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Information for NAAL Members

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Registration Fees for Milwaukee 2010

For Members –
Early Registration: \$215
Late Registration: \$250
On Site: \$300

For Visitors –
Early Registration: \$250
Late Registration: \$275
On Site: \$300

Letter from the President

Dear NAAL colleagues at home and abroad!

Greetings once again from the Northwest USA where early November rains are pointing ever more relentlessly toward winter and before long our annual gathering this year in Milwaukee! In the Spring Newsletter I promised further details about our plans for January. Now, as they emerge from drawing boards into final commitments, real-life schedules, noble simplicity of design for our in-house "chapel", hard copy mock ups for our prayer together, lists of time-tested venues for dining in and dining out – to name a few, I am eager to keep you abreast of progress.

First of all, a great big thank you and welcome to all who have registered so far! At the same time, may I nudge all still in process to take full advantage of the early rates before their November 15 deadline? Now that we are within two months of our gathering in Milwaukee, online registration with our user-friendly electronic payment option is the way to go. Whether by snail mail or cyber mail, "now is the acceptable time." Please do take advantage of this win-win opportunity – a savings for you and exceedingly helpful for the Academy Committee and me in the final planning work still before us. Many thanks!

As I wrote earlier, I know travel and conference resources are scarcer than ever this year. Thus we have been working extra hard to secure additional sponsorships so that those in need who wish to attend NAAL in 2010 will be able to do so. If a scarcity of resources is keeping you from coming to Milwaukee, it is not too late to contact our past president, Judith Kubicki (kubicki@fordham.edu) about scholarship options. NAAL funds too are scarce, but the AC will do whatever the coffers allow to assist as much as possible.

Furthermore, as one of our charter members suggested recently, those among us who enjoy more stable job and financial positions might welcome the opportunity to assist NAAL colleagues who find themselves in greater need this year. Should you be able to help in this way, please contact our treasurer Martin Seltz to contribute to

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the scholarship fund.

Last time I promised to set out some details of the Committee's plans for Academy prayer in Milwaukee. Following my intention to give our 2010 meeting a timely interfaith emphasis, I am very happy to report that members of the local committee are engaged in a true labor of love as they put finishing touches on their offerings. In accord with the established guidelines for worship when the Academy gathers for its annual meeting, they have brought together the old and the new once again. Our traditional interfaith and ecumenical Opening Rite has taken on a fresh new tone to gather us appropriately in prayerful remembrance as well as commitment to our present and future work. At Morning Prayer on Friday we will engage Medieval Christian traditions as we, in ancient ways, sing praise to our Creator. On Friday evening the Academy Liturgy for this year will welcome the Sabbath in Synagogue 3000's celebration of Kabbalat Shabbat. For Saturday our Morning Prayer is designed to collect into one experience prayer-forms from each of the three Abrahamic traditions, a unique and welcome new interfaith contribution, while our grace at the banquet that evening carries on the familiar with one of our now traditional sung table prayers. Finally, on Sunday morning, with her blessing and commission, Jill Crainshaw our new president will send us on our way into the rest of 2010 looking forward to "next year in San Francisco"!

Complementing this year's strong schedule of seminar agenda our three major addresses also contribute to a theme of scholarly and religious interaction and cooperation. Together they will tap our rich heritage. Jill Crainshaw invites us to ponder our daily task of "Wording Wisdom," and with Gail Ramshaw's Berakah Response, we listen in on a conversation with Julian of Norwich. Our plenary speaker this year is Aminah B. McCloud, Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University and the Director of the Islamic World Studies Program, who will voice for us what Muslims would like us to know about their worship of the God, whom they call Allah, Jews call Adonai, and Christians address as the Triune God.

Once again, the Academy Committee invites your participation in the process of exploring options for future meeting venues following our current 5-year contract with Hyatt, which expires with the Montreal meeting in 2012. To facilitate an exchange of ideas among the membership at our business meeting in Milwaukee, please give some thought to what you believe future venues for the NAAL annual meeting should provide, including specific needs of your seminar group. Your suggestions now will help us shape the meeting agenda. A contract decision and forthcoming venues should be in place by this time next year, so as to be announced at the January 2011 business meeting in San Francisco. This is no small matter, and your input will assist the Academy Committee in research and negotiations that impact all of us individually and the future of NAAL.

On a lighter note, in closing, downtown Milwaukee, where the Hyatt

Regency is located, is truly a city center with a wonderfully unsophisticated town feel. The hotel is surrounded by a wide variety of restaurants, an active theater scene, great walking routes (especially for our cold weather walkers and runners), and even a covered walkway leading in less than 10 minutes from the hotel to the downtown mall, the Shops of Grand Avenue, with an extensive food court and an Applebee's at street level. There is a Starbucks in the hotel and breakfast coffee with snacks available nearby from 7:00 AM on! Finally, Milwaukee even has a citywide free WiFi network that can be accessed from most locations, even in many parts of the hotel. The Hyatt itself offers free WiFi in all its lobbies. This will mean super savings for our wired age. Last but not least, I am excited to report that our effort to blend "a taste of old Milwaukee" with premier new world wines from Oregon at the opening reception and the banquet will cap off pleasant memories of NAAL in 2010 – no question, this New Year's place to be.

Yours with eager anticipation,
in the "year of the grandfather,"

Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.
2009 President
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Register Now for the Milwaukee Meeting, January 7-10, 2010

Register before November 15 to avoid additional costs.

To access online registration, follow this link:

<https://www.regonline.com/naalannualmeeting2010>

To make a hotel reservation at the Hyatt, follow this link:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NAAL2010>

Don LaSalle
Secretary
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More Reduced Rate Rooms Available at the Hyatt

Due to the deft negotiations of our administrative assistant Courtney Murtaugh, Hyatt has agreed to increase the number of rooms available at a reduced rate.

There are **ten more rooms available for retired members** at the reduced rate of **\$99 per night plus tax**. This is in addition to the ten rooms at this rate that retired members have already reserved.

In addition, there are **20 rooms available at the same reduced rate**, for those who find themselves in difficulty due to the current economic conditions.

If you are retired and want to reserve one of the retired rooms, contact Don LaSalle (donlasalle@fastmail.fm). Also contact Don if you would like to request a discounted room due to financial need. Don't let a tight budget keep you away from Milwaukee.

In total, then, we have 40 rooms at a discounted rate. Hats off to Courtney for negotiating this arrangement.

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From the Delegate for Seminars

Consultation on Seminars

As NAAL membership and visitors at our annual meeting continue to increase, we're struggling to find adequate meeting spaces for our seminars. Part of the struggle is the number of seminars; another part is seminar sizes; a third part is cost. Many of you already know from personal experience the difficulties of having to meet in a corner of a ballroom or lobby area, or the dissatisfaction of trying to cram too large a group into an inadequate space. In recent years we've used available suites as well as nearby church venues to accommodate our needs. This year we are facing the possible need to book 2-3 rooms in the Midwest Airlines Convention Center attached to the Hyatt Regency, and this is going to add considerably to our costs.

As we continue to grow, how do we handle this? Do we need to limit the number of seminars? Do we need to limit seminar sizes? If so, what policies do we need to develop governing this? Do we need to find another type of venue for our annual meeting?

A related issue is whether or not we need policies and procedures in place governing the number of seminars, the formation of new seminars, and the continuation of existing ones. During this past year, as an initial move to test this need, I polled seminar conveners about some possible policies concerning the formation of new seminars and the discontinuation of existing ones. They responded with many critical and valuable questions about such policies. Who decides? By what criteria? What policies and procedures would both support the mission of NAAL and be equitable to all? Who should set the policies and procedures?

The conveners' responses made it clear that the entire membership needs to participate in this discussion. Hence, the AC has decided to place the related issues of how to accommodate our growing seminar numbers (understood both as number of seminars and as the sizes of those seminars) and whether or not to develop policies and procedures governing the formation and continuation of seminars on the agenda for this year's business meeting. Our goal at the meeting will not be to resolve these issues (we can't do so in the short amount of time we have) but to apprise everyone of our need to address them and to initiate a process for doing so.

To this end we will be including a survey in the registration packets soliciting a) ideas for addressing our space needs in a cost effective and equitable way, and b) input about whether or not we need policies and procedures for the formation and continuation of seminars and, if so, what these might be. We ask that members (or seminars who wish to do so as a group) take time to fill in the surveys before the business meeting. We'll collect the surveys at the business meeting. This input will form the content for continued discussion as we move forward.

Indeed, the issue of finding adequate meeting space is certainly a happy one. It is also timely as we will be re-negotiating our hotel contract over the next twelve months and seminar meeting space is a primary consideration. May God continue to bless our growth and our work!

Kathleen Harmon
Delegate for Seminars
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Proceedings 2009

Proceedings editor Joyce Ann Zimmerman reports that she has twenty seven extra copies of Proceedings 2009. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, please contact Joyce as soon as possible at jaz@ilmdayton.org.

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On Visitors and Scholarships

The **deadline for applications** for visitor status and scholarships for the Milwaukee Meeting has been extended to **November 15, 2009**. Kindly go to the website for the forms and fill out all information requested. Notification of approval for visitor status and scholarship awards will be made by the Past President, Judith M. Kubicki.

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From the Delegate for Membership

On behalf of the Admission Committee, I am pleased to report that we will be presenting 18 candidates for membership at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.

This comes with my thanks to Jennifer Lord and Siobhán Garrigan for their good work on the Membership Committee.

The following candidates will be presented for membership:

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| Susan Blain | Deborah Geweke | Neal Presa |
| Brian Butcher | Steven Janco | Jonathan Riches |
| Ephrem Carr | Walter Knowles | Nicholas Russo |
| Lisa Dahill | Gerald Liu | Margaret Schreiber |
| Irma Fast Dueck | Peter McGrail | Betty Schwab |
| Patrick Evans | Jennifer Ollikainen | Gláucia Wilkey |

Todd Johnson
Delegate for Membership
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Website Woes

Apologies to those of you who have recently searched in vain on the NAAL website for information about the Milwaukee meeting. The Contribute software I use to post information on the site has stopped working. I have spent many hours over several days doing battle with a very uncooperative technical support at Adobe. So far, no results. I'll continue the battle. Meanwhile, thanks to our website advisor Kathy Sexton, we have found other ways to get the information on the site.

The most important information has already been sent to you; it is also here in this newsletter, and now it is on the website.

Now I'll go back to the phone with tech support, to be put on hold once again ...

Don LaSalle
NAAL Secretary

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From the Treasurer

Renew Your NAAL Membership Today

It's time to submit your NAAL membership dues for 2010. Membership dues for 2010 should be received by the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting in Milwaukee (January 10, 2010). For the fifth year in a row, membership rates remain at \$75 annually for regular membership and at \$35 for student and retired members.

Renewing your membership online is easy. Your credit card information is processed in a secure environment, and you can generate a detailed receipt from the site. Online renewals eliminate the need to send dues notices via snail mail, so they are both cost effective and environmentally friendly. You may submit membership dues at the same time you register for the annual meeting, or, especially if you are not able to attend the meeting, through a separate transaction at the registration Web site: <https://www.regonline.com/naalannualmeeting2010>

Over half of last year's membership payments were received through the registration Web site. However, you may also submit membership dues payments by check or money order. Make payable to North American Academy of Liturgy and send to NAAL in care of Martin Seltz, Treasurer, at P.O. Box 6088, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Past due membership payments may also be made online or by check or money order as described above. If you are unsure whether you owe past dues, send an e-mail to naaltreasurer@aol.com and you'll receive that information.

Martin Seltz
Treasurer

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Lutheran Pre-Meeting in Milwaukee

The Lutheran NAAL members will meet from 9-3 on Thursday, January 7, in the Hyatt. Lutherans, please contact gailramshaw@verizon.net if you have not received the agenda. Thank you!

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Publications by NAAL Members

We are a productive lot! There is a backlog of publication notices from members.

A second edition of the Fall Newsletter will go out next week, devoted to the recent publications of NAAL members.

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Deceased NAAL Members

Since the last Newsletter was published, the following NAAL members have died.

Conrad Kraus

Conrad Kraus of Erie, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully on May 13, 2009. He was 76 years old. Born on April 29, 1933 and ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1967, Msgr. Kraus served in a variety of ministries throughout the Diocese of Erie, recently retiring as the Diocesan Director of the Office of Worship and Christian Initiation.

Conrad received his B.S. in Architectural Engineering from the University of Detroit in 1956; his B.A. in Theology from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore in 1967; his M.A. in Religious Studies from Fordham University in 1975; and his M.A. in Liturgical Studies from Catholic University of America in 1993. At the time of his death, Conrad was serving as a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, Minnesota.

A Requiem Mass was held at the Collegeville Institute on Friday, May 22 at 4:00 P.M., the Rev. Joe Hopwood presiding.

Marion Hatchett

The Reverend Marion Josiah Hatchett, Th.D., died Friday evening, August 7, 2009 in Sewanee, Tennessee. For thirty years, from 1969 to 1999, he served with distinction as professor of liturgy and church music at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. A priest of the Episcopal Church, he served parishes in the dioceses of Upper South Carolina and South Carolina prior to his appointment to the faculty at Sewanee.

Marion Hatchett was born July 19, 1927 in South Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Wofford College, a Bachelor of Divinity from the School of Theology of the University of the South, and the degrees of Master of Sacred Theology and of Doctor of Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York. In 2006, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities by Wofford College, and in 2008 he was honored by the General Theological Seminary as Distinguished Alumnus of the year. At the university's commencement in 2008, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of the South.

In addition to training generations of Episcopal clergy, he served from 1973-1976 on the drafting committees that produced the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and on the Standing Liturgical Commission from 1976-1982. He was convener and chair of the ecumenical committee that produced the "Common Eucharistic Prayer," included in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as Eucharistic Prayer D. He chaired the committee that produced the first Book of Occasional Services (1979). He served on the Standing Commission on Church Music from 1973-1985, chairing the text committee for The Hymnal 1982.

A founding member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, he was a prolific scholar, having written thirteen books and innumerable articles on the history and practice of liturgy and church music. Chief among his written works is his *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, the definitive guide to the history and theology of the 1979 prayer book.

Deceased members of the NAAL will be remembered at our gathering rite in Milwaukee. If you are aware of other members who have died since January 2009, please contact Don LaSalle.

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