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27th ATFE Biennial Consultation

January 22—26, 2003

The rich diversity of Chicago’s population and theological schools makes Chicago an excellent site for our 27th Biennial Consultation. Outstanding immersions, keynote presentations, workshops, and countless opportunities for informal networking are designed for your professional development and personal enrichment.

The ATFE Website (www.atfe.org) is your one-stop center for information on this consultation:

Keynote Speakers: Three outstanding resource persons will guide our reflections on the three pillars of our identity:

Theological :



emilie m. townes
Union Theological Seminary

Field:



Anthony Steven-Arroyo
Brooklyn College

Education:



Jeanette Rodrigues-Holquin
Seattle University

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TRANSPORTATION IN AND AROUND CHICAGO



The Local Arrangement Committee offers these travel tips for your travel inside Chicago. In addition to airport connection, most participants will use public transportation to travel to Immersions.

Airport Shuttle: If you are carrying a number of heavy or awkward bags, or are limited in physical mobility, your best bet for getting from airports to the hotel is the ‘Airport Express’ shuttle which picks up and drops off at every terminal. Round trip ticket is \$31.00 and the signs for the shuttle are clearly posted.

The “L” Train is a relatively inexpensive mode of travel and an opportunity to immerse yourself in Chicago life. However, please note, some “L” stops are not accessible to riders with physical limitations. If you have accessibility issues, please indicate this on your registration form. Many of this year’s Immersions will be reached on the “L” and we’d like to help you with the best choices for your individual needs.

For those planning to ride the “L” there are a few options for paying for your travel:

- You may pay cash at the booth of any CTA stop. One way trip is \$1.50.
- You may purchase a transit card in a number of denominations. They are good for about a year.
- WE RECOMMEND that you purchase a ‘Visitor’s Pass’ available for 1 or 3 or 5 consecutive days of travel on any CTA bus or “L” train. A 5-day pass (\$18.00) would cover the time of your stay in Chicago, get you to and from O’Hare, allow you to travel to many of the Immersion sites and also to cultural activities in the city. They can be purchased at terminals in O’Hare and Midway Airport from a vending machine. You will need exactly \$18.00.

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Schedule, immersions, sessions: The entire Consultation program is available on the website. You may download and print it from there or request a printed copy by contacting Joanne Lindstrom, jlindstrom@mccormick.edu, (773) 947-6335.

Registration: You may download a copy of the registration form. Registering includes your choosing the Immersions and sessions you want to attend.

Lodging: Participants are to reserve a room at the Palmer House directly. You may fax or mail the registration form (available on the website and in the printed brochure) or phone 1-800-HILTONS or 1-312-726-7500. Our ATFE Conference rate is \$125.00 (USD) per night, plus applicable taxes, for single or double occupancy.

ATFE and the IRS: An Update

ATFE continues to seek tax exempt status as defined in section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The original ATFE incorporation papers, filed in the fall of 2000 in the State of Delaware, lacked the language IRS requires for this status. After our Boston Consultation, the Steering Committee attempted, through our attorney, Matthew O'Connor, to amend the application to satisfy those requirements. Delaware's Secretary of State Corporations Division has thus far refused to approve the amendments.

It is important that we find a way through this impasse. Since we are not tax exempt, we have had to pay federal income tax for the first time in the history of ATFE. For the tax year 2001, we paid nearly \$1,000. Under guidance of our legal counsel, we have considered various options and decided on the following course. We will terminate the ATFE Corporation in the State of Delaware and apply for incorporation in the State of Washington. In addition to Washington being the home state of our legal counsel and current ATFE treasurer, it is less expensive to file and maintain corporate status there than in Delaware.

As a member of ATFE attending the 27th Biennial Consultation in Chicago, you will be asked to approve related legal documents. These documents will be included in your Consultation packet. You may also find them on the

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CRUCIAL ATFE BUSINESS

As an ATFE member, you'll want to prepare for several important business decisions to be made in Chicago. The following reports and/or proposals are already available on the ATFE website (www.atfe.org) for your easy access and reading prior to your arrival in Chicago.

- Changes to the ATFE Bylaws (the documents that articulate and govern our internal functioning)
 - Changes to the ATFE Articles of Incorporation (that define our relationship to the state government where we are incorporated). This includes an explanation of the Steering Committee's steps toward establishing ATFE as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, i.e. one that meets the criteria specified in the US Federal tax code 501 (c) (3).
 - Finance Report for the 2001-2003 Biennium
 - Proposed ATFE Budget for the 2003-2005 Biennium
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You can find Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) maps, schedules and other items of interest at their web site, www.yourcta.com

When you arrive at the Palmer House Hilton, we recommend that you:

1st register with the hotel. Registration desk is on the ground floor.

2nd go to the ATFE welcome desk, just outside the elevators on the 6th floor of the Palmer House. There you will receive your ATFE Welcome Packet and get any other information you need to make the most of this great gathering.

You'll find lots of Chicago-land information on www.choosechicago.com, the official website of the Chicago Convention Bureau.



ATFE CAUCUS NEWS

Room Assignments for all Caucus Meetings will be posted at the ATFE Welcome center in Chicago

Presbyterian Theological Field Educators (PTFE) will convene for an informal time of fellowship and sharing on the opening day of the ATFE Consultation at the Palmer House in Chicago, Wednesday, January 22 at 3:00, followed by dinner together. Room assignment for the meeting will be available at check-in.

The group will remain in the hotel for an extended meeting on Sunday morning (9:00 AM) through Monday noon, January 26-27. Harry Freebairn of Princeton Theological Seminary is serving as the convener of the meetings, and Joanne Lindstrom of McCormick Theological Seminary is host. The agenda for the Sunday-Monday meeting includes (a) discussion of mission statements currently used for field education at each school represented, (b) revisiting Guidelines for Theological Field Education in Presbyterian Church (USA) Theological Schools, a paper developed by PTFE in 1989, with the eye toward updating it for use in the future, and (c) a final evaluation of the recently completed project on Legal Issues in Theological Field Education. If time allows the group will begin initial conversations about pedagogical issues, the identity of theological field educators, and qualities of generative teaching congregations. Proposals for other agenda items should be sent to Harry Freebairn at harry.freebairn@ptsem.edu.

For additional information about PTFE, please contact Lee Carroll, Columbia Theological Seminary, at (888) 601-8916, or Carroll@CTSnet.edu.

The Catholic Caucus (CATFE) will meet in Chicago at 3:00 on January 22. CATFE has a listserv which will be up and running in the near future. Thanks to Mike Connors for working on this. Please direct any questions or comments about CATFE to Mickey Corso, Institute of Religious Education, 30 Bradford Street, Waltham MA 02451, (781) 894-5498, michael.corso@atbi.com

United Methodist Caucus will meet January 22 at 3:00. The caucus continues to discuss relations with Cuba. Field Educator Sam Johnson (Boston) taught a course in church leadership in Russia this summer.

Lisa Withrow is the contact person: Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 3081 Columbus Pike, Box 8004, Delaware, OH 43015. 740-362-3340. lwithrow@mtso.edu.

The Evangelical Caucus (EATFE) will gather Wednesday, January 22 during the caucus time at 3:00 and then for dinner, Michael P. Green is the contact person. 503 Drake Street, Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-362-3743, green@interaccess.com.

The Lutheran Caucus will continue its practice of meeting several times a year. They will meet just before the ATFE meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22 for the Horizon meeting of the year.

Connie Kleingartner is the contact person: Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615, 773-256-0747, Ckleinga@lstc.edu.

The Disciples/UCC Caucus will meet at 3:00 on January 22. Mick Smith is the contact person: micksmith54@hotmail.com

Information about **other Caucus meetings** will be available at check-in on January 22. Most will meet during the 3:00 PM hour on that day.



RETIRING SOON?

If you, or any ATFE member you know, are planning to retire within the coming biennium (2003-2005), please notify Dudley Rose. It is an important practice in ATFE to recognize those who are completing their service. You may reach Dudley at Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, dudley_rose@harvard.edu, (617) 496-1600.



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ATFE web site (www.atfe.org) under "Minutes and Resolutions of Special Meeting of the Steering Committee, Articles of Incorporation of ATFE, and the ATFE By-laws."

Richard Cunningham will address questions on this during Open Space sessions at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Chicago Consultation.



The ATFE Newsletter Paper or Cyber—or both?

Over the past several years, the ATFE Website (www.atfe.org) has become an increasingly rich vehicle for news, networking, basic information and resources for theological field educators. What then is the distinctive contribution of the 'hardcopy' of the ATFE Newsletter? We'd like to have your feedback on that question. In what ways is the printed edition of the ATFE Newsletter helpful to you or your school? Each edition of the Newsletter is posted on the ATFE website before members receive their paper copy. Additionally, most of the information contained in the Newsletter appears in another format on the website. We would like to know whether there are uses that warrant continued printing and mailing of the paper edition.

Please send your thoughts (paper or cyber—your choice!) to the ATFE Newsletter editor, Mick Smith, 1432 Lake Ave. #92, Metairie, LA 70005 or micksmith54@hotmail.com.

WANT TO BE A PRESENTER IN CHICAGO?

If you want a forum for presenting some research (even in-progress), ideas, questions or issues to your colleagues during the ATFE Biennial Consultation, the "Open Space" workshops may provide the setting you need. You will find on p. 7 of the ATFE Consultation booklet a full description of the Open Space concept and the action steps for arranging an Open Space Workshop. Several have already registered their intent to use this opportunity. We hope you will join them.

Host ATFE 2005?

ATFE is looking for a host city for January 2005. We learned recently that Dallas will not be able to host the 2005 Consultation as previously planned. Please communicate with Dudley Rose regarding your interest (dudley_rose@harvard.edu). There will be an opportunity during the January 2003 Consultation to communicate your offer to the ATFE gathering. If more than one city extends the invitation, the members will choose one during an ATFE business meeting.



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POSITION OPENINGS:

Check the ATFE Website for information about the following "Positions Open"

- Professor of Field Education, Eden Theological Seminary
- Two Administrative Faculty positions as Associate Directors of Practice in Ministry and Mission, Wesley Seminary
- Chairman, Department of Field Education, Dallas Theological Seminary

If you know of other openings, you, as an ATFE member, may post them on the ATFE website. You may also e-mail them to Dudley Rose, our webmaster, for him to post.