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REPORTS RELATING TO THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

More than 550 persons registered for the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society held at the McLean Hilton just outside of Washington, D.C. The three-day conference was held November 18-20, 1993, and centered around the appropriate theme of "God and Caesar." Participants came from around the world for fellowship and the exchange of ideas. They came also to critique one another and to keep up with the most recent scholarship in their disciplines.

One of the highlights presented by program chairman Russ Bush was a plenary session conducted by Richard C. Halverson, chaplain of the United States Senate. He spoke of the need of every individual in the Church to influence society at all times. His message is published in this issue of *JETS*. Melinda Delahoyde addressed the gathering on "Rethinking the Pro-Life Mission: A New Direction, an Open Door." Another plenary session featured John J. Bimson speaking on "The Origin of Israel: Recent Advances and Future Prospectives." A dialogue session on the topic of "Accessing Restricted-Access Countries: Dynamics of Doing Missions in Islamic Zones" was moderated by Keith Eitel.

The 350 who attended the annual banquet were not only treated to delicious fare at the table but also heard Gerry Breshears deliver his insightful presidential address on "The Body of Christ: Prophet, Priest, or King?"

Meeting simultaneously with ETS were the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Evangelical Missions Society, the Near East Archaeological Society and the Adventist Theological Society. The dispensational study group met on Thursday morning just prior to the start of the conference. More than 135 additional parallel sessions were conducted during the meetings.

We look forward to our next annual meeting, November 17-19, 1994, at the Lisle-Naperville Hilton in Lisle, Illinois, when the theme will be "Hermeneutics: Issues and Concerns."

During the first business session ETS president Gerry Breshears welcomed the participants and introduced president-elect Russ Bush, who gave a devotional. After the adoption of the program agenda, secretary-treasurer James Borland presented the membership and financial reports:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Total	Full	Assoc.	Student
Active Membership 11/1/92	2104	1364	493	247
New Members	201	84	57	60
Members reactivated	12	10	2	0
Members dropped*	(249)	(119)	(79)	(49)
Total Membership 11/1/93	2068	1336	459	273

*Dropped per request	6	3	1	2
Incorrect addresses	18	7	8	3
Deceased	4	4	0	0
Failed to pay 1993	221	104	71	46

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE—CASH BASIS
YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1993 AND 1992

	1993	1992
REVENUES		
Dues and subscriptions	\$ 55,584.34	\$ 57,978.04
Annual meeting	21,099.50	19,904.20
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> , monographs	560.90	2,498.08
Interest on savings	3,755.89	3,367.71
Miscellaneous income	6,862.21	3,500.00
	<u>87,862.84</u>	<u>87,245.03</u>
EXPENSES		
<i>JETS</i>	26,453.05	35,202.56
Accounting	375.00	350.00
Annual meeting	8,068.88	12,360.09
<i>Newsletter</i>	672.76	427.75
Office	3,494.51	1,469.91
Postage	3,302.63	3,956.64
Regional	1,250.00	1,250.00
Salary	5,854.27	5,526.75
Stipends	6,910.00	8,790.00
Kistemaker gift	2,699.34	0.00
	<u>59,080.44</u>	<u>69,333.70</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	28,782.40	17,911.33
FUND BALANCE , beginning of year	110,361.30	92,449.97
FUND BALANCE , end of year	\$139,143.70	\$110,361.30

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1994:

President—L. Russ Bush
President-Elect—George W. Knight, III
Vice-President—Robert C. Newman
Vacancy on Executive Committee—Gerry Breshears

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee, composed of Steve Clinton, Gerry Breshears and Allan Moseley:

RESOLUTION ONE

Whereas the 1993 annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society was held at the McLean Hilton Hotel at Tysons Corner, and

The McLean Hilton has provided excellent facilities, professional, cooperative staff, and courteous service, and

L. Russ Bush (program chairman), James Borland (secretary-treasurer) and Gerry Breshears (president) and other officers of the Society have provided excellent leadership in preparing and organizing the conference,

Be it therefore resolved that we extend our thanks to the staff of the McLean Hilton, the officers of the Society, and those who labored to prepare papers for presentation.

RESOLUTION TWO

Whereas the Evangelical Theological Society is composed of members who believe the Bible to be God's inspired word to every person and nation, and

The theme of the 1993 meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society was "God and Caesar," and

Papers were presented addressing the role of the Church and individual Christians in society and in public policy, and

The Bible teaches that God is sovereign over every person and nation, and

Every governmental authority will give account to God for their beliefs and behavior, and

The Bible teaches that "there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God" (Rom 13:1), and

The Bible enjoins every Christian to pray “for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (1 Tim 2:2), and

God holds Christians, and particularly their leaders, responsible to be exemplary participants in their society,

Be it therefore resolved:

That we, the members of the Evangelical Theological Society, commit ourselves to pray for the leaders of our government and to participate in the democratic process.

That we remind our political and cultural leaders that they are subject to the sovereignty of God and answerable to his word and judgment.

That we urge the members of the Church of Jesus Christ to proclaim him to all people in our society by word and deed with the knowledge that only he can change the hearts and therefore the policies of the American people.

That Christians should not allow the gospel to be the tool of any particular political ideology and Christians should not identify the kingdom of God with the kingdoms of this world.

That we challenge Christians, individually and corporately, to exercise a prophetic role in society, calling people to affirm and follow God’s standard of righteousness.

That we encourage the evangelical Church to adhere to the ethical principles of the Bible even when they are in conflict with the policies or ideologies of the government or of the culture as a whole.

That we commit ourselves to redemptive ministries sharing the compassion and power of Christ with people, offering constructive ministries, and eschewing reactive or destructive methods.

RESOLUTION THREE

Be it finally resolved that we affirm that our ultimate allegiance is to God, our primary brotherhood is in his Church, and our first citizenship is in his kingdom.

The dates, places and themes for future annual meetings were announced:

1. November 17–19, 1994, Lisle, Illinois: “Hermeneutics: Issues and Concerns.”

2. November 16–18, 1995, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: “Defending the Faith: Christian Apologetics in a Non-Christian World.”

3. November 21–23, 1996, New Orleans, Louisiana: “The Holy Spirit: His Presence, Ministry and Gifts.”

The secretary-treasurer noted that four ETS members had passed away in 1993. He read the memorials for John W. Cawood, Raymond Bryan Dillard, Thomas Maclay Gregory and Andrew Kemmer Helmbold. After reading from Psalm 116 he led in prayer.

Our Society anticipates a year of continued growth and effectiveness. I encourage all members to attend their upcoming regional meetings and to plan now to join us in Lisle, Illinois, next November as we consider “Hermeneutics: Issues and Concerns.”

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