

# Wesleyan Theological Society

## 1995 Report of the President to the Christian Holiness Association

The Wesleyan Theological Society celebrated its thirtieth anniversary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, on November 4-5, 1995. Dr. Howard Snyder served as the host on behalf of the Seminary.

More than two hundred people attended the annual meeting on the theme "Asserting Our Biblical Heritage." The theme was most appropriate for an anniversary celebration because of the priority of scriptural authority for the Wesleyan Holiness tradition.

In celebration of the thirtieth anniversary, a retrospective was presented by three past presidents. Leo Cox--the first president of the Society--spoke concerning the first decade. Donald Dayton spoke concerning the second decade, and Howard Snyder spoke concerning the third decade.

Plenary addresses were presented by Frank Spina, Robert Wall, Roy Stults on behalf of Dean Flemming, Paul Livermore, and Woodrow Whidden. In addition, nine other papers were presented in concurrent sessions, which were instituted the previous year in order to facilitate the growing participation of members. George Lyons presented the presidential address on the topic of biblical theology and the Wesleyan Holiness tradition.

Officers elected for 1994-95 include the following: Donald Thorsen, President; Kenneth Collins, First Vice-President; Wesley Tracy, Second Vice-President; and William Kostlevy, Secretary-Treasurer. Barry Callen serves as editor of the Wesleyan Theological Journal.

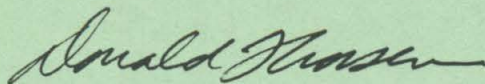
In 1994, Barry Callen did outstanding work in publishing three overdue volumes of the Journal, which include the following double volumes: vol. 27, nos. 1-2 (1992); vol. 28, nos. 1-2 (1993); and vol. 29, nos. 1-2 (1994). This Spring we resumed the publication of the Journal by individual numbers, and vol. 30, no. 1 (Spring 1995) has been mailed to members. William Faupel and David Bundy assist Callen on the editorial committee.

The Society is strengthening both in terms of its membership and finances. There are more than one thousand active members, and the budget for the year exceeds twelve thousand dollars. We expect further growth in the future now that publication of the Journal is up to date.

Kenneth Collins is giving leadership in developing the 1995 annual meeting of the Society, which will be held at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. The theme will be "Sanctification and the New Creation." Theodore Runyon will give the keynote address.

The Society has approved locations for future annual meetings at the following institutions: 1996--Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC; 1997--Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Mount Vernon, OH; 1998--Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA; 1999--Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK; and 2000--Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC.

Respectfully submitted by,



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