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Annual Meeting of the Society

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A record 886 persons registered for the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society held at the Lisle-Naperville Hilton near Chicago, Illinois. The three-day conference was held November 17-19, 1994. The conference theme was "Hermeneutics: Issues and Concerns." Participants from around the world came to fellowship, exchange ideas, critique one another and keep up with the most recent scholarship in their disciplines.

More than 170 parallel sessions were presented in a varied program planned by program chairman George Knight, III. Plenary speakers included D. A. Carson, Craig Blomberg, Moisés Silva, Walter Kaiser and Earl Radmacher, all members of the Society. Lively interaction, admonitions, warnings and humor were all part of the fare.

The 407 who attended the annual banquet not only were treated to a delicious meal but also heard L. Russ Bush's presidential address, "The History of the Future." Bush suggested that our generation is currently doing and producing what will one day be history to a future generation of believers.

Meeting simultaneously with ETS were the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Evangelical Missiological Society, the Near East Archaeological Society and the Adventist Theological Society. The dispensational study group met on Thursday morning to consider the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

Our next annual meeting will be held November 16-18, 1995, at the lovely Radisson Philadelphia Airport Hotel. The phone number is (610) 521-5900. Program chairman Robert Newman is preparing the program on the theme of "Defending the Faith: Christian Apologetics in a Non-Christian World."

During the first business session of the conference, ETS president Russ Bush welcomed the participants and introduced president-elect George Knight, 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 11/1/93 | 2068  | 1336  | 459    | 273     |
| New Members               | 236   | 108   | 58     | 70      |
| Members reactivated       | 17    | 11    | 6      | 0       |
| Members dropped           | (221) | (111) | (58)   | (52)    |
| Failed to pay 1994        | 194   | 98    | 48     | 48      |
| Dropped by request        | 15    | 8     | 5      | 2       |
| Bad addresses             | 9     | 2     | 5      | 2       |
| Deceased                  | 3     | 3     | 0      | 0       |
| Total Membership 11/1/94  | 2102  | 1350  | 456    | 296     |

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1994 AND 1993

|   | 1994              | 1993              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                             |                   |                   |
| Dues and subscriptions                      | \$ 55,539.33      | \$ 55,584.34      |
| Annual meeting                              | 23,839.00         | 21,099.50         |
| Interest on savings                         | 4,467.89          | 3,755.89          |
| Miscellaneous income                        | 3,533.43          | 7,423.11          |
|   | <u>87,379.65</u>  | <u>87,862.84</u>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                             |                   |                   |
| <i>JETS</i>                                 | 35,817.69         | 26,453.05         |
| Accounting                                  | 500.00            | 375.00            |
| Annual meeting                              | 15,562.08         | 8,068.88          |
| <i>Newsletter</i>                           | 906.12            | 672.76            |
| Office                                      | 3,661.46          | 3,494.51          |
| Office equipment                            | 3,431.95          | 0.00              |
| Postage                                     | 4,303.36          | 3,302.63          |
| Regional                                    | 2,250.00          | 1,250.00          |
| Salary                                      | 5,956.28          | 5,854.27          |
| Stipends                                    | 10,016.67         | 6,910.00          |
| Kistemaker gift                             | 0.00              | 2,699.34          |
|   | <u>82,405.61</u>  | <u>59,080.44</u>  |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES<br/>OVER EXPENSES</b> | 4,974.04          | 28,782.40         |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</b>      | <u>139,143.70</u> | <u>110,361.30</u> |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, end of year</b>            | \$ 144,117.74     | \$ 139,143.70     |

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1995:

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

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee, composed of Kenneth C. Harper, James W. Bryant and Thomas D. Lea:

#### RESOLUTION ONE

Whereas the Evangelical Theological Society exists for the spiritual health of the body of Christ, and

Whereas the annual national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society provides opportunity for spiritual refreshment and intellectual stimulation, and

Whereas the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society has convened a stellar collection of scholars and presenters in an atmosphere of comfort and convenience,

Therefore be it resolved that the Evangelical Theological Society, meeting in plenary session on November 18, 1994, commend George W. Knight, III, for his tireless labors in the service of the registrants and guests of the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.

#### RESOLUTION TWO

Whereas the condition of the body can affect the well-being of the soul (2 Timothy 4), and whereas the Evangelical Theological Society planning team, in cooperation with the Lisle-Naperville Hilton, has created an atmosphere in which the Evangelical Theological Society can meet in comfort and convenience,

Therefore be it resolved that the Evangelical Theological Society, meeting in plenary session on November 18, 1994, commends James Borland and his son Jonathan for handling the details of registration and arrangements and commends Genie Stevenson, Jean Fee, and the other management and staff of the Lisle-Naperville Hilton and ancillary organizations and staff for their highly practical yet crucial contributions to the Evangelical Theological Society.

#### RESOLUTION THREE

Whereas the Evangelical Theological Society exists as a beacon of conservative evangelical Christian scholarship, and

Whereas the office of the presidency ought to combine excellence of scholarship, service to the Church of Jesus Christ, and personal devotion to our Lord, and

Whereas the president of the Evangelical Theological Society presides over and moderates the annual meeting, and

Whereas those who labor faithfully are deserving of our praise,

Therefore be it resolved that the Evangelical Theological Society, meeting in plenary session on November 18, 1994, commends L. Russ Bush for his service to the Society.

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

1. November 16–18, 1995, Radisson Philadelphia Airport Hotel: “Defending the Faith: Christian Apologetics in a Non-Christian World.”

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

The secretary-treasurer noted that two ETS members had passed away during 1994. He read memorials for Gerhard F. Hasel and W. B. West, Jr. After reading from Psalm 116 he led in prayer.

Our Society is growing both in numbers and in effectiveness. I encourage each member to attend the upcoming regional meetings and to plan now to join us next November in Philadelphia as we consider “Defending the Faith: Christian Apologetics in a Non-Christian World.”

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