

Wesleyan Theological Society  
Presidential Report - 1986  
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The Wesleyan Theological Society met in its 21st annual meeting in November of 1985, convening at Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Illinois. The conference was well attended with an unusually consistent attendance throughout the whole conference. The program had a special emphasis on Wesleyan Theology and Evangelism with special guest David Lowes Watson of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. George Hunter III, Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of Evangelism at Asbury, was also a participant. Other emphases were the Wesleyan doctrine of the Holy Spirit and various historical items related to John Wesley.

In the business meeting of the conference, a new structure of the executive committee was implemented with the addition of a second vice-president. This provides for more continuity and particularly for long-range planning in programming, thus contributing to better quality papers.

Officers elected were Frank Carver, First Vice-President (formerly President-Elect); Howard Snyder, Second Vice-President; Donald Dayton, Promotional Secretary; Wesley Tracy to the Editorial Committee and Daniel Berg to the Membership Committee. William Arnett continues as Secretary-Treasurer and Alex R. G. Deasley as Editor of the Journal.

Arrangements have been made through Asbury for CEU credit to be granted for attendance at the annual WTS conference. Certain persons have been requesting this for some time since they can receive funding for such credit. It is believed that this will increase attendance.

The Membership Committee reported the addition of 101 new members during the past year, bringing the total membership to 1,255 active members including all classes. The Secretary reports new membership applications coming in this year at a rate exceeding last year.

Aside from members who receive the Journal, there are 224 colleges and universities and 72 individual standing orders, including a recent request from the Library of Congress for a complete set. The Society has had some difficulty with its publishing schedule but is now making up the deficit, being only <sup>2</sup>~~one~~ Journals behind schedule.

The Society is financially healthy, adopting a budget of \$20,700.00 for this present year. Balance as of the end of the last fiscal year was \$13,396.76.

The 1986 meeting is scheduled for the first weekend in November at Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington. This is the farthest west the conference has ever been held and we are eager to see the effect on attendance. Dr. Frank Carver, of Point Loma Nazarene College, is the program chairman and has been working for some time to provide a quality slate of papers.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, WTS