



W E S L E Y A N T H E O L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y

May 21, 1993

Dear Colleagues:

Heavy teaching responsibilities and writing assignments are my only excuses for not responding sooner to your paper proposals. In order to finalize the program for the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society as soon as possible, I need to hear from you by the first of July (earlier if possible). I need to have **firm** answers from you to the following questions:

- Can you accept this invitation to deliver your paper at the annual meeting of the Society in Bethany, Oklahoma, November 5-6, 1993?
- Will you agree to abide by the terms stated in the enclosed response form?
- Are there changes you would like to make in the *tentative* schedule or in the title of your paper?
- Would you care to be a part of the panel discussion scheduled for the last session of the meeting or could you recommend someone else who might be qualified to do so?
- Could you recommend the names of individuals who will attend the meeting and might be willing and able to serve as moderators for one of the sessions?

The papers scheduled for Friday and Saturday morning will be given in plenary sessions. Most of the papers scheduled for Friday afternoon will be given in four special-interest sections in four different areas (identified, for now, as locations A, B, C, and D). If we adhere closely to the final schedule, it will be possible for all who attend (except the paper presenters) to choose from the cafeteria of choices the sessions that interest them. This will be a first for the WTS, and we hope it will be a successful experiment and set a precedent for future meetings.

For those involved in the special-interest sessions, I am sending copies of *vitas* and paper proposals that may be likely to overlap with or duplicate yours. I hope you will take the initiative to contact your colleagues to assure that this is avoided as much as possible. For example, we do not need three virtually identical papers on Wesley and Moltmann or on nineteenth-century Methodist / Holiness-movement developments in eschatological thought. I encourage you to specialize, cooperate, and innovate within these special-interest sessions.

If you have any questions, please call me at my office (208/467-8450) or at home (208/467-9242). To reach me, you must call before June 18, when I will be leaving town for several weeks. Someone will care for my mail to assure that it reaches me promptly while I away.

Sincerely,

George Lyons
First Vice President
Chair, Program Committee

- Enclosures: A tentative schedule of papers for the annual meeting program, highlighting the relevant portion.
 Two copies of the agreement form, one for you to return to me and one to keep.
 Copies of other proposals that have the potential of duplicating yours.