
Beginning with the keynote address by Sam Wells of Duke on Sunday evening, the conference will conclude with a festive banquet on Tuesday evening honoring translators, editors, donors, volunteers and the publisher, Fortress Press. Between these two events, a series of presentations and panels will feature translators, historians and theologians discussing insights learned from the DBWE edition which has brought the complete works of Bonhoeffer into English for the first time. The Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics will offer lectures by our German colleagues Wolfgang Huber and Christiane Tietz, as well as a panel of representatives from South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Japan and Brazil, who will discuss the impact of Bonhoeffer on public issues in their countries.

Plans are being made to form a group of persons interested in attending Sunday morning worship (11:00 AM) at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. If you would like to join this group, please e-mail Clifford Green at cjgreen660@cs.com.

The registration form, which also contains an outline of the program, is found on pages 6-7 of this Newsletter or online at the Bonhoeffer Society web site, www.dietrichbonhoeffer.org. The complete program will be posted in September.

Those who plan to attend the conference

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Greetings

As you enjoy this summer (and hopefully catch up on reading and correspondence), it is a time to begin making plans for the coming year. We want to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date information on two major conferences (detailed information is available elsewhere in this Newsletter), as well as share other items of interest with you.

First is the conference celebrating the completion of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works project. This will be held at Union Theological Seminary, New York, in conjunction with the annual Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics, November 13-15.

The second item of note is the upcoming International Congress, set for June 27-July 1, 2012, in Sigtuna, Sweden. We will gather at the site of Bonhoeffer’s 1942 meeting with Bishop George Bell. The theme for the conference will be “A Spoke in the Wheel: Reconsidering the Political in Bonhoeffer’s Theology.” We thank John Matthews, Stephen Plant and Keith Clements for representing the English Language Section on the planning committee. Additional details on this important Congress appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In addition, we invite your participation in our meetings, lectures, and annual dinner, which will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 18-22, in San Francisco. We hope to see you there.

H. Gaylon Barker
Ridgefield, Connecticut
Request for Nominations

Each year three members must be elected to the Board of Directors of the International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section. In order to prepare a slate of nominees for the election at the upcoming meeting of the society in San Francisco, November 19, the Nominating Committee is requesting names of candidates. If anyone knows of a society member who should be considered for election to the board, submit their name, along with their stated willingness to serve to: John W. Matthews (chair of the committee) (jwmatt@aol.com). Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the time of the annual meeting.

Note to Society Members

Please send changes/updates of mailing addresses and e-mail addresses to:
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Heinrich Bedford-Strohm Elected Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria

The Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria, meeting in April in St. Matthew Church in Munich, elected Heinrich Bedford-Strohm (Bamberg) as their new bishop. He is Professor of Systematic Theology and Contemporary Theological Issues in the Faculty for Human Sciences at the Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg, Germany. He was Dean of the Faculty from 2006-2009. He is also, from 2009, Extraordinary Professor in the Theological Faculty of the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa).

He is Director of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Research Centre for Public Theology in Bamberg, which is a member of the Global Network for Public Theology. He is President of the Society of Protestant Theology in Germany and deputy Chairman of the Chamber for Social Responsibility of the German Protestant Churches. He has been the main editor of the journal Evangelische Theologie since 2009. His books focus on themes of social justice, social cohesion in modern society and the ecumenical discussion on creation. In 2009 he edited three volumes on globalization, climate change and on religion and nature.

In October 2011 he will take over from Johannes Friedrich who has been Bavaria’s bishop since 1999. Bedford-Strohm is a member of the Committee on Social Questions of the EKD (Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland), executive Editor of Evangelische Theologie, Director of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute for Public Theology and member of the International Bonhoeffer Society.

On January 29, 2008, the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Research Center for Public Theology was inaugurated with a ceremony in the Great Hall of Bamberg University. The Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Churches in Germany, Dr. Wolfgang Huber, gave the inaugural lecture Ecumenism of Profiles.

Prof. Dr. Bedford-Strohm, who initiated the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Research Center for Public Theology, greeted an audience of about 450 people in the former Dominican church which now serves as Great Hall of Bamberg University. Public Theology intends to affect the broader public and at the same time continuously refers to the church(es). The churches are a natural and important ally of public theology and vice versa. Thus, it was a great honor and joy for Prof. Bedford-Strohm that the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Church in Germany, Wolfgang Huber, gave the inaugural lecture.

Public Theology intends to help churches articulate their contemporary stance on questions of public relevance. It does so by referring to the Christian traditions and by seeking interdisciplinary insights in its very own university context. In accordance with its academic nature, Public Theology’s marriage to the churches includes constructive critique as well as theological support in the shared agenda of substantiating the relevance of religious perspectives for contemporary debates.

Naming the Research Center after Dietrich Bonhoeffer was programmatic: Bonhoeffer can be regarded as an exemplary public theologian avant la lettre. Already in April 1933, only a few days after the first National Socialist measures against German Jews, Bonhoeffer gave a lecture entitle “Die Kirche vor der Judenfrage,” in which he excoriated National Socialist anti-semitism. He also proposed three ways for the church to deal with the state in this lecture. After describing the way of helping the victims of society and the way of resistance (which he eventually chose for himself), Bonhoeffer suggests a third way that sums up Public Theology. Given a situation in which it is at all possible to gain the attention of the state and of society, the church needs to point out unjust conditions in public; the church’s worldly responsibility here includes the state responsibility to address unjust conditions and working towards justice and peace.

In conclusion to his introductory speech, Prof. Bedford-Strohm cordially welcomed Bishop Huber as an exemplary speaker for the occasion: Bishop Huber has been one of the theologians who helped to introduce Public Theology in Germany, and is one of the editors of the series Öffentliche Theologie. Furthermore, Bishop Huber is the spokesman of the editorial board of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Werke (the German edition of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works). An ecumenical exchange has always been at the heart of his theological endeavors.
Public Theology reflects on problems of public relevance in the light of theological traditions. It does so by presupposing that theology can give helpful orientation in contended public questions - orienting both Christian positions on such matters and the public as a whole. Yet theological orientation comes in the form of diverse denominational traditions. He edited with Celia Deane-Drummond Religion & Ecology in the Public Sphere (New York, London: T&T Clark International, 2011) and contributed the chapter entitled “Public Theology of Ecology & Civil Society.”

His contributions to the scholarship on Dietrich Bonhoeffer include:


All who have registered are reminded that final payment is due on September 1. Those who only learn in September or October that they are able to attend should contact Guy Carter about arrangements. For cancellations after October 13, see the policy on the registration form.

Note for presenters: If you have not yet done so, please send a digital snapshot plus a brief biogram to Guy Carter.

We are grateful to the following donors whose grants are subsidizing the cost of the conference: The Bonhoeffer Society; Fortress Press; Mr. Tommy Godsell, South Africa; the John N. Bergstrom Foundation; the Rector’s Fund, Trinity Wall Street; and the “Matthews Group” (you know who you are). Special thanks goes to Bradley and Jill Davis of Colorado Springs for a grant to support the digitizing of Bonhoeffer archival papers that will be exhibited at the conference. Additional donations are welcome and still needed; please send checks made out to “Bonhoeffer Conference” to Clifford Green, 5 East India Row, 20C, Boston, MA 02110.

Program & Registration Form on following page
“Bonhoeffer for the Coming Generations”
November 13-15, 2011
Union Theological Seminary

Sunday | November 13
11:00 a.m.  Optional Worship at Abyssinian Baptist Church
3:00 p.m.  Check-in at Union Theological Seminary
8:00 p.m.  Keynote Address “Bonhoeffer: Theologian, Activist, Educator. Challenges for the Church of the Coming Generations” | Sam Wells, Duke University

Monday | November 14
Bonhoeffer, Ethics, Public Life 1945-2010
“Inspiration, Controversy, Legacy. The Response to Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Three Germanys” | Wolfgang Huber, Germany
Panel: Bonhoeffer in International Contexts | John de Gruchy, South Africa; Keith Clements, United Kingdom; Larry Rasmussen, USA; Carlos Caldas, Brazil; Kazuaki Yamasaki, Japan
Emerging Issues, New Research 2011-
“Bonhoeffer’s Strong Christology and Religious Pluralism” | Christiane Tietz, Mainz
Panel: New Research, New Issues
“Reading Discipleship and Ethics Together” | Florian Schmitz, Mainz
“Harlem Renaissance Writers and Bonhoeffer’s Activism” | Reggie Williams, Pasadena
“Church for Others: Bonhoeffer, Paul, and the Critique of Empire” | Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary

Tuesday | November 15
Translation and the Interpretation of History and Theology
“Translating Bonhoeffer. Intercultural Theological Challenge” | Hans Pfeifer, Düsseldorf
Historians Panel: History and Theology in Bonhoeffer Interpretation | moderated by Andrew Chandler, Chichester; panelists TBA
Theologians Panel: Reading Bonhoeffer the Theologian
“Bonhoeffer in Intellectual History Perspective” | Michael De Jonge
“Bonhoeffer: Toward a New Christian Paradigm” | Clifford Green
Evening  Concluding Banquet celebrating all the translators, editors, publishers, financial supporters and volunteer of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works English Edition

Questions? Contact Dr. Guy Carter: drguychrcarter@comcast.net
or visit www.dietrichbonhoeffer.org
Registration

Names) ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone _____________________________    E-Mail _______________

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Total number of persons being registered __________

Registration (regular)                                                                     $150
Registration (reduced*)                                                                   $ 75
* student, unemployed, adjunct, retired, spouse, family or significant other

Accomodation & Meals

Priority will be given to those making reservations for the full conference (the nights of Nov. 13,14,15)

Shared occupancy per person cost (3 nights)                                 $300
rooming with: _________________________________

Single occupancy per person cost (3 nights)                                  $540
Couple (3 nights)                                                                            $540

□  I am making my own housing arrangements

Full Board (flat rate, includes banquet)                                          $250
Banquet only                                                                                   $  75

All meals will be served in the Union Seminary Refectory.

Day Option

Registration per day, lunch and coffee breaks, register by October 15

□ Sun. □ Mon. □ Tues.        Days    x    $ 75 = $_________

Regular registration, shared room, full board:                                     $700
Regular registration, single occupancy, full board:                                  $940
Regular registration, couple/2 family members, full board:                           $1,340

Payment

Registration ($ 150 / $75) + room deposit ($ 100) required to register, unless staying elsewhere. Total = $250 / $175

Final payment is due Sept. 1, 2011

Accomodation is available on the Union campus and nearby at International House and Hotel Newton. The cost for single occupancy rooms is higher. To reserve housing for additional nights before or after the conference, contact your housing institution directly, as soon as possible. Indicate that you are registered for the Bonhoeffer Conference and providing your own billing information.

If no roommate is requested for a shared room, the Conference Coordinator will assign one.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received after 10/13/2011 will be charged a fee equal to one night’s stay. No-shows will be charged a fee equal to one night’s stay, and the remaining nights of the reservation will be cancelled. In cases of cancellation after 10/13/2011, the registration fee is non-refundable.

Please write check or international money order in U.S. Dollars only to: “Bonhoeffer Conference” and mail or e-mail with registration form to:

Dr. Guy C. Carter
Conference Coordinator & Registrar
P.O. Box 229
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The 125th Anniversary of the German Speaking Congregation in Barcelona and its Commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Ministry in 1928/29

Hans Pfeifer

The German Speaking Congregation of Barcelona celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 23, 2010. After religious freedom had been granted by Spain, the congregation, originally named Protestant Congregation of Barcelona, was founded in the heart of Spanish Catholicism in 1885 by German and Swiss families under the guidance of the Fliedner family and with the support of the respective consulates and trust in the word of God. From a small group of 56 parishioners meeting in a Baptist chapel that was later replaced by a rented chapel in Barcelona’s Old Town, the congregation, despite an eventful and often troubled history, grew into a vibrant and steadily expanding community of 600. However, religious freedom in Spain was soon cancelled again, and non-catholic congregations could not build churches with steeples and their ringing of bells was forbidden. Though the end of monarchy in Spain in 1931 brought back religious freedom, the congregation could not afford to buy bells because the economic crisis affected not only the population of Spain but also its German inhabitants, who were mostly small business people, who could hardly survive.

No doubt the majority of the congregation welcomed the political change in Germany in 1933, since its members tended to be nationalistic and were not aware of the atrocities committed in Germany. Information about such incidents was frequently considered to be enemy propaganda. When in 1933 a cell of the Nazi party (NSDAP) was created in Barcelona, the German Pastor, Fritz Olbricht, took part and welcomed this event, realizing that by doing so he represented the will of the majority of the congregation. The annual report also mentioned that the minister had held devotions for the Hitler Youth of Barcelona. Consequently, in 1934, the congregation was named German Protestant Congregation of Barcelona, which caused the Swiss members to leave it and join the Spanish speaking Protestant churches. Until the end of World War II, members of the Confessing Church were excluded, and only ministers who followed the line of the Reichbischof Müller were called to serve the German congregation in Barcelona as was the case everywhere else outside Germany. Pastor Olbricht, the minister, for whom Bonhoeffer had been assistant in the congregation, left Barcelona in 1934.

The time of the Spanish civil war (1936-1939) created great difficulties for the congregation. Barcelona had become a center of the Spanish “red” Republic. The church of the German congregation in Barcelona, the manse, and its archives were looted and many German inhabitants of Barcelona were evacuated to Germany in a so-called “rescue action.” Just 800 out of 7000-8000 German inhabitants of Barcelona remained. Normal church services were impossible. The civil war separated the German congregations in Spain. Those under the control of Franco would have their ministers serve as army chaplains to the German so-called “volunteer” troops fighting for Franco. Those under the control of the Republic went into hiding.

After Franco won the civil war in Spain, a great many of the former German citizens of Barcelona returned. Church life recovered over time. The era of World War II and the period immediately afterwards was, however, very difficult for the survival of the congregation. Funds to repair the damages done were scarce or rather non-existent. From January 1946 until December 1949, no German minister officiated in Barcelona. A Spanish pastor stood in during the vacancy.

After 1949, church activities came to life again. There was a growing critical understanding of the Nazi dictatorship and its terror. The congregation turned away from former nationalistic tendencies. It
changed its name once more, this time to German Speaking Protestant Congregation of Barcelona, and it remembered the young assistant minister Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who had been assistant minister (Lehrvikar) of the congregation from February 15, 1928 to February 14, 1929. He had brought some new life into it, particularly to the children of the congregation. So not only was a commemorative booklet published1 but also a second small booklet containing sermons, lectures and letters by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, dating from the years 1928-29.2

During the celebration this year, Bishop Schindehutte stated: “A congregation like this one provides a sense of home in a foreign place – but it must also provide a home to foreigners. It is, to borrow from Bonhoeffer, a ‘congregation for others’ and in an ecumenical sense also a ‘congregation with others.’”

The church, parish hall and parsonage were rededicated in 1942, and have become a home for many and remains one of Barcelona’s most important centers of German language culture. In its interaction and dialogue with other confessions and religions, the Barcelona congregation expresses Protestant identity in a special way. The congregation maintains good relations with the Iglesia Evangélica Española and the Evangélica Reformada Episcopal and, with these and other churches, is a member of the Federación de Entidades Religiosas Evangélicas, which represents the Protestant churches in matters involving the Spanish State.

The following is taken from a letter Pastor F. Olbricht wrote in 1929 to the German Evangelical Church Committee upon Bonhoeffer completing his term of vicar:3

Through his sensitive, charming nature and unmistakable character, he was able to gain the sympathy of the entire German colony. He particularly devoted himself energetically and with kindness to the young people, who were enthusiastically devoted to him. This was primarily evident in the well-attended children’s services, which took place regularly each Sunday and which were his sole responsibility. In a truly exemplary fashion, he produced a nativity play in the church with the children on the Sunday before Christmas, a project whose endless rehearsals and practice demanded a great deal of hard work. There was enormous participation from the German colony, and the play was performed to great satisfaction...His sermons were well thought through and contained profound and rich ideas; in his presentation he developed a self-confidence remarkable for his young age and gave the impression of a pastor with many years of experience...His activities here justifiably raise the greatest hopes. I wish him God’s blessing in his further career.

1 Festschrift 125 Jahre Deutschsprachige Evangelische Gemeinde Barcelona.

Items of Interest

Wipf and Stock, Publishers, announces that Geffrey Kelly’s book “Reading Bonhoeffer” is now available through the Kindle Store at Amazon.com. The link to the book in the Kindle Store is: Reading Bonhoeffer: A Guide to His Spiritual Classics and Selected Writings on Peace (Cascade Companions) http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0057CRZ3Q.

Al Staggs and Geffrey Kelly participated recently in Religion Interfaith Lectures sponsored by the Chautauqua Institution.

Also participating were Gary Dorrien (Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary) and Frank Chikane (Leader, Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa)
Due to his Christology and ecclesiology, Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s theology is intrinsically political. On the one hand, his theological convictions make possible opposition to government authority. Early on, in his critical engagement against the Nazi regime, in “The Church and the Jewish Question” (1933), Bonhoeffer expected the church to oppose the state when the rights of those disdained by the state were violated. Ultimately, this stance resulted in Bonhoeffer’s participation in the resistance and his violent death. On the other hand, Bonhoeffer advocated a conservative, non-democratic political order for Germany after the war. How can one explain these apparent contradictions? How should we understand Bonhoeffer’s political Theology?

The aim of the XI International Bonhoeffer Congress is to encourage reflections on the continuing relevance of Bonhoeffer’s political theology and ethics for the Christian church in a world that is now characterized by an increasing gap between the rich and the poor. Is the church once again expected to put up political resistance?

“A Spoke in the Wheel: Reconsidering the Political in Bonhoeffer’s Theology” is the theme for the Eleventh International Bonhoeffer Congress, to be held at the Sigtuna Stiftelsen near Stockholm, Sweden. Bishop Emer. Dr. Martin Lind is the President of the Planning Committee, Pastor Anders Jonaker the secretary and Prof. Dr. Kirsten Busch Nielsen the chair of the program committee. Members of the Planning Committee include Dr. Joel Burnell (Poland), Rev. Hans Buurmeester (Holland), Dr. Keith Clements (UK), Rev. Martin Hueneke (Germany), Rev. Anders Jonaker (Sweden), Prof. Dr. Kirsten Busch Nielsen (Denmark), Dr. Stephen Plant (UK), Dr. Shozo Suzuki (Japan), Prof. Dr. Jurgen Wiersma (Holland), Dr. Janusz Witt (Poland) and Rev. John Matthews (USA).

Sigtuna, Sweden is the location of the historic meeting in 1942, when details of the military conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler were shared between Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Bishop George Bell. (The house where that meeting was held still stands and participants in the Congress will be able to tour the facility.) The congress will be hosted by the Sigtuna Foundation, with its beautiful conference center close to the shores of Lake Marilaren, only twenty minutes from the Arlanda International airport that serves Stockholm. In addition to the lectures and informal conversations that always make these gatherings rich, participants will also enjoy local Swedish folk music and dance, as well as taste food as only the Scandinavians can offer!

Registration will begin online in September 2011, and the website for the congress can be accessed at: http://www.sigtunastiftelsen.se/Bonhoeffer+congress+2012__1053.html. The cost is approximately 530 euros/750 USD and there is a reduction in the fee for students.

More information will be forthcoming in the Winter 2012 issue of this Newsletter, but now is the time to begin planning to participate in this truly ecumenical gathering of people who have been inspired in some way by the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The program, the location, and the people who will attend ensures a most memorable and educational event.

Keynote speakers include: Prof. Dr. Sven Erik Brodd (Uppsala), Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Huber (Berlin), Prof. Dr. Jean Bethke Elstain (Chicago), Prof. Dr. Wolf Krotke (Berlin), Prof. Dr. Nico Koopman (Stellenbosch), Prof. Dr. Christiane Tietz (Mainz) and Victoria Barnett (Washington, D.C.).
CONGRESS PROGRAM

Wednesday June 27, 2012
Arrival
18:30-20:00 Supper
20:00-20.30 Bishop Emer. Dr. Martin Lind (Linköping), President of the Congress
20:30-21:30 Prof. Dr. Sven Erik Brodd (Uppsala)
    Sigtuna 1942. Structuring Factors in Political Ecclesiology

Thursday June 28, 2012
Theme of the Day: Bonhoeffer’s Political Resistance
07:45-08:15 Morning devotions in the chapel
08:15-09:00 Breakfast
09:00-10:00 Bishop Emer. Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Huber (Berlin)
    The Theological Profile of Bonhoeffer’s Political Resistance
10:00-11:30 Prof. Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain (Chicago)
    The Profile of Bonhoeffer’s Political Resistance from the Perspective of Political Science
11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
11:30-12:30 Plenary discussion
12:30-14:30 Lunch break
14:30-17:30 Seminar papers on Theology and Economy, Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld,
    Europe and the Refugees. Coffee break during afternoon.
18:30-20:00 Supper

Evening Program: to be announced

Friday June 29, 2012
Theme of the Day: Bonhoeffer on Church, State and Civil Society
07:45-08:15 Morning devotions in the chapel
09:00-10:00 Prof. Dr. Wolf Krötke (Berlin)
    Dietrich Bonhoeffers Verständnis des Staates. Theologische Begrundung – Praktische
    Konsequenzen – Rezeption in Ost und West (Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Understanding of the
    State. Theological Reasoning – Practical Consequences – Reception in the East and
    West)
10:00-11:00 Victoria Barnet (Washington D.C.), Staff Director of Church Relations, United States
    Holocaust Memorial Museum
    Church, State and Civil Society
11:00-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-12:30 Plenary discussion
12:30-14:30 Lunch break
14:30-17:30 Seminar papers on Bonhoeffer and Kierkegaard, Ethics and Political Theory, Lutheran
    heritage, Public Theology. Coffee break during afternoon
18:30-20:00 Supper

No official evening program
Saturday June 30, 2012

Theme of the Day: How do We Live Responsibly?
07:45-08:15 Morning devotions in the chapel
08:15-09:00 Breakfast
09:00-10:00 Prof. Dr. Nico Koopman (Stellenbosch)
   How Do We Live Responsibly?
10:00-11:00 Plenary discussion
11:00-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-12:30 Seminar papers on Bonhoeffer and Gandhi, Climate Change and Environmental Ethics
12:30-13:30 Lunch break
13:30-16:00 Seminar papers continue Coffee break during afternoon
16:00-17:00 Prof. Dr. Christiane Tietz (Mainz)
   Harvesting from the Congress

20:00 Banquet

Sunday July 1, 2012
09:30 Departure from Sigtuna for the Cathedral of Uppsala
11:00 High Mass (Church of Sweden, Lutheran) in the Cathedral
   Sermon: Bishop Emer. Dr. Martin Lind

Registration: Registration for the Congress will open in September 2011 at
http://www.sigtunastiftelsen.se/Bonhoeffer+congress+2012__1053.html

Payment: Congress fee including lodging and meals at the venue will be 5.000 SKR
(approximately 530 Euro/750 USD). Information about reduction of fee for students will follow.

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9 new members including Charles Sensel and H. Gaylon Barker. Over 250 people attended opening of Bonhoeffer regional archive and research collection at Union Theological Seminary Library. John Godsey presided over opening session consisting of Eberhard Bethge’s “Freedom and Obedience in Dietrich Bonhoeffer.” Paul Lehmann presided over panel with presentations by Larry Rasmussen, Tom Day, Henry Mottu, and James Cone. Bill Peck paid tribute to Eberhard and Renate Bethge for their help. Maria von Wedemeyer gave personal reminiscences of DB. Clifford Green expressed hope that archives would be “a catalyst in which Bonhoeffer’s legacy stimulated the creative and constructive theological work which faithfulness to our own times – and to Bonhoeffer’s spirit – required.” Reports on recent Annual Scholars’ Conference on The Church Struggle and the Holocaust and Holocaust Conference in Baltimore (helped by Clifford Green and Franklin Littell) (see No. 11 below). “Notes on the Concept of Religion in the lectures and sermons of DB delivered at Barcelona.” John de Gruchy in USA teaching and presenting papers. Books published, in progress or edited by: Marlin Van Elderen, Martin Kuske, Roger Johnson, Martha Corcoran, Mary Glazener, and Donald Goddard (review included in this issue). DB biography by Bethge now out in paperback. Bonhoeffer courses taught by Burton Nelson and Geffrey Kelly. Michael Morrison and Duane Hix working on theses related to DB.

No. 11 November 1977
Membership now 150; new members include Prof. Dr. M.E. Schild, Prof. Michael B. Lukens, Dr. Robert H. Bryant, Rev. Charles Johnson and Dr. Paul-Gerhard Schoenborn (Germany). Excerpts from Emil Fackenheim’s remarks on DB reprinted from a previous essay in Daedalus. Fackenheim quotes from TA Gill: “I simply cannot get gooseflesh over… the declaration that the attacks on the Jews must be resisted because they are really attacks on Jesus Christ. That is not high theology, that is blasphemy,… unwitting blasphemy, I hope. We have little to learn from a church or a prophet who cannot recognize murder until it is murder in the cathedral. Since the Holocaust what word can we hear but Bonhoeffer’s who, on the little he could have known, said that thereafter the Germans could never speak again evangelically to the Jews. I enlarge it from Germans to Gentiles.” Fackenheim comments on DB’s statement: “We have to live before God as though there were no God.” Remembrance and tribute to Maria von Wedemeyer (who died Nov. 16). Report from Burton Nelson on his summer research in Europe (visiting with the acquaintances of DB, the Bethges and the DB Church in London. Eberhard Bethge’s “The Holocaust and Christian Anti-Semitism: Perspectives of a Christian Survivor” published in Union Seminary Quart. Rev. Elie Wiesel to present keynote address at annual Scholars Conference set for March 1978 (Ruth Zerner is chairperson). Int’l Conference memorializing Kristallnacht planned as well as consultation on theology of Bonhoeffer at Wittenberg (attendees from Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland, Fed. Republic Germany). DB’s Prayers from Prison set to be published in Spring 1978.

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New members include: Prof. T.A. Gill, Dr. Charles Scott, Prof. John Giles Milhaven and Dr. Charles Dickinson. Report on San Francisco meeting. Bibliography Update (45 items). Comments by Eberhard Bethge on DB’s Pacifism: “DB did not come from pacifism to become a murderer of Adolf Hitler. He encountered the problem that the murderer had to be stopped…even those in the Confessing Church were made accomplices with the murderer.” Guidelines established for using DB Archives at Union Seminary Library. Bethges serving as visiting faculty members at Bryn Mawr College 1978-79. Geff Kelly married to Joan Wingert
The Sixth Annual Western Fellowship of Professors and Scholars will be held in Manhattan, KS on October 14-15, 2011, Friday afternoon through Saturday early afternoon.

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