

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Beautiful San Diego, California, hosted the forty-first annual ETS conference at the invitation of Bethel Theological Seminary West. The conference was held on November 16-18, 1989, in the spacious facilities of the College Avenue Baptist Church. The attendance totaled 452 persons who registered for the meeting. At times, crowds in excess of 500 people attended the plenary sessions. The San Diego attendance proved to be the highest on record in the history of our Society.

The conference theme was "The Gospel and World Religions." Five plenary sessions and numerous parallel sessions were ably arranged by program chairman Robert L. Thomas. Presentations at the plenary sessions included papers by Tokunboh Adeyemo on "Forms of Salvation in World Religions"; J. Dudley Woodberry on "Resurgent Islam: Roots and Response"; Clark Pinnock on "Inclusive Finality or Universally Accessible Salvation"; Russell Chandler on "Understanding the New Age"; and John F. MacArthur, Jr., on "The Gospel According to James." James A. Borland delivered the presidential address entitled "A Theologian Looks at the Gospel and World Religions" at the banquet on November 16.

Meeting with ETS were the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Near East Archaeological Society, and the Association of Evangelical Professors of Missions. The presence of these societies and the participation of their members increased the attendance and sparked interest and debate during and after the meetings.

During the first business session, the secretary-treasurer presented the membership report and the financial report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Total	Full	Assoc.	Student
Active Membership 11-1-88	1887	1231	400	256
New members 1989	227	87	45	95
Members reactivated	8	6	1	1
Members dropped	130	61	44	25
Total Membership 11-1-89	1992	1263	402	327

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1990:

President—Robert L. Thomas
 President-Elect—H. Wayne House
 Vice-President—Gordon R. Lewis
 Vacancy on Executive Committee—James A. Borland
 Vacancies on Membership Committee—Gordon A. Jones
 Wayne A. Brindle

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee presented by Wayne House:

Whereas the Evangelical Theological Society was invited to convene its forty-first annual meeting at College Avenue Baptist Church and Bethel Theological Seminary West and,

Whereas College Avenue Baptist Church and Bethel Theological Seminary West have graciously ministered to the needs of the Society, especially those individuals helping in the registration, taping and food service,

Be it resolved that the Evangelical Theological Society wishes to express its appreciation to College Avenue Baptist Church and Bethel Theological Seminary West; and

Be it further resolved that the Society wishes to express gratitude to pastor Gerald Sheveland for the use of the facilities of College Avenue Baptist Church; and

Be it further resolved that we wish to thank ETS president James Borland, program chairman Robert Thomas, *Journal* editor Ronald Youngblood, and secretary-treasurer Simon Kistemaker for their faithful work on behalf of the Society this past year and specifically for this annual meeting; and

Finally, be it resolved that the Society appreciates the various participants for their excellent papers, and the members of the Society who attended this year.

President Borland introduced a proposed addition to Article III of the ETS Constitution, the doctrinal basis: "God is a Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each an uncreated person, one in essence, equal in power and glory." This amendment will be presented to the next annual meeting for adoption upon a four-fifths vote.

Next, the secretary-treasurer introduced these amendments to the By-Laws:

"2. Dues of \$20.00 per annum, of which \$18.00 are for a subscription to the *Journal*, are to be paid in the first quarter of the calendar year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1989 AND 1988

	1989	1988
CASH, in banks beginning	\$ <u>47,704.41</u>	\$ <u>41,866.39</u>
RECEIPTS		
Dues and subscriptions	45,127.67	46,770.44
Annual meeting	5,786.76	15,810.94
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	3,749.39	1,389.07
Interest on savings	3,148.54	2,555.08
Miscellaneous income	<u>1,121.00</u>	<u>417.33</u>
	<u>58,933.36</u>	<u>66,942.86</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT	\$106,637.77	\$108,809.25
DISBURSEMENTS		
<i>JETS</i> (9/88-9/89)	\$ 32,719.02	\$ 32,744.31
Annual meeting	1,430.18	10,229.88
Audit	328.00	310.00
Monograph	121.79	1,455.99
News letter	619.84	777.24
Office and general	2,176.89	3,121.69
Postage	1,677.89	1,885.23
Regional expense	750.00	900.00
Salaries	3,396.00	3,580.50
Stipends	<u>6,900.00</u>	<u>6,100.00</u>
	50,119.61	61,104.84
CASH, in banks ending (see below)	<u>56,518.16</u>	<u>47,704.41</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED	\$106,637.77	\$108,809.25
BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Checking	\$ 3,803.26	\$ 5,137.40
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Money market	41,762.18	32,443.86
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Certificate of deposit	<u>10,952.72</u>	<u>10,123.15</u>
CASH, in banks ending	\$ 56,518.16	\$ 47,704.41

Membership in the Society will be automatically terminated upon failure to pay dues and/or to sign the Doctrinal Basis.

"3. Associate members shall be those who are in sympathy with the scholarly and theological purposes of the Society and who desire its publications and fellowship. They are to be accepted upon recommendation of a member as sponsor and with approval of the chairperson of the membership committee. They shall be nonvoting and subject to the same fees and requirements as full members.

"4. Student associate members shall be those who are in college or graduate school. They are to be accepted upon recommendation of a sponsoring member and the approval of the chairperson of the membership committee. They shall be nonvoting, subject to the same requirements as full members, and pay \$18.00 of which \$16.00 will be to support the publication of the *Journal*."

The amendments were adopted by the Society on the basis of By-Law 11: "The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting."

The secretary-treasurer announced that renewal notices for the annual dues for 1991 will be mailed in September 1990 followed by a reminder in January 1991.

President Borland announced the dates, places, and themes for future meetings:

1. November 15-17, 1990, New Orleans, Louisiana: "Morality and Ethics."
2. November 21-23, 1991, Kansas City, Missouri: "Christ and His Kingdom in the Old and New Testaments."
3. November 19-21, 1992, San Francisco, California: "Goals for the Church in the 1990s."

The secretary-treasurer read a memorial for Walter R. Martin, after which he read Psalm 116 and led in prayer.

The forty-first annual meeting was characterized by record attendance, excellent speakers, quality papers, and a wholesome spirit. With a membership of two thousand, the Society is growing in stature. It continues to serve the world with Biblical scholarship that is in harmony with its stated purpose.

Simon J. Kistemaker