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The seventh annual conference of the Wesleyan Theological Society was held November 5-6, 1971 at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee. Besides those from the Trevecca campus, some sixty scholars registered and participated in the reading and discussion of seven significant papers produced by members of the Society. On March 1, 1972 most of the papers were published in Volume VII of the WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL JOURNAL.

The publication of an annual Journal continues to be one of the more significant contributions of the Wesleyan Theological Society to the Holiness Movement. As Christian scholars within our ranks pool their resources of insight and knowledge some very stimulating articles are made available to the reading public at nominal cost. Within the fellowship of the Society members are encouraged to acquire a greater understanding of Wesleyan Theology as it relates both to the Bible and to the particular needs of our generation.

The growing significance of this publication effort is seen in the fact that within this past year selected articles were published in the Japanese language under the direction of the Reverend Barry Ross.

Considerable interest in the Wesleyan Theological Society is being manifested abroad. The Society's Executive Committee is now working on the necessary guidelines for regional and overseas chapters. The following men have already consented to serve as Coordinators.

1. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson agreed to act as coordinator of S.E. USA Chapter.
2. The Rev. Wingrove Taylor, Wesleyan Field Superintendent of the Caribbean Area, accepted responsibility as coordinator of that area.
3. Dr. Paul P. Petticord accepted the coordinatorship of a West Coast Chapter.
4. Dr. Bert H. Hall of Houghton College has agreed to be coordinator of a N.E. USA and Eastern Canada Chapter.
5. Dr. John Chao, President of the O.M.S. Seminary in Korea, has consented to establish and act as coordinator of a Korean Chapter upon his return to that country in January, 1972.

6. A chapter in Taiwan is in the planning stages with the Rev. Peter Fan, Free Methodist District Superintendent and Dean of Holy Light Seminary as the likely coordinator.

The membership gain during the 1970-71 year was the largest in the history of the Society. The gain was 111 members so that the total membership as of November 6, 1971 was 397 members. The membership comes from at least 20 denominations and from 17 countries of the world.

There is an application form for membership in the Society included in each copy of the Journal and we solicit your help in the recruiting of new members. Your assistance in distributing the Journals is very much needed and will be appreciated.

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The 1972 annual conference is scheduled to meet November 3-4 on the campus of Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Submitted with thanksgiving to God
and to you,

Robert A. Mattke, President