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Annual Meeting Proposals

The proposal submission period for the 2011 Annual Meeting is ongoing. Proposals for program unit, theme, and general open sessions may be submitted online until March 31. (The proposal period will end 3/31 at 11:30 pm Eastern). For more information visit <u>www.etsjets.org</u>.

From the Director

One Question

Undoubtedly, the most frequent question I've gotten over the last few months is "how many people attended the meeting in Atlanta?" Nearly four months have gone by and members are still talking about Atlanta. From the record-breaking attendance numbers to the engaging plenary sessions, the 2010 meeting continues to be a topic of conversation. To answer the question for everyone, here's the breakdown on the 2010 Annual Meeting attendance.

2460 total registrations 2209 registrants 251 spouses 222 exhibitors 2682 - total attendance

This was a 43% increase over 2009 and is the single highest attendance for any annual meeting. We had 575 scheduled presentations in 155 parallel sessions. With attendees from across the globe, the 2010 meeting was a prime example of ETS at its best—engaging, penetrating, irenic scholarship on Scripture, theology, and the church. Many thanks are due to Dr. Clinton Arnold, our 2010 program chair for his excellent work.

Key Membership Change

The most significant change in 2010 was the move from calendar to rolling-year

memberships. Now regardless of when you renew, your membership is valid for a full year. The website has been updated to accommodate this change and to make renewing even easier. As soon as you login, you can see your membership status and your expiration date in the *Account Status* box on the right side of the homepage. You can renew online up to three months ahead of your expiration. The system automatically shows you the renewal link as soon as you are eligible to renew.

If you haven't logged into the site recently, let me encourage you to do so soon. More than ever, the site is a key tool for Society members.

Member Publications & Job Candidates

There are two sections of the *Newsletter* that are missing this year—*Member Publications* and *Members Seeking Employment*. Both of these features have been updated, expanded, and moved to our website. Members can now post their new publications online. In addition, with the online listing you can view member publications by subject. For more information visit: www.etsjets.org/publications/member_publications.

Career services is a key focus for us this year. Recent changes to the website allow institutions to post job opportunities and members to post their candidate information. The most recent job postings are featured prominently on the homepage. For more information, to post an opportunity, or to

submit your candidate information, please visit: www.etsjets.org/employment/overview. This fall we'll expand this service even further by offering interview space at the annual meeting. Stay tuned to the website for more details.

Coming in May: The ETS Annual Report

For many years we've released the various business reports and the memorials in the March issue of *JETS* and in the *Newsletter*. This year we'll be transitioning all of the reports (annual financial statement, *JETS* report, membership report, regional meeting reports, and annual meeting report) and the memorials into one combined communication, *The ETS Annual Report*. Emailed to members and posted on the website, this new publication will bring together all of our key "family communications" into one place.

As we approach the Easter season, I pray that we will sense anew the love of God poured out on the cross.

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Blessings in Christ,