. L. Hay - The Catholic Church's Self- understanding in an Ecumenical Age
	8.00 pm	CTA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
<u>WEDNESDAY 20 MAY</u>	9.00 am	CTA Rev. P. Elliott - Sects

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CBA / CTA CONFERENCE - - MANLY, 17-20 MAY 1981

PARTICIPANTS RESIDENT AT GILROY HOUSE:

Rev. John Scullion SJ room 8
Rev. Laurence Hannigan SM room 2
Rev. Brian Murray SM room 6
Rev. Peter Kenny room 4
Rev. John Thornhill SM room 5
Rev. Denis Edwards room 19
Rev. Gerald Maloney CM room 20
Rev. Peter Elliott room 21
Rev. Gerard Diamond room 3
Rev. Bernard Kennedy room 7
Rev. Gregory Windle room 23
Mr. Francis Mobbs room 22
Sr. M. O'Sullivan RSC room 1
Sr. E. Wainwright RSM room 28
Rev. Leo Hay OFM room 17
Rev. Anthony Dean CM room 24

NON-RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS :

Rev. Terence Johns
Rev. David Coffey
Rev. Peter Beer SJ
Rev. David Walker
Mr. Gideon Goosens
Rev. Angelo O'Hagan OFM
Rev. Mark O'Brien OP
Rev. Terence Goodall
Rev. Eugene Stockton
Rev. Brendan Byrne SJ
Rev. Antony Campbell SJ
Rev. Joseph Sobb SJ
Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick OFM
Br Charles Hill

REGULAR DAILY
PROGRAMME

8.00 Breakfast
12.00 Concelebrated Mass
1.00 Lunch
6.00 Aperitifs
6.30 Dinner

Would non-residents please let
TG know by 11,00 am they
intend to stay for dinner on
Monday and Tuesday.

We are honoured on Monday by the
presence of Bishop Bede Heather.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

Report of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at Manly, 17-19 May, 1981

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Catholic Theological Association. It seemed to your scribe that the organizational pattern for the meeting was greeted by all participants as by far the most successful of those tried in recent years. Major sessions of mutual interest to both associations were scheduled as joint sessions; sessions of more specialized concern were scheduled in parallel. The result was much greater communication between theologians and exegetes than was possible before. The joint sessions gave plenty of stimulus for thought and discussion; the breaks and meals gave plenty of opportunity for following up what had been begun in the sessions.

There were some thirty participants registered, nineteen of them members of the CBA. Three joint sessions were held: Brendan Byrne (CBA), "The Problem of Son of Man and Messiah"; John Thornhill (CTA), "Reflections on the Renewal of Theological Method"; David Coffey (CTA), "Death as a Question of Negative Theology". Specialist papers were delivered to the CBC by R. C. Hill, M. Fitzpatrick, and A. F. Campbell. There was a session of the Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives, in which J. J. Scullion was the principal contributor.

The following are brief summaries of the papers read by CBA members.

BRENDAN BYRNE: "The Problem of Son of Man and Messiah"

The statement of the aim of John's Gospel in 20:31 suggests that the title, "Christos-Messiah", has greater significance than that ascribed to it in recent Johannine studies. These studies have linked "Christos" with inadequate faith, seeing the expression of "correct" faith as coming in titles such as "Son of Man", "Son of God", "I AM", etc. Byrne argued that correct faith is not so much a matter of arriving at the right title as of accepting that Jesus – as the Crucified One – is the bearer of all these titles. In particular, proceeding from Chap. 12, "Son of Man" should not be isolated from "Christos-Messiah" but seen as itself an expression of messianic status used by the Evangelist to relate "Christos-Messiah" to the Cross.

CHARLES HILL: "Akribeia: A Principle of Chrysostom's Exegesis"

The key concepts can be isolated as follows:

= (divine) considerateness	NOT condescension
= (human) limitation	NOT weakness
= precision	NOT accuracy

Chrysostom's conviction emerges that every item in the text of scripture is valuable and not to be passed over heedlessly. Behind this is C.'s conviction that there is nothing idle or accidental in scripture. The conclusion: C.'s insistence on the precision and care which must mark the approach of the interpreter. The approach of the exegete must bear the qualities which mark the text itself

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK: "Jesus and His Adversaries: Reflections on A.J. Hultgren's Study of the Synoptic Conflict Stories"

FitzPatrick discussed Jesus and His Adversaries, by A. J. Hultgren. The genre of the conflict story was delineated, with attention paid to two sub-groups, the unitary and non-unitary stories. A couple of weaknesses in the book were looked at closely. One involved a trajectory from the Gospel of Thomas (Logion #100) through Mark to Matthew; the other a trajectory from a pre-Markan collection through Mark to Matthew. Positive aspects of the study were stressed: its integration of form criticism and synoptic studies (e.g. the more complete form need not be the earliest; Matthew tends to polish the forms he uses); the treatment of setting is eminently sensible. The setting for the conflict stories appears to be most sensibly seen as inner Christian apologetic, arising from Jewish opposition, but directed toward confirming Christian convictions.

ANTONY CAMPBELL: Samuel and Qumran - Text Criticism

Campbell took the question of Samuel's Nazirite status as an example of the issues raised in text criticism by the Qumran discoveries. The widely differing presentations in the Samuel, Judges, and Numbers material on the Nazirite were noted. It is by no means certain that the common forms of the same institution should be sought in all three. Text critically, Vulgate and Targum follow MT, LXX and 4QSam provide a more extended text, expanding on Samuel's Nazirite status. It is tempting to accept the new Qumran readings as preferable (so McCarter, AB); Campbell adduced reasons for caution. 4QS am, perhaps independently of LXX, certainly witnesses to a tradition that Samuel was indeed a Nazirite. But that does not mean that it witnesses unambiguously to assumed original readings which alone are correct. Two final comments were made: 1) S. Talmon has raised the question whether a single Urtext broke up or whether primal traditions which varied among themselves to a limited degree progressively lost their lease on life; 2) Campbell argued that no matter what options the Versions may offer, the decision whether they are required in order to make sense the text is always an exegetical decision.

CONTINUING SEMINAR: The Patriarchal Narratives

J.J. Scullion drew attention to recent publications:

- Jacob Licht, Storytelling in the Bible (Jerusalem: Magnes, 1978).
- David Clines, The Theme of the Pentateuch (JSCT, Suppl. 10, esp. pp. 32-43).
- Claus Westermann, Genesis 12-36, is now available as BK I/2.

A few isolated comments from Scullion's discussion of Westermann:

- There is no E strand in Genesis. Rather there is additional material from variants (oral) co-existing with J & P.
- Berit in Gen 9, 15, & 17. Westermann argues against uniform translation by Bund or Covenant. The meaning is to come from the context: in Gen 9, solemn assurance; in Gen 15 & 17, God's solemn promise.
- The patriarchal narratives are not in the Urzeit (pre-history), but they are not in history either. They are situated in that period before history-writing, institutions, or formal cult have been developed. They are not stories of "what really happened". Two elements are central: (1) the nomadic way of life, mobility; 2) personal worship and encounter with God.

Annual General Meeting, 18th May 81: an informal report

Br. Brian Doyle's resignation as Treasurer was received.

The financial situation of the CBA was discussed. A proposal was made by Sydney members that the Sydney branch's finances be pooled with the general finances of the CBA. The proposal met with approval.

Annual office-bearers were elected as follows:

President	MARK O'BRIEN
Vice- President	CHARLES HILL
Treasurer	MICHAEL FITZPATRICK
Editor	ANTONY CAMPBELL

GERARD DIAMOND continues as Secretary

1982 Meeting: May, 1982, in Melbourne, with the likely dates, 17-19 May.

Membership:

The death of Fr. Ted Gryst, S.J., was noted.

The return to Holland of Fr. da Silva was reported.

The following new members were elected:

Sr. MOIRA O'SULLIVAN, R.S.C.
 Sr. ELAINE WAINWRIGHT, R.S.M.
 Fr. GREGORY WINDLE

General Business:

The question of subsidizing the travel costs of those members whose attendance at meetings consistently involved higher costs than the average was discussed.

Three options were canvassed:

- use of interest from CBA's interest-bearing accounts
- donations from those attending the meeting
- higher subscriptions from the general membership.

It was resolved that a firm proposal be tabled in 1982.

SCRIBAL NOTE:

Your scribe apologises for the delay in the appearance of this report, the main annual responsibility of the Editor. It is principally due to your scribe's being under the illusion that because some eye surgery was to be done under a local anaesthetic, he would be able to resume work the following day. Alas, alack! There was a three week moratorium. This also meant that there was no possibility of getting a report to the Catholic Press within any reasonable proximity to the meeting. Their silence about our meeting in 1981 was my responsibility this time – not theirs.

Scribally yours,

Tony

Antony F. Campbell, S.J.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

National Conference: May 18th-19th, 1981.

PAPERS: Rev.B.Byrne SJ: The Problem of Son of Man and Messiah in John
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Rev. A.F. Campbell SJ: Samuel and Qumran : Text Criticism.

Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Manly, on May 19th, 1981:

PRESENT: T. Goodall (Chairman), A.Dean, M.FitzPatrick, A.Campbell, L.Hannigan, M.O'Brien, A.O'Hagan, D.Walker, J.Sobb, C.Hill, G.Diamond.
Also in attendance: G.Windle, Sr. M.O'Sullivan, Sr.E.Wainwright.

APOLOGIES: F.Moloney, Sr.V.Lawson, G.Meere, A.Cole, J.Crowe, P.Gifford, C.Hope, P.Jeffery, E.Stockton, B.Byrne, J.Scullion.

MINUTES OF 1980

MEETING: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: It was noted that the report of the 1980 Minutes was sent to the Catholic papers, but only printed by the "Leader".

TREASURER'S REPORT: The President presented the report on behalf of the Treasurer. The report was received. Incidental expenditure for the Conference was approved. The Association expressed its gratitude to Rev. Bro. B. R. Doyle for his years as Treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: President: M. O'Brien
Vice-President: C. Hill
Treasurer: M. FitzPatrick
Editor: A. Campbell

1982 MEETING: It was resolved that the 1982 Conference be held at C.T.C., Clayton, Melbourne, from the evening of May 17th to the morning of May 21st, 1982, in conjunction with A.C.T.A. The President and Secretary were empowered to change the date and venue, if an appropriate alternative was put forward by the A.C.T.A.

MEMBERSHIP: The President notified the members of the death of Rev. E. Gryst SJ.; welcomed Rev.A.Dean CM to his first meeting and congratulated Rev.J.Sobb SJ on his D. Phil. (Cantab.). Rev. G. Windle, Sr. E. Wainwright RSM and Sr. M. O'Sullivan were elected as members of the Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The Meeting requested the President and Secretary to present a firm proposal re contributions to the expenses of members from Queensland, South Australia and New Zealand to the next Annual General Meeting. The Meeting authorized the President and Secretary to investigate whether such assistance was appropriate for this year's Conference and act accordingly.
It was suggested that members of the Association should notify the Secretary of their suggestions re such assistance.
The meeting graciously accepted the offer of the former Sydney branch to pool financial resources with the Association and invited R. Barry and L. Hannigan to confer with regard to the amalgamation of funds.

Catholic Biblical Association,
c/- Catholic Theological College,
Bayview Avenue,
P.O. Box 302,
CLAYTON, 3168.

10th March, 1982.

Dear Member,

The Annual National Conference of Catholic Biblical Association for 1982 will be held at Catholic Theological College, Clayton, from Monday May 17th to Wednesday, May 19th, in conjunction with A.C.T.A.

Members are asked to indicate at their earliest convenience the titles of papers which they wish to present at the Conference. Those who intend to attend the Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives are reminded of the tasks undertaken at the last meeting.

Would you please indicate by Monday, 26th April, whether you are able to attend the May Conference and whether you intend to be residential or non-residential.

Yours in Christ Jesus.

Gerard J. Diamond

(Very Rev.) G.J. Diamond
Secretary
Catholic Biblical Association

C.B.A. and A.C.T.A. CONFERENCES - MAY 1982 - TIME TABLE.

MONDAY MAY 17th

- 9.45 a.m. Morning tea
10.00 a.m. F. Moloney S.D.B.: "John and Sacraments".
11.30 a.m. J. Thornhill S.M.: "International Theological Commission".
12.15 p.m. Mass
1.00 p.m. Lunch
3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea
4.00 p.m. G. Diamond: Presidential Address
5.00 p.m. A.C.T.A.: Marriage (Episcopal Conference request)
C.B.A. : Annual General Meeting
6.00 p.m. Dinner
7.00 p.m. B. Byrne S.J.: "Life after death – the scriptural reconsidered"

TUESDAY MAY 18th

- 9.30 a.m. Patriarchal narrative seminar
10.30 a.m. Morning tea
11.00 a.m. Patriarchal narrative seminar contd.
12.15 p.m. Mass
1.00 p.m. Lunch
3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea
4.00 p.m. C.B.A.: Patriarchal narrative cont.
A.C.T.A.: G. Goosen: "Boomerang Theology on materialism"
5.00 p.m. C.B.A.: A. Campbell S.J. "A contracting promise" 2. Sam.7
6.00 p.m. Dinner
7.00 p.m. Lutheran Dialogue - per L. Hay O.F.M.

WEDNESDAY MAY 19th

- 9.30 a.m. D. Edwards: "Negative Theology and the Historical Jesus"
10.30 a.m. Morning tea
11.00 a.m. A.C.T.A.: Annual General meeting
C.B.A.: C. Hill "Paul on Christ, the wisdom of God"
12.15 p.m. Mass
1.00 p.m. Lunch

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 1981 meeting
3. Correspondence
4. Matters arising
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
 - president
 - vice-president
 - secretary (3 years)
 - treasurer
 - editor
7. Time and venue for 1983 meeting
8. Membership
9. General Business

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

National Conference: May 17 – 19, 1982

- PAPERS:
- Rev. F. Moloney SDB: “When is John talking about Sacraments?”
 - Rev. B. Byrne SJ “Life after death – the scriptural evidence
reconsidered
 - Rev. A. Campbell SJ: “A Contracting Promise: 2 Sam. 7”
 - C. Hill: “Paul on Christ, the Wisdom of God”
- Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives.
- Rev. J. J. Scullion SJ: Genesis 22 and 23
 - Rev. G. J. Diamond: Review of McKane, W. : Studies in the
Patriarchal Narratives, Handsel, Edinburgh, 1979
 - Rev. M. O. O’Brien OP: Genesis 27.

The Annual General Meeting was held at C.T.C. Clayton, on May 17th, 1982:

PRESENT: M.O’Brien (Chairman), J. J. Scullion, A.F. Campbell, B. Byrne, J. Sobb, G. J. Diamond, C. Hill, G. Windle, E. Wainwright, R. Grealish.

APOLOGIES: R. Barry, A. Mannix, T. Goodall, A. Cole, M. Spora, P. Jeffrey, M. O’Sullivan.

MINUTES OF 1981

MEETING: The Minutes were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: Conference Travel Assistance:

The Meeting requested G. Windle, E. Wainwright and J. Sobb to form a subcommittee to discuss with the incoming President and Treasurer with regard to acceptable conference assistance for 1981 and 1982 and a proposal for the 1983 meeting re future years.

TREASURER’S

REPORT: In view of the unexpected absence of the Treasurer, no report was received. The meeting noted the desirability of sending out renewal notices and, in 1982, notification of the proposals re Conference travel assistance.

ELECTION OF

OFFICE BEARERS: President : C. Hill
Vice-President : B. Byrne
Secretary (3 years) : T. Goodall
Treasurer : M. FitzPatrick
Editor : A. Campbell

The Meeting expressed its thanks to G. J. Diamond for his six years as Secretary.

1983 MEETING: The Meeting resolved that the 1983 Conference be held at Manly, Sydney, in May 1983, in conjunction with A.C.T.A. and requested the President and Secretary to choose a suitable week during which members from all states would be able to attend.

MEMBERSHIP: R. Grealish was elected as a member of the Association.

GENERAL

BUSINESS: It was suggested that a current list of members be sent to each member to the Association.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

President: Dr. Charles Hill St. Patrick's College,
Secretary: Rev. Terence Goodall Manly. 2095
Treasurer: Rev. Michael Fitzgerald OFM 17.2.83

Dear

The ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Association will take place at Gilroy House, 67 Osborne Road, Manly, from Monday 16th May until Wednesday 18th May. Please let the secretary know by 31st March the title of any papers you wish to deliver, or other contributions you wish to make to the programme, or matters which you would like to be on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

Please fill in and detach the form below if you are able to attend the conference, or part of it. I would like to have your reply, or apology, by 30th April.

Full board at Gilroy House is \$30 per day. Your bill would be calculated according to scale if you are present for some meals only. (Dinner is not available on Wednesday evening, but accommodation is. For those staying in Sydney on the Wednesday night, might I suggest a dinner in the city or at one of the many excellent restaurants in Manly).

Yours sincerely,

Terence Goodall.

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ACCOMMODATION AT GILROY HOUSE (INCLUDING BREAKFAST)

SUNDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY SUPPER (7-9 pm)
MONDAY NIGHT	MONDAY LUNCH
TUESDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY LUNCH
	TUESDAY DINNER
	WEDNESDAY LUNCH

16th - 18th, 1983

CBA CONFERENCE

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President: Dr. Charles Hill
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Treasurer: Rev. Michael Fitzgerald OFM

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1983

Gilroy House,
MANLY, N.S.W.
16 – 18 MAY.

P R O G R A M M E

Sunday 15	7-9 pm	Arrivals and Supper (please be in by 9 pm)
Monday 16	10 am	“The Vocation of the Disciples in the Gospel of Mark” (Francis Moloney SDB)
	12.15 pm	Mass (Celebrant, ACTA)
	1.00 pm	Lunch
	3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
	4.00 pm	“Creation Science, A Catholic Response” (Barry Brundell MSC) - Joint Session with ACTA
	6.00 pm	Dinner
	7.30 pm	“The Redaction of the Deuteronomistic History : building a thesis”. (Mark O’Brien OP)
Tuesday 17	10.00 am	Continuing Seminar on the Patriarchal Narratives: a) “Structural Arrangement in the Abraham and Jacob-Esau Cycles” (John Scullion SJ) b) “The Joseph Story: Present State of the Question (John Scullion SJ) c) Book Report (Antony Campbell SJ)
	12.15 pm	Mass (Celebrant, CBA) Bishop Bede Heather
	1.00 pm	Lunch
	(2.00 pm	Inspection of St. Patrick’s College, Manly)
	3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
	4.00 pm	“The Faith of the Beloved Disciple and the Community according to John 20”. (Brendan Byrne SJ) Joint session with ACTA
	6.00 pm	Dinner
	7.00 pm	Annual General Meeting (Chairman: Dr. Charles Hill)
	8.00 pm	CBA and ACTA Social Evening
Wednesday 18	10.00 am	Seminary on Teaching Methods (Chairman: Mark O’Brien OP) Members are invited to prepare 10 minute presentations for the seminar
	12.15 pm	Mass
	1.00 pm	Lunch

CBC CONFERENCE 1983

PARTICIPANTS

Most Rev. B. Heather DD,LSS,BA
Rev. B. Byrne SJ
Rev. A. Campbell SJ
Rev. G. Diamond
Rev. R. Grealish
Dr. R. C. Hill
Rev. B. Kennedy
Sr. V. Lawson RSM
Rev. F. Moloney SDB
Rev. M. O'Brien Op
Sr. M. O'Sullivan RSC
Rev. J. Scullion SJ
Rev. J. Sobb SJ
Rev. M. Spora
Rev. E. Stockton
Sr. E. Wainwright RSM
Rev. G. Windle
Rev. D. Timbs CSSR
Rev. M. Trainor
Rev. A. Dean CM

APOLOGIES

Most Rev. E. Clancy DD, LSS
Rev. L. Hannigan SM
Rev. G. Meere
Rev. W. O'Shea
Rev. D. Walker
Br. B. Dynes
Rev. A. Mannix Cm
Rev. R. Barry CM
Rev. A. O'Hagan OFM
Rev. C. Hope
Rev. P. Jeffrey
Rev. J. Crowe CP
Rev. A. Sheldrick
Rev. P. Malone MSC
Rev. A. Cole
Rev. M. Fitzpatrick OFM

CBA Conference: 16-18 May, 1983. Seminar on Teaching Methods.

Report of Seminar : Scribe - M. A. O'Brien

The chairman of the seminar invited contributions from conference members. The following members gave contributions, which were followed by discussions.

1) R. Gearish: gave a report on some recent study of the writing of aims and objectives for courses, with a view to clarifying a lecturer's purpose in giving a course and assessment of students taking a course.

Aims : This section of a course description is primarily for the lecturer. It is concerned with the philosophy behind the course, and is broader than an immediate aim. One aims at promoting understanding, development, for example. The aim of a course does not deal with behavioural concerns.

Objectives : This is primarily concerned with the student. As a result of taking a course, a student should be able to ...etc. It is more concerned with behaviour. Objectives are kept in mind for assessment.

A sample course - Survey of the O.T. was used to illustrate aspects of the above.

Discussion: There was some discussion about the validity of such terms and the distinction between them. The meeting felt while terminology is a debatable matter, the concern for the lecturer's intention and the achievement of this in a course for students was valuable material for the sort of courses taught by members. G. also circulated a lecturer assessment sheet for members. There was some discussion about how to accurately interpret the information provided by such a sheet.

2) T Goodall: spoke – a) on the structuring of courses and their relationship, particularly for N.T. courses. G. proposes a restructuring – for Manly Seminary – of Scripture on a 6 semester basis.

Discussion: There was some discussion of how much one could deal with in a term/semester course. For example, is it possible to deal adequately with two Gospels?

- b) on the teaching of Scripture, with special reference to the article by Montague, G.T., "Hermeneutics and the Teaching of Scripture," CBQ 41, 1(1979) 1-17; and to a review of Wink's book Transforming Bible Study by B. Robinson in Heythrop Journal (1983) The celebration objective was raised as an important issue in the teaching of Scripture.

Discussion: There was some lively discussion about what sort of experience is involved in the encounter with Scripture. Your scribe offers a threadbare report only. It seems that the discussion at one stage was talking about the experience that the text generates in the reader. The encounter with (entry into) characters in the text was mentioned. A query was raised about whether such an encounter was too subjective, or does the power of the text and the characters therein challenge the reader and 'interpret' him/her. On the other hand the discussion examined whether an objective critical presentation could lead students to face the questions and crises of the biblical community, and thus enable them to encounter and experience the text. Is this a participation in the experience that generated the present text?

There was some criticism of Montague's steps in the teaching of Scripture, and the possibility/suitability of covering all these in one course. The value of other texts besides the Bible to enable students to share the experience of the biblical text was briefly discussed. As well, the spiritual background and formation of authors/lecturers/ students and the influence these have on perceptions and concerns was raised. The different situations of lay people, religious, priests was also noted.

3) A.F. Campbell: gave a presentation – with accompanying sheet circulated – of how he leads students to an experience of the text. C. spoke about the types of reactions of students to this method; one can see the learning process working at different levels: for example, in those who are quick to see answers and those who may not see answers readily, but are led by the method to see the problems and questions posed by such a study of the text.

4) J. Sobb: spoke on his work in training RE teachers for Catholic Primary Schools. The problems in this area are, urgency of need, the lack of adequate training for the RE task so far, and the necessity for suitable structuring of courses, and control of teacher training for RE.

S. also outlined the distinctions between accreditation and professional training. There is need for some endorsement of professional training which does not become confused with accreditation.

Discussion : There was some discussion about a minimum course in Biblical Studies that would be adequate for RE teachers in primary schools. Because this is probably the only exposure to the study of the Bible that such RE teachers will have, the method and the selection and treatment of texts is important.

It was felt that a limited presentation – for example, one Gospel only – may be better than an attempt to cover all the material in the limited time available. An alternative approach may be to present a basic survey course that is more theological and thematic than exegetical. As long as one could encourage the teachers to read the Bible as part of such a course, this method may be a suitable way of dealing with the limitations of the situation.

A report of this type of teacher training course was then given and a number of suitable books briefly discussed: the authors only are given here – M. Link, Charpentier, D. Harrington, R.A. Spivey – D.M. Smith, Oxford Atlas of the Bible.

The meeting agreed that the Australian Church needs to be more concerned with RE training and the teaching of Scripture in schools. Perhaps the CBA needs to adopt a higher profile in this matter. The possibility that the recent exposure of Catholics to the Bible in the vernacular could result in a 'Catholic Fundamentalism' was noted.

Conclusions: The seminar proposed that:-

- a) the 1984 conference include a seminar on teaching methods, along the lines of the 1983 seminar.
- b) that a report of the 1983 seminar be circulated to members by the secretary.
- c) that members be invited by the secretary to make contributions at the 1984 seminar, or send in proposals for discussion.
- d) that the 1984 seminar devote some time to the matter of RE teacher training in the field of Biblical Studies. This could be with the training of Biblical Studies teachers and the presentation of the Bible in the classroom.

Mark A. O'Brien

18 / 5 / 1983.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AT
GILROY HOUSE, MANY, NSW, ON 17th, MAY, 1983.

PRESENT: Dr Hill, Frs Sobb, Goodall, Dean, Windle, Scullion, Byrne, Campbell,
O'Brien, Moloney, Spora, Sr Lawson.

APOLOGIES: Frs Diamond and Grealish, Srs O'Sullivan and Wainwright.

1) The Treasurer's report (received today from Rev. M. Fitzgerald) was tabled. Dr Hill will continue to pursue the matter of amalgamation of Sydney funds (\$442) with the national account.

2) Suggestions were made concerning a travelling subsidy for members from Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.
MOTION (Fr Sobb, seconded by Fr Moloney):
That funds from annual income be paid to the five members who have travelled a long distance, and that the subsidy pattern arrived at by the Committee set up at last year's meeting be submitted for approval to next year's meeting.
CARRIED

3) Subscriptions form members attending will be collected by the Secretary and taken to the Treasurer by Fr. O'Brien. The Treasurer will send reminder notices to other members. (Subscription: \$5.00).

4) The Continuing Seminar on narrative is to be extended to embrace the New Testament for next year, with a probable return to the Old Testament in 1985. Fr D. Timbs was elected as co-ordinator of the Seminar.

The Secretary will alert members about the need for contributions when he announces next year's conference.

5) MOTION (Fr O'Brien, seconded by Fr Moloney):
That Fr Michael Timbs CSSR be elected a member of the association
CARRIED

MOTION: (Fr Dean, seconded by Fr Sobb);
That Fr Michael Trainor be elected a member of the association.
CARRIED

6) MOTION (Fr Scullion, seconded by Fr O'Brien):
That Fr Brendan Byrne SJ be elected president of the Association for 1983-84.
CARRIED

MOTION (Fr Campbell, seconded by Fr Moloney):
That Fr Joseph Sobb SJ be elected vice-president of the Association for 1983-84.
CARRIED

7) The position of editor is vacant and open.

8) 1984 Conference (in conjunction with ACTA) will take place at CTC Melbourne from 14-16 May.

(CBA members are advised that Fr A. Kelly CSSR will read a paper on the Holy Spirit, and may like to provide an input on the same theme),

St. Patrick's College,
Manly, N.S.W. 2095
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CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Dear

Thankyou for indicating that you will be attending the Annual Conference at Clayton, Victoria, from 14th-16 May.

The titles of the papers to be delivered are:

Br R. Doyle	Matthew's Wisdom (Mt 11-13)
Rev. A. O'Hagan OFM	A Paradise of Unguents: Ct 4.14
Rev. J. Scullion SJ	The Stories of Genesis: Hermann Gunkel's (1862-1932) "Einleitung" 1910 3) in Retrospect.

Rev. F. Moloney SDB will possibly be giving a paper entitled The Symbol of "the Woman" in the Apocalypse.

There will be as usual some combined sessions with ACTA.

In addition, Rev. D. Timbs CSSR will be co-ordinator of the Seminar on Narrative (this year devoted to the New Testament). Please write to him directly with your suggestions and contributions (his address: 10 Majella Court, Kew, Victoria 3101).

The full programme for the Conference should be ready by the end of April.

Unfortunately I will have to miss out this year, since I am leaving for sabbatical study at the Ecole Biblique soon after the Conference, and have too much work to complete here in Sydney. Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick will collect subscriptions for 1984, and Fr John Dupuche has kindly offered to be responsible for the collection of conference fees for our host, Fr. Peter Jeffrey.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

Terence Goodall, Secretary.

Sunday 13		Arrivals and supper
Monday 14	9.00 am	Registration
	10.00 am	“The Stories of Genesis: Hermann Gunkel’s (1862-1932) <u>Einleitung</u> 1910 3) in Retrospect.” (Rev John Scullion SJ)
	12.15 pm	Liturgy
	1.00 pm	Lunch
	3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
	4.00 pm	“Approaches to a Theology of the Holy Spirit.” (Rev. Anthony Kelly CSSR).
	6.00 pm	Dinner
	7.30 pm	“The Symbol of ‘the Woman’ in the Apocalypse.” Rev. Francis Moloney SDB).
Tuesday 15	9.30 am	Continuing Seminar on Narrative (New Testament). (Co-ordinator: Rev. David Timbs CSSR).
	12.15 pm	Liturgy
	1.00 pm	Lunch
	3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
	4.00 pm	“Matthew’s Wisdom (Mt 11-13)”.
	6.00 pm	Dinner
	7.00 pm	Annual General Meeting (Chairman: Rev. Brendan Byrne SJ).
8.00 pm	CBAА and ACTA Social Evening	
Wednesday 16	9.30 am	“A Paradise of Unguents: Ct4. 1 4.” (Rev. Angelo O’Hagan OFM)
	11.15 am	“The Ethical Implications of Belief in the Resurrection in Paul’s Response to the Corinthians”. (Rev. Brendan Byrne SJ).
	12.15 pm	Liturgy
	1.00 pm	Lunch

Participants

Rev. Romuald Barry CM
Rev. Brendan Byrne SJ
Rev. Alan Cole
Rev. Jerome Crowe CP
Br Rodney Doyle
Br Mark Dynes
Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick OFM
Rev. Roger Grealish
Rev. Peter Jeffery
Dr Charles Hill
Sr Veronica Lawson RSM
Rev. Francis Moloney SDB
Rev. Angelo O'Hagan OFM
Sr Moira O'Sullivan RSC
Rev. Joseph Sobb SJ
Rev. John Scullion SJ
Rev. David Timbs CSSR
Rev. Michael Trainor
Rev. Gregory Windle

Rev. Francis Phat
Sr Barbara Stead
Sr Mary Reaburn

Apologies

Rev. Cyril Connolly MSC
Rev Terence Goodall
Rev. Laurence Hannigan SM
Rev. Christopher Hope
Rev. Bernard Kennedy
Rev. Anthony Mannix CM
Rev. Gregory Meere
Rev. William O'Shea
Rev. Mark Spora
Rev. Eugene Stockton

Sr Majella Franzman PBVM
Rev Damian Wynn-Williams

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
15th May 1984
Catholic Theological College Clayton, Vic.

1. Present: Brendan Byrne, SJ (in the chair), Jerome Crowe CP, Anthony Dean CM, Roderick Doyle CFC, Mark Dynes CFC, Michael Fitzpatrick OFM, Roger Grealish, Charles Hill, Veronica Lawson RSM, Francis Moloney SDB, Angelo O'Hagan OFM, Moira O'Sullivan RSC, John Scullion SJ, Joseph Sobb SJ, David Timbs, CSSR, Michael Trainor, Gregory Windle.
2. Apologies: Rom Barry CM, Terence Goodall
3. Minutes of 1983: Read and confirmed.
4. Matters Arising: There was further discussion on a travel subsidy for participants from Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. It was proposed that the subsidy -- 20% refund of fares -- be paid as far as funds allow. This was agreed to by members.
5. New Members: Four new members were proposed to the Association and were elected into membership.

Sr Sheila Byrne RSM
Fr Francis Phat
Sr Barbara Stead RSM
Sr Mary Reaburn OLS

6. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Fr Fitzpatrick. It was decided that the outgoing President, Fr Byrne, together with the Treasurer, arrange for a transfer of funds from the Sydney account of the Society to the single account. Signatures of both and the Acting Secretary could be used.
7. Continuing Seminar on Narrative: It was noted that several of the Old Testament members would be absent next year, and it was suggested that some others might like to contribute to the Seminar either by way of short paper, review of relevant literature, etc.
8. Report of CBAA Conference: It was suggested that a report of the conference be sent to all members of the Association, including those who had not actually attended. This was agreed to by members. Fr Sobb will co-ordinate this.
9. Press Release: Fr John Scullion spoke of the need to bring to people's awareness the relevant Church documents to Biblical studies – Divino Afflante Spiritu, Instructions on the Historical Truth of the Gospels, Dei Verbum. He suggested that an appropriate occasion might be the publication of a photograph of ACTA and CBAA members in the Catholic papers with its accompanying press release. Frs Byrne and Scullion were asked to look at this possibility.
10. "The Four Gospels" by Fr Michael Fallon, MSC: After discussing the controversy over this matter, it was proposed that the president write to Michael Fallon offering an expression of support to him, and recognizing officially his efforts in the popularizing of the Scriptures.

11. Australian Catholic Theological Association 1985 : The Association intends to address its theological reflection at its next conference to areas relevant to the Australian experience. This was received by the CBAA, but no concrete proposals resulted.
12. Popularizing the Bible: Fr Trainor asked if there were some way in which the Association could work towards a popularizing of the Scriptures, or towards a creation of a greater relevance of them for people generally. Discussion included a promise of some members to look at possibilities.
13. Elections: The Vice-President of the CBAA proceeds to the Presidency after twelve months, and Fr Sobb has become the new President for 1984-5. Dr Hill proposed, and Fr Fitzpatrick seconded the appointment of Fr Timbs to the position of Vice-President.
CARRIED.
The position of Treasurer continues to be held by Fr Fitzpatrick, and that of Secretary by Fr Goodall.
14. 1985 Conference: It was decided that the next Conference be held at Gilroy House, Manly, 13-15 May 1985.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1985

PROGRAMME

Monday 13 May	9.30	Liturgy of the Word	
	9.40	Charles Hill - "Pauline <u>Mysterion</u> and Synoptic <u>Basileia</u> "	
		Morning tea	
	11.15	David Timbs CSSR - Thesis Report: "The Thessalonian Community from the Point of View of both Textual and and Sociological Criteria"	
	12.15	Mass (organized by ACTA)	
	1.00	Lunch	
	3.30	Afternoon tea	
	4.00	Combined Session with ACTA Gideon Goosen - "Boomerang Theology on the Environment"	
	6.00	Dinner	
	7.30	Michael Fitzpatrick OFM - "Sandwiching - A Broad Phenomenon in Markan Narrative Style?"	
	Tuesday 14 May	9.15	Antony Campbell SJ - "Milestones Towards The Deuteronomistic History
			Morning tea
		11.00	John Scullion SJ : Religion and the Patriarchs
12.15		Mass (organized by CBAA)	
2.00		Lunch	
3.15		Afternoon tea	
3.00		Continuing Seminar: Antony Campbell SJ - "The Reported Story: Midway between Oral Performance and Literary Art"	
4.45		Combined Session with ACTA Brendan Byrne SJ - "Some Recent Trends in Pauline Interpretation"	
6.00		Dinner	
7.00		Annual General Meeting (Chairman: Joseph Sobb SJ)	
8.00	CBAA & ACTA Social Evening		
Wednesday 15 May	9.00	Liturgy for the CBAA Morning tea	
	11.00	William Dalton SJ - "Is There a Thematic Core in First Corinthians?"	
	1.00	Lunch	

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual Conference May 1985, Manly, N.S.W.

Participants

Theresa Angert-Quilter
Brendan Byrne, S.J.
Sheila Byrne, R.S.M.
Rom Barry, C.M.
Antony Campbell, S.J.
Mark Coleridge
Anthony Corcoran S.M.
William Dalton S.J.
Anthony Dean C.M.
Rod Doyle C.F.C.
Mark Dynes C.F.C.
Michael Fitzpatrick O.F.M.
Terence Goodall
Roger Grealish
Charles Hill
Wim Hoekstra
Bernard Kennedy
Veronica Lawson R.S.M.
Donal McIlraith
Francis Moloney S.D.B.
Mark O'Brien O.P.
Moira O'Sullivan R.S.C.
Mary Raeburn O.L.S.
John Scullion S.J.
Joseph Sobb S.J.
Barbara Stead R.S.M.
David Timbs C.Ss.R.
Gregory Windle
Damian Wynn-Williams

Apologies

+ Edward Clancy
Jerome Crowe, C.P.
Majella Franzman, P.B.V.M.
Christopher Hope
Peter Jeffrey
Anthony Mannix C.M.
Angelo O'Hagan O.F.M.
Francis Phat
Mark Spora
Eugene Stockton
Michael Trainor
David Walker

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting 1985
Tuesday 14 May, Manly, N.S.W.

MINUTES

Present: Joseph Sobb, SJ (Chair), Brendan Byrne SJ, Sheila Byrne, RSM, Rom Barry CM, Antony Campbell SJ, William Dalton SJ, Anthony Dean CM, Rod Doyle CFC, Mark Dynes CFC, Michael Fitzpatrick OFM, Terence Goodal, Roger Grealish, Charles Hill, Wim Hoekstra, Veronica Lawson RSM, Francis Moloney SDB, Mark O'Brien OP, Moira O'Sullivan RSC, Mary Raeburn OLS, John Scullion SJ, Barbara Stead RSM, David Timbs CSSR, Gregory Windle, Damian Wynn-Williams.

Apologies: +Edward Clancy, Jerome Crowe CP, Majella Frranzman PBVM, Christopher Hope, Peter Jeffrey, Anthony Mannix, CM, Angelo O'Hagan OFM, Francis Phat, Mark Spora, Eugene Stockton, Michael Trainor, David Walker.

The Minutes of the 1984 meeting were accepted unanimously.

The following new members were elected to the Association.

Mrs Theresa Angert-Quilter (Sydney)
Fr Brian Boyle MSC (Melbourne)
Fr Mark Coleridge (Melbourne)
Fr Anthony Corcoran SM (Sydney)
Fr Wim Hoekstra (Sydney)
Fr Daniel McIlraith (Sydney)
Mr Anthony Kenny (Melbourne)

The current membership list is being updated by the secretary after an executive meeting this afternoon which deleted some obsolete names.

Fr Fitzpatrick delivered the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Motion (Fr Campbell, seconded by Fr Fitzpatrick): That the executive, at its next meeting, look into the matter of subsidies for distant members, especially those resident in Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and New Zealand. CARRIED.

Suggestions about next year's conference were made by the members.

- (i) The conference commence on Sunday evening, instead of Monday evening.
- (ii) If conference continues to begin on Monday, then registration, morning tea etc be finished by 10.30. One major paper with discussion would then follow.
- (iii) Some sessions could involve small group discussions.
- (iv) A clear distinction be made between major papers (75-90 minutes) and shorter communications.
- (v) Use of common time with the A.C.T.A.: One combined session, mutually worked out by the two executives; one combined liturgy and social evening.
- (vi) The daily Eucharist celebration be adapted to the conference needs, i.e. in timing, locale, planning of theme etc.

(vii) About October, there is a call from the executive for papers, early in the following year, a call for participation be sent to all members along with a list of the topics, even including a brief digest of papers if this is feasible.

(viii) Before the conference, some notification of the timetable and other details be sent to members.

The Association's response to "creeping fundamentalism" was discussed. This matter will be an item on the agenda for next year's meeting also.

The continuing seminar on narrative. It was decided to have two separate seminars next year:

- 1) on Luke, co-ordinated by Fr Timbs, who will co-opt participants;
- 2) on the Old Testament, co-ordinated by Fr Barry, who will co-opt participants.

Fr Scullion informed the meeting of the IAHR conference in Sydney in August; Dr Hill informed the meeting that the Catholic College of Education in Sydney would be sponsoring a tour by Fr Joseph Fitzmyer SJ in August and September 1986, and that he would be available for lectures and seminars – Dr Hill should be contacted to arrange times and venues.

The Constitution was changed to make the positions of Secretary and Treasurer three-year terms.

The annual subscription was fixed at ten dollars from the end of the meeting; and the treasurer was given the power of discretion to negotiate a lower subscription in individual cases.

Office-bearers:	President 1985-86	Fr David Timbs, CSSR
	Vice-President 1985-86	Fr Romuald Barry CM
	Secretary 1985-86	Fr Terence Goodall
	Treasurer 1985-86	Fr Michael Fitzpatrick OFM

Fr David Timbs as in-coming President (and out-going Vice President) moved a vote of thanks to the 1985 Conference President, Fr Joseph Sobb, SJ, for his presiding over what had been both a most stimulating and a most enjoyable gathering. The final Eucharist was especially well received.

The Annual Meeting, and Conference, closed at lunch time and members agreed to meet again next year in Melbourne.

CBAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1986PROGRAMME

Sunday 11 th May	7.30 pm	Opening by the President Social Evening
Monday 12 th May	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word
	9.30 am	The Redaction of the Deuteronomistic History: A Reassessment - Mark O'Brien
	12.15 pm	Mass (with ACTA)
	4.00 pm	The Church in Matthew 5 – Mark Coleridge
	7.30 pm	A Critique of Norbert Brox's Views on Pseudepigraphy - William Dalton
Tuesday 13 th May	9.00 am	Seminars on OT & NT Narrative *
	12.15 pm	Mass (with ACTA)
	4.00 pm	Matthew's Intention as Discerned by his Structure - Rod Doyle (ACTA in attendance)
	7.30 pm	Social Evening
Wednesday 14 th May	9.00 am	CBAA Mass Annual General Meeting
	11.00 am	The Structure of John 13 (or 15) - Francis Moloney
Morning tea break about	10.45 am	
Lunch	1.00 pm	
Afternoon tea	3.30 pm	
Dinner	6.00 pm	

- * NT Narrative Seminar Topics:
- ' The Mission and Death of Jesus according to Lk 12. 49-50; The Idea of Salvation - Moira O'Sullivan
 - ' The Journey in Luke Prior to 12.51 - Francis Moloney
 - ' The Salt Saying in Lk 12. 14-36 and Parallels – David Timbs
 - ' Luke 11. 14-23 - Michael Fitzpatrick

OT Narrative Seminar Topics:

CBAA CONFERENCE 1986

Participants:

John Scullion SJ
Mark O'Brien OP
Trinh van Phat
Laurence Woods FSC
William Dalton SJ
Donal McIlraith
Anthony Kenny
Moira O'Sullivan RSC
Brendan Byrne SJ
Brian Boyle MSC
William Hoekstra
Michael Fitzpatrick OFM
Rod Doyle CFC
Terence Goodall
Veronica Lawson RSM
Joseph Sobb SJ
Francis Moloney SDB
Michael Trainor
Rom Barry CM
Antony Campbell SJ
Sheila Byrne RSM
Barbara Stead RSM
Anthony Mannix CM
Charles Hill
Mary Raeburn OLS
David Timbs CSSR
Mark Coleridge

Apologies:

Archbishop Edward Clancy
Mark Dynes CFC
Anthony Corcoran SM
Mark Spora
Gregory Meere
Damien Wynn-Williams
Majella Franzman PBVM
Gregory Windle
Jerome Crowe CP

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting 1986
Wednesday May 14, Clayton, Vic.

Minutes

Present: David Timbs CSSR, (Chairman), Brendan Byrne SJ, Sheila Byrne RSM, Rom Barry CM, Antony Campbell SJ, William Dalton SJ, Anthony Dean CM, Rod Doyle CFC, Robert Drake, Michael Fitzpatrick OFM, Wim Hoekstra, Anthony Kenny, Veronica Lawson RSM, Anthony Mannix CM, Francis Moloney SDB, Brian Boyle MSC, Mark O'Brien OP, Moira O'Sullivan RSC, Campion Murray OFN, Mary Raeburn OLS, John Scullion SJ, Barbara Stead RSM, Francis Phat, Laurence Woods FSC, Mark Coleridge.

Absent: Charles Hill, Bernard Kennedy, Donal McIlraith, Joe Sob SJ.

Apologies: Archbishop Edward Clancy, Mark Dynes CFC, Anthony Corcoran, Mark Spora, Gregory Meere, Damien Wynn-Williams, Majella Franzmann PBVM, Gregory Windle, Jerome Crowe CP, Terence Goodall.

The Minutes of the 1985 Meeting were accepted by acclamation.

The following were elected as members of the Association: Campion Murray, OFM, Robert Drake, Laurence Woods FSC.

Michael Fitzpatrick OFM delivered the Treasurer's Report. It was accepted.

The next Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the Association would gather in Sydney from the evening of Thursday, July 2 until midday Sunday July 5, 1987. The venue will be Gilroy House, Manly.

The members discussed the Continuing Seminar on Narrative which had been split this year into Old and New Testament Groups. This arrangement was found to be useful and worth keeping. Both working groups will meet again at the 1987 Conference.

Rom Barry is coordinator of the OT group and David Timbs continues as coordinator of the NT group. The Acts of the Apostles was chosen as the theme of the NT group in 1987.

It was resolved that the CBA A should take responsibility for the common Eucharist on Friday July 3. The value of a separate Mass for the Association was discussed and it was agreed that, if possible, it should be celebrated on Sunday July 5.

Office Bearers: President 1986-87 Fr Rom Barry CM.
V-President 1986-87 Br Rod Doyle CFC.
Acting Secretary 1986-87 David Timbs CSSR
Treasurer 1986-87 Fr Michael Fitzpatrick OFM.

The In-coming President Fr Rom Barry moved a vote of thanks to the 1986 Conference President Fr David Timbs CSSR for his presidency over what transpired to be a very stimulating and useful time together.

The Annual General Meeting and Conference closed in the afternoon. According to tradition, the members agreed to meet again in Sydney in July, 1987.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, July 4, 1987
Gilroy House, Manly, N.S.W.

Present: Rom Barry CM (Chairman), B. Boyle MSC, B. Byrne SJ, M. Coleridge, A. Corcoran SM, W. Dalton SJ, A. Dean CM, R. Doyle CFC, M. Fitzpatrick OFM, T. Goodall, C. Hill, W. Hoekstra, V. Lawson RSM, B. McGrath OSB, F. Moloney SDB, C. Monaghan CP, C. Murray OFM, M. O'Brien OP, M. O'Sullivan RSC, M. Raeburn NDS, J. Scullion SJ, J. Sobb SJ, D. Timbs CSsR, T. Trotter SSC, E. Wainwright RSM, L. Woods FSC.

Apologies: S. Byrne RSM, A. Campbell SJ, J. Crowe CP, M. Dynes CFC, M. Franzmann PBVM, L. Hannigan, C. Hope, B. Kennedy, A. Kenny, F. Phat, B. Stead RSM, M. Trainor.

The Minutes of the 1986 AGM were accepted by acclamation.

J. Sobb SJ noted that he had sent his apologies at not being able to attend the AGM at Clayton last May 14. PRESENT includes those who attended the AGM.

The Treasurer's Report.

M. Fitzpatrick OFM gave his report as CBAA Treasurer. It and appended items were accepted.

WCFBA: T. Goodall suggested that the WCFBA Headquarters in Stuttgart be advised that the appropriate channel of communication is the Bishop in Charge of the Biblical Apostolate on a national level, namely Bishop Bede Heather.

Election of New Members: J. Collins, B. McGrath OSB, C. Monaghan CP, were admitted as new members of the CBAA.

Election of Executive: President 1987-1988 Rod Doyle CFC; Vice-President 1987-1988 Veronica Lawson RSM; Secretary 1987-1988 David Timbs CSsR.

M. Fitzpatrick OFM reported on the staffing problems at Mosgiel in New Zealand. Anyone interested in help out should contact Michael.

Suggestions and decisions about the 1988 Conference.

After some discussion about the relative merits of meeting in Melbourne or Adelaide, and after ACTA had opted for Adelaide as its venue, the AGM decided to break the nexus between the CBAA and ACTA meetings at least for a one year trial. The CBAA will convene at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, on the evening of June 30. The meeting will conclude at midday on Sunday, July 3rd.

General Business:

Seminar on Hermeneutics: A lengthy conversation was held on hermeneutics as a result of the stimulating paper delivered by Mark Coleridge on the role of Imagination in biblical interpretation. The meeting left it to the Executive to investigate the possibility of inviting one or other periti to guide us in our exploration of Biblical Hermeneutics. Since then we are happy to inform the Members that Professor Stephen Prickett of the Australian National University will spend some time with us on the question of hermeneutics and related issues.

Frank Moloney and Mark Coleridge advised the Conference on the background to PACIFICA AUSTRALIAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. The AGM authorized the Executive to grant a loan of not more than \$500.00 to PACIFICA. The Executive requested the Treasurer to forward a cheque for \$250.00.

Veronica Lawson reported on the poor state of the Seminary library in Suva and asked if some aid could be given by the CBAA and or individual members.

There was a request that some conference time be given over to exchanging information and experience of computer programmes useful in our discipline.

The AGM authorized the President to send a letter of Greetings and Congratulations to the Catholic Biblical Association of America which celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1987. This letter was hand delivered to Prof. Pheme Perkins in Chicago by David Timbs. The letter was publicly acknowledged at the AGM.

There was a call for more thesis research reports and shorter communications. It was also stressed that major addresses need at least 30 minutes discussion time.

There being no further business, the AGM was closed by the new President Rod Doyle CFC with a prayer.

David Timbs CSsR
Secretary CBAA.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd July 1988

Corpus Christi College, Clayton, Victoria

PRESENT: Rom Barry CM, Brendan Byrne SJ, Sheila Byrne RSM, Tony Campbell SJ, Rod Doyle CFC, Michael Fitzpatrick OFM, Terence Goodall, John Hill CSsR, Bernard McGrath OSB, Frank Moloney SDB, Chris Monaghan CP, Campion Murray OFM, Moira O'Sullivan RSC, Mary Raeburn NDS, Barbara Stead RSM, David Timbs CSsR, Elaine Wainwright RSM.

APOLOGIES: Brian Boyle MSC, Tony Corcoran SM, Jerome Crowe CP, Bill Dalton SJ, Mark Dynes CFC, Majella Franzmann PBVM, Charles Hill, Wim Hoekstra, John Ikataere MCS, Peter Jeffery, Bernard Kennedy, Veronica Lawson RSM, Mark O'Brien OP, Francis Phat, John Scullion SJ, Joe Sobb SJ, Trevor Trotter, Laurie Woods.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 1987 Meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

MATTERS

ARISING: The Annual General Meeting of 1987 authorized the Executive to grant a loan of not more than \$500 to *Pacifica*. This is still to be arranged, and the Treasurer was asked to forward a cheque for \$500 to the business manager.

NEW MEMBERS: Nominated and accepted as new members are John Hill CSsR, John Ikataere MSC, and Peter Nicholls.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Michael Fitzpatrick delivered the report which was accepted by the Meeting. Acknowledgment was made of the contribution made by the Redemptorist community and others in connection with secretarial expenses incurred.

1989 MEETING
& LOCATION:

The next CBAA Annual Conference is to be held from Thursday evening, 6th to midday Sunday, 9th July, 1989. It will be held in Sydney at a venue to be decided. Moira O'Sullivan is investigating.

OFFICE BEARERS

1988-89:	President:	Veronica Lawson RSM
	Vice-President:	Elaine Wainwright RSM
	Secretary:	Chris Monaghan CP
	Treasurer:	Michael Fitzpatrick OFM

CONTINUING
SEMINARS ON
NARRATIVE:

Satisfaction was expressed by members at the opportunity of being present at both OT and NT seminars. It was decided to continue to hold the seminars separately. Several members have volunteered short presentations for 1989.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

OTHER MATTERS: Broadening Membership of the CBAA

The question of opening membership to non-Catholics was raised. Already, in the course of this year's Conference, one open session was held to which members of the Fellowship of Biblical Studies were invited—the paper, “The Status of Biblical Narrative,” given by Professor Stephen Prickett, Head of the Department of English at the Australian National University, Canberra. Should this partial opening to others remain the limit of our approach, or should a broader involvement be encouraged? The ensuing discussion was warm, with fairly strong views being expressed on both sides. Eventually the following motion was proposed and passed:

That we recommend to the 1989 Annual General Meeting that the process be begun of inviting to membership non-Catholic representation.

At the same time, Campion Murray acceded to a request that he prepare a position paper on the Constitution in relation to this subject, to be presented within the CBAA Annual Conference (and not simply at the Annual General Meeting). In certain areas the Constitution is in need of review and updating; accordingly, a copy is included with these Minutes, so that members may come prepared to the Conference next July.

A Bicentenary Gesture by the CBAA

It was suggested that the Presidential Address, “Australian Biblical Studies—A Catholic Contribution,” be expanded and include a bibliography of books and articles by Catholic biblical scholars. Some of the CBA funds could be used to subsidize this initiative. The suggestion was favourably received and the Executive empowered to negotiate for the printing, with the proviso that the second Interest Bearing Deposit of \$1000 not be used without prior confirmation from Association members. Frank Moloney offered to discuss the project with the Paulists.

Thanks

The retiring President promised, on behalf of members of the Association, to pass on their sincere thanks for the hospitality extended them by Corpus Christi College, Clayton, and especially to those immediately concerned with our accommodation—Fr Peter Kenny, Sr Lesley Dickinson RSM, and seminarian Alan Fox. This has already been done. Michael Fitzpatrick moved a vote of thanks to Rod Doyle and David Timbs for the successful organization of this year's Conference.

B. Rod Doyle

(The outgoing Secretary, David Timbs, left for the United States some days after the Conference.)

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

During the meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia, held in Sydney in July 1988, the following resolution was passed:

That we recommend to the 1989 Annual General Meeting that the process be begun of inviting to membership non-Catholic representation.

I accepted to prepare a position paper on the Constitution of the Association in relation to this subject. Unfortunately I cannot be present at the next meeting but I submit the following comments as a possible basis for discussion.

In August 1989 it will be 25 years since the Constitution and By-laws of the Association were approved at the General Meeting held in Sydney, 11-12 August 1964. Before examining the wording of the Constitution to see if the 1988 resolution is within the letter of the articles, it is worth while indicating how the situation in which the Association now meets is different from the situation in 1964.

i) The aims of the Association:

The aims of the Association are set out in Section 2 of Article II; they are as follows:

- (a) to promote a better mutual acquaintance among Catholic biblical scholars and to facilitate the exchange of methods and ideas
- (b) to expound the teachings of the Church regarding the Bible and to promote deeper understanding among Catholic and non-Catholic scholars
- (c) to help those who are engaged in pastoral work, in schools, or in the lay apostolate.

In 1964 the staffs of seminaries were only beginning to meet together which explains the emphasis in (a). I believe the Association grew out of regional associations in Melbourne and Sydney. Possibly the first time many of the Scripture teachers met one another nationally was at the series of lectures given in Sydney by Fr Alexander Jones in about 1958. In 1964 Catholic biblical scholars did need a better mutual acquaintance; if the words a better were removed from the article the aim would remain valid.

The emphasis in (b) is not immediately evident. The sub section has two parts. The wording of the first part (to expand ... Bible) is clearly looking beyond the members of the Association. It was the time of the vernacular in the liturgy, of exploring the biblical foundations of theology, liturgy, and devotions. Before the Vatican Council the regional groups of biblical teachers had provided courses beyond the seminaries. I surmise that the first part of (b) is concerned with this desire to make the Bible more available to people.

However in the second part of (b) the people to be contacted are specified, namely, Catholic and non-Catholic scholars. Among Catholics the meetings held during the 1960's to which were invited Catholic and non-Catholic biblical scholars and theologians. With the formation of the theological association this contact changed to the forms with which we are now familiar. But from the beginning the Biblical Association did envisage a contact with non-Catholic scholars.

The aim of the third section of (c) is clear and at the time, I feel sure, was seen to be a major work of the Association. One has only to list the number of articles which refer to the Regional groups of the Association to see the importance attached to this section. It was through the Regional groups that the Association organized its activities and teaching programmes. The Regional groups are referred to in:

- Article III, Section, 2
- Article IV, Sections, 4, 5, 6
- Article VII, Sections, 1, 2, 3
- and in BY-LAW II.

Today this work of teaching in the regions is in the hands of other bodies and the references to the Regional groups could perhaps be deleted from the Constitution.

There is another difference between 1964 and 1989 which has to be taken into consideration. Compared to 1964 the group of Catholic biblical scholars now has a significant number of highly qualified members who are noted for their professional publications. This means that the members of the Association today have more diverse expectations of what they can give to and receive from the Association than would have been the case in 1964.

ii) Non-Catholic membership in the Association.

A stated aim of the association is to promote deeper understanding with non-Catholic scholars. Clearly one way of doing this is to invite non-Catholics to join the Association. In fact if a non-Catholic did apply for membership it is difficult to see on what grounds the request could be refused. Article III spells out the two types of members, Active and Associate, for which the qualifications are biblical expertise and sympathy with the aims of the Association respectively. Solely in terms of the wording of the Constitution it does not seem that any objection can be made to non-Catholic membership.

The Constitution approved in 1964 served its purpose well because it dealt with the aims and work of the Association of that time. Since 1964 the aims and work of the Association, have changed and I presume that the response to the resolution from last year's meeting will be determined by how the aims of the Association are seen today and how they are to be implemented.

The aim of Catholic scholars maintaining contact with one another and learning from one another is not immediately affected by admitting non-Catholic members. Also should non-Catholics be members this would of itself seem to promote deeper understanding between Catholic and non-Catholic scholars. But since the Association as an Association does not undertake programmes of teaching the aims of the Association would now seem to be concerned almost entirely with the needs of its members.

The Association is a forum for members to present papers, to engage in workshops, and to learn from one another. The forum has to suit the members of the Association: for example, if the forum was kept exclusively on a level of scholarship beyond the expertise of some members the forum will not be useful for all; on the other hand if the level is too general the forum will not suit all. Perhaps what is needed in the preparation of the General Meetings is to ensure that there is a varied programme which will allow everyone to contribute and to learn.

In conclusion, then, I submit that the Constitution could be altered slightly to suit the aims of the Association in 1989, that non-Catholics can be admitted as members, that their membership in the Association would further the aims of the Association, and that the General Meetings be planned in such a way as to be of help to all its members.

Campion Murray O.F.M.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

16th June 1989
207 Serpells Rd.
Templestowe 3106

Dear

This is just a short note to give you some information regarding the papers which members have generously offered to present to our Annual Conference this year.

- A. Campbell** "From Belief for Belief : Reflections on the Old Testament as a book of Faith"
- B. Dalton** "Recent research on Galatians (with particular attention being paid to Rosemary Reuther's Faith and Fratricide and Hans Hubner's Paul and the Law).
- M. Fitzpatrick** "The Study of the Gospel "Pronouncement Stories" since Bultmann."
- M. Franzmann** "The Gospel of John and the Mandaeans: Is there a link between the footwashing of the Mandaean coronation ritual and Jn 13:1-20?"
- C. Hill** "Breaking the Bread of the word. Principles of Teaching Scripture – a project for curriculum and text."
- P. Nicholls** "Correcting Scandalous Scripture - on the Testament of Job."
- M. O'Brien** "Reflections on the composition of Deutero-Isaiah."
- M. Trainor** "Luke's Prologue Revised (Lk 1:1-4) : The Faith Educational intent of Lk-Acts."
- L. Woods** "The Apostolic Weakness of the Apostle Paul."

We also have the two ongoing seminars to which various members of the association will be contributing shorter communications. As you can see we will be having a full programme with a wide range of material during the conference. It promises to be both instructive and stimulating!

Till we see you at Point Piper
In the Lord

Chris Monaghan C.P.

Papers for the 1989 Conference

- 1) **Wim Hoekstra:** The Biblical Apostolate (20 mins. This could be presented at the Annual Meeting). General
- 2) **Majella Franzmann:** John and the Mandeans: Is there a link between the footwashing of the coronation ritual and Jn 13:1-20? (30 – 40 mins.) Mandaean
- 3) **Michael Trainor:** Luke's prologue revisited (Lk 1:1-4) : The Faith Educational intent of Lk-Acts." Lk-Acts."
- 4) **Campion Murray** in absentia (could be photocopied and distributed at the annual General Meeting.
- 5) **P. Nicholls** "Correcting Scandalous Scripture" on the Testament of Job.
- 6) **A. Campbell** "From belief for belief: Reflections on the Old Testament as a Book of Faith." (45 mins).
- 7) **Michael Fitzpatrick** "The Study of Gospel "Pronouncement Stories" since Bultmann."
- 8) **Bill Dalton** "Recent research on Galatians" (40 mins?)
- 9) **Mark O'Brien** "on Deutero-Isaiah.
- 10) **Charles Hill** "Breaking the Bread of the Word. Principles of Teaching Scripture – a project for curriculum and text."

Participants

Mary Raeburn
Mark O'Brien
Michael Fitzpatrick
Joseph Sobb
Brian Boyle
Moirra O'Sullivan
Wim Hoekstra
Peter Nicholls
Antony Campbell
Sue Boorer (?) 8/17 Walker Ave West Perth
Michael Trainor
Majella Franzmann
Elaine Wainwright
Rom Barry
Bill Dalton
Rod Doyle
Sheila Byrne
Charles Hill
Anthony Kenny
Veronica Lawson
Chris Monaghan

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting

July 8th 1989

AGENDA

1. Apologies: John Barry CM, Brendan Byrne SJ, Sheila Byrne RSM, Mark Dynes CFC, John Hill CSsR, Chris Hope, Peter Jeffrey, Barbara Stead, Robert D rake.
2. Minutes of the 1988 meeting to be confirmed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - i) Report by Campion Murray on the Constitutions of the Association regarding the possibility of broadening our membership.
 - ii) Loan of no more than \$500 to Pacifica.
4. New Members : Sue Boorer, Pamela Foulkes, Michael Fallon.
5. Treasurer's Report : Michael Fitzpatrick OFM.
6. Report on WCFBA : Wim Hoekstra
7. 1990 Meeting : Date and Location
8. Office Bearers:
President 1989-1990 Elaine Wainwright
Vice-President 1989-1990
Treasurer:
9. Continuing Seminars:
10. Other Matters:
11. President's Business:

Closing prayer.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
8th July 1989
Ave Maria Retreat House, PT. Piper, NSW

Present: A. Campbell SJ, A. Corcoran SM, W. Dalton SJ, R. Doyle CFC, M. Fitzpatrick OFM, M. Franzmann PBVM, L. Hannigan SM, C. Hill, W. Hoekstra, A. Kenny V. Lawson RSM, C. Monaghan CP, P. Nicholls, M. O'Brien OP, M. O'Sullivan RSC, M. Raeburn CDS, J. Sobb SJ, M. Trainor, E. Wainwright RSM, L. Woods.

Apologies: R. Barry CM, B. Boyle MSC, B. Byrne SJ, S. Byrne RSM, R%. Drake, M. Dynes CFC, T. Goodall, J. Hill CSsR, C. Hope, P. Jeffrey, A. Mannix CM, F. Moloney SDB, C. Murray OFM, B. Stead RSM, D. Timbs CSsR.

Minutes: The Minutes of the 1988 meeting were accepted as an accurate record with the following changes:

1. Anthony Kenny sent apologies which were not recorded.
2. Charles Hill was present at the 1988 meeting but recorded as absent.
3. The Treasurer noted that he was directed by the Annual General Meeting to make a loan of \$250 to Pacifica.

Matters Arising:

Broadening Membership of the CBAA

Campion Murray had been asked by the 1988 Annual Meeting to prepare a position paper on the Constitutions with regard to the question of broadening membership of the CBAA. In Campion's absence Chris Monaghan circulated Campion's paper which concluded that there was no constitutional difficulty with broadening the association's membership.

After some discussion it was proposed by M. Trainor that a sub-committee be established to begin the process of rewriting the Constitutions.

This proposal was accepted by the meeting and R. Doyle, W. Hoekstra, V. Lawson and C. Monaghan were commissioned to prepare a rough draft to be circulated to the members prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Loan to Pacifica

The Treasurer reported that the \$250 loan to Pacifica which had been authorized by the 1988 General Meeting had been paid.

Bicentenary Gesture by the CBAA

Rod Doyle reported to the meeting that the bibliography of books and articles by Catholic biblical scholars had been compiled. The Paulists had been approached regarding the feasibility of printing the 1988 Presidential Address and bibliography but had advised that it would not be financially viable. ACR have been approached and will print the bibliography entitled "Biblical Studies in Australia – A Catholic Contribution". The meeting expressed thanks to Rod for the considerable amount of work he has put in compiling the bibliography.

New Members: Nominated and accepted as new members are Sue Boorer, Michael Fallon MSC, Pamela Foulkes and Bernadette Kiley OP.

Charles Hill made the suggestion that prospective new members should apply in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting thereby providing members with the information needed to make informed decisions (this would also make sure that people are not nominated for membership without their knowledge).

Treasurer's

Report: Michael Fitzpatrick delivered the report which was accepted by the meeting. The meeting decided that for 1989-90 the renewal of subscriptions would be \$15 and that renewal reminders be sent to members of the Association.

Report on WCFBA: Wim Hoekstra reported to the meeting that he is the contact person for Oceania for the WCFBA (World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate). As Regional Co-ordinator Wim requested the assistance of members of the Association in providing information to the WCFBA regarding the biblical apostolate in Australia.

1990 Meeting

and Location: The next CBAA Annual Conference is to be held in Melbourne from Thursday evening 28th June to midday Sunday 1st July 1990 at a venue yet to be decided.

Office Bearers:

<i>President:</i>	Elaine Wainwright RSM
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Laurie Woods
<i>Secretary:</i>	Chris Monaghan CP
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Joseph Sobb SJ

The meeting extended its thanks to Michael Fitzpatrick OFM for his generosity and efficiency as Treasurer of the Association for the last 10 years.

Continuing

Seminars: The meeting decided that it would be worthwhile to set aside two working sessions during next year's conference for the continuing seminars. The focus of the seminars will be the status of scandalous texts as the word of God. Elaine Wainwright was asked to continue to co-ordinate the seminars. After discussion Elaine Wainwright, Joseph Sobb and Mark O'Brien were requested to select two texts which members would be asked to prepare for next year's conference. The texts selected were **Gen 34** *The Rape of Dinah* and **Act 5:1-6** *Ananias and Sapphira*.

Articles

for ABR: Mark O'Brien advised the meeting that the Australian Biblical Review has a continuing need for articles and encouraged members to contribute reviews and articles.

List of Members: Laurie Woods suggested that it would be helpful for a list of members of the Association and their addresses to be circulated to the members.

Current Research: Laurie Woods suggested that it would be worthwhile to have a list compiled of current research being undertaken by members.

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION

Dear CBAA Member,

This is just a reminder that if you haven't already paid your annual subscription to the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia it is now due. At the Annual General Meeting it was decided that 1989-90 the cost of membership is \$15.

Please forward your payment to:

Fr. J. Sobb SJ
Treasurer CBAA
St Mary's
264 Miller St.
North Sydney NSW 2060

With thanks

Chris Monaghan CP
Secretary CBAA

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CURRENT RESEARCH

In the light of the suggestion which arose out of our Annual General Meeting could you please provide the Association with information regarding the fields you are currently researching or teaching. When this information is compiled a list will be sent to our members.

Name:

What fields are you currently researching/teaching?

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Please forward this information (and any other information you may feel is helpful) to:

Chris Monaghan C.P.
Secretary CBAA
207 Serpells Rd.
Templestowe 3106

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA
1990
Corpus Christi College, Clayton, July 1st**

Present: Sue Boorer, Brendan Byrne, Tony Corcoran, Jerome Crowe, Bill Dalton, Rod Doyle, Pamela Foulkes, Terence Goodall, Charles Hill, Bernadette Kiley, Chris Monaghan, Champion Murray, Peter Nicholls, Mark O'Brien, Mary Reaburn, Joe Sobb, Barbara Stead, Michael Trainer, Elaine Wainwright, Laurie Woods.

Apologies: Brian Boyle, Sheila Byrne, Antony Campbell, Anthony Dean, Majella Franzmann, Wim Hoekstra, Frank Moloney, Angelo O'Hagan, Frances Phat, Moira O'Sullivan, John Scullion

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the 1989 meeting were accepted as an accurate account. **1992 SBL**

Meeting:

The meeting was given information about the 1992 International SBL meeting, which will be held in Australia. The meeting decided:

- For 1992 the CBAA will use the 1992 International SBL meeting as the annual conference. During that time the CBAA will hold its own General Annual Meeting.
- To circularize members as to the names of people the Association would like to invite that would be assisted by funds the SBL would make available.
- To circularize members as to the names of international scholars whom the association would like to present papers (these scholars would then be invited by the SBL Central organizing committee),
- Contact persons: * Mark O'Brien
Joe Sobb Michael Trainer

Review of CBAA Constitutions:

After some discussion the meeting decided that it was necessary that a subcommittee be established to review the Constitutions and present members with a draft copy prior to the 1991 CBAA conference. The meeting deputed Brendan Byrne, Chris Monaghan and Champion Murray to undertake this review,

New Members:

The meeting approved the following as new members of the Association:

Ernie Espina, Dorothy Lee-Pollard, Kim Power Howard Wallace

Office Bearers for 1991:

President: Laurie Woods

Vice President: Michael Trainor Secretary:

Chris Monaghan Treasurer: Joe Sobb

1991 Annual General Meeting:

The meeting decided that the 1991 Conference will be held in Sydney July 5th - 8th

Financial:

- Treasurer's Report: The treasurer presented the meeting with a report of the financial situation of the Association, which was approved, by the meeting.
- There was discussion concerning what the Association should do regarding members who have not attended CBAA meetings or paid the annual subscription for five years. The meeting decided that reminders about annual subscriptions be sent out with the minutes of the AGM The meeting also decided that those members who have not attended the conference for five years or not paid their subscription in that time be requested to clarify whether they wish to continue as members of the Association.

For: 18 Against: 2

- The meeting decided that one of the Interest bearing deposits be made available so that the Bibliography of CBAA member's work compiled by Rod Doyle might be published, thereby bringing to fruition the resolution made by the 1988 AGM.

General Business:

Raymond Brown:

Charles Hill advised the meeting that Raymond Brown will be visiting Australia in March 1992. He is prepared to offer a number of public lectures on his forthcoming book The Death of the Messiah, as well as other topics such as The Infancy Narratives, John's Gospel etc. Those interested are invited to contact Charles Hill for further information.

ABR

Mark O'Brien informed the meeting that the Australian Biblical Review is open to receive articles and would encourage members to consider this possibility.

Distance Education:

Elaine Wainwright asked the meeting for information concerning Distance education courses in scripture.

Catechism for the Universal Church:

The meeting expressed its thanks to Brendan Byrne and Elaine Wainwright for undertaking to read and respond to the draft of the proposed Catechism for the Universal Church.

The meeting requested that Brendan Byrne formulate a letter to express the Association's concern regarding the use of scripture in the draft of the proposed Catechism, as well as lack of consultation of biblical specialists in the process leading to its formulation.

Instruction on The Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian

The meeting requested that the executives of the CBAA and ACTA meet to consider appropriate means to respond to the " Instruction on the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian " which has been recently issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The meeting concluded expressing its thanks to Elaine Wainwright for chairing the meeting and for her work as President during 1989 -90,

1992 International SBL Meeting

A) The SBL makes available some funds for those who require financial assistance in order to attend the International SBL Meeting. In order to make these funds available the SBL organizing committee has requested CBAA members to indicate those in the Pacific region who should be invited and would benefit from such assistance

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B) Names of international scholars that CBAA members would like the SBL organizing committee to invite on our behalf to present papers at the 1992 International SBL meeting,

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Please forward this information to
Rev. Mark O'Brien, OP
St Dominic's Priory
816 Riversdale Rd.
Camberwell. 3124

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the CBAA
1991
St Paul's Kensington. July 7th**

Present: Laurie Woods, Veronica Lawson, Sue Boorer, John McSweeney. Brian Boyle. Rom Barry, Michael Trainor, Antony Campbell, Charles Hill, Moira O'Sullivan, Michelle Gonnolly, Mark O'Brien. Robert Drake. Majella Franzmann, Brendan Byrne. Chris Monaghan

Apologies: Francis Phat; Elaine Wainwright, Sheila Byrne, Barbara Stead, Terence Goodall, Campion Murray. Angelo O'Hagan. Jerome Crowe. Kim Power, Bernadette Kiley; ,Mary Reaburn. Pamela Foulkes.: Joseph Sobb, Dorothy Lee-Pollard, Howard Wallace. John W Wilkinson. Wim Hoekstra. Frank Moloney.

The meeting commenced with a time for quiet reflection.

Acceptance of the Minutes: The minutes of the 1990 Annual General Meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

- 1) The meeting was informed that the letter which Brendan Byrne had been asked to formulate to express the Association's concern regarding the use of scripture in the draft of the proposed universal Catechism had been drafted and sent to the Bishop delegates.
- 2) The meeting noted that the request for a combined response from ACTA and the CBAA to the 'Instruction on the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian' had been undertaken. A copy of the response and the Bede Heather's written reply has been circulated to members of the Association. Since that time the Bishops have set up a forum to discuss these issues. The committee will meet on Dec 4th in Sydney. The Association was requested to provide five representatives for this forum. After discussion Charles Hill, Sue Boorer, Lawrie Woods and Brendan Byrne agreed to take part. The executive undertook to contact Elaine Wainwright and Frank Moloney to see whether they would also be participants on behalf of the Association.
- 3) Review of the CBAA Constitutions. The 1990 AGM commissioned Campion Murray, Brendan Byrne and Chris Monaghan to present the next AGM with a revised draft of the Constitutions. The draft had been circulated to all members of the Association prior to the conference asking for comment. The meeting approved the draft document subject to some modifications. A copy of the new Constitution will be circulated to all members.

Michael Trainor moved a vote of thanks to the members of the Committee.

General Business:

- 1) **SBL meeting 1992:** Mark O'Brien provided the meeting with an update of developments as preparations are being made for the 1992 meeting. Members were reminded that submissions for papers must be made prior to Sept 15th. The meeting was asked to follow

up on the SBL request for the names of those whom the CAA would suggested be given financial help in order to be present at meeting This matter will be pursued by the executive in consultation with Bob Drake and Veronica Lawson

A vote of thanks was extended to Mark O'Brien for representing the Association as preparations are made for the SBL meeting.

2) New Lectionary:

Michael Trainor raised the question of the Association's involvement in the formation of new lectionaries. After discussion it was decided that in consultation with Mark Coleridge a letter be sent to the President of the Australian Bishops conference to the effect that:

- i) the Association considers that it should be consulted in the formation of new lectionaries (national or international)
- ii) that the Association recommends that the NRSV be adopted since it is an accurate translation, makes use of inclusive language, and is ecumenical
- iii) the Association favours a continuous reading of New Testament works with a selection of Old Testament texts
- iv) the possibilities of a national lectionary be investigated

3) Joint seminar with ACTA on Hermeneutics in 1993:

After discussion the meeting agreed that there should be a joint session on the question of hermeneutics which will extend for 90 minutes consisting of two short papers (10 -15 minutes) followed by discussion which would be facilitated. The following day ACTA agreed to this proposal.

4) Continuing seminars:

The meeting was very much in favour of the seminars continuing. It was decided that the texts for these seminars will be brought to the 1992 AGM. Sue Boorer and Veronica Lawson agreed to determine the respective Old and New Testament texts. It was suggested that the Association consider the possibility of generating papers arising from these seminars, which could be published as a collection

5) Financial report:

Unfortunately the treasurer was not able to attend the meeting due to his mother being seriously ill. The executive was reminded of the need to make sure that reimbursement would be made to those who had traveled from Perth, Adelaide and Port Moresby to attend the meeting.

b) New Members:

The meeting approved the following as Active members of the Association.

Anne Elvey, Alan Moss, John McSweeney, Michelle Connolly, James McLaren.

7) Honorary Membership for Bill Dalton SJ:

The meeting agreed to confer Honorary Membership upon Bill Dalton S.J. A scroll will be prepared and presented to Bill this year as he prepares for his 75th birthday in November.

8) Recognition of the life and contribution of John Scullion SJ: As a sign of the Association's thanks for the life and ministry of John the members will receive a copy of A. Campbell's reflection which has been prepared for UFT. This to be circulated with the minutes of the 1991 AGM.

9) Observers:

The question of observers was raised and it was agreed that it would be further discussed at the 1992 AGM,

10) Raymond Brown's 1992 visit to Australia:

The details of Raymond Brown's forthcoming visit was distributed to members present at the meeting.

11) Little Rock Bible programmes:

Michael Trainor requested information from members concerning the Little Rock Bible programmes.

12) Articles for ABR:

Mark O'Brien notified the meeting that the ABR encourages members to contribute to the review by writing articles.

Elections:

President. Michael Trainor
Vice President: Sue Boorer
Secretary: Moira O'Sullivan
Treasurer: Joseph Sobb

A vote of thanks was moved to Laurie Woods as President and Chris Monaghan for his time as Secretary

JOHN SCULLION, SJ
(26/2/1925—24/11/1990)

In memoriam

John Scullion was born in North Melbourne on the 26th February, 1925, "in the shadow of the North Melbourne gasometer" as he used to say—always with a touch of pride. He was not quite seventeen when he joined the Jesuits on February 2nd, 1942, spending five years in the mundane routines of Jesuit novitiate and the application necessary for following philosophical studies taught almost entirely in Latin. A contemporary remembers him as "a neat batsman and a nippy footballer".

Four dates can be pulled out as significant stepping-stones marking the next four decades of John's life. They are: 1947, 1957, 1967, and 1977.

In 1947, he began the study of classics at the University of Melbourne. He thrived on it, taking his Bachelor's and Master's degrees with first class honours. After ten years of continuous study, he had a two-year break teaching at St. Ignatius College, Riverview. It says something for John's thoroughness that, Victorian though he was, he swotted up the rules of rugby and earned his rugby referee's badge—no mean achievement, as anyone who has done it will testify.

1957 saw his ordination to the priesthood, after four years of theology in the idyllic surroundings of Canisius College, Pymble. His mentor in Old and New Testament was Fr. Bill Dalton, freshly returned with his licentiate from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His own theology completed, John spent three years studying for his licentiate at the Biblicum and a fourth tertianship year at Münster.

John then came back to Pymble to teach Scripture, while Bill Dalton returned to Rome for his doctoral studies. John used to say wryly, and only half-humorously, that he belonged to the last generation of students to be harried by their professors and to the first generation of professors to be harried by their students. He also belonged to the last generation of Jesuit faculty in Australia expected to be competent in both Old and New Testament. "In those days, there were giants in the land" (Gen 6:4).

In 1967, John was back at Pymble, with his own doctorate, equipped for the teaching of Old Testament. He had gone to Paris for his doctoral studies, working at the Institut Catholique under the direction of Msgr. Henri Cazelles, doyen of French exegetes at the time. His doctoral work focussed on Isaiah, with liberal application of studies in Ugaritic, hence a number of articles in Ugarit Forschung.

Within a couple of years, John was part of the move from Canisius College in Pymble to Jesuit Theological College in Parkville. He was one of the leading figures in the moves which brought the Jesuit theological students, and later philosophers too, into the ambit of the United Faculty of Theology. A perusal of the academic minutes and papers from that period shows just how much effort and energy John put into the pursuit of Christian unity within our local church. He was not only teaching Old Testament at UFT as well as at JTC, but he negotiated with Dr. Davis

McCaughey the establishment of the Fymble theological library at Ormond College, laying the foundations for the collaboration which has now given us the Joint Theological Library. No one familiar with that library will be unaware of the immense energy John poured into the support of the library, attending to its finances, seeking out new acquisitions, devouring new titles as they arrived.

In 1977, he became the first Roman Catholic President of the UFT. In the same year, he moved to Newman College, as scholar in residence, and made a home there in surroundings he found congenial until the end of his life.

These are the bare bones of a rich and varied life. In themselves, they tell us little of the John Scullion who was loved, admired, and revered. His work as teacher and scholar are marked by two particular qualities: clarity and tenacity. He set great store by turning complex Teutonic learning into clear and simple English prose. His lecturing style was greatly appreciated for its clarity and directness. When John had finished with a topic, students knew exactly what they were expected to know. At the same time, he was thorough and tenacious in the pursuit of academic excellence.

His early writings were significant for the ecumenism of the nascent UFT. Both his The Theology of Inspiration (Theology Today 10; Cork: Mercier, 1970) and his collaboration, along with John Cowburn, Bill Daniel, and Harry Wardlaw, in the volume on Original Sin, were reflections of his teaching activity in the early years of the ecumenical faculty.

When the need for work of this kind lessened, John turned his linguistic skills to the task of translating major studies that were unavailable to English-language students. First and foremost among these was the massive task of rendering three volumes and over 1,800 pages of Claus Westermann's scholarly German into lucid and intelligible English. Westermann's classic work on Genesis will be read by far more students in John Scullion's English than will ever read its German original.

A renewed fire for his own work came with a warmly received commentary on Isaiah 40-66 (OT Message 12; Wilmington: Glazier, 1982; 2nd printing, 1990). Then, with his translation of the Westermann Genesis commentary completed, John turned his hand to producing his own. It is a mark of the tenacity and drive of John Scullion, battling an illness he knew to be terminal, that in the last years he pursued a number of major projects and brought seven of them to fruition during his final sabbatical year in 1989. They are worth listing briefly.

- i. There is his translation of Rolf Rendtorff's 1977 monograph, possibly his most significant, The Problem of the Process of Transmission in the Pentateuch (JSOTSup 89; Sheffield: JSOT, 1990) which John received in mid-November just a couple of days before the onset of his final illness.
- ii. There is also the 2nd revised printing of his own Isaiah 40-66, with Michael Glazier, 1990.
- iii. Most important of all, there is his own extensive Genesis commentary, to come out at the end of this year with Michael Glazier Books, now an imprint of The Liturgical Press, Collegeville.

The contribution of Fr William Dalton SJ to Biblical Scholarship.

Bill Dalton was born on the family farm near Benalla Vic. on November 8 1916. He received secondary education at Xavier College Kew, and entered the Society of Jesus in March 1934. In the course of his Jesuit studies, he taught for four years at St Louis School, Perth and graduated MA in Classical Philology from Melbourne University. After ordination in January 1949, he studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, taking out his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture. After a period of teaching at Canisius College, Pymble N.S.W. and Corpus Christi College, Glen Waverley Vic. he returned to Rome for doctoral studies. His thesis, a study of Christ's redemptive work as presented I Peter 3:18 - 4:6 won the highest academic grade and was published in Analecta Biblica in 1965. With this work Fr Dalton established himself as the leading Catholic expert on I Peter, a status which he has retained over a long period, contributing the commentaries in this area in such prestigious works as the New Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture and the New Jerome Biblical Commentary.

In the 60's and 70's Fr Dalton had a far-reaching impact on the Australian Church as he promoted the rediscovered sense of Scripture that came to fruition in the Catholic Church at Vatican II. His sound scholarship and effective teaching, the clarity and grace of his written style, his gift of encouraging and enthusing others particularly the young, the lived biblical spirituality radiating from his personality, his sense of Christianity as a religion of hope and joy rather than fear: all this made an unforgettable impression upon a whole generation of seminarians, religious and lay-people, who attended lectures, workshops and retreats conducted by him throughout Australia. This has also been a feature of his work in the United States, where at several periods during his scholarly career, he has been a visiting professor in colleges and seminaries.

From the start Bill Dalton's teaching was warmly ecumenical in tone. His wide personal friendships with scholars and leaders of other churches played an essential role in the successful transfer, under his leadership, of Jesuit Theological College to Parkville, Melbourne where it became part of the unique ecumenical venture that is the United Faculty of Theology.

Upon completion of his rectorship at Jesuit Theological College, Fr Dalton, became a professor and superior of the community at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, followed by a similar role at the Institute in Jerusalem. During these years he developed close relationships with Jewish scholars and a keen desire to promote a sound understanding of Judaism amongst Christians has been a hallmark of his more recent teaching and writing.

The years immediately preceding his retirement have been spent in teaching at Catholic Theological College, Clayton.

Fr Bill Dalton belongs to that great generation of native-born scholars who, often at some cost, pioneered in the early post-Second World War years the fresh and liberating understanding of the faith that was to culminate at Vatican II. Unlike some pioneers, he has never been overtaken by those he led early on. His spirit of hope and his gift for encouragement have remained constant throughout the years, as has also his ability to challenge and inspire new generations. Greatly gifted by God, Bill Dalton has liberally placed his gifts at the service of others that service that has been abundantly fruitful and that service we now honour.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA

1992 July 15th 2-3.30 pm

University of Melbourne, Parkville

Opening Prayer:

The first act of the Annual General Meeting was the presentation by the President Rev Michael Trainor, of a scroll honouring Rev William Dalton for his contribution to the biblical scholarship and for his role as a foundation member of the CBAA. The text of the President's address is enclosed. The Minutes of the 1991 AGM were accepted.

Present: T. Angert-Quilter, Rev Rom Barry, Dr Sue Boorer, Rev B. Boyle
Rev B. Byrne, Sr Sheila Byrne, Rev Mark Coleridge, Mary Coloe (guest), Sr Michele Connolly, Rev A Corcoran, Rev W Dalton, Rev A. Dean, Gregory Dawes (guest), Br R Doyle, Pamela Foulkes, Dr Charles Hill, Rev John Hill, Rev W Hoekstra, Sr Verna Holyhead (guest), Sr Bernadette Kiley, Sr Veronica Lawson, Dr J McClaren, Rev J McSweeney, Rev F Moloney, Br Alan Moss, Rev Campion Murray, Rev Mark O'Brien, Sr Moira O'Sullivan, Rev J Sobb, Sr Barbara Stead, Rev Michael Trainor, Dr Elaine Wainwright, Rev D Wynn-Williams, Rev J. Wilkinson.

Apologies: Rev P Connelly, Rev M Fallon, Dr A. Kenny, Rev Angelo O'Hagan. I. Sanders.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- (1) Bishops' Conference 4 December 1991. Dr Sue Boorer reported on her presentation regarding the development of the biblical canon. This was part of the 4 December 1991 bishops' conference pastoral discussion, 'The Role of the Theologian in the Mission of the Church'. A letter of appreciation from Bishop Heather was read. Discussion then followed on the value of interdisciplinary discussion on topics such as revelation, inspiration, tradition and the magisterium. This was followed by a proposal for the foundation of an Academy of Religion as one way of providing for collaboration between bible and theology.

Action Taken : In view of the invitation to further collaboration in Bishop Heather's letter, and concern felt that the CBAA should be proactive in countering attacks on scholars, a sub-committee was formed (Joe Sobb, Michael Trainor and Campion Murray). This committee will work to establish with the bishops some strategy to be followed.

- (2) Concern re the lectionary. A reply was read from Fr Ellich on possible translation for use in the liturgy. The feeling of the meeting was that anxieties about the selection of texts and the use of the most satisfactory translation had not been addressed. A special concern was that biblicists, not just liturgists, decide on the lectionary, with input from other worshippers. Present difficulties with selections were noted.

Action Taken: Elaine Wainwright offered to talk to Fr Ellich and continue discussions

with Mark Coleridge,

Proposals: That more time be allowed at CBAA meetings for discussion of matters contained in reports; that abstracts of reports be distributed with the Agenda before meetings; that the question of forming an Academy of Religion be discussed next year.

1993 CBAA Conference

1) The proposed 90 minute joint Session on hermeneutics with ACTA was reaffirmed, though the time allowed appeared too brief. One proposal was to allow another time slot at the CBAA Conference for discussion of what arose from the combined session. Volunteers for CBAA's contribution: Mark Coleridge and Sue Boorer.

Suggestions: That the historical segment of each paper (on the total paper) be distributed beforehand to allow more time for discussion of central issues.

2) Continuing Seminars. The first suggestions made for topics were Mt 2 and the midwives in Ex I and 2 as continuing texts of terror to be treated from a feminist perspective. They were not decided on, so Rom Barry accepted responsibility for co-ordinating a seminar in OT and Tony Corcoran in NT.

3) Other topics proposed. Members should be free to offer to work on any area of interest. Reader-response and post-modernist methods should be included. John Hill offered a presentation in Jer 25. Some members wanted the opportunity to attend both OT and NT sessions. Could there be more discussion on the freedom of the biblical theologian? on the relationship of the biblical theologian and the magisterium? on the lectionary? Could one session be set aside for such practical issues? Could Bishop Heather be invited?

Next Meeting Proposed date:

If agreeable to ACTA 4-7 July 1993 was proposed for the conference at St Paul's Kensington (following 2nd-4th July seminaries conference at Manly).

New member

Ian Sanders was accepted for membership.

Nomination of members

The following were proposed for admission to membership at the 1993 AGM:

Bill Loader, Sr Alice Sinnott RSM, Sr Verna Holyhead SGS, Dr Harold Pidwell (Dean MCD) Mary Coloe, Dr Ruariogh (Rory) Boid, Mrs Marie Turner (St Francis Xavier Seminary Adelaide).

Treasurer's Report:

Fr Joe Sobb presented the financial state of the CBAA (report attached). Decisions Taken: (1) Investment of cash to be according to sound advice. (2) Non-financial members to be dropped from the mailing list after a reasonable period of non-involvement.

Other matters of interest.

The financial state of *Pacifica* and publications in general was discussed.

Frank Moloney was congratulated for the OA awarded to him for his services to religion.

Office-bearers 1992-1993:

Rod Doyle (nominated Mark O'Brien and seconded by Veronica Lawson) was unanimously elected vice-president.

The new executive becomes:

President: Dr Sue Boorer; Vice-president: Br Rod Doyle; Treasurer Rev Joe Sobb; Secretary: Sr Moira O'Sullivan.

The outgoing president, Rev Michael Trainor, thanked his executive and Dr Sue Boorer thanked Michael for his presidency.

1993 Programme

Sunday 4 July

7.30 pm Welcome - President's Address

Sue Boorer: "Hope and the Book of Job."

Monday 5 July

9.00 am Rod Doyle: The labourers in the Vineyard - the place of the Parable in Matthew.

Morning Tea

10.30 am Alan Moss: A wholistic methodology for reading Proverbs 22 -24

11.45 am Continuing OT seminar: Women in Exodus 1-2 (Rom Barry)

Lunch

2.15 pm Justin Taylor: Why did Paul persecute the Church?

Afternoon tea

4.00 pm Bill Jobling; The NT and the Nabataeans

5.15 pm Rom Barry: The settlement in Canaan

6.30 pm Dinner

7.30 pm Mark Coleridge: Strangely to Jerusalem - The epistemology of Luke 9:51 -19:44

Tuesday 6 July

9.00 am Joint Session with ACTA: Hermeneutics

Morning Tea

11.30 am Continuing NT Seminar: Matthew 1-2 (Tony Corcoran)

Lunch

2.30 pm Pam Foulkes: Sophia and paideia - the understanding of wisdom in Ben Sira

Afternoon tea

4.00 pm Charles Hill: Job 28 - an 'erratic intrusion'?

5.00 pm Joint Conference Eucharist - Cardinal Clancy presiding

Pre-prandials: Dinner

8.00 pm AGM

Wednesday 7 July

9.30 am John Hill: The fictive world of Jeremiah 25

Morning tea

11.00 am Frank Moloney: The function of prolepsis in the interpretation of John 6

Lunch

Departure

Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA 1993

St Paul's Kensington, July 4-7th.

Present:

Rev. Therese Angert-Quilter, Rev. Rom Barry, Dr Sue Boorer, Rev. Tony Campbell, Rev. Mark Coleridge, Sr Michele Connolly, Rev. Tony Corcoran, Br Rod Doyle, Miss Pamela Foulkes, Dr Charles Hill, Rev. John Hill, Sr Bernadette Kiley, Rev. Dr Dorothy Lee, Rev. John McSweeney, Rev. Frank Moloney, Br Alan Moss, Rev. Angelo O'Hagan, Sr Moira O'Sullivan, Sr Mary Reaburn, Mr Ian Sanders, Rev. Joseph Sobb, Rev. Michael Trainor, Rev. Dr Howard Wallace, Rev. Damian Wynn-Williams.

Guests:

Rev. Bill Jobling (University of Sydney), Sr Antoinette Collins, Rev. Justin Taylor (Ecole Biblique), Mrs Marie Turner.

Apologies:

Sr Sheila Byrne, Rev. Jerome Crowe, Rev. Bob Drake, Sr Mary Coloe, Ms Anne Elvey, Dr Majella Franzmann, Rev. Terence Goodall, Mr Anthony Kenny, Rev. Campion Murray, Dr J. McLaren, Rev. Peter Nicholls, Rev. Mark O'Brien, Mrs Kim Power, Dr Elaine Wainwright.
Rev. Rom Barry, Sr Michele Connolly and Rev. Dr Howard Wallace were unable to attend the annual general meeting.

Opening Prayer: Led by Joe Sobb.

Minutes of 1992 Meeting.

A correction to be made to the spelling of Fr Elich's name page 2.
F. Moloney moved and M. Trainor seconded their acceptance. Agreed.

Business arising from the minutes

Work is continuing in the sub-committee considering how to deal with attacks on biblical scholars; resumption of negotiations with Fr Elich on a new lectionary was advocated.

Correspondence

The executive decided not to pay an extra \$500 requested by the International Society for Biblical Literature and not to accept an invitation to publicise the Catholic Biblical Association.
Four representatives were chosen by the AGM in response to Bishop Heather's invitation for one-two members to attend a meeting of the bishops' committee on doctrine and morals on 13th July: Michele Connolly, Tony Corcoran, Pamela Foulkes and Charles Hill.

Treasurer's report - separate

In view of the costs of photocopying and postage, an increase was voted in the annual subscription fee to \$20.

Membership

To clarify the regulations concerning membership applications, the following amendment to the constitution was proposed.

Nominations, including a summary of eligibility, are to be sent to the executive in writing four months before the annual general meeting.

Someone at the AGM must speak to the nomination, and it must have a seconder.

Proposed: Rev. John McSweeney. Seconded Mr Ian Sanders:

This amendment was carried unanimously.

New Members: Those who were admitted at this meeting were:

Dr Bill Loader (J. Sobb, Sue Boorer). Sr Alice Sinnott (F. Moloney, I. Sanders), Sr Verna Holyhead (C. Hill, P. Foulkes), Sr Mary Coloe (D. Lee, F. Moloney), Mrs Marie Turner (M. Trainor, I. Sanders), Sr Antoinette Collins (M. O'Sullivan, I. Sanders).

(Nominations have been foreshadowed for Dr John Painter, Dr W. Jobling, Dr Justin Taylor.)

1994 conference

It was proposed that a sub-committee be formed with the President involved and with an 'anchor' person in the city where the conference is to be held. This committee be authorised to plan the program, to liaise with ACTA and decide on the date and place.

Proposed: I. Sanders. Seconded: P. Foulkes. Carried unanimously.

Those selected were: M. Coleridge (convenor), H. Wallace, M. Trainor, R. Doyle (president), D. Lee.

Members of the committee were asked to keep in mind suggestions made during the conference and at the AGM. Some of these were:

- that there be two hour segments for continuing seminars at future programmes;
- that various methods of presentation be programmed (Tony Campbell will circulate a paper on some);
- that there be time for research reports;
- that consideration be given to more sessions with ACTA, even if this means a longer conference;
- that consideration be made to giving some time to ACTA's 1994 theme of evangelisation;
- that the OT and NT run parallel sessions if there are several papers;
- that people not sited in Sydney and Melbourne take part in organising the programmes;
- that the first call for papers go out before the conference application forms and that the latter contain the note that draft programmes can be sent to participants only (postage costs);
- that consideration be given to whether there be, e.g., two days in association with ACTA and two days alone;
- that consideration be given to weekend meetings to help those for whom weekdays are more difficult.

Other matters

There was discussion on whether to answer a paper against ordination of women in which scripture was incorrectly used. The general feeling was that collaboration with the bishops was a more effective way of combatting ignorance and representing CBAA views. Another topic was celebrating Eucharist to reflect what happens at the conference.

Election

The position of vice-president was vacant. Nominated: A.Corcoran (R.Doyle, C.Hill); M. Reaburn (M.Trainor, P.Foulkes). Elected:A.Corcoran.

1993-4 executive:

President:R.Doyle. Vice-president:A.Corcoran.
Treasurer:J.Sobb. Secretary:M.O'Sullivan

In consultation with ACTA the following dates have been booked at Clayton, thanks to CBAA president, Br Rod Doyle.

Evening meal Friday 1 July, all Saturday, Sunday and midday meal Monday 4 July 1994. i

MEMO

TO: The Bishops' Committee for Doctrine and Morals
and Catholic Theological Associations

FROM: Bishop Bede Heather

RE: The Meeting held at St. Paul's Seminary, Kensington on 13 July
1993, 7.30 - 9.15pm.

The Cardinal opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed all present. Bishop Heather was invited to chair the meeting. After explaining the goals of the meeting he invited each Association to contribute in turn. In each case general discussion followed.

The Catholic Biblical Association of Australia

Members of the Association are pleased to be involved in efforts to teach the faith. Many are involved in adult education at many levels.

Biblical scholarship is moving very quickly. Members would like to share it in the community of the Church.

About one half of the members of the Association are women.

Hermeneutics is one of the key areas of scholarship at present (in other theological disciplines too). People can be "oppressed by the biblical text". More effort is needed to allow people to be enlivened by the Scriptures.

Homilies were discussed. Priests need encouragement and help. Many are afraid of setting out into unknown territory. The continuing education of the clergy needs emphasis.

Biblical scholarship (like the pharmacist's knowledge) is a safeguard against mistakes that can be disastrous.

The Moral Theology Association of Australia and New Zealand

1. A protocol of fair play is needed when a theologian is under fire. The fall-out can be more damaging than the original problem. In any protocol the total context needs to be considered.

The ACBC approved a few years ago the beginning of a protocol available in the Church in Australia. This to be made available to Associations.

The conversation on this subject to continue.

2. As above, members are ready to help in adult education in faith.
3. A case from the Plunkett Centre. There is a need for canonists and moral theologians to get together. Catholic identity needs to be safeguarded. "*An organic unity between gospel and culture*". An AD HOC group of consultants is needed to deal with particular issues.
4. Access to Eucharistic communion of persons canonically excluded - "*bishops need to take up with Holy See*".
5. Recent publicity re sexual abuse. There needs to be much better formation for celibacy than was provided in the past. Victims need to be heard; so do alleged perpetrators.
6. The Bishops' Committee, in reply to an earlier observation, had suggested that the Associations themselves set up the requested inter-disciplinary task force on the ministry of women in the Church. It was suggested there was value in the bishops being seen to initiate this process. There are also difficulties.

The Australian Catholic Theological Association

The 1993 meeting was the best ever. A certain theological culture has developed. The topics were Hermeneutics and Contextualized Theology. There was a joint meeting with the Biblical Association. The topic next year will be Evangelisation.

Discussion turned to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

- * People need to be in-serviced. Some sections (Original Sin, Angels) provide normative resources but could be interpreted in a fundamentalist way.
- * Teachers have fears about the Catechism. Their fears need to be tackled by in-service through the Education Offices. It needs to be stressed that this is not a catechism in the usual sense in which that word is used. Some statement for authorities in R.E. is desirable - perhaps that could coincide with launching.

There should be some forum in which theologians can "*fly kites*" with peers without fear of publicity or rebuke from elsewhere - hence importance of fellowships, associations etc.

His Eminence at the conclusion thanked all and anticipated a meeting in 1994.

PROCEDURES TO SAFEGUARD ORTHODOXY WITH IT IS QUESTIONED.

A submission from the Australian Catholic Theological Association had proposed that complaints regarding the orthodoxy of theological writings within Australia should be addressed initially by some structure within Australia. In dealing with this proposal the Committee had been conscious that it is the right of the diocesan bishop to deal with complaints against one of his subjects, and that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has special competence in this area.

MOTION: 1 That Conference constitute a Committee as an advisory body to which a bishop may refer challenges to orthodoxy in his diocese.

CARRIED

MOTION: 2 That the Committee in carrying out this responsibility in the particular case may seek expert and competent help from consultants.

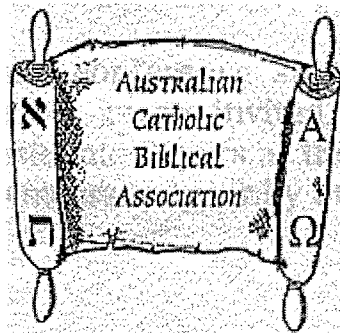
CARRIED,

MOTION: 3 That the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith be advised of this service being offered to bishops in dealing with such challenges.

CARRIED,

It was subsequently specified in correspondence with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that the Bishops' Committee for Doctrine and Morals is the Committee referred to in this Minute.

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER 26 July 1993



NEWS & NOTES
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1995 CONFERENCE

As was decided at this year's conference, we will hold our 1995 conference in conjunction with ACBIA. The venue will be Saint Patrick's College, Manly; the dates: from the evening of Friday, 7 July to after lunch on Monday 10 July.

We also decided at the last conference to address the issue of ministry in the Bible, with special emphasis on that of women. ACBA will be inviting papers on issues relating to the recent Apostolic Letter of the Pope. Perhaps we may be able to collaborate more closely with ACTA throughout the next conference because of our common concerns. I hope the executives of both associations will be able to get together to discuss this.

In the meantime, if you are interested in any aspect of ministry and public service in either Testaments, and related subjects, give consideration to presenting a paper, short or long, at the 1995 conference.

IDEAS

Michael Trainor has written to the executive with some very helpful ideas for next year's conference. If anyone else has ideas to help make our annual get-together as helpful and memorable as possible, please send them in, now!

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charles Hill has nominated Sister Margaret Tomlinson, RSJ, of ACU. Margaret studied the Bible to Masters level in the USA, and has taught Old and New Testament at ACU for many years, and is co-author of an Introduction to the Gospels.

PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to Charles Hill on his new publication, *The Scriptures Jesus Knew* (E J Dwyer) which had its launching recently.

Our vice-president, Pamela Foulkes, has a review in the August issue of Eureka Street on *When Women Were Priests: Women's leadership in the early church and the scandal of their subordination in the rise of Christianity* by Karen Jo Torjesan.

Joe Sobb, taking time enough away from balancing our books, has contributed to the CIS collection of papers, *The New Catechism: Analysis and Commentary*, edited by Andrew Murray.

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER

The news that Bishop Bede had been appointed to be the representative of the Bishops' Committee for Doctrine and Morals in relating to the CBAA has been warmly received by our membership. I wrote to bishop Bede to express our "welcome". I also wrote a letter of explanation accompanying the letter which came out of our conference concerning the Apostolic Letter of John Paul II on reserving priestly ordination to men alone.

Bishop Bede has replied:

The Apostolic Letter of the Pope on reserving priestly ordination to men alone has been the subject of discussion among a number of Church members engaged in theological dialogue and research. I appreciate the attention given to this matter by the Catholic Biblical Association. I am pleased to note, as I would expect, that the Association acknowledges the authority of the Letter.

The press release seems to me to have reflection well this last point above, as well as the legitimate concerns of your members as biblical scholars. I note that ministry in the New Testament, especially that of women, will be the focus of next year's conference, and I hope I shall be able to attend.

Meanwhile, I am grateful for the letter directed to me and to my fellow members on the Committee for Doctrine and Morals. It will be a subject for our consideration when next we meet. I note the limitations within which it is being presented at this time. It will be valuable to the Committee, and I hope, to the Bishops of Australia, when the matter is more fully researched and presented.

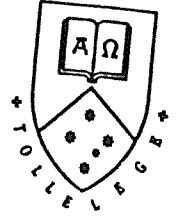
MORE ON THAT LETTER

The press statement arising out of our annual general meeting found its way into a few Catholic papers, including the Catholic Weekly (completely), the Catholic Leader (with the first part missing!) and AD 2000 (complete with my name and address!) I have received a couple of letters criticising us. The Marist Mission Centre has also had a few people withdrawing their contributions because of the "disloyalty" of one of the Marist Fathers.

Tony Corcoran sm President



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The Catholic Biblical Association of Australia met for its Annual Meeting (July 1-4) at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, Victoria. Amongst other matters, the recent Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, "On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone," was discussed. While acknowledging the authority of the Letter, the members of the Association expressed disquiet, as biblical scholars, at the way Scripture is used in this document. It was recommended, therefore, that further studies be undertaken to build on the significant biblical research already available in relation to ministry in the New Testament, especially women's ministry. The 1995 Meeting of this Association intends to take up this matter.

CBAA CONFERENCE, 1994
Timetable

Friday, 1 st July

- 6.30 p.m. Dinner
7.30 Rod Doyle: President's Address, "Peter in Matthew: Praise or Dispraise?"

Saturday, 2nd July

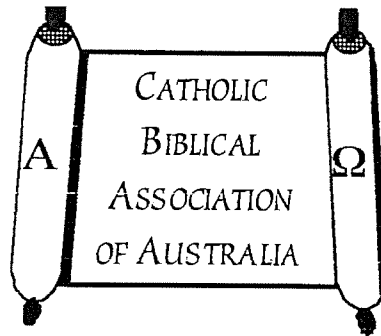
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
9.00 . Combined Session ACTA and CBAA
Frank Moloney: "Theology and the Australian Catholic University"
10.45 Morning Tea
11.15 Combined Session ACTA and CBAA. Brendan Byrne: The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church. Document of Pontifical Biblical Commission, 1993.
1.00 p.m. Lunch.
2.00 Theresa Angert-Quilter: "The Gospel of Matthew: An Inclusive Community."
3.0 Angelo O'Hagan: "The Family of Tobit: Dispersal, Reversal."
4.00 Afternoon Tea.
4.30 Justin Taylor: "The Book of Acts in History."
6.30 Dinner.
7.30 Annual General Meeting.

Sunday, 3rd July

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
9.00 Charles Hill: "The Anomalies of Wisdom's Misogynism."
10.0 Alan Moss, "Israel in the Family Imagery of Genesis 26-50."
11.0 Morning Tea.
11.30 Moira O'Sullivan: "Activity of Jesus in Luke" (short review).
12.00 noon Joint Conference Eucharist.
1.00 Lunch.
2.30 Bernadette Kiley: "Re-casting the 'Little People': Stories of Women in Mark's Gospel."
3.30 Afternoon Tea
4.00 Brendan Byrne, "Horizons of Hospitality in Luke: Patterns Emerging from 7:36-50 and 19:1-10."
6.00 for 6.30 Conference Dinner

Monday, 4th July

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
9.00 Michael Trainor: "Mark's Divorce Text: The Struggle for Inclusion." (short paper).
9.30 Pamela Foulkes: "A Consummation Devoutly to be Wished Abraham's Struggle with Death in the Testament of Abraham."
10.30 Morning Tea
11.00 Elaine Wainwright: "'A Cry Heard in Rama': A Re-reading of Matthew's Infancy Narrative."
12.30 Lunch and End of Conference



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Saturday 2 July 1994
Corpus Christi College, Clayton Victoria**

1. **Opening Prayer:** the president, Br Rod Doyle.
2. **Apologies:** Sr Sheila Byrne, Frs Tony Campbell, Mark Coleridge, Sr Antoinette Collins, Frs Jerome Crowe, Michael Fallon, Michael FitzPatrick, Sr Majella Franzmann, Fr Wim Hoekstra, Sr. Mary Reaburn, Alice Sinnott.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** read and accepted (Fr Michael Trainor & Ian Sanders).
4. **Matters arising:**
 - [i] Report of sub-committee to consider methods of dealing with attacks on biblical scholars presented by Fr Michael Trainor:- members of the sub-committee did not meet, since there is now a process set up by the Bishops' Conference which allows scholars to work in collaboration with the Bishops and theologians to deal with investigations.
 - [ii] the proposed new lectionary: Fr Mark Coleridge was charged with carrying this matter forward. He was then sent to an international meeting on English in the liturgy. Bishop Bede Heather has asked Fr John McSweeney to gather reviews on the NRSV as the text of the new lectionary. As no other changes are envisaged, the lectionary will be like Canada's. Fr Michael Trainor reminded the meeting that last year's AGM believed that Bishops should be advised that there was a need, for various reasons, to alter the 3-year cycle of readings. The president was asked to remind Fr Mark Coleridge of the urgency of this task.
 - [iii] Sub-committee to organise the 1994 CBAA Conference: this did not meet for various reasons. The meeting then reviewed the reasons for establishing the sub-committee, namely to lessen the load on the executive, to involve members outside Sydney and Melbourne in the planning, and to allow for different structures and more creative planning.
 - [iv] The treasurer requested that each member fill in the CBAA information sheet for the database, in view of changes and updating of records needed.
5. **Correspondence.** Most dealt with apologies, requests concerning the timing of Conferences, and suggestions concerning format etc. Fr Jerome Crowe asked for more conjoint meetings with other national bodies such as AASR; Sr Majella Franzmann proposed

dovetailing of CBAA, AASR and ANZATS Conferences; Fr Tony Campbell suggested invited major papers along with research reports in parallel sessions allowing choice to participants.

6. 1995 Conference.

[i] Time and place: Discussion centred on whether to join with ANZATS and AASR, 24-28 September 1995 in Canberra. There was general agreement that CBAA needs to keep its identity, but still be open to wider questions in our culture. To have its own papers before or after ANZATS /AASR would not always be the best policy. Most wanted to continue the association with ACTA. Many recognized the links with ANSATS /AASR as particularly valuable to women scholars and those involved in crossover areas, even granted there are other means of contact apart from common Conferences. Another strong view was that in timing our Conference, we do not compete with other Conferences. Adelaide and Brisbane could again be considered as venues. A possibility would be to have the CBAA Conference in the same city as the ANSATS /AASR if ACTA does the same.

The general drift of the discussion was that for 1995 we meet at the same time as ACTA, but that the executive of CBAA enter into dialogue with other others as well with a view to exploring collaboration.

Motion: The executive of the CBAA enter into discussion with these organisations for 1996 and then circulate CBAA members concerning possibilities in order to make a decision. (Fr Joe Sobb & Sr Elaine Wainwright). Passed.

[ii] Format: ideas included - invited major papers (not generally supported); research reports or projects (widely supported, especially if the papers were brief and helped to update members in various areas of Scripture scholarship); continuing ongoing seminars (widely supported).

It was suggested that seminars could cater for as few as two or three, that is, that two or more seminars could run concurrently; freedom to attend ACTA sessions and vice versa, over and above joint sessions; to have 20-minutes' papers so as to leave more time for questions, discussion, organised response, a forum; to recognize the centenary of the appearance of The Woman's Bible; to have early meetings between the executives of CBAA and ACTA so as to plan to implement common themes agreed upon (eg. evangelisation hermeneutics), to make contact with speakers and obtain resumés of their papers. In the light of the correspondence received and of this discussion, it was generally agreed that the CBAA executive with two or three others form an organizing sub-committee, to take early action with ACTA to plan for the 1995 Conference.

7 New Members: the following were accepted.

Dr Bill Jobling (Sr Antoinette Collins & Sr Moira O'Sullivan)

Fr Justin Taylor, SM (Br Rod Doyle & Fr Rom Barry).

8 Applicants for 1995 AGM: the following were mentioned.

Sr Margaret Beirne, RSC; Dr John Collins; Sr Margaret Tomlinson, RSJ.

9 Treasurer's Report: attached.

As finance are in a healthy condition, Fr Joe Sobb proposed

- [i] a larger refund (35%) instead of the current 20% be offered to members from Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, New Zealand, whose travelling costs are not subsidised, with a suitable "ceiling" for total disbursements;
- [ii] he be authorized to put aside surplus monies from the current account into a fixed-term deposit;
- [iii] the subscription remain at the present rate of \$20.00. Sr Veronica Lawson seconded these proposals which, after a short discussion, were passed.

10 Other business:

[i] the suggestion was made that the positions of secretary and treasurer be combined. This would be tried for a period.

[ii] some members wanted CBAA to make a response to the recent letter of the Pope John Paul II on the ordination of women. Some of the proposals were to express members' disquiet either to each Bishop or to Bishop Bede Heather; to dialogue with the Bishops' Committee in collaboration with ACTA; the executive of CBAA work with ACTA to pursue the biblical aspects of the Pope's letter or to take some action.

There was general agreement that the AGM had received insufficient notice to deal adequately with the matter, and hence time was set aside on Sunday afternoon, 3 July, to pursue the topic further. [Letter drafted to be sent to each Bishop]

11 Elections :

Nominated for Vice-president: Pamela Foulkes (Ann Elvey), and Fr Brendan Byrne (Fr Michael Trainor).

When the latter withdrew, Pamela Foulkes was duly elected.

Nominated for Secretary/Treasurer: Fr Joe Sobb (Sr Veronica Lawson); duly elected.

- 12 Fr Brendan Byrne thanked the outgoing President for his contribution, and especially for taking on the tasks of the planning committee and Secretary as well as his own. To the Secretary, also, were extended thanks (and commiseration in her "fiery" difficulties!) Universal acclamation.

July 3, 1994
Most Rev

Dear Bishop

We, the members of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia, gathered at our annual meeting (July 1-4) at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, Vic., write to you in connection with the recent promulgation of the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, "On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone" (May 22, 1994). While acknowledging the authority of this document, we wish to communicate the disquiet that we as biblical scholars have experienced at the way scripture is used in this document to the end of showing that the Church lacks the authority to admit women to the priesthood.

The central scriptural argument employed (§ 2) appears to flow from the choice of Christ in choosing as apostles twelve men. The document rightly insists upon the solemnity with which the gospels surround this choice on the part of Jesus and also upon the fact that he gave every evidence of being capable of choosing and acting contrary to the culture of his time. However, the argument adduced fails to take cognizance of the symbolic nature of Jesus' choice of the Twelve, in which they were to constitute the foundation of the eschatological Israel, representing the original twelve tribes. It seems clear that in the on-going life of the Church following the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Twelve as such ceased to have great relevance and that, under the guiding influence of the Spirit, the concept of apostleship underwent considerable development. ^r Amongst those whom Paul greets in his letter to the Christians of Rome, is one Junia, who he dubs as "outstanding among the apostles" (Rom 16:7). On linguistic grounds, it is clear that the person named as "outstanding apostle" by Paul is a woman, as St. John Chrysostom, amongst others, was glad to acknowledge. This would suggest that the concept of apostleship was not necessarily confined to men in the early generations of the church.

Careful reading of the New Testament, in fact, suggests that Jesus himself in his earthly life did not establish fixed patterns of ministry to act as a blueprint for the later church. Rather, as the gospel itself indicates (John 16:12-13), church structures evolved in the early post-Easter church under the influence of the guiding Spirit of Jesus and as a discerned response to the needs of the situation. This is in no sense to deny that the institution of such structures occurred, as the Church has taught, (lure divino), since they emerged, through the influence of the Spirit at the formative time of the church. However, it does imply that appeals to the mind or will of the historical Jesus to defend the fixity of certain patterns of ministry lack credibility. In particular, it can be argued that the determination that major church office should rest solely upon male members of the Church reflects more the social conditions and necessities of the time (need to survive in the patriarchal society of late first century C. E. Greco-Roman culture); it need not necessarily be tied up with an unchangeable divine disposition, especially at a time when the social conditions - notably the relations between men and women - are significantly different. In fact, scripture scholars have been able to point to other strands of the New Testament (e.g., Gal 3:28) which seem to attest that in the earliest period a great measure of equality prevailed, an equality which, in the prevailing social conditions, is difficult to explain save as a consequence of a powerful impulse given by Jesus himself. In fact, it can very plausibly be argued that the will of Jesus is that in his community a

complete equality of women and men should prevail. The task - and opportunity - of the Church, in fidelity to the Master, is surely to recapture and express in its structures, that equality in every way possible.

The document argues (§ 3) that the fact that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, received "neither the mission proper to the Apostles nor the ministerial priesthood" shows that the non-admission of women to priestly ordination cannot mean that women are of lesser dignity. With respect, we would respond that this argument is far from convincing. At the time of Jesus' death Mary, his mother, must have been at least in her mid-forties. Granted the social conditions and life-expectancy of the age, comparable to conditions in many countries of the developing world today, it is hardly conceivable that Mary at her age could have looked forward a viable "apostolic career". There were, therefore, other considerations, apart from her womanhood, inhibiting the appointment of Mary to apostolic office. The argument from the non-ordination of Mary is, therefore, a nonsequitur, which we feel ought be abandoned.

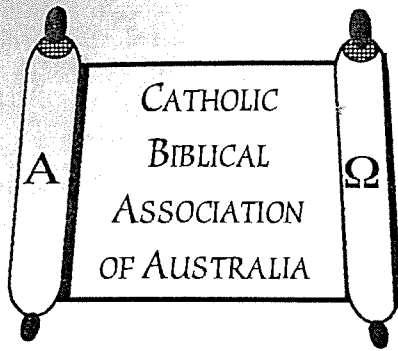
We also recall that the Pontifical Biblical Commission, when asked to respond to the question of women's ordination, after a two-year examination of the question, responded in April 1977, by a vote of 17-0, that the New Testament does not settle the question in a clear way, once for all, and, by a further vote of 12-5, that neither Scripture nor Christ's plan alone excluded the possibility (cf. New Jerome Biblical Commentary Ch 72:38 [pp. 1173-74]). The Commission has not subsequently rescinded the response then made. We are puzzled that the document appears to neglect the advice given by those constituted to advise the Church on weighty matters of scripture.

These and other considerations suggest, to our mind, that, in its scriptural aspects at least, the whole question of the ordination of women and the participation of women in roles suggesting equal, rather than subordinate dignity within the church, is far from concluded. In particular, it would seem that, if the Church is to consider woman debarred from eucharistic leadership, it is incumbent upon church authorities to find some way to enable them to exercise leadership within the community truly reflective of their equal dignity.

Yours, etc.

1994 Membership:

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| 1. Rev Theresa Angert-Quilter | 30. Sr Veronica Lawson, RSM |
| 2. Fr Rom Barry, CM | 31. Prof Dorothy Lee |
| 3. Dr Suzanne Boorer | 32. Professor William Loader, FAHA |
| 4. Fr Brian Boyle, MSC | 33. Anthony Mannix CM |
| 5. Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ | 34. Dr James McLaren |
| 6. Sheila Byrne, RSM | 35. Fr John McSweeney |
| 7. Fr Antony Campbell, SJ | 36. Prof Frank Moloney, SDB, AM |
| 8. Fr. Mark Coleridge | 37. Chris Monaghan CP |
| 9. Dr Antoinette Collins | 38. Br Alan Moss, CFC |
| 10. Dr Mary Coloe, PBVM | 39. Champion Murray OFM |
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| 22. Majella Franzmann | 51. Fr Justin Taylor, SM |
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- from the President

1995 CONFERENCE: MANLY

With this newsletter you will receive a call for papers to be presented at the 1995 Conference which will be held at St Patrick's College, 151 Darley Road, Manly, from the evening of Friday 7 July to the afternoon of Monday 10 July. The focus of the Conference is *Ministry and Public Service in Old and New Testaments*. At the same time and venue, ACTA will be addressing the present state of theological investigation into the ordination of women and the magisterial status of the Pope's apostolic letter. We are seeking to coordinate our programme closely with that of ACTA.

USE OF NRSV FOR LITURGICAL & CATECHETICAL PURPOSES

Probably by now you are all aware of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's rejection of the NRSV for use in the liturgy and catechetics. This has led to the Congregation for Divine Worship indicating that approval cannot be given to lectionaries which use that translation. No reasons have been given for the decision. Cuthbert Johnson, of the English desk of the Worship Congregation, has been reported as saying that it was the debate over the Catechism which saw "doctrinal questions emerge about the NRSV" which changed the climate regarding this translation.

MEETING WITH THE BISHOPS' COMMITTEE

The CBAA executive, Joe Sobb, Pamela Foulkes, and myself, together with representatives of ACTA and the moral theologians, met with the Committee for Doctrine and Morals of the Australian Bishops' Conference at Kensington on Monday 28 November for 2 hours. The committee is made up of Bishop Jim Cuskelly (convenor) who liaises with ACTA, Bishop Geoff Robinson who liaises with the moral theologians, and Bishop Bede Heather who is our liaison. The meeting went well. We raised two matters:

i) The ongoing biblical formation of those involved in preaching, particularly the clergy. We took the opportunity to inform the bishops of what we have discussed at the last two AGM's (at least), that our members are keen to assist the local churches in this regard.

ii) The ban of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the NRSV for use in liturgy and catechetics. We expressed our dismay and pointed out the disturbing implications of the decision, liturgically, ecumenically, and theologically. We learnt from the bishops that the Australian Bishops had sought approval from the Congregation for Divine Worship for a number of versions to be used in the liturgy. The Congregation replied that it approves "lectionaries" not versions. Moreover, the Congregation could not accept the use of the NRSV in a lectionary because it had been rejected for use in the liturgy and catechetics by a higher authority. It did not give any reasons for the rejection, apparently neither has the Congregation for the Doctrine of the

Faith. The bishops have encouraged us to write to Rome ourselves.

A related matter was discussed: a revision of the Lectionary, also raised at previous AGM's. A general dissatisfaction was expressed with the present structure of the lectionary (even though the Congregation for Divine Worship believes it has solved all its problems there). The bishops suggest the CBAA present some principles to work by, suggestions and examples for a revised lectionary.

Outcomes from the meeting directly affecting the CBAA were:

i) The ACTA study on the ordination of women: the bishops urged us to collaborate with ACTA in the study document. An interim report is expected to be presented to the Bishops' Committee in May.

ii) The future of theological endeavour in the Australian Church: the three associations are to provide information on the career paths available especially to lay graduates, their needs, challenges, and the difficulties they face.

iii) Theologians accused of heretical teaching: the Australian bishops have sought that such cases be first investigated within the Australian Church, rather than being first taken up by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. They wish to set up policies and procedures which will be equitable for all parties concerned. The bishops have asked the three associations to nominate a representative to a committee whose task will be to draft a process to be submitted to the Bishops' Committee.

The new arrangement of having a committee of three bishops, each of whom has a particular connection with each of the three associations is a most welcome development. Each of the bishops hopes to participate fully in the annual conferences of their respective association. It is expected that the bishop will have a timeslot programmed into the conference. At other times, they will be in contact whenever there is need.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive took the opportunity of Pamela's being in Sydney to have a meeting over lunch after the Kensington meeting. We discussed the outcomes of the meeting with the bishops, and planned our responses as much as we could. The results of our meeting are either reflected in other matters in the accompanying correspondence, or are dependent on further negotiations, about which you will be informed soon (I hope.)

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charles Hill has recommended Elizabeth Fletcher. She has a BA and DipEd from the University of Sydney, a GradDip in religious studies from the University of South Australia, and is pursuing an MTheol at the University of Sydney with Bill Jobling. Much of her working life has been dedicated to a more rigorous approach to Religious Education in secondary schools with a strong emphasis on the study of Scripture. She presently works in the CEO of the Sydney Archdiocese.

PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Pamela Foulkes' *God in Isaiah* (St Paul Pub) is due in early 1995; she also has a contribution to D. Haskell (ed) *Tilting at Matilda* (Fremantle Arts Centre Press) "Wisdom cries out in the street: the exploration of a biblical symbol". Please let us know of your recent publications, just in case we miss the reviews in the weekend papers!

Wishing you the blessings of the Christmas Season Tony CORCORAN SM

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June 27, 1995

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Ufficio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

At the direction of the Executive Board of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, I convey to you the following resolution:

WHEREAS approval of the revised Psalter of the New American Bible and of the New Revised Standard Version for liturgical use, given by the National Council of Catholic Bishops of the United States and confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, has been revoked by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,

AND WHEREAS approval of the Mass lectionary, likewise approved by the National Council of Catholic Bishops of the United States, incorporating the New American Bible translation, has been held up in Rome for more than three years,

AND WHEREAS no public explanation has been given of the Congregation's objections to any of these works,


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Catholic Biblical Association of America respectfully and urgently requests the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith a) to make public the criteria on which its judgments concerning the suitability of biblical translations are based, including those designed for use in the liturgy; and b) that, in accord with the mandate of the *Motu Proprio* of His Holiness Pope Paul VI of June 27, 1971, no. 13, that "the commission must be consulted before the issuance of new norms on biblical matters," these criteria be submitted to the Pontifical Biblical Commission for their conformity with Roman Catholic Church directives over the last five decades, most recently embodied in *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, issued by the Pontifical Biblical Commission;

FINALLY, inasmuch as criteria imposed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of

the Faith impinge on biblical translations in all languages, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other Catholic biblical associations throughout the world be invited to join themselves with this resolution of the Catholic Biblical Association of America in calling upon the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for the publication of whatever criteria are being applied in judging biblical translations.

With all best wishes and prayers for Your Eminence, I am,

Sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ,


Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.
Executive Secretary

cc: His Excellency, Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States

PROGRAM Meeting CBAA 1995

Friday 7 July [from 5.00 pm: registration; from 6.30 pm: light supper]

8.00 pm "The Twelve - Apostles?"
- Presidential Address Tony Corcoran

Saturday 8 July

9.00 am - 1.00 pm Joint Session with ACTA: Ordination of Women.

1.0 Lunch

2.15-3.15 pm "Go Quickly and Tell
- alternative voices remembering Jesus and shaping ministry." Elaine Wainwright

3.15-3.45 pm Afternoon Tea

3.45-4.45 pm "Old Testament Reflections on prophetic ministry - the case of Elisha in II Kings 2."
Mark O'Brien.

4.45-5.00 pm Break

5.00-6.00 pm "I heard the sound of your greeting - women as ministers in Luke 1:39-56."
Anne Elvey

6.30 for 7.00 pm JOINT CONFERENCE DINNER

Sunday 9 July

9.00-9.45 am "Public versus Private Space - early church leadership" Pamela Foulkes

9.45-10.30 am "Positions of leadership - a note and reflection on Matthew's Gospel" Rod Doyle

10.30-11.00 am Morning Tea

11.00-12.00 noon Seminar: NT issues for sacramental leadership

- Luke 22:7-20

- I Corinthians 14:3 3-3 5

12.15 pm Eucharist & Lunch

4.30-5.30 pm "The Yahwist Debate - Blum & Van Seters" Antony Campbell

6.00 pm Dinner

7.30 pm AGM

Monday 10 July

9.00-10.00 am "Israelite Society in Syriac Ruth" Alan Moss

10.00-11.00 am "Jesus and the apocalyptic world-view" John McSweeney

11.00-11.30 am Morning Tea

11.30-12.30 noon Reports on Work in Progress

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA
Sunday 9 July 1995
Saint Patrick's College, Manly NSW**

- 1 **Opening Prayer:** the president, Fr Tony Corcoran, SM.
- 2 **Present:** Rom Barry, Antony Campbell, Mark Coleridge, Michele Connolly, Tony Corcoran, Rod Doyle, Anne Elvey, Pamela Foulkes, Bishop Bede Heather, John Hill, Bernardette Kiley, Veronica Lawson, John McSweeney, Alan Moss, Mark O'Brien, Moira O'Sullivan, Mary Reaburn, Ian Sanders, Joseph Sobb, Marie Turner, Elaine Wainwright, John Wilkinson, Laurie Woods.
- 2 **Apologies.** Theresa Angert-Quilter, Brian Boyle, Brendan Byrne, Mary Coloe, Tony Dean, Majella Franzmann, Wim Hoekstra, Dorothy Lee, Bill Loader, James McLaren, Frank Moloney, Barbara Stead, Justin Taylor, Michael Trainor, Howard Wallace.
- 3 **Personal:** the president paid tribute to Bill Jobling, and invited members to remember him in their prayer. A number of members had attended his funeral.
4. Minutes of previous meeting: confirmed without any amendments.
- 5 **Matters arising:**
 - i Report of sub-committee to consider methods of dealing with attacks on biblical scholars: no further developments. Brendan Byrne is CBAA representative on the Bishops' Committee
 - ii Planning for 1996: in train.
 - iii Response to the Apostolic Letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*: the executive wrote to Bishop Bede and subsequently met with the Bishops' Committee.
- 6 **Correspondence:** Justin Taylor, Jerusalem; Brian Boyle, Rome. Joseph Jensen, Washington. Addressed in 10 ii below.
- 7 **New Members:** the following were accepted:
Elizabeth Fletcher, John Collins, Margaret Beirne, RSC, Margaret Tomlinson, RSJ.
- 8 **President's Report:** matters from News & Notes were adverted to, and a brief report of the executive's meeting with the Bishops' Committee given.
- 9 **Treasurer's Report:** (attached) was accepted.
It was decided to continue the arrangement of Secretary/Treasurer for the following year.

10 Special business:

i It was proposed (Antony Campbell/Rom Barry) that a motion be presented to the Bishops of Australia concerning women in the Church. After discussion the following motion was put and agreed to. It was also agreed that in this particular case the numbers of those voting (for, against, or abstaining from) be sent to the Bishops also. It was further agreed that Elaine Wainwright's paper,

given at the joint meeting of ACTA and CBAA on the issue be sent to the Bishops.

The motion: "That the members of the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia, present at the Annual General Meeting of their Association, after biblical and theological reflection on the issue of women's ordination to the priesthood, wish to communicate to the Bishops of Australia (1) their pain at the continuing exclusion of women from ordained ministry within the Church, (2) their conviction that such exclusion is not biblically supported, (3) their inability at the present time to recognise our Catholic faith in recent Roman processes that culminated in the apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*.

Voting numbers: (1) For 19, Against 1, Abstain 3.

(2) For 22, Against 1.

(3) For 16, Against 5, Abstain 2.

The Whole Motion: For 18, Against 1, Abstain 4.

John Wilkinson requested that his name be recorded as Against.

ii Fr Joseph Jensen, OSB, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of America has written to the Secretary inviting us to join them in a letter of request to Cardinal Ratzinger calling on the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to make public the criteria it is using to evaluate biblical translations and to submit them to the Pontifical Biblical Commission for evaluation. The text of the resolution of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (attached) had been previously circulated to members. It was unanimously agreed that the Catholic Biblical Association of Australia join with the resolution of the Catholic Biblical Association of America., and that the Archbishop of Sydney, as chair of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, and the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, be notified. It was further agreed that we keep alive the conversation on this matter.

11 1996 CBAA Conference: The proposed dates are 5-7 July in Melbourne. It was suggested th at there be no set theme for the Conference as a whole, though there be a theme for the joint seminar with ACTA. It was also requested that names and topics of ACTA papers be available so that members be able to attend them.

12 General business:

i Applications for Membership at AGM in 1996: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD was nominated by John McSweeney, and Br Kevin McDonald, CFC by Charles Hill. Members were reminded of the motion carried at an earlier meeting that details concerning members nominated and their eligibility be sent to the executive at least 4 months before the AGM.

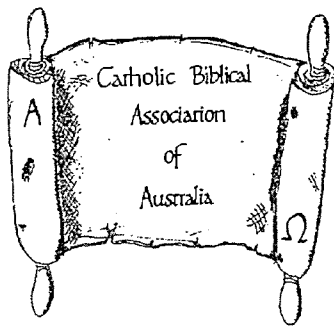
ii In esteem and gratitude, the Meeting sent special greetings to Bill Dalton and Michael Fitzpatrick.

12 Elections:

i John Hill, nominated for vice-president by Veronica Lawson and seconded by Mark O'Brien, was elected by acclamation.

ii Joseph Sobb was elected to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

14 Conclusion: Pamela Foulkes thanked Tony Corcoran for his presiding during the year, for his initiatives and encouragement. The meeting approved these sentiments heartily in the customary manner. Warm thanks were also offered to the secretary/treasurer, to the organisers of the conference, to the presenters of papers, and to all participants.



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- from the President

RESOLUTION TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The resolution passed at the 1995 Annual General Meeting, regarding the exclusion of women from the ordained priesthood, has been sent to Cardinal Clancy, president of the Australian Bishop's Conference, together with a copy of the paper entitled "Arguments For and Against the Ordination of Women: A scriptural Perspective" by Sr Elaine Wainwright, presented to the joint meeting of the CBAA and ACTA. For the information of those who were not at the AGM, the text of the resolution can be found in the Minutes.

LETTER TO CARDINAL RATZINGER

As agreed at the AGM, in response to a request from the Catholic Biblical Association of America, a letter has been sent to Cardinal Ratzinger in support of their request for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to make public the criteria it is using to evaluate biblical translations, and to submit them to the Pontifical Biblical Commission for its evaluation. Copies of the letter have been sent to Cardinal Clancy and the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio.

LETTER TO BISHOP BEDE HEATHER

I have written to Bishop Bede to express our thanks for his presence at the 1995 Conference, and to inform him of the dates of the 1996 Conference in Melbourne.

1996 CONFERENCE

The 1996 Conference will be held at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, Victoria from the evening of Friday 28 June to midday on Monday 1 July. ACTA will also be meeting at Clayton at the same time, and have expressed a wish for a greater level of communication between the two Associations. It has already been agreed that each Association will inform the other of their Conference timetable, so that individuals can attend whichever sessions are of interest to them.

The Association of Catholic Moral Theologians will be holding their annual Conference at Clayton also from Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 June, and have expressed interest in a joint session with CBAA and ACTA on the morning of 29 June. If anyone has any ideas for a topic which might usefully be explored by all three Associations, I would be grateful if you could be in contact with me as soon as possible. One suggestion which has already been made is "Death and Dying". I am most easily contactable at work on 03-9281 8292, and fax on 03-9281 8079 (State Orchestra of Victoria).

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

An International conference, "Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church" is being held at Ormond College, within the University of Melbourne, 5-8 July. A conference brochure is included. Those attending have been advised of the dates of the CBAA and ACTA Conferences and invited to attend our sessions if they wish.

PUBLICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Recent publications by CBAA members include:

Jesus in Luke's Gospel by Michael Trainor

Jesus in Mark's Gospel by Bernardette Kiley

God in Isaiah by Pamela Foulkes

These are the first in a series of simple commentaries for parish use published by Saint Paul Publications.

I apologise that this News and Notes has been so long in coming. I have been struck down by a couple of rather nasty viruses and am still getting back on my feet. In a few weeks, I will be in touch again and calling for papers for our annual Conference.

With best wishes

Pamela A Foulkes

Annual Conference Program 1996

Friday 28th June

- 5.00 pm Registration
6.30 p-m Evening Meal
7.15 pm Conference welcome & business
7.30 pm "Who is Wise? - the value system of a second century BCE
Jewish teacher" Pamela Foulkes
8.15 pm "The Roman Household and its Implications for Gospel Interpretation"
Michael Trainor
9.00 pm Drinks [ACTA, CBAA, CMTAANZ] (Hosted by ACTA president,
Tony Kelly)

Saturday 29 June

- 9.00 am Joint Session of ACTA, CBAA, CMTAANZ
Theme: Death and Dying
Tony Kelly, Brendan Byrne, Norm Ford
12.30 pm Lunch
2.00 pm "What about John 21?" Frank Moloney
3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm "Abiding in the Fourth Gospel" Dorothy Lee
4.30 pm "Trying One More Time - Anointing and Passover meal in the Gospel of Mark"
Bernardette Kiley
6.00 pm Joint Conference Eucharist (Celebrant: Archbishop Frank
Little)
7.00 for 7.30 pm Joint Conference Dinner

Sunday 30 June

- 9.00 am "A Link between the Letter of James and the Sermon on the Mount?"
Short Report on work in progress Rod Doyle
9.15 am "Against the Tyranny of Tolerance - some thoughts about personal and intellectual
integrity in the hermeneutical process" Majella Franzmann
10.00 am Morning Tea
10.30 Redeeming Time – Past, present, future in the Gospel of Luke. Mark Coleridge
11.45 am "Wisdom in Romans 8" Marie Turner

12.30 pm Lunch

- 2.00 pm Annual General Meeting
4.00 pm Afternoon Tea
4.30pm "Jeremiah 25 - pivot of the collection" Rom Barry
5.15 pm "Salvation - an index of biblical citations" Charles Hill
6.00 pm Pre-dinner drinks {ACTA, CBAA}
(Hosted by CBAA president, Pamela Foulkes) 7.00 pm
Dinner

- 8.00 pm "Re-reading Matthew's Jesus from a feminist perspective" Short Report on work in progress Elaine Wainwright
8.15 pm "The Ministry of the Seven" John Collins

Monday 1 July

- 9.00 am "Rendtorff, Tradition History and the Source Hypothesis" Damian Wynn-Williams
10.00 am Morning Tea
10.30 am "Challenging Horsley's 'Spiral of Violence'" Jamie McLaren
11.25 am "A Newly Deciphered Samaritan Aramaic Text and its bearing on the New Testament" Rory Bôid
12.15 pm Conference Farewell
12.30 pm Lunch

General Arrangements

Transport

Skybus from Melbourne Airport to Spencer Street station or Franklin Street depot [\$9.00]

Trains from Flinders Street Station to Clayton & Oakleigh stations

Bus [733] (Ventura Bus Lines o 9579 4811) from Box Hill, Mt Waverley, Clayton & Oakleigh stations to Clayton Road (3 metres from the corner of Bayview Avenue)

Taxis: Black Cabs -m 913 2227 Silver Top a 9345 3455 Open-air car parking::

enter from Bayview or Carlson Avenues Meals

Breakfast From 8.00 ain [self-service, continental style]

Lunch 12.30 pm

Dinner Friday 6.30 pm; Saturday 7.00 for 7.30 pm Sunday 6.30 for 7.00 pm

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA
1996
Corpus Christi College, Clayton, June 30th**

I Opening Prayer The vice-president, Fr John Hill, CSsR

2 Present

Theresa Angert-Quilter, Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Mark Coleridge, Mary Coloe, Antoinette Collins, John Collins, Rod Doyle, Bob Drak , Anne Elvey, Elizabeth Fletcher, Bishop Bede Heather, Charles Hill, Berna ette Kiley, Dorothy Lee, Jamie McLaren, John McSweeney, Moira O'Sullivan, Ian Sanders, Joseph Sobb, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, Elaine Wainwright, John Wilkinson, Laurie Woods, Damian Wynn-Williams

3 Apologies

Brian Boyle, Brendan Byrne, Sheila Byrne, Cardinal Clancy, Tony Corcoran, Pamela Foulkes, Majella Franzmann, Wim Hoekstra, Vera Holyhead, Bill Loader, Frank Moloney, Alan Moss, Peter Nicholls, Mary Reaburn, Barbara Stead, Justin Taylor, Howard Wallace.

4 Personal

- i. The vice-president gave formal notice of the president's apology and the meeting joined him in expressing thanks for her preparatory work for this conference and in wishing her a speedy return to good health. A bouquet would be sent her.
- ii. Before the business of the AGM was entered upon, Bishop Michael Putney was invited to address the members concerning the jubilee and its attendant celebrations. Members were invited to participate in and to offer suggestions concerning the preparation "events" during the next few years.
- iii. Notice was made of Tony Kenny's passing who had been a member of this association.

5 Minutes of previous meeting Confirmed without any amendments.

6 Matters arising: Nil

7 Correspondence

Justin Taylor, Jerusalem; Brian Boyle, Rome.
Brendan Byrne (addressed in 9 iii below)

8 Reports

The treasurer presented the financial report for 1995/96 which was accepted. There is no increase in annual membership subscription.

9 Special business

- i. Membership criteria and nomination requirements.

The questions posed were: Who may join the CBA? Who may attend the CBA Annual Conference? Who may give papers at the Conference? Much discussion ensued, following which the criteria of membership were expressed in terms of academic qualifications and/or professional

involvement with the notation that the word, "normally", be normally used in these circumstances. Secondly, a Membership Committee should be set up to consist of the Executive and one other member elected by the meeting. This committee would prepare some proposals for circulation to the membership in the next months, so that firm decisions be taken at the next AGM.

ii. All current nominations for membership were withdrawn pending the outcome of the committee's deliberations. Those wishing to nominate someone for membership are asked to obtain from the secretary a curriculum vitae form which would be returned to the secretary, so that nominations could be circulated to the membership at least three months before the AGM.

iii. In his letter, Brendan suggested (1) that nominations for the executive offices be submitted in writing to be available to the membership in reasonable time. It was finally agreed that the secretary receive such nominations, signed by nominee and nominator, at any time during the year, so that these could be circulated to members along with Conference mailings. However, it was also agreed that the closing date and time for such nominations would be the evening before the day of the AGM; (2) that where there is more than one nominee a secret ballot be held. This was accepted; (3) that the Committee take responsibility so that at least one appropriate nomination be made. This was deferred.

10 1997 CBA Conference:

The proposed dates are 4-7 July at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield, with residence at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush.

11 General business:

i. Mark Coleridge informed the membership that the Guidelines for Liturgical Translation by the Vatican had been published. He also drew attention to the fact that the confidential matters dealt with at the last AGM had been featured in a Catholic Newspaper.

ii. It was suggested by John McSweeney that our acronym become ACBA, _ Australian Catholic Biblical Association, thus enabling it to be pronounced.

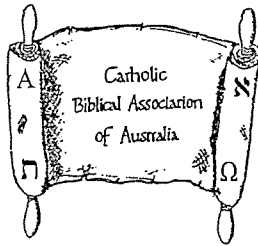
iii. The matter of an E-mail discussion and of an Internet HomePage was raised. It was suggested that Andrew Waywood from the Strathfield campus of ACU be invited to give a briefing information session at the end of next year's Conference. Mary Coloe undertook to pursue this matter.

12 Elections:

- i. Brendan Byrne, nominated for vice-president by Mark Coleridge and seconded by John McSweeney, was elected by acclamation.
- ii. Joseph Sobb would continue as Secretary/Treasurer [= Scribe].
- iii. Majella Franzmann was elected to the Committee of Membership.

13 Conclusion

The vice-president formally took over as president, and recalled with gratitude Pamela's contribution as president during the previous twelve months. He also thanked those who had prepared for the Conference, those who had contributed papers, and all participants. Finally he thanked all members for their generous co-operation in and contribution to the AGM discussions. The meeting concluded with afternoon tea at 4.00 pm.



Annual Conference 1997

Friday 4 July - Monday 7 July

Tarmons Conference Centre

Saint Vincent's College

Potts Point NSW

Conference Programme

Friday 4 July

- 5.00 pm onwards Registration
6.30 pm Light evening meal
7.45 pm Conference welcome
8.00 pm "Whether this is Jerusalem or Babylon, we know not -
the unended exile in the Old Testament"
President's Address: John Hill, CSsR
9.15 pm Convivial [ACTA & CBAA]

Saturday 5 July

- 9.00 am "The Greek household in the first century CE"
Michael Trainor
10.00 am Morning tea
10.30 am Joint Session of ACTA & CBAA
"Doing theology after Port Arthur"
12.30 pm Lunch
3.00 pm Afternoon tea
3.30 pm "The particular contribution of patristic exegesis"
Charles Hill
4.35 pm "Jesus' cleansing of the Temple -
a unique precedent or Jewish ritual?"
Antoinette Collins
6.00 pm Joint Conference Eucharist
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Joint Conference Dinner

Sunday 6 July

- 9.00 am "Does Luke do a disservice to women?" *John Collins*
10.30 am Morning tea
11.00 am "The Nature of biblical narrative" *Antony Campbell. SJ*
12.30 pm Lunch
2.00 pm Annual General Meeting
6.45 pm Dinner
8.00 pm "An Interpretation of the Priestly material"
Suzanne Boorer
9.15 pm Convivial [ACTA & CBAA]

Monday 7 July

- 9.00 am *Seminar: the process of national reconciliation and the CBAA*
10.30 am Morning tea
11.00 am *Reports: projects and works in progress*
12.30 pm Lunch

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting CBAA
1997 Friday 4 July - Monday 7 July
Tarmons Conference Centre
Saint Vincent's College. Potts Point NSW**

1 Opening Prayer _The president, Fr John Hill, CSsR

2 Present

Brian Boyle, Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Suzanne Boorer, Tony Campbell, Antoinette Collins, John Collins, Michele Connolly, Rod Doyle, Elizabeth Fletcher, Laurie Hannigan, Charles Hill, John Hill, Dorothy Lee, John McSweeney, Alan Moss, Moira O'Sullivan, Ian Sanders, Joseph Sobb, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, Howard Wallace, John Wilkinson.

3 Apologies

Theresa Angert-Quilter, Brendan Byrne, Sheila Byrne, Mark Coleridge, Tony Corcoran, Tony Dean, Robert Drake, Pamela Foulkes, Terence Goodall, Wim Hoekstra, Bishop Bede Heather, Verna Holyhead, Bill Loader, James McLaren, Frank Moloney, Peter Nicholls, Mark O'Brien, Angelo O'Hagan, Bill O'Shea, Mary Reaburn, Barbara Stead, Justin Taylor, Elaine Wainwright, Laurie Woods, Damian Wynn-Williams

4 Personal

- i. The passing of Fr Jerome Crowe, CP, and Fr Michael Fitzpatrick, OFM was noted with sadness.
- ii. The resignation of Father Champion Murray, OFM was received, and gratitude expressed for his participation over the years.

5 Minutes of previous meeting

Confirmed with following amendments:

Misprints: Bernadette to replace Bernardette; Verna to replace Vera. Apologies: Tony Campbell gave an apology for not giving an apology.

6. Matters arising Nil.

7 Correspondence

As well as letters of apology, the following letters were received from:

Sheila Byrne, requesting the prayers of the Association as she undergoes therapy for a serious illness;

Pamela Foulkes thanking the Association for their concern for her during her illness last year;

Angelo O'Hagan, who has undertaken another full year's teaching in Africa;

Bishop David Walker, recently elected to the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine and Morals;

Howard Wallace, raising issues of conference date clashes;

Laurie Woods, whose wife is due to have their baby at this time;

Damian Wynn-Williams, informing us of some of the changes taking place in the Seminary scene in New Zealand.

8 Reports

The treasurer presented the financial report for 1996/97 which was accepted. There is no increase in annual membership subscription.

9 Special business

- i. Proposal to amend the Constitution.

The president informed the meeting of the work done by the sub-committee, elected last year, and presented its amendments which had been circulated with the Agenda. These were then discussed and voted on.

Article III, Sections 1-6 were unanimously accepted.

Article III, Section 7, was unanimously accepted after a slight change.

Article VI, Section 1 was divided into two sections, and slight changes of wording were incorporated. This was then unanimously accepted.

Article VI, Section 2: was unanimously accepted after a slight change. Article VI, Section 3 was unanimously accepted.

It was noted further that the convention of the vice president becoming president in the following year was not automatic. It was further noted that should there be only one nomination for an office, election is by 'acclamation'. Finally, it was agreed that all current members be considered Active members unless they indicate otherwise to the Executive within the next twelve months. [A copy of the Constitution is included.]

- ii. Proposal to change of Name of the Association.

After discussion, the proposal was accepted by a large majority. Hence the new name is Australian Catholic Biblical Association (ACBA).

- iii. 1998 Annual Conference:

The proposed dates are 3-6 July at Saint Mary's College, Parkville, Victoria. Discussion took place on the issue of the settling of dates for the Annual Conference. It was agreed that the Executive set up a sub-committee to organize 1999 Conference in co-operation with other Associations.

10 General business:

- i. John McSweeney and Michael Trainor informed the meeting of proposed study-tours of Israel in 1998..

- ii. Brian Boyle informed the meeting of the situation at Saint Paul's National Seminary, Kensington.

- iii. The matter of the Bulletin Board was mentioned and progress to date.

- iv. Michael Trainor informed the meeting of developments in Adelaide in the area of Adult Education.

- v. The Melbourne College of Divinity's proposed Conference in 5-10 July 1998 was brought forward by the president. Participation in this, in keeping with the resolution about co-operation mentioned early, was endorsed. It was also endorsed that we should take care to keep our own identity.

11 Elections

- i. Brendan Byrne was nominated for president and elected by acclamation.

- ii. ii. John McSweeney was nominated for vice-president and elected by acclamation.

12 Conclusion

The president thanked all participants in the Conference, as well as all members for their cooperation in and contribution to the AGM discussions, and declared the meeting closed.

Constitution

Article I

The full name of this Association shall be

The Australian Catholic Biblical Association.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1

The general aim of this Association shall be to promote scholarly study of the Bible in accordance with the spirit and instructions of the Church.

Section 2

The special aims of this Association shall be

- a) to provide for mutual acquaintance and support and to facilitate the exchange of methods and ideas
- b) to constitute a body of informed opinion on matters biblical as a resource for the wider Church.

Article III

Membership

Section 1

The membership of this Association shall consist of Active members and Associate members. All members shall pay the same dues, and all shall enjoy the same rights and privileges except where the constitutions of the Association shall provide otherwise.

Section 2

Only active members shall exercise active and passive voice.

Section 3

Candidates for active membership must have an appropriate degree in biblical studies (at least at the level of Master or Licentiate), or must have equivalent professional competence in the area of biblical studies, demonstrated by the holding of an academic posting or by publication at an academic level.

Section 4

Any person or group in sympathy with the aims of the Association may duly be admitted to associate membership.

Section 5

The Annual General Meeting may confer Honorary Membership of the Association.

Section 6

Attendance at the annual conference shall be limited to active and associate members, and to guests invited by active members with the concurrence of the President. Papers at the annual conference shall be presented by active members only, or by others invited to do so by the Executive.

Section 7

Candidates for active or associate membership are proposed by an active member, who shall send the candidates's *curriculum vitae* to the Secretary at least three months before the Annual General Meeting. On the basis of material received, the Executive shall present a list of proposed new members, with relevant information concerning each, to the membership two months prior to the Annual General Meeting which will decide upon the election of new members.

Article IV

Administration

Section 1

The ultimate authority in this Association shall reside in the Active Members duly assembled in General Meeting. General Meetings are normally held annually.

Section 2

Between General Meetings, this Association shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and, whenever so elected, an Editor.

Section 3 *Executive Board*

The ^{Executive Board} shall meet at least at the time of the General Meeting. The President may call meetings at other times during the year.

Section 4

The fees paid by the Members shall be administered by the Board of this Association.

Article V

Duties of the Officers

Section 1

The duties of the President shall be

- a) to act as chief executive officer of this Association
- b) to preside at the General Meeting and at meetings of the Executive
- c) to represent the Association in an official capacity.

Section 2

The duties of the Vice-President shall be

- a) to assist the President
- b) to act as substitute for the President in the latter's absence from the General Meeting or from a meeting of the Executive.

Section 3

The duties of the Secretary shall be

- a) to record the Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive and to keep the records and papers of this Association
- b) to conduct the correspondence and ordinary administrative affairs of the Association according to the instructions of the Executive
- c) to issue official communications to Members at the the direction of the President
- d) to record the Minutes of General Meetings.

Section 4

The duties of the Treasurer shall be

- a) to receive the funds of this Association and to make disbursements as provided for by the Executive or by the Members in General Meeting
- b) to act as business manager of the periodical publications of the Association
- c) to submit to General Meetings a financial statement of the income and expenses of the Association
- d) to submit on request a financial statement to the Executive.

Section 5

Should an Editor be elected, the duties of the Editor shall be

- a) to prepare for publication anything so approved by the General Meeting of the Association.

Article VI

Election of Officers

Section 1

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer, and Editor shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2

Terms of office shall extend from the end of the Annual General Meeting of election until the end of the next Annual General Meeting; the Secretary, and/or Treasurer, however, shall be elected for a three-year term. The President and Vice-President shall be ineligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices.

Section 3

Candidates for election to the Executive shall be proposed by two active members, who shall hand a written nomination to the Secretary in time for the nomination to be made known to the membership 24 hours before the Annual General Meeting.

Article VII

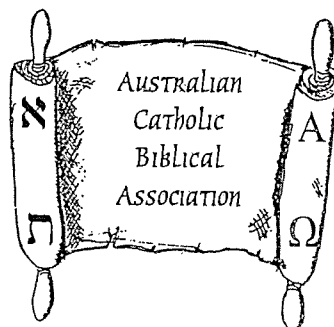
Constitution

Section 1

The Constitution of the Association is approved by the General Meeting. If necessary, the Executive may interpret articles of the Constitution between General Meetings.

Section 2

The Annual Membership fee will be determined by the General Meeting on the advice of the Treasurer.



Annual Conference 1998
Friday 3 July - Sunday 5 July
Saint Mary's College, Swanston Street, Parkville

Conference Programme

Friday 3 July

- 5.00 pm onwards Registration 6.30 pm
Light evening meal
7.45 pm Conference welcome
8.00 pm President's Address
"Continuity and Discontinuity in Paul's Relationship with Judaism."
Brendan Byrne, SJ
9.15 pm Convivial [ACTA & CBAA]

Saturday 4 July

- 9.00 am "Exploring Authorial Intention: Why does Josephus explain some things and not others?" Jamie McLaren
9.30 am "Are Mark's Stories of Women Central to his Theological Interprise?"
Bernadette Kiley, OP
10.30 am Morning Tea
11.00 am "The construction of Female Gender in Acts through the Lens of its Cultural Counterparts." Veronica Lawson, RSM
12.00 noon JOINT SESSION: ACBA/ACTA/CMTA
Report on Procedures for Due Process for Theologians Gerald Gleeson
1.00 pm Lunch
2.30 pm "The Role of Abraham In John 8" Mary Coloe, PBVM
3.30 pm Afternoon tea
4.00 pm "Jesus and the Paraclete in the Fourth Gospel" Frank Moloney, SDB
5.00 pm "A Seventh Biblical Land Ideology (pace Norman Habel)" Charles Hill
6.00 pm joint Conference Eucharist
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm joint Conference Dinner

Sunday 5 July

- 9.00 am "Synchronic (Narrative Critical) and Diachronic Readings of Jeremiah 37-38"
Brian Boyle, MSC
10.30 am morning tea
11.00 am "Proverbs 31:10-31:1: Wisdom Personified or a Wise Woman?"
Alice Sinnott, RSM
12.00 noon "And on Earth ...'(Luke 2:14): Ecojustice Perspectives from one of the earliest Christian Communities" Michael Trainor

1.00 pm Lunch
2.15 pm "Paul, Beaten Again. A Slow Learner?" Laurie Woods
2.45 pm "A New Look at Daniel 5" Anne Gardner
3.30 pm Afternoon tea
4.00 pm Annual General Meeting
6.30 pm Dinner

Annual General Minutes ACBA Conference
10 July 1999
Saint Vincent's College, Potts Point. Sydney.

1 Opening Prayer and welcome. The president, Fr John McSweeney

2 Present

Brian Boyle, Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Tony Campbell, Jane Dalton, Robert Drake, Margaret Hannan, John Hill, Alan Moss, Moira O'Sullivan, Kathleen Rushton, Ian Sanders, Alice Sinnott, Joseph Sobb, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, Elaine Wainwright, Freda Webb.

3 Apologies

Gienda Bourke, Brendan Isyrne, Antoinette Mahons, John Collins, Mary Coloe, Michele Connolly, Stephen Curpatrick, Tony Dean, Gerard Diamond, Rod Doyle, Anne Elvey, Pamela Foulkes, Laurie Hannigan, Charles Hill, Wim Hoekstra, Chris Hope, Verna Holyhead, Bernadette Kiley, Veronica Lawson, Dorothy Lee, Bill Loader, Peter Nicholls, Mark O'Brien, Justin Taylor, Howard Wallace, Kevin Waldie, John Wilkinson Laurie Woods, Damian Wynn-Williams.

4 Personal

Freda Webb was congratulated on being awarded MTh (Honours) in the Sydney College of Divinity. She thus becomes an Active Member.

5 Minutes of previous meeting [5/7/98]

Confirmed.

6 Matters arising Nil.

7 Correspondence

As well as letters of apology, a letter was received from Elizabeth Fletcher informing the Association of her activities in the U.S.A.

8 Election of New Members

No nominations.

9 Reports

The treasurer presented the financial report for 1998/99 which was accepted. There is no increase in annual membership subscription.

10 2000 Conference

The various options, including Canberra and the ACTA options, were canvassed. After discussion it was agreed that the Conference be held in Melbourne in collaboration with ACTA, commencing on Thursday evening, 7 July and concluding at lunch on Sunday 10 July.

11. Special Business

The Paper prepared by a working party of the Australian Bishops' Committee for Doctrine and Morals, and representatives from ACBA and ACTA was presented. This was substantially unchanged from the draft circulated at the Conference last year. After discussion, a vote was held. 11 voted for accepting the Paper, 0 voted against, and 8 abstained since they had not been able to study it carefully enough, and had not attended last year's discussions.

12 General business:

The format of the Conference was discussed; some suggestions arising included:- that the timetable be less filled: some form of thematic approach, concurrent papers; that papers be circulated before the Conference; ACTA and ACBA collaborate more: more joint sessions, thematic approach, executives work together more; programme committee be set up.

Preliminary information for the AGM might be available on arrival.

The Bible Society in Australia is working with Societies for the Deaf to prepare a 'translation' into Auslan. It was recommended that if invited to participate, members do so.

It was suggested that each day begin with some form of worship/ritual.

13 Elections

i. Elaine Wainwright was nominated for president and elected by acclamation.

ii. Brian Boyle was nominated for vice-president and elected by acclamation.

iii. Freda Webb was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer and elected by acclamation

14 Conclusion

The incoming President thanked members of the previous Executive for their work and this was seconded with vigorous applause.

The outgoing president thanked all participants in the Conference, as well as all members for their co-operation in and contribution to the AGM discussions, and declared the meeting closed.

Australian Catholic Biblical Association Conference - 2000

St. Mary's College,
Melbourne University.

Thursday 6th July

[1.00pm - 5pm. Inaugural ACBA and ACTA Women's Group meeting.]

5.00pm onwards Conference Registration.

6.30pm -7.45pm. DINNER

7.45pm Conference welcome by Vice-President, Dr. Brian Boyle.

(There will be no Presidential Address as Elaine Wainwright will be overseas.)

8.00-9.00pm "Luke's Passion Narrative as Education"

Michael Trainor

9.15pm. CONVIVIAL with ACTA

Friday 7th July

7.30am - 9pm. BREAKFAST

9.00am - 10.00am "Corruption Within the Temple System: a Matter of Perspective"

James McLaren

10.00am - 10.40am "Creation Texts in Wisdom 1-2"

Marie Turner

10.40am - 11.00am MORNING TEA AND COFFEE

11.00am - 11.50am "Prophecy and Pornography [Ez 23]"

Brian Boyle

11.50am - 12.30pm "Life in the Shadows: the Role and Function of Isaac in Genesis - Diachronic and Synchronic Readings"

Liz Boaz

1pm - 2pm LUNCH

2.30pm - 3.30pm "Duhm-ed Again? Jeremiah Research - A Future Direction"

John Hill

3.30pm - 4.00pm AFTERNOON TEA AND COFFEE

Concurrent Papers Session (A second meeting room will be available)

4.00pm - 4.40pm EITHER: "Sermon on the Mount as Discipleship for the Kingdom of God"

Margaret Hannon

OR: "Dualism and the Book of Genesis"

Antoinette Collins

4.45pm - 5.30pm EITHER: "The Household of God: Metaphor for the Johannine Community"

Mary Cole

OR: " Job 12: An Earth Reading"

Alice Synott

6.30pm DINNER

8.00pm-ish CONVIVIAL with ACTA

Australian Catholic Biblical Association Conference - 2000

Saturday July 8th

7.30 am - 9.00am BREAKFAST

9.00am - 10.30am Joint session of ACBA, ACTA and ANZTLA in Newman College next door.

Title: "Information On-Line: Origen at Caesarea and the World Wide Web"
Dr. Geoffrey Jenkins

10.30am -11.00am MORNING TEA AND COFFEE

11.00am - 12 noon "The Messianic Issue in Luke's Gospel"
Brendan Byrne

12.00 noon- 12.40pm "Rehabilitating Patristic Biblical Commentaries"
Charles Hill

1.00pm -2.00pm LUNCH

2.30pm - 3.30pm "Women and Men in the Fourth Gospel"
Margaret Beirne

3.30pm - 4.0pm AFTERNOON TEA AND COFFEE

4.00pm **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ACBA**

6.00pm **JOINT CONFERENCE EUCHARIST**

7.00pm for 7.30pm JOINT CONFERENCE FORMAL DINNER

Sunday July 9th

7.30am -9.30am BREAKFAST

9.00am - 9.45am "Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra" - Psalm 65
Howard Wallace

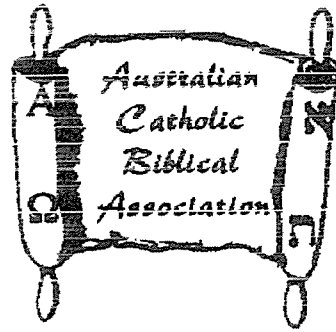
9.45am -10.30am "Storing up Death, Storing up Life: an Ecological Feminist Reading of
Luke 12:13-34"
Anne Elvey

10.30am -11.00am MORNING TEA AND COFFEE

11.00am - 11.40am "Solomon in the Image of the Interpreter: a Reflection on the Changing
Portraits of Solomon in the Interpretation of Proverbs"
Alan Moss

12.30pm LUNCH

[Please note that rooms are to be vacated by 10.00am. Luggage storage is available near foyer.]



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at St. Mary's College, Melbourne
Saturday 8th July 2000 at 4.15pm.**

1 - Opening Prayer

The Vice-President, Brian Boyle, who was chairing the meeting, led the members in prayer.

2 - Present

Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Glenda Bourke, Brian Boyle, Brendan Byrne, Mary Coloe, Jane Dalton, Rod Doyle, Margaret Hannan, Charles Hill, John Hill, Bernadette Kiley, Jamie McClaren, John McSweeney, Alan Moss, Moira O'Sullivan, Ian Sanders, Alice Sinnott, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, Kevin Waldie, Freda Webb. (22 members)

3 - Apologies

Sheila Byrne, Anthony Campbell, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Antoinette Collins, Anthony Corcoran, Ann Elvey, Elizabeth Fletcher, Bede Heather, Wim Hoekstra, Verna Holyhead, Chris Hope, Frank Moloney, Angelo O'Hagin, Joseph Sobb, Margaret Tomlinson, Trevor Trotter, David Walker, Elaine Wainwright, John Wilkinson, Laurie Woods. (19 members)

Angelo O'Hagan has resigned due to overseas and other commitments: Proposed by Brendan Byrne, seconded by Rom Barry, **'That Angelo O'Hagan be elected to Honorary Life Membership'**. Proposal unanimously approved; letter to be sent by incoming president.

*[Noted that apologies for the conference were received from candidates
Anna Grant-Henderson, Rod Letchford, Tim Meadowcroft.]*

4 - Personal

Margaret Beirne has finished writing her doctoral thesis.

Brendan Byrne has been elected to membership of FAHA (Fellow Australian Humanities Association)

John McSweeney is now a parish priest and teaching biblical studies part-time.

5 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

Item 10: Dates should be: 6 July, 9 July.

With these corrections: **'That minutes be accepted as true record'**: Moved by J McSweeney
Seconded by Ian Sanders. Unanimous approval. Minutes signed by chairman.

6 - Matters Arising from the Minutes

Concern expressed re the need to arrive at some common themes with ACTA conference.

This matter to be the subject of further discussion between both executives, with emphasis on the link between biblical and theological studies.

The bishops' document on Faith and Morals has now been published.

The report, "Woman and Man: On in Christ Jesus" has been published and needs discussion.

Format of ACBA conference should allow more time for in-depth discussions and dialogue rather than being all papers with little discussion time, therefore:

- a) The ACBA and ACTA executives to liaise on the possibility of a joint session (possibly half a day) on a common agreed topic, with input from scripture and

theology presenters, and a plenary session.

b) Agreed joint topic would be circularised to members of both associations, and some reading, or indication of reading, given so that all members could prepare beforehand.

c) Process to be critically evaluated.

Circulating papers before conference? No, but possible Web site; M. Coloe will investigate.

Worship ritual to start each morning: Successfully launched during this conference.

7 - Correspondence

Letters of apology received, including one from Bishop Bede Heather in which he commented on the interesting advances in Biblical scholarship over the past few years, and noting his acknowledgment of the place which ACBA held in supporting Catholic Biblical scholarship within Australia.

8 - Election of New Members

A resolution was proposed by Brendan Byrne, seconded by John McSweeney:

"That persons making the nominations shall speak to the nominations in person at the annual General Meeting, or, they shall provide substantial written recommendations."

Discussion on this proposal indicated that a detailed C.V. would constitute substantial written recommendation. The resolution was approved.

The following were elected to active membership, nominations having been received as per the Constitution:

Adrian Coleridge: Proposed Rod Doyle, seconded Rom Barry: Approved.

Anne Gardner: Proposed John McSweeney, seconded Brendan Byrne: Approved.

Anna Grant-Henderson: Proposed Marie Turner, seconded Michael Trainor: Approved.

Tim Meadowcroft: Proposed Alice Sinnott, seconded Kevin Waldie: Approved.

Thomas Rouse: Proposed Rom Barry, seconded John Hill: Approved.

Clare Sciesinski PVBM: Proposed J. Hill, seconded Brendan Byrne: Approved.

The nomination of Roderick Letchford was deferred in view of the resolution adopted, the absence of a detailed CV and of nominators to speak to the nomination. A warm invitation is to be extended to him to attend the next meeting. It was noted that he is continuing work towards his Doctorate.

9 - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The treasurer brought members' attention to the following matters:

The financial statement now only went up to June 6th.. This avoided extra bank charges incurred in obtaining an interim statement prior to the conference. **Agreed this was acceptable.**

Current membership is 70, of whom only 35 are currently financial.

The very low interest rate on our IBD, 1.4%, is of concern. Permission requested to liaise with bank near maturity date to obtain a better rate. **Approved.**

Due to rising costs: **A request for conference expenses levy increase from \$15 to \$20:** Moved: Ian Sanders, Seconded John McSweeney. Motion carried. Discussion on the report centred on the possible need to become an Incorporated Association, a topic raised by Mary Coloe who had concerns that the Executive members could be at risk of litigation actions against themselves, rather than ACBA itself, should such an unfortunate situation occur. Proposed by Mary Coloe, Seconded by Jamie McLaren **"That the executive of ACBA investigate if ACBA should be incorporated, and if so, the mechanism to achieve this status"**: Approved. Results of these investigations will be presented to the next AGM.

Proposed by Mary Coloe, seconded by Ian Sanders, **"That the treasurer's report be accepted"**. Approved.

10 -Special Business

A request that information regarding candidates for possible election be sent to members before the meeting. Noted that brief details had been given to all members attending the conference in their conference envelopes, and full details are tabled at the AGM. A full CV for one candidate had covered eight pages. To circulate this amount of information, for several candidates, to all members, was not really practical. Emphasised again that we should ask for detailed C.V.'s. Then try to circulate summarised information prior to meeting.

Proposed by Jamie McLaren, seconded by Marie Turner, "**That the nominator of a candidate be present at the AGM to speak about the candidate, or provide a detailed letter of support if unable to attend; this requirement to be in addition to those already present in the Constitution.**" Approved.

John Hill raised his concerns regarding the translation of the Bible into Auslan. He has been supposed to be involved but has been gradually excluded, Mary Coloe had been approached, but nothing had eventuated. He was concerned that the translation team was becoming heavily evangelical in composition, and that the Catholic view was not being allowed into the project. The translation is supposed to cater for all views. Questioning elicited that no other members had been approached. John Hill will himself be writing to the team about his concerns; he raised the issue to alert us to the problem. ACBA should not act at present.

11 - General Business

Possibility of financial support for retired members (not now receiving remuneration for further work), to attend the annual conference was discussed. Agreed that, initially, one person per year could be assisted in this manner. The invitee to be decided by the executive, but that for the coming year an invitation be extended to Bishop Bede Heather. It would be useful to find the number of people in this category.

The secretary/treasurer raised the need for a standby person to be available should the secretary/treasurer be unable to finalise conference arrangements, or attend the conference, due to ill health or other personal/family crises. The person should preferably be in the same city to enable swift transfer of paper work etc. Margaret Beirne volunteered to cover Freda Webb.

12 - Conference Venue for 2001

A provisional booking has been made at St. Vincent's College, Potts Point, Sydney, from Thursday July 5th to Sunday July 8th 2001, for ACBA and ACTA. Concern was expressed in 1999 about the very high cost for non-resident delegates whose total costs were \$10 more than those of full board and lodging delegates. This matter is to be investigated and then discussed with ACTA: **For action by the secretary/treasurer.**

13 - Election to the Executive

One nomination for each position of President and Vice-President was received.

Brian Boyle, nominated Freda Webb, seconded John McSweeney, elected President by acclamation.

Bernadette Kiley, nominated Mary Coloe, seconded Margaret Beirne, elected as Vice-President by acclamation.

14- Conclusion

The new President thanked the secretary/treasurer for her work in organising the conference. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

Australian Catholic Biblical Association Conference - 2001

St. Vincent's College,
Potts Point, Sydney.

Thursday 5th July

5.00pm onwards Conference Registration
6.30pm DINNER

7.45pm Conference welcome by President, Dr. Brian Boyle.
8.00pm **Presidential Address** by Dr. Brian Boyle
"A Prophet Like Myself (Deut 18:15)"

9.05pm CONVIVIAL DRINKS WITH ACTA DELEGATES

Friday 6th July

7.30am onwards BREAKFAST

9.0am -12.25 pm Combined session with ACTA. Biblical and Theological reflections on the report *"Woman and Man - One in Christ Jesus."* Details of speakers and discussion to be provided at the conference. Please try to read some sections of the report beforehand, or at least Chapter nine.
COFFEE BREAK from approximately 10.30-11.00am.

12.30pm LUNCH

2.00-3.30pm "The Pouring Out of Healing Ointment"
Elaine Wainwright

3.30-4.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

4.00-5.30pm *VACANT TIME SLOT*

5.30pm onwards Free evening. (Dinner available 6.30pm for those who require it)

Saturday 7th July

9.00am-10.30am "Jonah in Antioch"
Charles Hill

10.30-11am MORNING COFFEE

11.00-12.25 "The Centrality of Gentile Inclusion in the Gospel of Matthew"
Brendan Byrne

12.30pm LUNCH

2.30-4.00pm **Annual General Meeting of ACBA**

6.00pm **Joint Conference Eucharist**

7.00pm Pre-dinner drinks with ACTA delegates

7.30pm **ACBA/ACTA Joint Conference Dinner**

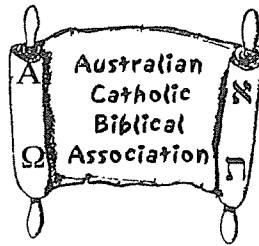
Sunday 8th July

9.00am-10.00am "Awaiting the Kingdom of the Heavens"
Margaret Hannan

10-10.30am MORNING COFFEE

10.30-11.30am "Jeremiah Revisited: Recent Studies of the Prophecy Bearing His Name"
Rom Barry

12.30am LUNCH for those who require it.



Australian Catholic Biblical Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at St. Vincent's College, Potts Point, Sydney, Saturday 7th July 2001 at 2.30pm.

1 - The President, Fr. Brian Boyle, led the members in prayer,

2 - Present:

Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Brian Boyle, Brendan Byrne, Tony Campbell, Mary Coloe, Robert Drake, Margaret Hannan, Pamela Foulkes, John Hill, Charles Hill, Bernadette Kiley, Verna Holyhead, Moira O'Sullivan, John McSweeney, Thomas Rouse, Mary Raeburn, Elaine Wainwright, Ian Sanders, Bishop David Walker, Laurie Woods, Freda Webb. (22 members)

3 - Apologies:

Justin Taylor, Alice Sinnott, Michael Trainor, Alan Moss, Glenda Bourke, William Loader, Rod, Doyle, Howard Wallace, Veronica Lawson, Anna Grant-Henderson, Wim Hoekstra, Joe Sobb, Anne Elvey, Marie Turner, Majella Franzman, Antoinette Collins, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Bishop Bede Heather. (*Apologies also from candidates Rod Letchford, Elizabeth Dowling, Terence Grey*)

4 - Personal items:

- a) Fr. Terence Goodall has submitted his resignation due to inability to attend conferences.
- b) Sr. Margaret Beirne has successfully completed her Doctorate.
- c) Sr. Mary Coloe's doctoral thesis has been published: "God Dwells With Us".
- d) Srs. Mary Coloe and Elaine Wainwright contributed essays to "That Our Joy May Be Complete".
- e) Fr. Tony Campbell's book, published: "God First Loved Us".
- f) Charles Hill's book, "Theodoret of Cyrus" has been published.
- g) Brendan Byrne's book published: "The Hospitality of God".
- h) Michael Trainor's book published: "The Quest For Home".
- i) Frank Moloney's book published: "A Hard Saying - The Gospel and Culture".

5 - Minutes of Year 2000 A.G.M.

"The minutes be accepted as a true record": Proposed - Ian Sanders, Seconded - Charles Hill.
Approved unanimously and signed as a true record by the president.

6 - Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) Joint half-day session with ACTA: - Organised by both executives. Well structured and addressed key issues clearly. F/U to be organised by the two presidents.
- b) ACBA sessions allowing more discussion time: Felt to be very successful; the one and a half hour allocations provided time for less rushed papers, and more in depth discussions than previously. Perhaps some time needs to be allocated next year for brief reports of work in progress.
- c) Incorporation: The President reported that discussions with legal colleagues had indicated we should not, at present, pursue this option as personal cover from litigation for executive members was not automatic, and executive members would have to obtain their own personal cover. There is

hope that the government may tighten up incorporation law, so it might be wise to wait because the process currently requires a great amount of paper work for minimum benefits.

d) Translation of Bible into Auslan: John Hill reported that the project is being handled by the Bible Society's professional translators. Those initially approached from a range of denominations, including Catholics, are not now involved. He is not entirely happy about the situation.

7a) - Correspondence outgoing:

To Angelo O'Hagan offering life-membership.

To Bishop Bede Heather inviting him to be the 2001 conference guest.

To Rev. Rod Letchford re. his non-election to membership due to absence of his sponsor and additional information at the year 2000 AGM, but inviting him to pursue election.

7b) Correspondence incoming:

From Angelo O'Hagan thanking the Association for life-membership, and accepting it.

From Bishop Bede Heather accepting the invitation to be the year 2001 guest.

Thanks from Anna Grant-Henderson for election to membership.

Thanks from Tim Meadowcroft for election to membership.

From Rev. Rod Letchford, candidate, re. inability to attend and acknowledging that this will prevent his candidature being considered this year.

From Rod Doyle, with a further address for an attempt to inform Adrian Coleridge of his election to membership at the year 2000 AGM. *(All secretary's attempts to contact him at previous addresses, returned as 'Not at this address.' Further letter now sent to this new address. Mary Coloe hopes to meet him soon and will try to sort out the problem.)*

8 - Election of new members:

Terence Arthur Grey: Proposed Charles Hill, seconded Moira O'Sullivan. Approved.

Elizabeth Dowling: Proposed Mary Coloe, seconded Brendan Byrne. Approved.

Sarah Hart: Masters not yet completed, but eligible for Associate membership,
Proposed (in writing) Alice Sinnott, seconded Tony Campbell. Approved.

9 - Treasurer's Report:

Balance sheet circulated prior to start of meeting. Treasurer reported the balance was satisfactory. IBD to stay as at present due to small capital invested which does not enable investment in a higher interest area. Secretary/treasurer to decide on investment in different area when capital increases or other options become available.

Costs for day only attenders questioned: Treasurer replied that costs were reasonable when GST effect considered and the charges imposed by other venues. The costs did include meals and were lower than the previous day attendance costs at St. Vincent's College.

GST and the Association questioned: Treasurer reported that, to date, we did not qualify for an ABN because our actual 'income' is very small and well below the qualifying level at which the Tax office will issue an ABN, being only \$20 per member, any small amount remaining from the conference social cost levy, plus a little interest. The conference charge (which includes GST) for accommodation, meals etc. is made by the venue, our account is only used as a convenience for members in processing the money. A constant watch on tax rules is kept because changes keep occurring. One other approach might be to become an official organisation of the Church; currently we are an independent association. The membership subscription has not increased because we do not pay GST, so what would we gain with an ABN?

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that she was resigning because of personal family matters which were occupying an increasing amount of her time.

10 - General Business:

a) Retired member guest for 2002. **Angelo O'Hagan**, proposed, Pamela Foulkes, seconded Charles Hill, unanimously approved.

- b) Task force and letter resulting from ideas from joint session with ACTA on 'Woman and Man':
- #The initial draft of the letter was to be reviewed by ACBA and ACTA prior to forwarding it to Frank Carroll, Chairman, Catholic Bishops Conference.
 - #Task force to be two persons from both ACBA and ACTA.
 - #Edited collection of joint session papers to be a job for the Task Force.
 - #Wide ranging discussion ensued on the wording of the draft letter. Several ideas regarding wording and changed order of topics were proposed.
 - #Noted that the letter should not stray far from the decisions made at the joint session.
 - #Letter emphasises; people's experiences, that the problems affect men and women, and that the prohibition on discussion of the ordination of women does not allow in-depth discussion of many of the problems raised in the report, "Woman and Man", which affect both sexes.
 - #A revised draft letter was read by the president. This will be discussed with the ACTA president (*ACTA are also considering the original draft*).

The president asked for approval to present the revised wording to the ACTA president for joint discussion: Approved with one abstention but no one against.

#Task Force:

- Four people, two from each association, to be gender balanced
- The brief is to be within the parameters of the letter
- The level of involvement with the Bishops' Conference would have to be decided by that Conference.
- The Task Force should report to the two associations next year.

ACBA members of Task Force:

Bernadette Kiley, Brian Boyle and Brendan Byrne declined nomination due to long standing commitments.

Elaine Wainwright nominated by Bernadette Kiley, seconded by Mary Coloe, approved by 19 members.

John Hill nominated by Margaret Beirne, seconded by Charles Hill, approved unanimously.

11 - Any other business:

Mary Coloe requested members to write their Email addresses on the list she is circulating. This will enable easier communication between many members as needs arise.

Mary Coloe requested that the association consider 'How we Name the Scriptures'. Agreed that this should be an item for general discussion during next year's conference, and that some email discussion could occur in the interim.

12 - Conference dates and venue, 2002:

Venue: St. Mary's College, Melbourne. Dates to be announced by ACTA and ACBA Executives after consultation. (*Announced on following day as Thursday July 4th -Sunday July 7th 2002*)

Noted that 2003 conference will probably be held in Brisbane.

13 - Election of the Executive:

a) President: **Bernadette Kiley** nominated by Mary Coloe, seconded by John Hill, elected by acclamation.

b) Vice-President: **Laurie Woods** nominated by Margaret Beirne, seconded by Brian Boyle, elected by acclamation.

c) Secretary/Treasurer: No one prepared to accept nomination for the joint position with all its facets. Following discussion, **Mary Coloe** willing to be Secretary/Treasurer, but minus organisation of the conference: proposed: We accept her offer; nominated John McSweeney, seconded Margaret Beirne, unanimously approved. Mary will take over the responsibilities of the secretary after the Conference concludes and Freda will organise the transfer of signature so that Mary will be responsible for ACBA accounts.

Rom Barry and Mary Raeburn indicated willingness to jointly organise the conference: offer unanimously approved.

14 - Conclusion:

Brian Boyle, outgoing President, thanked the resigning Secretary/Treasurer Freda Webb for her efficient work.

Bernadette Kiley, incoming President, thanked Brian Boyle for his presidential leadership.

Meeting closed at 4-25pm.

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

St Mary's College, University of Melbourne

4-7 July, 2002

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 4th July

5.0 Registration

6.30 Dinner

7.45 Welcome

Presidential Address

Bernadette Kiley: "Reading Mark Backwards: Establishing an Interpretative Lens for a Feminist-Liberationist Reading of the Gospel of Mark"

9.05 Conviviality with ACTA

Friday 5th July

9.00-12.30 Joint Session with ACTA: Discussion Focus: "Ecclesia in Oceania"
Papers by John Hill (ACBA) and David Pascoe (ACTA) have been circulated. Mary Reaburn will respond to John's paper, and Anne Tuohy will respond to David's.
The joint session will also include a brief report on last year's topic, "Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus".

12.30 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Four Brief Sessions

Mark O'Brien: "Gen 3:14-19"

Rod Doyle: "Is the translator a traitor?"

Wendy Parker: "Syria in NT Studies"

Tim Meadowcroft: "Who are the Princes of Persia and Greece (Daniel 10)?"

3.30 Afternoon tea

4.00-5.30 Anne Gardiner: "The Gezerah Shevah: A Biblical Device?"

6.30 Dinner (or free evening for those who wish)

Saturday 6th July

9.00-9.45 Mark O'Brien and Tony Campbell: "Unveiling the Pentateuch: Final Text and Forerunners"

9.45-10.30 (The paper by Antoinette Collins has been cancelled. This timeslot is now free – we can discuss how best to use it at our first session)

10.30 Morning tea

11.00 Discussion of previous papers (or modified programme)

11.30 Michael Trainor: "The Abuse of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel"

12.30 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Three Brief Sessions

James McLaren: "The Relationship between the Deaths of John and Jesus"

Charles Hill: "Writings from the Greco-Roman World"

Adrian Coleridge: "Narrative Criticism, Mythography and the fourfold Gospel"

3.30 Afternoon tea

4.00-5.30 AGM

6.00 Joint Conference Eucharist

7.00 Pre-dinner drinks

7.30 Conference Dinner

Sunday 7th July

9.00-9.45 Liz Boase: "The Personification of Jerusalem in Lamentations: Prophetic Motif and Literary Device"

9.45-10.30 Dorothy Lee: "The Transfiguration and the Gospel of John"

10.30 Morning tea

- 11.00 Discussion of previous two papers
- 11.45 Tony Campbell: "New Analysis" (short paper)
- 12.30 Lunch and conclusion of conference



Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at St. Mary's College, Parkville, Victoria
Saturday 6th July 2002 at 4pm .

1. Welcome:

The President, Bernadette Kiley opened the Meeting with a welcome to the members (Prayer took place in the morning).

2. Present:

Rom Barry, Glenda Bourke, Brendan Byrne, Tony Campbell, Adrian Coleridge, Jane Dalton, Rod Doyle, Liz Dowling, Anne Elvey, Anne Gardner, Anna Grant-Henderson, Charles Hill, Verna Holyhead, Bernadette Kiley (President), Veronica Lawson, Tim Meadowcroft, Mark O'Brien, Moira O'Sullivan, Mary Reaburn, Ian Sanders, Claire Sciesinski, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner (Minutes), Howard Wallace, John Wilkinson, Laurie Woods (Vice President)

3 Apologies:

Brian Boyle, Sue Boorer (illness), Antoinette Collins (mother's illness), Mary Coloe, Bob Drake, Elizabeth Fletcher, Pamela Foulkes, Majella Franzman, Margaret Hannon, William Loader, John McSweeney, Alan Moss, Kathleen Rushton, Joe Sobb, Elaine Wainwright, Freda Webb, Bishop David Walker, Kevin Waldie

4 - News Items and Causes for Celebration:

- a) The publication of the Pontifical Biblical Commission Document, *The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*
- b) The publication of Dorothy Lee's book which will be launched in mid-August
- c) Anna Grant-Henderson's book, *Inclusive Voices in Post-exilic Judaism* (Liturgical Press) will be published in August
- d) Anne Gardner, Howard Wallace and Marie Turner have contributed to Volumes 3 and 4 of the Earth Bible Series
- e) Liz Dowling has received a scholarship from the MCD, a grant to pursue research as a post-graduate student

5 - Minutes of Year 2001 A.G.M.

That the minutes be accepted as a true record

Proposed – Tony Campbell, Seconded – Rom Barry

Approved unanimously and signed as a true record by the president.

6 Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) Elaine Wainwright and Chris Burke have commenced dialogue with the CACW. The names of members of ACTA and ACBA are to be made available to CACW and their regional groups. CACW have run workshops in various areas and there may be ways ACBA can be involved. John Hill is compiling a list of articles and books that may be of assistance to them. Elaine Wainwright is happy to be our representative on their Task Force. The Meeting expressed its thanks to Elaine and affirmed the decision to ask John Hill to be our representative also.
- b) Mary Reaburn enquired as to the position concerning retired member Guests, and asked if Angelo O'Hagan had been invited. It appears that he may not have received the invitation because of a mix-up in communication. It was agreed that there is a need for a mechanism in regards to retired Guest members and Life Members to be worked out (See Item 11d).

7 Correspondence:

No correspondence

8 Reflection on the Joint Session on "Ecclesia in Oceania "

- a) Members were happy with the process of circulating the papers beforehand and suggested that the same process be followed next year. Some members had trouble downloading David Pascoe's paper. It was agreed to check the membership list and update it (Marie Turner volunteered to do this). All except ten members are on email and the paper was posted to them.
- b) It was generally felt that there was little energy to form a group with ACTA to work on the document "Ecclesia in Oceania ", but that communication with the bishops should be kept open.
- c) This led to a discussion in regard to the letter from the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine and Morals to Theological Colleges and other interested bodies on a follow-up to the "Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus" report. Suggestions included an official response from ACBA, or two people to be nominated to formulate an unofficial response and circulate it by email for members' reactions. Veronica Lawson pointed out that Bishop Michael Putney had heard the group's reaction in the context of the discussion of the letter and that it be sufficient that he take back that discussion to the Bishops' Committee. The process of Bishops' attendance at the ACTA-ACBA meetings had been set up for just such a purpose and we should make use of this line of communication.
It was finally agreed that the Incoming President would write a letter to the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine and Morals, and that individuals could respond as they see fit. The letter should thank the bishops for their invitation to communicate with them and acknowledge the presence of Bishop Michael Putney at the ACTA-ACBA Meeting.
- d) In the matter of the Joint Session at the 2003 Conference on 3-6 July in Brisbane (date tentative at this stage), it was noted that time will be compressed as there will be overlap with ANZATS. ACTA is committed to some interaction with ANZATS and ACBA will also have interaction with ANZATS. An indigenous theologian, George Rosendale will be present at the ACTA Conference. The majority of members felt that having the meeting in Brisbane posed no problem. Dates for the ANZATS Conference were not available, but it was believed that at least one day will overlap.

It was suggested that for the Joint Session we invite CACW to speak with ACBA and ACTA, but it was unclear whether ACTA was in favour of this, given their commitments to other projects. Mary Reaburn suggested the 3pm Thursday time slot to meet with CACW. Members wondered what should be the outcome of discussions with CACW, but since a joint meeting would be held at the request of CACW, in response to our offer to be of assistance to them, any outcomes would be CACW's decision. It was agreed that ACBA and ACTA should meet with CACW on the Thursday afternoon and that Elaine Wainwright and John Hill from ACBA and Chris Burke and Richard Lennan from ACTA should be asked to liaise with CACW.

Brendan Byrne suggested discussion of the document, *The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*. Mary Reaburn advised that the document is available on the Vatican web-site but that it is 100 pages long, and that it would be available from St Paul publications once the Toronto Youth Meeting is over. The suggestion was made that a Jewish speaker be invited, but members felt that it might not be appropriate to have a Jewish speaker since it would be a Christian discussion and that sensitivity was needed.

- e) Mary Reaburn proposed that for the smooth organization of next year's Conference there should be two categories: either live-in, with full package, or non-live-in and without full package. Seconded Michael Trainor. Those not living in would have all meals except breakfast. Friday night meal would not be included for anyone. Proposal accepted and agreed.

9. Election of New Members

Nominations for Rod Letchford and Kathleen Rushton were not received by April 2002. These nominations are now to be passed to new executive in readiness for April 2003 (members unsure whether April 1 or 30 is the deadline). Both will be able to attend the Brisbane Meeting.

10. Treasurer's Report

Balance sheet circulated prior to start of meeting. Members registered our thanks to Mary Coloe for her Report. Members also registered their thanks to Mary for keeping us up to date with events through Ozbiblica and for her offer to continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

As regards organization of next year's conference, Anne Tuohy has agreed to liaise with Elaine Wainwright to investigate a Conference venue in Brisbane.

Bernadette Kiley proposed thanks to Mary Reaburn and Rom Barry for their organization of the 2002 Conference. Members expressed their thanks by acclamation.

11. General Business

- (a) Michael Trainor informed the Meeting of his Colossae archaeological Project undertaken in conjunction with Claire Smith of Flinders University and Margaret O' Hay, a classical archaeologist at Adelaide University. They have made application for an ARC Grant of \$300,000 to begin excavating in two years' time. Liaison has taken place between the Adelaide team and Government officials and archaeologists in Turkey. Michael will be visiting Turkey in October. Details can be found on the Flinders University web-site.

- (b) Laurie Woods suggested presenters at this year's Conference give an abstract of their paper for posting on the web-site. Members agreed. Short abstracts of papers to be sent to Laurie soon. It was noted Matthew Ogilvie is going to Boston and it is not known who will oversee the web-site.
- (c) Anne Elvey proposed that we adopt as a formal protocol the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land. People could repeat the acknowledgement at the start of their papers if they wished. Group supported the proposal. In places where ownership is in dispute a general acknowledgement can be made.
- (d) It was decided there was a need for accurate use of language in reference to Life Members, Retired Members and invited Guests. It was agreed that invited Guests should be restricted to those living in the locality of the Conference so that airfares are not borne by ACBA. Life Members and the invited Guest Member can come to the Conferences without paying conference fees or accommodation and meals costs.
Mary Reburn proposed that Bill O' Shea be the invited Guest at the next conference. Agreed that Laurie Woods would invite Bill O'Shea and that ACBA would pay his costs, including taxi fares if any.
- (e) Disappointment was expressed at the rearranging of the conference schedules when a speaker is transferred to another day other than for reasons of illness. Transfer to another time on the same day is not a problem. Members are asked to let Executive know in advance if they are requesting a time change. Members agreed.

12. Conference Dates and Venue, 2003

Anne Tuohy will investigate a Venue in Brisbane . Dates probably 3-6 July but uncertain at this stage as they are contingent upon the ANZATS dates and the booking of a venue. Will be circulated to members as soon as possible.

13. Election of Executive

- a) President: Laurie Woods nominated by Mary Reburn, seconded by Mark O' Brien, elected by acclamation.
- b) Vice-President: Marie Turner nominated by Mary Reburn, seconded by Tony Campbell, elected by acclamation.
- c) Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Coloe willing to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

14. Conclusion

Laurie Woods to thank Bernadette Kiley for her Presidential leadership.

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm .

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Chevalier Centre, Roma Ave, Kensington

3-6 July, 2003

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 3rd July

5.0 Registration / Women's gathering.

6.30 Dinner

7.45 Welcome

Presidential Address

Laurie Woods: "Alienation in Job and Camus' *L'Etranger*"

9.05 Conviviality with ACTA

Friday 4th July

9.00 – 12.30 Joint Session with ACTA: Discussion Focus: Anthropological Significance of Gender

12.30 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Howard Wallace: "Hope in Isaiah"

Marie Turner: "Death at the Gate: Who let him in? Death in the book of Wisdom"

3.30 Afternoon tea

4.00-5.30 Mary Coloe: "Footwashing as a welcome: John 13"

6.30 Dinner (or free evening for those who wish)

Saturday 5th July

9.00-9.45 Liz Dowling: "A Reading of the Parable of the Pounds (Luke 19:11-27)"

9.45-10.30 Antoinette Collins: "God, Androgyny and Humanity. Dualism in Genesis"

10.30 Morning tea

11.00-11.45 Alice Sinnott: "Personified Wisdom as Saviour"



Australian Catholic Biblical Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at Chevalier Centre, Kensington Sydney, Saturday 5th July 2003 at 2.30pm.

1 - The President, Dr Laurie Woods, led the members in prayer from Colossians.

2 - Present:

Theresa Angert-Quilter, Rom Barry, Margaret Beirne, Brian Boyle, Antoinette Collins, Mary Coloe, Michele Connolly, Liz Dowling, Rod Doyle, Anne Elvey, Pamela Foulkes, Ann Gardner, Margaret Hannan, Sarah Hart, John Hill, Verna Holyhead, Mark O'Brien, Mary Reaburn, Alice Sinnot, Joe Sobb, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, David Walker, Howard Wallace, Kevin Waldie, Laurie Woods (President).

3 - Apologies:

Brendan Byrne, Tony Campbell, Mark Coleridge, Anthony Dean, Majella Franzman, Anna Grant-Henderson; Bernadette Kiley, William Loader, Veronica Lawson, Jamie McLaren, Frank Moloney, Moira O'Sullivan, Elaine Wainwright.

4 - Personal items:

Books published: Margaret Beirne, *Woman and Man in the gospel of John*.

Dorothy Lee, *Flesh and Glory*.

Joe Sobb – a book of Hebrew Grammar

Frank Moloney and Tony Kelly, *Experiencing God in the Gospel of John*", Paulist Press, 2003.

Margaret Hannan has completed her Doctorate on *The Basileia in Luke's Gospel*.

Mary Coloe's book *God Dwells with Us* chosen for discussion at the British New Testament Society conference. Mary has been invited to attend and give a paper.

5 - Minutes of Year 200² A.G.M.

"The minutes be accepted as a true record": Proposed : Mark O'Brien. Seconded: Anne Gardner.

Noted that the minutes did not record apologies from Margaret Beirne, Margaret Hannan and Alice Sinnot.

Approved unanimously and signed as a true record by the president.

6 - Matters arising from the minutes:

There was a suggestion to move the meeting to Summer. This was rejected.

Proposed: To retain the first week July for our Conference.

Proposed: Michael Trainor. Seconded: Joe Sobb. Carried.

Proposed that venues be decided and booked two years ahead.

Venue – St Mary's in Melbourne for 2004. Chevalier Centre in Sydney for 2005.

There was discussion about using a location where there can be power point and appropriate technology.

Proposed: **That the conference organisers ensure that the proper technology is available and if necessary to hire this.**

Proposed Mary Coloe. Seconded: Kevin Waldie. Motion Carried.

There was discussion that one person from each association prepared a paper on the theme of Christian anthropology with a prepared response;

that these papers be circulated to both associations prior to the conference for thinking about prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Michael Trainor. **Seconded.** Mary Reaburn.

In choosing the theme 'Christian anthropology' there was concern that there will ever be a consensus on what is a Christian anthropology.

Motion carried.

The President reported that the executives of both associations would try to establish a meeting with the Bishop's to keep open the conversation.

It was proposed that members of ACTA would be able to join the Ozbiblica e-mail network in order to keep abreast of discussions in this association. A similar proposal was to be put to the ACTA Conference to allow ACBA members to join the ACTA net to see what issues were being discussed by that association.

Proposed: Mary Coloe, Seconded Mary Raeburn.

Proposed that there be a 'members only' access on the Web site to preserve privacy for members.

Proposed: Joe Sobb. Seconded: Alice Sinnot. Carried.

7a) - Correspondence outgoing:

Letter of thanks to bishop David Walker for the invitation to respond to 'Woman and Man' and the willingness of the Association to participate in dialogue with the Bishops on this document..

7b) Correspondence incoming:

A Letter from Liz Dowling thanking the members for her admission into the Association.

Elisabeth Julian sent in her C. V.

8 - Election of new members:

Kathleen Rushton was proposed Mary Coloe. Seconded: John Hill. Carried.

Rod Letchford. Again the conference was not in a position to move forward on Rod's application for membership as there was no one present at the meeting who knew him to speak for his application.

The Secretary will write and explain to him the procedures in the hope that next year his application could be processed.

9 - Treasurer's Report:

this was distributed to conference members.

Discussion about increasing the interest Bearing Deposit to \$5000 to enable a far better interest rate.

The meeting authorised the treasurer to move on this in February if funds permitted.

Membership subscriptions were distributed to see if money was owing. Joe Sobb reminded the meeting that it had been decided some years back that if no dues were paid for three years then the treasurer would write to the member to see if they wished to continue their membership in the association. If no dues were paid then membership would lapse.

There were discussion about the part subsidy of travel costs to those who regularly have to travel from Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and New Zealand. The current understanding is that if individuals pay their travel costs then they be re-imbursed one third of this amount. There was discussion about when an instituted covered the conference costs - did the subsidy still apply? Michael Trainor will continue this discussion via the email network with a view to resolving this at the next meeting.

The Treasurer made a strong request that Conference bookings and money be sent to her by the due date to ease the organization of this event and the compiling of a proper report.

That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Proposed: Joe Sobb. Seconded Brian Boyle. Carried.

Michale Trainor expressed a vote of thanks to Mary Coloe and Matthew Ogilvie for their work on the e-mail list and the Web site.

10 - General Business:

It was proposed that an Abstract of papers be posted on the Web prior to the meeting. If individuals wished to receive a copy of the paper they could contact the presenter with that request.

Brian Boyle noted that at the end of this year there would be two positions advertised at Notre Dame, the position of Dean and a teaching position in systematic theology.

11 - Any other business:

12 - Conference dates and venue, 200~~2~~

Venue: St. Mary's College, Melbourne. Dates to be announced by ACTA and ACBA Executives after consultation. (*Announced on following day as **Thursday July 4th -Sunday July 7th 200~~2~~***)

Conference Organisor: At the meeting only Anne Elvey was available to do this organising for next year. The executive was to seek further support from a Melbourne member to assist Anne.

13 - Election of the Executive:

- a) President: **Marie Turner** nominated by Michael Trainor , seconded by Anne Gardner, elected by acclamation.
- b) Vice-President: **Michael Trainor** nominated by Mary Coloe, seconded by Mary Reaburn, elected by acclamation.
- c) Secretary/Treasurer: **Mary Coloe** willing to be Secretary/Treasurer for another year.
- d) Marie Turner thanked Laurie for the conference organization in 2004 and his role as President.

14 - Conclusion:

Outgoing President, thanked the resigning Secretary/Treasurer for her efficient work.
Bernadette Kiley, incoming President, thanked Brian Boyle for his presidential leadership.
Meeting closed at 4-25pm.

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Celebrating Forty Years

8-11 July, 2004

Newman College, Melbourne

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 8th July

4pm Women's Gathering

5.00 Registration.

6.30 Dinner

7.30 Public Meeting

Brendan Byrne: "Can the Scriptural World still be Our World? Early Millennial Reflections of an Australian Biblical Scholar"

9.00 Tea and coffee at Public Meeting venue

Return to Newman for convivial drinks

Friday 9th July

9.00-9.15 Prayer

9.30 a.m. – 10:45 **Joint ACTA/ACBA Session**

Elaine Wainwright: In Fear and Great Joy: 40 years of feminist Biblical scholarship

10.45 – 11.15 a.m. Morning Tea

11:15-12:30 Tony Kelly: "A Theological Perspective on Exegesis: reflection on an experience".

12..30 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Marie Turner: The Way of Wisdom: Zimmerli to Biodiversity

Paul Tarazi: The Construction and Reconstruction of the Topic Torah

- 3.30 Afternoon tea
- 4.00-5.00 Bernadette Kiley: The Servant girl in Mark's Gospel
- 6.30 Dinner (or free evening for those who wish)

Saturday 10th July

- 8.45-9.00 Prayer
- 9.00-10.30 Michael Trainor: Colossians: Aspects about Biodiversity from Colossians 1
- Anne Gardner: Bathsheba's Identity
- 10.30 Morning tea
- 11.00-12.00 Kevin Waldie: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord? – The Gospels and the Passion according to Mel Gibson"
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00-3.30 Alice Sinnott: Reading Qoheleth in the Light of some Paintings Free
- 3.30 Afternoon tea
- 4.00-5.30 AGM
- 6.00 Joint Conference Eucharist
- 7.00 Pre-dinner drinks
- 7.30 Conference Dinner

Sunday 11th July

- 9.00-10.30 Forum: John Hill: The Babylonian Exile And Its Aftermath
See John's email and its attachment
- 10.30 Morning tea
- 11.00-12.30 Progress Reports
- 12.30 Lunch and conclusion of conference



Australian Catholic Biblical Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Newman College, Parkville Vic, Saturday July 10, 2004

1. The meeting opened with prayer led by the President, Marie Turner.
2. **Present**
Margaret Beirne, Glenda Bourke, Liz Dowling, Rod Doyle, Anne Elvey, Ann Gardner, Anna Grant-Henderson, Margaret Hannan, John Hill, Bernadett Kiley, Veronica Lawson, Alan Moss, Ian Sanders, Alice Sinnott, Michael Trainor, Marie Turner, Elaine Wainwright, Kevin Waldie, Laurie Woods.
3. **Apologies**
Theresa Angert-Quilter, Brendan Byrne, Tony Campbell, Mark Coleridge, Mary Coloe, Pamela Foulkes, Verna Holyhead, John McSweeney, Frank Moloney, Mark O'Brien, Moira O'Sullivan, Mary Reaburn, Howard Wallace.
4. **Personal Items**
It was decided that we commence a formal process for notification of personal items, and that these be recorded fully and accurately.
5. **Minutes of the AGM for 2003**
There were several amendments to the Minutes. With these corrections, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Alice Sinnott. Seconded: Laurie Woods.

Item 4. Corrections and completion of details.
Margaret Beirne, *Women and Men in the Fourth Gospel. A Genuine Discipleship of Equals* (JSNT Supp. Series 242. London: Sheffield Academic Press, 2003).

Dorothy Lee, *Flesh and Glory: Symbol, Gender and Theology in the Gospel of John* (New York: Crossroad, 2002).

Anthony J. Kelly and Francis J. Moloney, *Experiencing God in the Gospel of John* (New York: Paulist Press, 2003).

Joseph Sobb, *Beginning Biblical Hebrew. An Introductory Grammar and Workbook* (Strathfield: Catholic Institute of Sydney, 2003).

Margaret Hannan has completed her doctoral thesis on the topic *The Basileia in Matthew's Gospel*.

Mary Coloe's book, *God Dwells with us* has been chosen for discussion at the British New Testament Society Conference. Mary has been invited to attend and give a paper.

Items 5 and 13 (d), the year 2004 should read 2003.

Item 12, omit the first paragraph.

Item 14, omit all but the final sentence.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

Re the decision to maintain the Conference dates as the first weekend in July, the dates had to be changed to the second weekend to fit in with the ANZATS and ACTA Conferences.

The decision to book St Mary's College, Parkville had to be changed as the College was unavailable. The nearest suitable alternative was Newman College.

Re the decision that Conference organisers provide suitable IT resources, this was unable to be achieved at Newman as these are only available to users of the new centre, the cost of booking of which was considered prohibitive.

Re posting items on Ozbiblica, the sender needs to be included in the recipients. Password protection is unnecessary as there is no private information included on members' entries.

7. Correspondence

There was no incoming or outgoing correspondence to record.

8. Election of new members

Elizabeth Boase. Proposed: Sue Boorer; seconded: William Loader. Accepted.

Catherine McCahill. Proposed: Glenda Bourke; seconded: Veronica Lawson. Accepted.

Sarah Hart. Proposed: Alice Sinnott; seconded: Kevin Waldie. Accepted.

Elizabeth Julian. Proposed: Alice Sinnott; seconded: Elaine Wainwright. Accepted.

9. Treasurer's Report

The meeting was reminded of the decision to contact members whose annual fee had lapsed for the past three years. If no response is made, then the membership will lapse.

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Anna Grant-Henderson; seconded: Laurie Woods.

10. General Business

10.1 ACBA records are available up to 1990, and 2000-3, but those for the years 1990-9 are missing. This gap will be followed up by the secretary. It was agreed that we would have the completed files typed professionally; an honorarium of \$300 is to be offered.

10.2 Although papers are normally only presented by members, special guests are welcome to do so (e.g., Dr Paul Tarazi at this Conference). Associate members are encouraged to give a progress report.

10.3 There was a lengthy discussion on the format of the Conference. Suggestions included:

- Joint sessions(s) received strong support. Perhaps papers might be distributed prior to the meeting allowing more time for interaction.
Suggested topics: (a) ecology, with the title *Holy Matter*;
(b) integration of biblical and theological scholarship.
- ACBA sessions: suggested variety of presentation format. One possibility is that a presenter could distribute papers beforehand, then lead a discussion on the topic, rather than 'read' the paper as such. Decision on style is to be left to the presenter.
- The pre-distribution of paper(s) was recommended for the joint ACBA—ACTA sessions.
- Another point for discussion concerned the length of time of the office of President. There was an openness about the possibility of lengthening the time of the Office beyond the one year, to bring the duration more into line with that of the ACTA. No decision was taken, but open for further discussion next year.

11. Any other business

Members were reminded to contact the Treasurer if eligible for flight subsidy (1/3 of fare).

12. Conference dates and venue, 2005

The 2005 Conference will be held in Sydney from Thursday July 7 to Sunday July 10. The choice of location is left to the executive. An organising sub-committee will be appointed; the President is responsible for the agenda.

The 2006 Conference will be in Adelaide.

13. Election of executive (from this date to the 2005 AGM)

President: Michael Trainor.

Nominated: Veronica Lawson; seconded: Margaret Beirne. Carried by acclamation.

Vice-President: Liz Dowling

Nominated: Anne Elvey; seconded: Laurie Woods. Carried by acclamation.

Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Beirne

Nominated: Mary Coloe; seconded: Veronica Lawson. Carried by acclamation.

14. Conclusion

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Constitution



Article I

The full name of this Association shall be
The Australian Catholic Biblical Association.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1

The general aim of this Association shall be to promote scholarly study of the Bible in accordance with the spirit and instructions of the Church.

Section 2

The special aims of this Association shall be

- a) to provide for mutual acquaintance and support and to facilitate the exchange of methods and ideas
- b) to constitute a body of informed opinion on matters biblical as a resource for the wider Church.

Article III

Membership

Section 1

The membership of this Association shall consist of Active members and Associate members. All members shall pay the same dues, and all shall enjoy the same rights and privileges except where the constitutions of the Association shall provide otherwise.

Section 2

Only active members shall exercise active and passive voice.

Section 3

Candidates for active membership must have an appropriate degree in biblical studies (at least at the level of Master or Licentiate), or must have equivalent professional competence in the area of biblical studies, demonstrated by the holding of an academic posting or by publication at an academic level.

Section 4

Any person or group in sympathy with the aims of the Association may duly be admitted to associate membership.

Section 5

The Annual General Meeting may confer Honorary Membership of the Association.

Section 6

Attendance at the annual conference shall be limited to active and associate members, and to guests invited by active members with the concurrence of the President. Papers at the annual conference shall be presented by active members only, or by others invited to do so by the Executive.

Section 4

The duties of the Treasurer shall be

- a) to receive the funds of this Association and to make disbursements as provided for by the Executive or by the Members in General Meeting
- b) to act as business manager of the periodical publications of the Association
- c) to submit to General Meetings a financial statement of the income and expenses of the Association
- d) to submit on request a financial statement to the Executive.

Section 5

Should an Editor be elected, the duties of the Editor shall be

- a) to prepare for publication anything so approved by the General Meeting of the Association.

Article VI

Election of Officers

Section 1

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer, and Editor shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2

Terms of office shall extend from the end of the Annual General Meeting of election until the end of the next Annual General Meeting; the Secretary, and/or Treasurer, however, shall be elected for a three-year term. The President and Vice-President shall be ineligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices.

Section 3

Candidates for election to the Executive shall be proposed by two active members, who shall hand a written nomination to the Secretary in time for the nomination to be made known to the membership 24 hours before the Annual General Meeting.

Article VII

Constitution

Section 1

The Constitution of the Association is approved by the General Meeting. If necessary, the Executive may interpret articles of the Constitution between General Meetings.

Section 2

The Annual Membership fee will be determined by the General Meeting on the advice of the Treasurer.