2012 Annual Meeting to Explore “Pentecostalisms, Peacemaking, and Social Justice/Righteousness”

By Paul Alexander, First Vice President and 2012 Program Chair

This year at Regent University, in Virginia Beach, VA, our 41st Annual Meeting theme is “Pentecostalisms, Peacemaking, and Social Justice/Righteousness.” The Meeting will explore Pentecostalisms’ relationships with issues such as Israel and Palestine, e/im/migration, liberation, oppression, race and ethnicity, gender, the environment, economics, poverty, wealth, health care, public policy, foreign policy, war, nonviolence, reconciliation, forgiveness, conflict transformation, globalization, consumerism, sexuality, post/neo/colonialisms, and imperialism.

Because this Meeting is being held in conjunction with Empowered 21, we have the honor of engaging in this experience with hundreds of denominational and NextGen leaders. We anticipate that this multifaceted and multi-demographic conference—Converge21—will provide many opportunities to explore peace with justice and other issues relevant to the future of Spirit-empowered Christianity in the twenty-first century from a variety of perspectives—historical, theological, biblical, pastoral, philosophical, missional, ecu-

Robertson Hall at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, host site of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society

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Interest Groups’ Annual Meeting Preview

The Newsletter asked Interest Group leaders to preview presentations scheduled for the Society’s 41st Annual Meeting. Their responses follow:

The Religion and Culture Interest Group is sponsoring a symposium on Gender and History(ies), with panelists Estrelda Alexander, Kimberly Alexander, Linda Ambrose, Leah Payne, and Abraham Ruelas, with Anjulet Tucker responding.


The third session turns to church growth within Pente-
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By Lois E. Olena

Preparing for the 2012 Annual Business Meeting

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Locations for 2013 and 2014 Meetings

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Leah Payne, Katy Attanasio, and Marcia Clarke at the SPS-WTS Reception at AAR/SBL.

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The Thursday evening plenary session will present a balanced, loving, and kind confrontation about complex issues in the Holy Land, featuring Sami Awad, a Spirit-empowered Christian who lives and works there. Mr. Awad was reared in a Palestinian Pentecostal family in the West Bank, and now serves as Executive Director of the Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem. He holds a master’s degree in International Relations, specializing in Peace and Conflict Resolution, from the American University in Washington, D.C., and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas.

Our Friday morning plenary will feature Daisy L. Machado (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Her scholarship focuses specifically on United States’ Christianities. She is the author of Borders and Margins (Oxford) and co-editor of A Reader in Latina Feminist Theologies: Religion and Justice (University of Texas). She is the first U.S. Latina ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has served inner-city congregations in Brooklyn, Houston, and Fort Worth.

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Saturday morning’s session explores the theme “Conflict and Peace” and will feature Calvin Smith’s paper, “Pentecostal Zionism and the Middle East Conflict: Reconciling Inherently Philo-Semitic and Calls for Social Justice”; Hannah Kahn’s “Reconciliation and the Holocaust: Perspectives and Methods for Charismatic Messianic Jewish”; and Justin Gottuso’s “Pneumatological Kingdom Theology for the Twenty-First Century: Implications for Socio-Political Engagement through Military Chaplaincy.”

The final session on Saturday afternoon will feature a panel review of Amos Yong’s The Spirit of Creation: Modern Science and Divine Action in the Pentecostal Imagination. Ware, Wisemore, Chris Vena (Toccoa Falls College) and Doug Olena (Evangel University) will review the book and offer critical responses. Yong will respond in turn.

We’re looking forward to another year of development for work at the intersection of Pentecostalism and philosophy and are happy to see both established and newer scholars contribute to our slate.

By Bill Oliverio

Lee Roy Martin, Biblical Studies Interest Group leader, SPS Second Vice President, and 2013 Annual Meeting Program Chair.

Theological Issues, Ongoing Research and Publication Projects, and Plan for Future Presentations. Ω

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By Lee Roy Martin

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The final session will explore "Theologies of Justice," with papers by Aaron Yom, "Green Spirituality: Towards Constructing a Pneumatological Eco-Theology"; Marlon Milner, "Jesus as Lord and Liberator: Synergies between African American Apostolic Pentecostal and Black/Womanist Theology Views of the Triune God"; Pamela Holley, "Can We Find a Way to Address Human Sexuality Without Fighting About It? One Pentecostal's Response to Brian D. McLaren"; and Jared Vazquez, "I Know That I Know That I Know: Can Queer People Find Affirmation and Justice in Pentecostalism?"

Please join us in the Theology Interest Group luncheon meeting, where we can network together and discuss theological issues, ongoing research and publication projects, and plan for future presentations.

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