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Dear Colleagues:

The 2010 annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, California, January 7-10th. Our program committee has once again done an outstanding job in structuring what will be a stimulating convention.

Christian ethics is not simply an undertaking by North Americans but is developing in various contexts around the globe. For this reason, our plenary sessions this year will entail surveys of the state of Christian ethics in two critically important regions of our world: Africa and China. Clearly, both are so large and diverse that no one person would claim a competence to provide a thorough treatment of this topic. At the same time, the difficulty of the task would seem to be a poor excuse for our not trying.

Our opening plenary will be an address on the state of the field in Africa delivered by *Fr. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator*, Jesuit provincial for Eastern Africa. He has a PhD from the University of Leeds and his Masters from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and has published half a dozen books and numerous articles in the field. A second plenary, on Christian ethics in China, will be delivered by *Dr. Jian-Guo Wang*, currently pastor of Rockville Evangelical Mission Church. He has a PhD in Christian Ethics from Princeton Theological Seminary and a PhD in Philosophy from Fudan University in China, and has presented and published widely in Asia.

This year will also see a fascinating Thursday evening session reporting on an ongoing dialogue between Evangelicals and Catholics who are attempting to find agreement to overcome the false choice some partisans try to force between more personal responsibility and more public responsibility. Reporting from the Evangelical side will be Glen Stassen and David Gushee, and from the Catholic side, Cathleen Kaveny and John Langan, S.J.

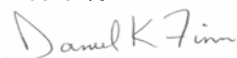
In San Jose, be prepared to meet and deepen relationships not with just Christian and Jewish colleagues at the meetings in San Jose, but an increasing number of Muslim scholars as well. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest sister society, the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics. From the germ of an idea in Chicago, the SSME has developed an interest list of some 40 scholars in fields pertaining to Islam; worked up bylaws and a collaborative agreement with the SCE; designated a full complement of officers and board; and launched an attractive website (www.SSMEthics.org). The current officers include John Kelsay (President), Sohail Hashmi (Vice President), Irene Oh (Secretary/Treasurer) and boardmembers Simeon Ilesanmi, Hamid Mavani, Ebrahim Moosa, and Liyakat Takim. The SSME will host four sessions in San Jose.

The SCE will this year be scheduling a special session on Friday morning, complete with complimentary breakfast, to explain the new requirements for research involving human subjects. If your scholarship involves the research with human subjects, I would encourage you to attend.

As I speak about these plans for our coming annual meeting, I am intensely aware that none of this will happen without the dependable and insightful leadership of our Executive Director, Stewart Herman, and our Associate Executive Director, Linda Schreiber. Both have served our society superbly and we are deeply in their debt.

I pray that the opening of the fall term is a good one for you and that we may all gather safely in San Jose in January!

Sincerely,



Daniel Finn