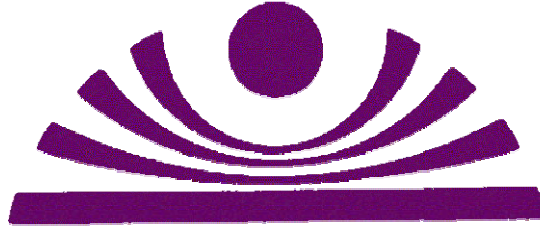


Fall 2003 NAAL Newsletter



September 2003

Dear Colleagues:

New York City awaits us in just a few months! We will be meeting at the Hyatt Grand Central in the heart of midtown Manhattan. The meeting will give us opportunity to worship at local houses of worship. Some seminar groups are planning excursions to places of interest in New York City, and free evenings during the meeting will allow time for all of us to enjoy some of the night life in the city.

This newsletter includes the meeting schedule for our 2004 annual meeting and a registration form. Seminars, of course, are the heart of our meeting. Details of seminar plans will be posted on the website as they become available. Other highlights of the meeting include:

- **Pre-meeting session:** Come early for this session on Friday, January 2, at St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton Streets, near Ground Zero. Members Art Sikula and Barrie Bates are planning this session to enable us to reflect on ritual responses to the events of September 11, 2001. An article in the appendix to this newsletter gives further details. You are welcome to bring guests to this event; please include the number of guests on the registration form.

- The **gathering rite and memorial** will take us out of the hotel Saturday evening to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, a short walk from the hotel. Built during the 1970s to be an inviting space for all who pass by, the church is known for its innovative programs in the arts and social services.



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- There are many opportunities in the city for Christian worship on Sunday morning. Academy members are especially invited to worship at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue. Academy President Ruth Meyers will preside at this liturgy, and the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be the preacher. We will join the congregation for their regular 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy.



- The **plenary session, “Memory, Mimesis, and Healing: Ritual Responses to Violence,”** will be led by **Leo Lefebure**, associate professor of theology at Fordham University and a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. More information about Professor Lefebure is on the website.
- On Monday morning we will go to **Central Synagogue** for a tour and morning prayer. The synagogue, a national historic landmark, is the oldest synagogue in continuous use by a single congregation in New York City. The building was restored following a devastating fire in 1998.
- The banquet will include presentation of the **Berakah Award to Lawrence Hoffman**, Professor of Liturgy and Director of the Synagogue 2000 Initiative for synagogue spirituality at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, New York. Larry's response will be given Tuesday morning following breakfast.



It will be a rich meeting, so make your plans now. Complete and return your registration form to the NAAL Secretary, Jerry Chinchar. You may reserve your hotel room using the on-line group booking page for the Academy:

<http://grandnewyork.hyatt.com/groupbooking/anam>

Or call Hyatt reservations at 1-800-223-1234, or the Grand Hyatt, 1-212-883-1234. Our conference rates (\$121 Single; \$131 Double; \$141 Triple; \$151 Quad) are also in effect before and after the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in New York in January 2004.

Ruth Meyers
President

Appendix I

NAAL Pre-Meeting Event

September 11: Ritual Response to Evil

A panel discussion of the liturgical rites and events that evolved in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

For members and visitors of North American Academy of Liturgy, and their guests

St. Paul's Chapel
Broadway at Fulton Street

(Subway: 4 or 5 to Fulton Street; alternatively,
ACE to Broadway-Nassau, 23JMZ to Fulton Street, or NR to Cortland Street)

Schedule Friday, 2 January 2004

2:30-3:30 pm	Site visit (meet at St. Paul's, walk out in small groups with a leader)
3:30-4 pm	Refreshments
4-5:30pm	Moderated panel discussion, with opportunity for questions

Panelists to include representatives of

- FDNY chaplaincy
- Morgue chaplaincy at WTC site
- Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (planned anniversary rites)
- Survivors' group
- Memorial Jury for WTC site (Lower Manhattan Development Corporation)
- Interfaith groups

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Appendix 2

Meeting Schedule North American Academy of Liturgy Hyatt Grand Central January 2004

Friday, January 2

Afternoon Pre-meeting event at St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton Street

Saturday, January 3

denominational pre-meetings (each meeting sets its own time)

2:00-6:30 p.m. Registration

4:00-5:00 p.m. President's tea for visitors and new members

5:30-6:30 p.m. Conveners dinner

7:30 p.m. Gathering Rite and Memorial, St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
Lexington Ave. and 54th St.

Free time

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Eucharist hosted by Anglicans at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
Church, Park Ave. and 50th St.

or worship at other local sites

10:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Seminars

4:00-4:30 p.m. coffee break

4:30-6:30 p.m. Plenary address: "Memory, Mimesis, and Healing: Ritual Responses
to Violence," Leo Lefebure, Associate Professor of Theology,
Fordham University

Free evening

Monday, January 5

- 8:00 a.m. Tour and morning prayer, Central Synagogue, Lexington Ave. and 55th St.
- 9:00-10:45 a.m. Breakfast, followed by
Vice Presidential address: Doris Donnelly
- 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Seminars
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. coffee break
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Reception
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet, with presentation of Berakah Award (and Diekmann Award, if given)

Tuesday, January 6

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast, followed by
Berakah response: Larry Hoffman
- 10:00 a.m. Closing liturgy

More details will be posted on the NAAL Website:
<http://naal-liturgy.org/Members>