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## Call to Meeting

September 1, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics will convene in the French Quarter of New Orleans, at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, on the corner of Canal and Bourbon Streets. The meeting will open **Friday morning, January 7 at 9:00 am** and close on **Sunday morning January 9 at 12:30 pm** after Concurrent Session VII. Our President Doug Ottati and the Program Committee have put together a rich program of papers, panels, and interest group presentations, including plenary addresses by Charles Curran and Susan Frank Parsons.

Enclosed please find documents you need to plan your participation. You also will find them on the website (<http://www.scethics.org/>), where you can register online. The following bulleted items need your action *well before the meeting*:

- **REGISTRATION FORM** – return to SCE office. It is in your interest to **register for the meeting by December 1**. Early birds are rewarded with a \$50 reduction in fees. Any registration postmarked or faxed after December 1, 2010 will be charged the higher rate.
- **DUES FORM** – submit payment with your registration form; if not attending annual meeting, return this one form only with your payment. Note that you must pay your **2011 dues** in order to be eligible for the member rate.
- **HOTEL RESERVATION** – contact the Astor Crowne (<http://www.astorneworleans.com/>). Please **book your room by December 1** in order to guarantee the conference rate (\$129 single-double/\$139 triple-quad refundable; \$115/\$125 prepaid and nonrefundable). This rate is the best rate you will find for the hotel. You must register by phone or by internet; paper reservations no longer are accepted. And if your schedule permits, you may stay up to an additional three nights at the conference rate.
- Thanks to our new website, *you can pay dues and register for the New Orleans meeting online*. You may also pay, as in the past, by *check*, or by *credit card* via snailmail or fax. We accept most major credit cards, and there is a 5% processing fee to cover the costs incurred by the Society in offering this service to the members.

Also enclosed is the SLATE OF NOMINEES for vice president and Board, to be voted upon at the business meeting, Saturday, January 8. *All other documents for the meeting are to be found on the SCE website <http://scethics.org/annual-meetings/all/2011>*. Remember that your dues must be current to access some of this information.

The Society of Jewish Ethics will be holding joint sessions with the newly formed Jewish Bioethics Affiliate Group (formerly the Academic Coalition on Jewish Bioethics) starting on Thursday, January 6. There also will be the usual range of pre-meeting events—technically outside the program, but in the spirit of the SCE meeting which begins Friday morning, January 7. The registration desk will open at 10am on Thursday, but you are welcome to arrive on Wednesday and stay at the conference rate.

Please join us in New Orleans for what promises to be a lively meeting in a hard-hit city in the midst of rebuilding.

Regards,



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