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From the President

Greetings from North Carolina!

I hope each of you is enjoying a pleasing October. Here in Winston-Salem, we watch with anticipation for oaks and maples to put on their autumn costumes. The weather has been unexpectedly warm here, so the trees have been reluctant to put away their summer garb.

Whatever draws your attention this time of the year, I hope you will, for a moment cast a wistful eye toward January 2011. Lean a bit toward the west coast of the United States and tune your ears to an invitation: "[Wisdom] calls from the highest places in town" (Pr. 8). Of course, we know that the Proverbial Hokmah does not literally live in California or in any single or limited geographic locale. However, perhaps we may dare to imagine her leaning out over the Golden Gate Bridge or standing in the center of the Embarcadero Square, calling to us to bring our liturgical wisdom to San Francisco in January so that we might again worship and learn together.

To what might Wisdom so imagined call our attention as we look toward our January 2011 gathering? An opening rite that begins outdoors at the Embarcadero Center under sea-salted skies and concludes in our Hyatt worship space, designed just for us by Academy member, Marcia McFee. Morning prayer led by the Music Seminar. Eucharist at the beautiful Grace Cathedral at the top of the hill near our hotel. Or Shabbat observed with Congregation Sherith Israel, a wonderful Jewish community in San Francisco whose gathering space is within walking distance of the Hyatt (see www.sherithisrael.org). An encounter with Interplay in a second morning prayer (see the website to learn more about this Oakland-based, interfaith organization: <http://www.interplay.org/>). The gifts of Omega West, a liturgical dance company led by Academy member,

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Carla DeSola. A Vice-Presidential Address offered by Catherine Vincie. A Berakah Response from Richard Vosko. An opportunity for conversation in the round over coffee about the exciting possibilities that await us as we continue our yearly gatherings and work in community to understand and energize worship in our times.

These opportunities and more await us in San Francisco, where sea and city so intriguingly greet each morning together. Plan now to experience a delectable meal at one of San Francisco's amazing restaurants (note that for some restaurants, reservations should be made well in advance of the meeting). Be ready to ride in one of those famous San Francisco trolley cars. Indeed, I hope you will come early and stay late, making a pilgrimage, perhaps, to the beautiful California wine country or to the Charles Schulz Museum (just down the road a bit in Santa Rosa for those who as I do delight in Snoopy's dance and Woodstock's spiraling flight).

Perhaps Wisdom herself is not literally calling to us, but San Francisco and our enduring NAAL friendships surely beckon. I look forward to spending time with all of you, my Academy community, in a fine Pacific Ocean city where earth and cosmos, water and fire, body and spirit are so wonderfully and tangibly present.

Until January 2011, may you know God's blessings and encounter God's Wisdom in all the places where your feet tread.

Jill Crainshaw
NAAL President

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Registration Fees for San Francisco 2011

Member Fee - \$275
Visitor Fee - \$310
After November 15 - \$325

Hotel Room Rate
\$139 per night

Don LaSalle is coordinating potential roommates for those who want to share a room.

San Francisco Registration

Online registration is available now. If you have not already registered, follow this link: www.events.org/NAAL2011

To reserve a room at the Hyatt, follow this link:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/BIBL2011>

Retired members : Contact [Don LaSalle](mailto:donlasalle@fastmail.fm) (donlasalle@fastmail.fm). He can arrange for a room for you at \$99 per night (plus tax). There are five more rooms available at this rate.

Courtney Murtaugh
Administrative Assistant
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John O'Brien, C.P.

John O'Brien, an active member of the North American Academy of Liturgy and a member of the editorial board of *Proceedings*, died on Friday, October 15th, after suffering a heart attack a week ago.

A vigil will be held at Immaculate Conception Monastery, 886-45 Edgerton Rd, Jamaica, NY (not far from Kennedy Airport), Tuesday, October 19, from 2 to 8 p.m. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at the Monastery on Wednesday, October 20, at 11 a.m.

His sister, Maureen Collins, lives at 47 Lexington Drive, Bluffton SC 29910.

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On Visitors and Scholarships

The **deadline for applications** for visitor status and scholarships for the San Francisco Meeting is **November 15, 2010**.

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 me in my role as Past President.

Richard Rutherford
Past President

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Nominating Committee Announces Candidates for Office

The Nominating Committee has put together a slate of candidates for office. The following members have generously agreed to be available for service to the Academy.

For Vice-President: Melinda Quivik and Craig Satterlee

For Delegate for Membership: Richard Leggett and Martha Moore-Keish

For Secretary: Troy Messenger and Tim Ralston

Photos and biographies of the candidates will be forthcoming.

Judith Kubicki
Past Past President

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From the Delegate for Seminars

Seminar Consultation Work Continues

Program Schedule: This is the time of year when Seminar Conveners gather information for our program book for the annual meeting. Any paper titles that have not been submitted to your convener by October 1st will not be published in the printed program, but they will be published on the web site. Please let me know if there are any late submissions of paper titles.

Consultation on Seminars: I am grateful to NAAL members David Batchelder, Scott Haldeman, and Kathleen Harmon for serving as members on the Seminar Task Force. We read both the hard copy surveys from last January and the online surveys from this summer. As you recall the survey solicited ideas for economical ways to make more seminar meeting space available and for ideas about policies and procedures concerning the life-cycle of seminar groups. There were many and varied responses to these questions and a Task Force worked with me to read and assess this material. I look forward to sharing our insights with the Seminar Conveners at our reception and with the membership at our business meeting. The surveys documented this: our absolute ongoing value of seminar work and a value of maintaining the freedom to explore new topics that may result in formation of new seminar groups. Our seminar work is important to us and to that end there are 9 hours of seminar time scheduled for our annual meeting in San Francisco.

Jennifer Lord
Delegate for Seminars
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American Airlines Offers Discount Fares to San Francisco

American Airlines is offering participants in the NAAL San Francisco meeting a 5% discount off the lowest applicable published air fare. The details are available at the online registration site. Follow this link for more details: <http://www.events.org/cPage.aspx?e=30411&m=1&l=599>.

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President Jill Crainshaw Announces Future NAAL Meetings

Hello, Colleagues! I hope you will join me in looking forward to future NAAL gatherings in the grand cities of Albuquerque, Orlando, Minneapolis, Houston, and Kansas City.

Yes, the North American Academy of Liturgy has a new five-year hotel contract with Hyatt. We are indebted to Courtney Murtaugh for her role in soliciting bids (most notably from Hyatt and Marriott) and presenting them to the Academy Committee. The Academy Committee decided on the Hyatt based on several key benefits Hyatt offers:

- *Cost.* Hyatt's rates overall are the most competitive, particularly considering the quality of service and amenities provided;
- *Year-to-Year Continuity.* A multiyear contract on the corporate level gives us a corporate contact person and provides a basis for continuity, while five individual

contracts with specific hotels do not. For example, we received 10-12 separate proposals from Marriott, all individual contracts with particular hotels. Hyatt sent a proposal for a multiyear corporate contract, with twenty-six possible sites. Individual contracts depend on who the hotel manager is at the time the contract is signed. Given the turnover in the hotel business, the local contact person may not be the same by the time we have the annual meeting at that specific location. Consequently, the five year corporate contract seems to be the better option.

- *Suitability for Our Meetings.* In our Request for Proposals, we asked for a minimum of 22 breakout rooms, 30 retired discount room rates, free internet, and amenities for room upgrades. The five Hyatt's we selected for this contract have agreed to most, if not all, of these requests.

The Academy Committee is grateful to those members who raised our awareness of labor concerns connected to Hyatt. We worked hard to gain clarity about Hyatt labor disputes. Among other things, we became more aware that issues of fair compensation and treatment of hotel workers are industry-wide, including Marriott, our other primary bidder for this contract. As part of the recent contract negotiations, we communicated with several corporate Hyatt leaders our concerns and then included in the actual contract a clause that gives us space to address labor practices if the need arises. We are satisfied that Hyatt is exercising due diligence in resolving their labor disputes in ways that are as equitable as possible given larger labor and industry challenges and tensions.

Once we had decided to contract again with Hyatt, the Academy Committee considered the variables connected with possible meeting sites, including the hotel room rate, the presence of nearby facilities (e.g. places of worship and restaurants), the cost of air travel to the site, ground transportation, local taxes, the presence of members to form a local committee and January weather. The AC decided that the primary consideration for selection of sites should be the economic factors. With this in mind, the committee chose the following sites:

2013 Albuquerque
2014 Orlando
2015 Minneapolis
2016 Houston
2017 Kansas City

Again, Courtney Murtaugh gets a standing ovation from this president and the Academy Committee. She worked tirelessly and with great expertise to keep us moving forward through the details of contract negotiation.

Now, we can turn our attention to the central work and joy of our Academy. More details about the new contract will be available at our meeting in January 2011.

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Proceeding with *Proceedings*

Joyce Ann Zimmerman receives from the Academy Committee a standing ovation. She has wisely and faithfully guided the development of our Academy publication over a number of years as editor, lay-out and design artist, and publisher. Joyce, we applaud and appreciate your outstanding work!

As this will be Joyce's last year at the *Proceedings* helm, the Academy Committee is seeking nominations for the role of editor. We anticipate that we may need a village of people to replace Joyce. Specifically, we may need to consider the role of editor as separate from that of lay-out designer and publisher. For now, at least, we seek a person who can guide the process of receiving and sending scholarly article submissions to the editorial committee, editing the final choices, and converting those choices to a common format. We also need a person who can provide leadership for the overall process of gathering seminar reports and plenary session addresses and readying these materials for lay-out, publication, and mailing. A new editor will also be the leading voice in decisions we may make about future options for publishing *Proceedings* and/or making it available in a web-based format.

The Academy Committee hopes to introduce a new *Proceedings* editor at the 2011 meeting. If you are interested in being considered for the position, or if you want to nominate someone else, please do so in an email to Don LaSalle by November 15. Please include in your email a paragraph summarizing your or you nominee's qualifications for the position.

Again, thank you, Joyce, for a job most excellently done!

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Yale Institute of Sacred Music Presents Liturgy in Migration: Cultural Contexts from the Upper Room to Cyberspace

February 24–27, 2011

Yale Institute of Sacred Music · 409 Prospect St., New Haven CT

An international conference at Yale University examining the migration, past and present, of liturgy—that is, liturgical practices, forms, and materials—across boundaries, whether geographic, ethnic, ecclesial, chronological, or other. The key question which frames this conference pertains to the nature of liturgical migrations and flows, their patterns, directions and characteristics. Since liturgical migrations are never divorced from their social and cultural contexts, the conference will recalibrate for the twenty-first century the older work on liturgical inculturation, and bring insights on historical migrations to bear on contemporary globalizing liturgical flows.

For registration and more information, see www.yale.edu/ism/events/LiturgyMigration.html

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2011 Summer Seminar Opportunity

**The Enlightenment and the Life of the Church: Worship in the Age of Reason
July 11 – July 29, 2011, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
Led by Dr. Bryan Spinks, Yale Divinity School**

An investigation into the culture, intellectual ideas, and influence of the Enlightenment on Christian practices of devotional life and worship. Participants will examine primary texts as well as secondary sources spanning the 17th and 18th centuries as well as worship trends in the contemporary church in a postmodern, global culture.

This interdisciplinary seminar seeks participants from a variety of scholarly areas, including political, social and church history, philosophy, theology, musicology, and liturgy. Scholars of the enlightenment are particularly encouraged to apply, as are those who are engaged in better understanding post-modern liturgical and cultural trends. All applicants should have received their terminal degree.

Application deadline is January 14, 2011. **For more information and application requirements, visit www.calvin.edu/scs**

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Opening in Christian Worship at Perkins School of Theology

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, seeks a faculty member in **Christian Worship**. This is a full-time, tenured or tenure-eligible position, with rank open.

The appointee will teach courses in the various degree programs of Perkins School of Theology. Participation, including appropriate leadership, in the diverse worship life of the Perkins community is expected. A Ph.D. or equivalent degree and scholarly competence in the field of liturgical studies are essential. Demonstrated achievement or potential as a teacher and scholar in this field, ability to teach and form students in the Wesleyan tradition as well as ecumenical traditions, competency in working across diversities in worship, and membership and participation in the life and work of a worshiping community are also essential. Ordination with sacramental authority, competency in emerging cultural trends in worship, and the ability to teach homiletics are desired.

Position begins with the fall term of 2011. To ensure full consideration the application must be received by November 30, 2010, but the committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. The committee will notify applicants of its employment decision after the position is filled. Hiring is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check.

Applications should include a CV and contact information, including an email address. Applicants should arrange that three letters of reference be mailed directly to the search committee. Address inquiries or applications to: Search Committee in Christian Worship, Job reference #050178, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas TX 75275-0133 or send application electronically to scarroll@smu.edu. Visit our website at <http://www.smu.edu/theology>.

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