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NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

*The 71st General Meeting of SNTS
Montreal, Canada – 2-5 August, 2016*

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. THE VENUE: MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The 71st General Meeting of SNTS will take place in the *Arts* and *Leacock* buildings of McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

The downtown campus of McGill University is located at 845 Sherbrooke Street West, right in the heart of Montreal and at the foot of the park Mont Royal. It is easily and quickly reached by public transportation from both the airport (airport shuttle 747, taxi) and the city centre (exit metro station McGill). Upon arrival, participants will find there is no further need to use buses or metro, as hotels, restaurants and most tourist attractions are within walking distance.

2. DATES OF THE 71ST GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting officially starts on Tuesday evening, 2nd August, with the first Business Meeting beginning at 17:00. It ends at the conclusion of the second Business Meeting on Friday evening, 5th August. On Saturday, 6th August, there will be five optional excursions on offer.

3. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Local Organizing Committee is chaired by SNTS member Prof. Gerbern Oegema. The LOC consists further of Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick, Prof. Ian Henderson (McGill University), Prof. André Gagné (Concordia University) and SNTS member Alain Gignac (Université de Montreal). The LOC is supported both by Mrs Patricia Martel of Conferences, Groups and Incentives (CGI), who is the office manager for this General Meeting, as well as the administrative staff of McGill's Faculty of Religious Studies and its graduate students in Biblical Studies.

The email address for the conference office is: SNTS2016@cgi-pco.com. This is the best way to contact her or the conference office. However, if telephone contact is required, you may call Patricia Martel, +1-514-846-9191 ext. 30. The postal address for the conference office is: Birks Building, 3520 University Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 2A7, Canada.

Queries concerning the *Academic* programme should in the first instance be addressed to me as the *Secretary* of the Society (secretary@snts.international).

4. CONFERENCE WEBSITE

The conference website, maintained by the Local Organizing Committee, is to be found at www.snts2016.com. A link to this site can also be found on the new Society website (snts.international).

5. TRAVEL AND VISA

Visa Requirements for Canada. Everyone entering Canada needs a Visa or Visa waiver, and, as of 1st March 2016, everyone except Canadians and US citizens needs an Electronic Travel Authorization. The citizens of those countries that need a Visa need to apply early and sometimes have to travel to a Canadian embassy in another country and/or wait several months to get their visa. Please consult the website of the Canada Immigration and Citizenship website to determine if you need a visa or merely an Electronic Travel Authorization (www.cic.gc.ca).

An international destination of choice, Montréal is easily accessed by land, water and air. Downtown is a mere 20 minutes from the [Pierre-Elliott Trudeau International Airport](#), which handles some 600 flights daily. Public transit is not only affordable, it's also a great way to get around the city. Quick, safe and clean, the metro connects downtown to major tourism attractions, as well as to numerous bus stops and train stations. In addition, cycling enthusiasts can enjoy 450 kilometres of cycle paths, many of which lead to major tourist areas.

A federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 5% is charged on most goods and services in Canada. A Québec provincial tax (TVQ) of 9.975% is added to all goods and services purchased in the province of Québec.

6. REGISTRATION, CONFERENCE FEE, AND ACCOMMODATION

a) Registration

Registration will be **online** on the conference website. Members who are not able to register online may contact the conference office. See contact information above. *Registration closes on June 30th.*

b) Conference Fee

The basic conference fee for delegates includes all meals, except breakfast, from Tuesday evening to Friday evening. *If you register before April 1st, the fee is Can \$ 595, including taxes. After April 1st the fee rises to Can \$ 625 and after May 1st to Can \$ 665.* Please be sure to take notice of the cancellation policy on the registration form and in the confirmation letter you will receive when you register. The fee for accompanying persons is available on the website.

c) Accommodation

A good range of accommodation options is listed on the conference website. The LOC has been able to arrange special conference discounts for several hotels in the area. This accommodation is within easy walking distance of the McGill Campus and located in the city centre. Accommodation varies from Can \$ 169 per night for a double in the four star Delta Hotel to Can \$ 45 per person per night in the Royal Victoria College, with options in between in several three star hotels (Can \$ 99-109).

7. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The social programme for participants includes a reception at McGill University, a traditional Quebec evening in the Old Port, a concert at a church, and a gala dinner at the Delta Hotel. There will be five optional excursions on Saturday: one-day visits to Ottawa, Québec, Mont Tremblant, or the Eastern Townships, and a two-day whale watching trip. Pre-conference excursions will be available upon request and individually tailored, as will special sightseeing programmes on Monday and Tuesday for those who arrive early.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Carl Holladay (USA).

2. MAIN PAPERS

Invited Main Papers will be given by Profs. Guy Bonneau (USA), Paula Fredriksen (Israel), Jens Herzer (Germany), and Risto Uro (Finland).

3. QUAESTIONES DISPUTATAE

The session is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and will last 90 minutes, chaired by the *President*. The question to be debated this year will be 'Marcion's Gospel and the New Testament: Catalyst or Consequence?' The speakers/panellists will be: Profs Matthias Klinghardt (Germany); Judith Lieu (UK); Jason BeDuhn (USA).

4. OFFERED SHORT PAPERS

There are 18 slots for offered short papers. There are still some slots available at this time. Proposals should be sent to me at secretary@snts.international before 15th May at the latest. A proposal should include your name, a title, and a summary (an outline, or an abstract) of your offered short paper in English, French or German.

Participants are reminded that *members may as a rule present only one paper at the same General Meeting, whether that be a Main Paper, a Seminar Paper, or a Short Paper* (a response does not count as a paper).

The speakers and the titles of their papers will be placed on the conference website when all the slots have been filled.

5. SEMINARS

Fifteen seminars are scheduled to take place at the General Meeting in Montreal, each with its own topic or focus. The seminars meet in simultaneous sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. At each session a paper is normally presented and discussed. The culture of the Society's General Meeting is that when you sign up for a specific seminar you will attend all three sessions of that seminar.

Seminars scheduled to terminate this year may apply for continuation. New seminars may also be proposed ('Seminar Guidelines' with procedure and deadlines are available on the Society website or may be solicited from the *Secretary*).

If necessary, updates and changes to the seminar programmes given below will be made on the conference website.

1. Apostolic Fathers, Apologists, and the History of Early Christianity (Prof. C. Breytenbach and Dr C. Rothschild). Terminates in 2017.

Wed: James A. Kelhoffer (Sweden), 'Androgynous Eschatological Realisation and the Preexistent Church: What Is "Gnostic" about the Quotations and Their Interpretations in 2 Clement 12 and 14' – respondent: Christopher Tuckett (UK)

Thu: Patricia Duncan (guest: USA), 'The Portrait of the Christian Philosopher in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies' – respondent: Ismo Dunderberg (Finland)

Fri: Giovanni Bazzana (USA), '2 Clement within the Ancient Clementine Literature: Observations on Scriptural Quotations and Social Thought' – respondent: William Pratscher (Austria)

2. The Greek of the New Testament (Profs J. W. Voelz, J. Peláez, and P. Danove). Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Michael E. Hayes (guest: USA), '"An Analysis of the Attributive Participle and the Relative Clause in the Greek New Testament' – respondent: David Black (USA)

Thu: Jesús Peláez (Spain), 'The Organization of the Entry 'γίνομαι' in the Greek New Testament Lexicons: a New Proposal' – respondent: Paul Danove (USA)

Fri: James W. Voelz (USA), 'The Greek of the Gospel of John: A Deep Sounding: Features of John's Language in John 1-6 and 18-21'

3. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (Profs C. Landmesser and M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Christof Landmesser (Germany), Review of John Barclay, *Paul & the Gift* (Eerdmans, 2015) – respondent: John Barclay (UK)

Thu: Paul-Gerhard Klumbies (Germany), 'Gnade und Geschenk in den Synoptischen Evangelien'
Fri: Michael Labahn (Germany), 'Ask for "God's Gift" – the "Gift" of Life in Johannine Theology'

4. The Johannine Writings (Profs J. Frey, M. Gruber and Ch. Karakolis). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Anni Hentschel (guest: Germany), 'Sin, Healing and Purification in John (John 5, 9 and 13)' – respondent: Petr Marecek (Czech Republic)

Thu: Jean Zumstein (Switzerland), 'Die vielfältige Interpretation des Brotwunders in Joh 6' – respondent: Susanne Luther (guest: Germany)

Fri: Ismo Dunderberg (Finland), 'John, the Gnostics and the Eucharist'

5. The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts (Profs Matthias Konradt and William Loader). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Matthias Konradt (Germany), 'Die Entwicklung frühchristlicher Ethik: ein forschungsgeschichtlicher Zugang zur Fragestellung des Seminars' – respondent: Michael Wolter (Germany)

Thu: Judith Gundry (USA), '"Becoming One Flesh" and the Politics of Sexual Reproduction: 1 Corinthians 6-7 in the Light of Biblical/Jewish and Greco-Roman Traditions on Marriage, Sex, Sexual Desire and Procreation' – respondent: Kathy Gaca (guest: USA)

Fri: William Loader (Australia), 'Reading Romans 1 on Homosexuality in the Light of Biblical/Jewish and Greco-Roman Perspectives of its Time' – respondent: James Brownson (guest: USA)

6. The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity (Profs Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco, and Gosnell Yorke). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Delano Palmer (West Indies), 'Messianic Mission in Acts: A Literary Exploration' – respondent: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand)

Thu: Manabu Tsuji (Japan), 'From the Baptism of John to the Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 18:24-19:7): Unification of Baptism in Earliest Christianity?'

Fri: Eugene Eung-Chun Park (USA), 'Dialectic of ἀλήθεια and ἐλευθερία as a theological foundation for Paul's Torah-free mission in Galatians'

7. Hebrews (Profs C.A. Eberhart and W. Kraus). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: David Moffitt (guest: UK), 'Diatheke (διαθήκη) in the Septuagint and in Secular Greek Literature / Diathäke (διαθήκη) in der Septuaginta und in der Profangräzität' – respondent: Gert Steyn (South Africa)

Thu: Christian Eberhart (USA), 'Covenant Theology in the New Testament (without Hebrews) / Bundestheologie im Neuen Testament (ohne Hebräerbrief)' – respondent: Gudrun Holst (Germany)

Fri: Wolfgang Kraus (Germany), 'Covenant Theology in Hebrews / Bundestheologie im Hebräerbrief' – respondent: Christian Grappe (France)

8. Social History and the New *Testament* (Profs. H. Löhr, M. Öhler, and A. Runesson). Terminates in 2017.

Wed: James R. Harrison (Australia), 'The Polis, Its Gods and the Jews of Asia: Perspectives from Ionia, Lydia and the Lycus Valley' – respondent: TBA

Thu: John S Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Associations, Christ groups, and their place in the *Polis*' –

respondent: J. Albert Harrill (USA). This session will be held jointly with Seminar 11 (Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament).

Fri: Richard Last (guest: Canada), 'The Neighbourhoods (*vici*) of Christ-Believers in Roman Cities and Towns' – respondent: Markus Öhler (Austria)

9. Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (Profs. J. Herzer and G. Oegema). Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Alain Gignac (Canada), 'Les contributions québécoises et canadiennes à la recherche sur les manuscrits de la mer Morte'

Thu: Hermann Lichtenberger (Germany), 'The Biblical Psalter and the Hodayot'

Fri: Angela Harkins (guest: USA), 'Second Temple Theologies of Mourning: The Hodayot and the New Testament'

10. Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (Profs E-M. Becker and R. Bieringer). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Bronwen Neil (guest: Australia), 'Papal letters as community documents in the sixth century'

Thu: Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), 'Überlegungen zur literarischen Einheitlichkeit des Philipperbriefes'

Fri: Reimund Bieringer (Belgium), 'In Search of the Unity of the So-Called Letter of Reconciliation: an Analysis of 2 Cor 1:1-2:13; 7:5-16; 13:11-13'

11. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (Profs P. Arzt-Grabner and J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Richard Ascough (Canada), 'Desirable Death: Burial and Memorial in Associations and Paul's "dying as gain" (Phil 1:20-26)' – respondent: Daniel Smith (Canada)

Thu: John S Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Associations, Christ groups, and their place in the *Polis*' – respondent: J. Albert Harrill (USA). This session will be held jointly with Seminar 8 (Social History and the New Testament).

Fri: Adriana Destro (guest: Italy) & Mauro Pesce (Italy), 'Some aspects of the social physiognomy of the τέκτονες' – respondent: Clare Rothschild (USA)

12. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches' (Drs W. Campbell and J. Gundry). Terminates in 2016.

Wed: Terence Donaldson (Canada), 'Abraham's Seed, Natural Law in a Pessimistic Tenor, and Paul's ἔθνη-in-Christ'

Thu: Paula Fredriksen (Israel), 'Christ and the Kingdom: The Son of David in Pauline Eschatology'

Fri: Matthew Thiessen (guest: USA), 'Paul, the Animal Apocalypse and Abraham's Gentile Seed'

13. New Testament Textual Criticism (Profs C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, and T. Wasserman). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Hugh Houghton (UK), 'Early Commentaries as Sources for the New Testament Text: Reflections on Theory and Practice' – respondent: David Trobisch (Germany)

Thu: Mike Holmes (USA), 'TBA' – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden)

Fri: Amy Donaldson (guest: USA), 'Explicit References to Variant Readings among the Church Fathers and Their Application to Modern Textual Criticism' – respondent: John Cook (USA)

14. Memory, Narrative, and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels (Profs S. Byrskog and J. Schröter, and Dr S. Hultgren). Terminates in 2018.

Wed: David Moessner (USA), 'Papias's "Living Voice": "Bedrock" or "Slippery Slope" for Synoptic Tradition?'

Thu: Arie Zwiep (Netherlands), 'Orality and Memory in the Story of Jairus and the Haemorrhaging Woman (Mark 5:21-43 parr.): an Attempt (Not) to Go behind What is Written'

Fri: Sandra Hübenenthal (Germany), 'Another Jesus Remembered: Reading Luke's Narration through a Memory-Theory-Lens'

15. The Book of Revelation (Profs D. Aune and D. Hellholm, and Dr Th. Witulski). Terminates in 2017.

Wed: D.E. Aune (USA), Review and Discussion of Craig Koester, *Revelation: a New Translation with Introduction and Commentary* (New Haven Anchor, 2014)

Thu: T. Witulski (Germany), 'Die sieben Sendschreiben als Inspektionsberichte'

Fri: C.R. Koester (USA), 'Imagery in the Book of Revelation'

OTHER GENERAL MEETING MATTERS

1. GUESTS OF THE SOCIETY

As stated in the October-November 2015 Newsletter, members wishing to invite personal guests (other than accompanying persons, such as wives, husbands, partners, or children of members) to a General Meeting must first submit their names to the *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still (todd_still@baylor.edu), who will consult with the *President* about such requests. Members should indicate briefly how their personal guests would contribute to the proceedings. All requests for guests who merely wish to attend the General Meeting should preferably be received by the *Assistant Secretary* by *1 April* who can then arrange for them to receive booking information. After this date, requests will only be acted upon if there are available spaces. (Requests for guests who are being invited to make presentations in the Seminars should have been submitted to the *Assistant Secretary* before *1 February*.)

Members are reminded of the current policy on the number of (personal) guests who can be invited, restricting the number to one guest per member and that no single guest should be invited more than once in any four years. Please note that candidates for membership of the Society may not attend the General Meeting in the year in which their names are being proposed.

2. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

To facilitate the exchange of views, speakers in all three languages of the Society are encouraged to speak clearly and slowly, taking into account that listening to a language that is not one's first language always requires extra effort and concentration. The full text of all *Main Papers* (whether in English, French or German), including the Presidential Address, are to be submitted to the Secretary at least one month prior to the General Meeting. These texts will be

forwarded to the Local Organizing Committee for duplication and distribution to all participants at the General Meeting. Presenters of Offered Short Papers are also encouraged to make the full text of their papers available at the door, or at least a hand-out containing an outline and the key points of the paper. (The Local Organizing Committee cannot be asked to do this photocopying.) An alternative is the projection of the text or portions thereof onto a screen from a computer.

3. AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Speakers who wish to make use of audio-visual equipment (e.g., computer, data projector) should make arrangements with the Local Organizing Committee in advance of the meeting. Please contact the LOC in Montreal in May or June. Contact information is given above.

OTHER SOCIETY MATTERS

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded to ensure that they have paid their 2016 subscription. A secure payment via debit or credit card can be made at journals.cambridge.org/snts. (The Society's Constitution frames that: *'a member whose subscription is more than two years overdue shall be deemed to have resigned membership'*.)

Traditionally, the Society's International Fund has been used to assist a number of members (and sometimes guests) from under-represented countries to attend a General Meeting. To that end, membership fees (at the top tier) include an International Fund component. Additional contributions, no matter how small, are always welcome. These can now be made on the CUP website when you pay your membership dues each year. But donations can also be made throughout the year. These can be sent directly to the *Treasurer* of the Society, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, by International Money Order, or cheque payable in pounds sterling, made out to SNTS. Alternatively, you may make a donation to the International Fund by bank transfer. The Society's Bank Account details are:

Account Name:	Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas / SNTS		
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Please notify the *Treasurer*, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger (k.ehrensperger@uwtsd.ac.uk), if you make payments to the International Fund by bank transfer.

2. MONOGRAPH SERIES

CUP offers members of the Society a 20% discount on volumes in the SNTS Monograph Series. To take advantage of this offer you can enter the discount code 'SNTS 15/16' at the checkout when you order online from the CUP website.

3. CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR STATUS

Please check the membership and address list to make sure your details (academic title, spelling of your name, postal address, email address) are accurate. I try to update the list whenever changes come to my attention. These should be sent to me at secretary@snts.international. Changes must also be notified to CUP at memberservices@cambridge.org.

4. FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

The opportunity to host a General Meeting of the Society can offer significant benefits to an academic institution. If you would like organize a General Meeting of the Society in the future (2020 and beyond), please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

5. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

If you have a suggestion or a concern about the course or the procedures of the Society, please do not hesitate to make it known to the *President*, a member of the Committee, or one of the Officers. The list of Committee members and Officers can be found below.

6. SOCIETY WEBSITE

The Society has adopted the internet domain snts.international. The process has begun of transitioning the old website to this new address; and, a number of the Society's Officers will be given new generic email addresses (e.g. secretary@snts.international).

7. THE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

The Society's Committee is comprised of nine trustees elected from the Society's membership by a General Meeting of the Society. These include the Society's *President*, the *Past President*, the *President Elect*, and six others. The *Presidential Nominee* for 2017-18 is formally not a member of the Committee but an observer/auditor. For 2015-16, the Committee consists of:

President of the Society and Committee Chair: Prof. J. Lieu (United Kingdom)

Past President of the Society: Prof. U. Schnelle (Germany)

President-Elect of the Society: Prof. C.R. Holladay (USA)

Presidential Nominee for 2017-18: Prof. M. Wolter (Germany – observer)

2013-16 Prof. A. Dettwiler (Switzerland) Prof. Ch. Karakolis (Greece)

2014-17 Prof. C. Gerber (Germany) Prof. J. Thom (South Africa)

2015-18 Dr J. Gundry (USA)

Prof. T. Nicklas (Germany)

At the second Business Meeting in Montreal, the Society will be electing two new members to the Committee to replace Profs A. Dettwiler and Ch. Karakolis, whose three-year term comes to an end at the close of the General Meeting.

Officers:

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