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**Society Report**  
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# From the Executive Director

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Colleagues and Friends,

The accomplishments of the Society of Biblical Literature are attributable to the fact that so many members give of themselves.

The 2008 Society Report says, with the programs and many names listed, that “no one is an island.” SBL has thrived because we are able to increase the number of volunteers who dedicate themselves to working on articles, books, meeting programs, professional development, and outreach to the wider community. We do not have an insular approach to anything we do. Remember this as you sit alone in your office or study.

The SBL staff is always heartened by the selfless work of so many of you. The core values that drive us as a staff are those that you have given us. We list these core values at the front of the working documents for every Council meeting. I think they are reminders that we need to keep before us.

Accountability

Collaboration

Collegiality

Commitment

Communication

Efficiency

Inclusiveness

Leadership in biblical scholarship

Productivity

Responsiveness to change

Scholarly integrity

Tolerance

We depend on your generous gifts of time, energy, and tax-deductible contributions. Thanks on behalf of the entire SBL staff.

Cordially,



Kent Harold Richards

Executive Director

Professor of Old Testament



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## BIBLE ELECTIVES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A GUIDE

The newly published guide is the result of the work of our task force on teaching the Bible in public education under the leadership of Mark Chancey and staff, especially Moira Bucciarelli, Public Initiatives Coordinator. The goal of the guide is “to encourage public school teachers to view teaching the Bible as an experience that has great pedagogical rewards and high academic relevance” and “to provide teachers with some awareness of the legal, academic, and social issues to consider well before a Bible elective begins.”

The guide has sections on a series of the most important issues every school district must consider when teaching a course on the Bible. They are developed in a frequently asked questions format, and include sections on constitutional requirements, legal issues and precedents, teacher qualifications, Bibles, faith and belief, and biblical interpretation.

There are many similarities with other public-school courses but courses on the Bible in public education bear significant dissimilarities. First, such courses are being offered in many cases for the first time. Second, appropriate teaching materials are difficult to find. Third, the risks of teachers imparting religious bias exist because of the lack of available training for the teachers.

SBL is systematically addressing these issues. We are seeking additional funding for resources and teacher training. We are partnering with higher education institutions, state departments of education, teachers, superintendents, school boards, and the wider public. If you have an interest in this initiative please be in touch with Moira Bucciarelli at 404.727.9498 or [moira.bucciarelli@sbl-site.org](mailto:moira.bucciarelli@sbl-site.org).



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## Journal of Biblical Literature

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Over the past 12 months (4 issues), *JBL* published 800 pages of biblical scholarship. There were forty-four full-length articles and critical notes. Articles engaged a variety of topics across and beyond the biblical canon from varying ideological and methodological perspectives. The Research and Publication Committee's decision in 2007 not to publish book reviews in *JBL* has met with universal acceptance and allowed *JBL* to publish more individual scholarly pieces than ever before.

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## International Cooperation Initiative

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SBL's efforts to respond more effectively to the needs of our international constituents have paid significant dividends over the past year. In addition to the establishment of a new online series (Ancient Near East Monograph Series), the ICI provides free electronic access to nearly 100 SBL books to scholars and students in underresourced countries.

The SBL website identifies the IP address of a visitor in a country whose Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita is substantially lower than the average of the GDP per capita of the USA and European Union and displays the book selections to those visitors as PDF files that can be downloaded at no charge. Additional books are posted monthly to the site. Further, the SBL is in the process of developing a new series that will electronically publish scholarly work originating in underre-

sourced areas of the world. Works in this series will be accepted in English and/or the native language of the author. Additional ICI projects will be pursued and developed as needs become evident and time and funding permit.

We are deeply grateful for the work of Ehud Ben Zvi and his strong international colleagues who are working so hard to make this a model program.

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## Review of Biblical Literature: 5,000 Reviews

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The *Review of Biblical Literature* (*RBL*) has published 500 reviews since 1 January 2008 and a total of 4,971 reviews of 4,218 different books since its inception. Given our usual rate

of publication, we expect to pass a significant milestone in mid-December: the publication of *RBL*'s 5,000th review. The 2008 print edition of *RBL* (vol. 10) continues our tradition of making available in print the best reviews published during the preceding twelve months, so that libraries can make informed acquisitions decisions and individual scholars and students can quickly survey recent advances in the field. This year's print edition, which will be sent to nearly 1,000 subscribers, includes 156 individual reviews and features three review essays: "Jesus in the New Millennium" (a topical review essay of six important works), by Richard A. Horsley; a review of Kurt Erlemann et al., eds., *Neues Testament und Antike Kultur* (4 vols.), by Joseph Verheyden; and James D. G. Dunn's review of Robert Jewett, *Romans: A Commentary*.

*RBL* remains not only the SBL's most widely distrib-

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## Two New Book Series Established

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The SBL's Research and Publications Committee recently approved a reconfiguration of SBL's book series lineup that will bring greater clarity to the subject matter readers can expect from our series. In the past, SBL published several "genre"-based series that encompassed works covering both the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the New Testament: SBL Studies in Biblical Literature (monographs), SBL Academia Biblica (unrevised dissertations), and SBL Symposium Series (collections of essays).

The series reorganization discontinues those three series and establishes two new SBL series that, alongside SBL Early Judaism and Its Literature, will publish monographs, revised dissertations, and collections of essays focused on a particular subject matter: SBL Ancient Israel and Its Literature; and SBL Early Christianity and Its Literature (full series descriptions will be posted on the SBL website in the near future). Each series will be led by a general editor and an editorial board who will review book proposals, solicit works for publication, and edit individual volumes.

The benefits of the reorganization include: increased clarity for readers whose interests lie with a given subject (ancient Israel, early Judaism, early Christianity); the possibility of revision for any dissertations accepted for publication (revision was not allowed with SBLAcBib); and the sharing of acquisitions and editing work among an editorial board of well-respected scholars (rather than placing all of the responsibility on a single series editor).

uted publication (print or online) but also the premier source of biblical studies book reviews in the world.

### New and Recent Titles from SBL Publications

- ◆ David Shepherd, editor, *Images of the Word: Hollywood's Bible and Beyond*
- ◆ Cornelia B. Horn and Robert R. Phenix, Jr., *John Rufus: The Lives of Peter the Iberian, Theodosius of Jerusalem, and the Monk Romanus*
- ◆ Frances Flannery, Colleen Shantz, and Rodney A. Werline, editors, *Experientia, Volume 1: Inquiry into Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Christianity*
- ◆ Dietmar Neufeld, editor, *The Social Sciences and Biblical Translation*
- ◆ Susan Haber; edited by Adele Reinhartz, "They Shall Purify Themselves": *Essays on Purity in Early Judaism*
- ◆ Brad E. Kelle and Frank R. Ames, editors, *Writing and Reading War: Rhetoric, Gender, and Ethics in Biblical and Modern Contexts*
- ◆ Nancy C. Lee and Carleen R. Mandolfo, editors, *Lamentations in Ancient and Contemporary Cultural Contexts*
- ◆ Huub van de Sandt and Jürgen K. Zangenberg, editors, *Matthew, James, and Didache*
- ◆ Norman C. Habel and Peter Trudinger, editors, *Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics*
- ◆ Mark J. Boda, Daniel K. Falk, and Rodney A. Werline, editors, *Seeking the Favor of God, Volume 3: The Impact of Penitential Prayer beyond Second Temple Judaism*
- ◆ Craig A. Gibson, *Libanius's Progymnasmata: Model Exercises in Greek Prose Composition and Rhetoric*
- ◆ Tom Thatcher and Stephen D. Moore, editors, *Anatomies of Narrative Criticism: The Past, Present, and Futures of*

*the Fourth Gospel as Literature*

- ◆ Dorothy M. Peters, *Noah Traditions in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Conversations and Controversies of Antiquity*
- ◆ Melvin K. H. Peters, editor, *XIII Congress of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies: Ljubljana, 2007*
- ◆ James T. Sparks, *The Chronicler's Genealogies: Towards an Understanding of 1 Chronicles 1–9*
- ◆ Roland T. Boer, *Last Stop before Antarctica: The Bible and Postcolonialism in Australia, Second Edition*
- ◆ Carl P. Cosaert, *The Text of the Gospels in Clement of Alexandria*
- ◆ Stanley E. Porter and Christopher D. Stanley, editors, *As It Is Written: Studying Paul's Use of Scripture*
- ◆ David T. Runia and Gregory E. Sterling, editors, *Studia Philonica Annual XX, 2008*
- ◆ David Arthur deSilva, *Despising Shame: Honor Discourse and Community Maintenance in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Revised Edition*

#### BRILL REPRINTS

- ◆ Bonnie Howe, *Because You Bear This Name: Conceptual Metaphor and the Moral Meaning of 1 Peter*
- ◆ Jan van der Watt, editor, *Salvation in the New Testament: Perspectives on Soteriology*
- ◆ Gabriella Gelardini, editor *Hebrews: Contemporary Methods—New Insights*
- ◆ Hindy Najman and Judith H. Newman, editors, *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel*
- ◆ Mark W. Hamilton, *The Body Royal: The Social Poetics of Kingship in Ancient Israel*
- ◆ Eldon Jay Epp, *Perspectives on New Testament Textual Criticism: Collected Essays, 1962–2004*

#### CLASSIC REPRINTS

- ◆ Patrick Miller and J. J. M. Roberts, *The Hand of the Lord: A Reassessment of the "Ark Narrative" of 1 Samuel*
- ◆ James L. Crenshaw, *A Whirlpool of Torment: Israelite Traditions of God as an Oppressive Presence*
- ◆ Michael Winger, *By What Law? The Meaning of nomos in the Letters of Paul*

#### BROWN JUDAIC STUDIES

- ◆ Anita Norich and Yaron Z. Eliav, *Jewish Literatures and Cultures: Context and Intertext*
- ◆ Yehudah B. Cohn, *Tangled Up In Text: Tefillin and the Ancient World*

## New Titles from SBL Fall 2008



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## Future of the North American Annual Meetings

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With this Society Report 2008 we are just heading into our first independent Annual Meeting in Boston. We will give the final results on our website, [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org). Note several important developments with the first independent North American meeting. We have done very well in gaining exhibitors despite the global financial downturns. We hope that those registered for the Boston Annual Meeting will support the exhibitors by purchasing their products, including the new SBL titles. Our pre-registration has exceeded what we projected. We have over 5,000 pre-registered. It will seem like there are fewer people. There are about half the number we have become accustomed to at an annual meeting. (The AAR Chicago meeting was about the same number we anticipate in Boston.)

There are more papers and sessions in Boston than we have ever scheduled. Only about two-thirds of the paper proposals made are accepted. This number has been consistent for the last decade. Boston will have 15% more papers and 22% more sessions than San Diego. Since 2004 we have had a 72% increase in number of papers on the program and a 93% growth in number of sessions. The list of affiliates has grown. We are pleased with the scope of the Boston meeting.

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## Biblical Studies and the Academic Study of Religion

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Some people do not think of SBL members as being in the academic study of religion. Perception is significant whether most of us think of ourselves as being in the academic study of religion or not. Many of our members are in departments of religion.

Our annual meeting program is growing in depth and breadth to mirror the study of religion. We need to remember that biblical studies consists of a range of contributing disciplines, areas of study, and perspectives on our studies. While we have always had a reputation for solid scholarship some think of us as more narrowly focused just on the history and literature of the Bible. They do not realize that among our members are those in archaeology, classics, comparative studies, ethics, history of interpretation, theology, and a series of other areas. The independent annual meeting is helping to reinforce the fact that “foster biblical scholarship,” when done with excellence, incorporates vast comparative and historical elements.

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## Partnerships at Our Congresses

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Partnerships have become an important part of the SBL strategic development over the last decade. Of course the North American annual meeting for many years represented one of the most successful partnerships, despite occasional small glitches, that ever existed in learned and professional membership organizations. We have sought to cultivate that sense of partnership by developing strong relationships with a host of groups. Our traditional relationship with the American Schools of Oriental Research continues and new groups are coming to establish concurrent meetings.

All of this in no way diminishes our interest in making the 2011 San Francisco meeting, in which AAR decided to meet at the same time and place, a success. We are working out the ways that we can again bring a single career center and book exhibit to fruition. This is economically, intellectually, and strategically significant to have the major constituencies in biblical, religious, and theological studies gathering in the same time and the same city. When we get San Francisco worked out with other groups we will be able to look at all of the future years. The pressing need for SBL is to take advantage of a “buyer’s” market and sign contracts with cities for all the years through 2015. If we get good contracts we can keep down the costs of the meetings for members, exhibitors, and educational institutions.

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## Mapping Member Needs: Annual Meeting

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The Program Committee reported that a process of analysis and “mapping” of the subject areas of the Annual Meeting is underway. Three types of maps were envisioned based on functionality: 1) a descriptive map with relation to the field or discipline; 2) an analytic map relative to the needs of SBL

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## Future Annual Meetings

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- 2009 ♦ New Orleans, LA, Nov 20–24
- 2010 ♦ Atlanta, GA, Nov 19–23
- 2011 ♦ San Francisco, CA, Nov 18–22
- 2012 ♦ Chicago, IL, Nov 16–20
- 2013 ♦ Baltimore, MD, Nov 22–26

members; 3) a map that can assist in the scheduling of sessions. As a start to this process, the Committee analyzed one time-period at the 2008 AM (Sunday afternoon). Two research areas of weakness in the program offerings were identified: pedagogy and comparative religions.

Two further actions are planned to assist in the mapping process. First, Program Unit Chairs will be asked to provide three or four keywords for their unit. This will provide initial information for maps 1 and 2 listed above. Second, the Committee will add a time for roundtable discussions to the 2009 AM. Each table will have a topic area and be “hosted” by a program unit chair. Members will be encouraged to bring a box/purchased lunch and join the discussion at a table of their choice. The roundtables will form the basis for beginning a map of member needs.

Recognizing the growth of the program and the great diversity of sessions, the Committee also reported on discussions to provide greater coherence to disciplinary areas. Groups of related units will be encouraged to coordinate their sessions and schedules each year and to organize “state of the discipline” sessions related to their subjects. The Committee will be encouraging thematic sessions each year based on the location of the meeting and pressing professional needs such as pedagogy.

### Report on the 2008 International Meeting in Auckland

More than 475 scholars representing nineteen organizations and the entire spectrum of biblical, religious, and theological studies took part in the 2008 International Meeting in

Auckland hosted by the SBL and the University of Auckland. Attendees were welcomed with singing, a haka, and great ceremony the first evening at a Maori Powhiri at the Waipapa Marae, the Maori meeting house and grounds at the University. The purpose of the powhiri was not just to welcome, but to make the Marae, the University, the land home to the

attendees to assure a successful meeting. The powhiri apparently worked, as the meeting was successful on all levels.

The success of the meeting included the opportunity for all to attend sessions arranged by our partner organizations. These sessions were seamlessly integrated into the overall program, providing a unique advantage for scholarly exchange and support. Attendees had the opportunity to hear outstanding papers and discussions on topics ranging from Identity and Gender in Contemporary Islam, to Ecology and Spirituality, and Theology and Violence. The Society of Asian Biblical Studies also held one of its first-ever gatherings. Overall the cross-disciplinary dialog and interaction between scholars from all organizations, from both Southern

and Northern hemispheres, created an enriching atmosphere in sessions and during coffee breaks.

Special sessions included an address by Kamran Mofid, the director and founder of Globalization for the Common

### Boston: A Decade Later

#### Program Changes

- 1999 meeting included the AAR—something we never thought would change
- SBL had 95 program units listed in the Call for Papers—there are currently 160 program units
- 213 SBL sessions at the 1999 meeting—the 2008 meeting will have 485 SBL sessions
- Total number of sessions at the 1999 meeting was 697 (224 Additional Meetings and 260 AAR sessions)—the 2008 SBL Boston meeting will have close to 600 sessions with just SBL and Additional Meetings.

#### Technology Changes

- 1999 Call for Papers was issued in print form, with print paper proposal forms to be returned to chairs (the last printed Call was in 2001)
- Out of the 95 program units in 1999, 15 of them listed no email contact address and none had websites
- SBL program book was posted on the SBL website only in PDF format and not searchable
- All registration and housing was handled either by telephone or paper forms

### Future International Meetings

- 2009 ♦ Rome, 30 June–4 July
- 2010 ♦ Tartu, Estonia
- 2011 ♦ London, England



Good. As Dr. Mofid explained, the GFGC is dedicated to bringing theological and religious studies into dialog with economics and business to work towards a sustainable future. SBL's Vice-president, David Clines, spoke on Psalm 23 and Method. Additional highlights included outstanding sessions on the Bible and Cinema discussing the work of Ingmar Bergman, and a session on the Maori feminine and

cosmology from ancient to present times.

In spite of the cool weather, many of the attendees enjoyed the sights and tastes of Auckland and New Zealand, taking in the Auckland harbors and the surrounding country. Kiwi hospitality is legendary, and the SBL wishes to thank our hosts from the School of Theology and the University of Auckland for all of their efforts and support in helping create one of our most successful meetings. We thank our partner organizations for their efforts in creating the program and encouraging members to attend.

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### Comments on the International Meeting from Some of Our Partners

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"ANZABS considers it a privilege to have been able to contribute to the Congress; and those who presented papers were appreciative, I'm sure, of the opportunity to engage with a wider circle of biblical scholars. Many of the students who are engaged in the School of Theology, and who took the opportunity to attend, found it a stimulating and enriching experience."

*Derek Tovey, Secretary, Aotearoa New Zealand Association for Biblical Studies, School of Theology, University of Auckland*

"The conference was a great experience. Both WSRT and United Theological College are grateful for the opportunities afforded us by having it in Auckland."

*Anita Monro, President, Women Scholars of Religion and Theology, United Theological College, Charles Sturt University*

"We had quite a successful meeting. It was great to be able to attend other sessions and see other people!"

*Kathleen McPhillips, Australian Association for the Study of Religions, School of Humanities and Languages, University of Western Sydney*

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### 2009 SBL Regional Meetings

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#### CENTRAL STATES

March 29–30, 2009

St. Louis, MO, Marriott West

#### EASTERN GREAT LAKES

March 26–27, 2009

Cambridge, OH, Salt Fork Resort & Conference Center

#### MID ATLANTIC

March 26–27, 2009

Baltimore, MD, Radisson Cross Keys Hotel

#### MIDWEST

February 13–15, 2009

Bourbonnais, IL, Olivet Nazarene University

#### NEW ENGLAND

April 17, 2009

Newton, MA, Andover Newton Theological Seminary

#### PACIFIC COAST

March 22–23, 2009

Santa Clara, CA, Santa Clara University

#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

April 24–26, 2009

Tacoma, WA, Pacific Lutheran University

#### ROCKY MOUNTAINS – GREAT PLAINS

March 6–7, 2009

Denver, CO, Regis University

#### SOUTHEASTERN

March 13–15, 2009

Chapel Hill, NC,

#### SOUTHWESTERN

March 6–8, 2009

Dallas–Fort Worth, TX, DFW Marriott Hotel

#### UPPER MIDWEST

March 27–28, 2009

St. Paul, MN, Luther Seminary



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## Special Thanks

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Each year there are many members to thank. Members make it possible for SBL to invest in so many initiatives to foster biblical scholarship. This year we want to make special note of the service of Paul Achtemeier, Pam Eisenbaum, and John Fitzgerald. Paul Achtemeier is finishing his second three-year term on the Finance/Audit/Investment Committee. No member has served the SBL for so long and in so many capacities. He has been president, executive director, chair of various program units, and editor on any number of projects. Bud, as he is affectionately known by so many, is the model member. He has given of his time, energy, and resources for decades. We know that he will continue to provide SBL with words of encouragement and challenges to become a better organization.

Pam Eisenbaum is completing her second three-year term on Council. She has led program units, served on committees, and shared her love and insight of the biblical texts with seasoned and new scholars. Her energy and intelligence will continue to be sought as she serves on the Development Committee among many other on-going SBL responsibilities.

John Fitzgerald will be concluding his second three-year term on Council as well as chair of Council. John has served and is serving SBL in essentially every significant area of the SBL—publishing, congresses, profession, and several administrative roles. His organizational memory, dedication to excellence, and push to engage biblical studies in the wider humanities will continue to draw us to new ways to talk across the disciplines.

These three colleagues represent the finest examples of service for the greater good. They are among a host of members for whom we must say, “Thank you and keep us innovating and adapting to the changing needs of our constituencies.”

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 2007–2008

	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,052,820	\$ 828,142
Marketable securities	949,724	1,071,139
Accounts receivable	58,716	69,083
Pledges receivable, net	8,175	8,874
Prepaid expenses and other assets	41,752	76,532
Book inventories, net of valuation reserve	48,955	39,483
Books in production	-	13,143
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	14,099	21,328
Net share of Luce Center assets	<u>2,078,951</u>	<u>2,172,456</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,253,192</u>	<u>\$ 4,300,180</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 200,728	\$ 172,255
Deferred revenue		
Memberships and subscriptions	404,338	403,015
Annual meetings	622,181	450,315
International meeting	56,208	83,334
Other	-	<u>1,406</u>
Total Liabilities	1,283,455	1,110,325
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	2,529,803	2,726,459
Temporarily restricted net assets	189,934	213,396
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,969,737</u>	<u>3,189,855</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,253,192</u>	<u>\$ 4,300,180</u>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

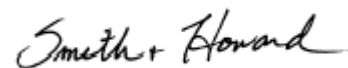
Revenues and gains		
Congresses	\$ 990,500	\$ 972,480
Membership and fee income	456,532	423,601
Book sales	384,754	425,022
Subscriptions	385,342	374,409
Investment income	46,086	298,324
Marketing	181,587	198,213
Royalties	73,449	72,864
Contributions	85,213	48,221
Other	4,575	-
Rental income, net	(2,200)	23,435
Openings	83,945	77,649
Net assets released from restriction	-	-
Total Unrestricted Revenues and Gains	2,689,783	2,914,218
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Publications	889,420	906,500
Congresses	1,167,674	1,257,443
Membership	119,924	106,472
Professions	144,739	111,739
Regions	64,693	58,387
Research and technology	<u>208,877</u>	<u>216,392</u>
Total Program Expenses	2,595,327	2,656,933
Development and fundraising	153,151	115,292
General and administration	<u>161,423</u>	<u>159,668</u>
Total Expenses	2,909,901	2,931,893
<b>Decrease in Net Assets</b>	(220,118)	(17,675)
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of the Year</b>	<u>3,189,855</u>	<u>3,207,530</u>
<b>Net Assets at End of the Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,969,737</u>	<u>\$ 3,189,855</u>

## Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Society of Biblical Literature (the "Society") as of June 30, 2008, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of the Society as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 were audited by other auditors whose report dated October 5, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society of Biblical Literature as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## 2008–2009 Budget

### Revenues

Administration	\$ 100,000
Congresses	879,000
Development	90,000
Membership	449,600
Professions	30,000
Publications	1,010,354
Regions	0
Technology	0
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 2,558,954</u>

### Expenses

Administration	\$ 103,579
Congresses	927,700
Development	154,097
Membership	117,856
Professions	125,504
Publications	990,473
Regions	59,437
Technology	228,179
One Time Expense (Fonts)	60,000
Total Expense	<u>\$ 2,766,826</u>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(207,872)
Capitalization Expense	<u>210,000</u>
Increase (Decrease) Balance	<u>2,128</u>

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- Job listings in biblical, religious, theological, and related studies
- Job listings for teaching, research, administration, librarianships, and professional and religious leadership
- Professional development resources
- Information on trends in theological education
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- Free access of job listing for members and non-members alike
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- Interviewing at the SBL Annual Meeting

## Revenue and Expense Decrease Projected

The 2008–2009 operating budget reflects a small percentage of decrease over the final 2007–2008 audited revenues and expenses. Included in the expenses for fiscal year 08–09 are very modest increases for staff salaries, one-time expense for font development, and Career Center development.

The slight decrease in revenues and expenses reflect the first year we are holding an independent Annual Meeting. The capitalization expenses for bringing meeting registration in-house, developing a Career Center, and separating all aspects of the meetings are reflected in the budget. These startup costs necessitate our use of \$210,000 drawn from our reserves. Since dues account for only around 20 percent of our operating budget we want to remind you of the necessity of making tax deductible contributions to SBL. Our dues are considerably less than comparable organizations.

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