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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. MEETING OF THE 1977-1978
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Dining Room 8

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING
Outside of The Bel Air and Beverly Rooms

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

SESSION 1 Religious faith and empirical science:
A re-examination of "Catholic Sociology"
Bel Air Room

Convener: *James R. Kelly, Fordham University*

"Catholic Sociologists in the Early Years" -
Charles McKelvey, Fordham University

"The Current Rejection of Value-free Sociology: Its Implications for the Relationship of Religious Faith to Empirical Science" - *Elizabeth Doyle McCarthy, Fordham University*

"An Emerging Response to the Issue: The Work of Bernard Lonergan, S.J." - *Joseph T. Slinger, Seton Hall University*

Discussant: *Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, Emmanuel College*

SESSION 2 Graduate student papers in the Sociology of Religion
Beverly Room

Convener: *Roger Irl, Northern Illinois University*

"Christian Thought In The Chicago School of Sociology: 1895-1920" - *Kenneth Inskip, Marquette University*
(Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois)

Discussant: *Ruth Shonle Cavan, Northern Illinois University*

"Modern Values and Pre-Vatican Beliefs: Priests' Theological Perspectives" - *David Schwartz, Loyola University of Chicago*

Discussant: *Gerald Schnepf, St. Mary's University, San Antonio*

"American Civil Religion in Dialectic Evolution: A Proposed Synthesis of the Bellah-Fenn Debate" - *Gail Gehrig, Loyola University of Chicago (Lewis University)*

Discussant: *Loretta Morris, Loyola-Marymount University*

1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

SESSION 3 Religion As An Independent Variable in Social Issues
Bel Air Room

Convener: *George Burger, University of Nebraska-Omaha*

"Religion and Prejudice: A Multivariate Analysis" -
Morton King and Richard Hunt, Southern Methodist University

"The Integration of The Tuscaloosa Churches: The Shadow of Legislated Morality" - *Anthony Blasí, University of Louisville*

"The Differential Impact of Ideology and Ritual on Attitudes Toward Abortion" - *William McIntosh and Jon Alston, Texas A&M University*

"The Role of Religion in Pharmacists: Attitudes and Practices on Birth Control" -
Carl Grindstaff, University of Western Ontario

Discussant: *Robert Simpson, University of Nebraska-Omaha*

SESSION 4 Spiritual Well-Being: Part I, Theoretical Contributions
Beverly Room

Convener: *David O. Moberg, Marquette University*

"Heavenly Health in the City of Man: The Creation of Role Strains by Religious and Secular Reference Groups in a Pluralistic Society" — *William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College*

"Spiritual Well-Being and Everyday Life" —
Earl D.C. Brewer, Emory University

"Individuation, Interiority, and Catholic Spiritual Traditions" —
Carroll J. Bourg, Fisk University

"No Easy Answers: Sociological Perspectives on Person-hood"
*Richard D. Christy, Wilfried Laurier University, and
David Lyon, Bingley College, University of Bradford, England*

"Jesus' Life and Teachings as a Sociopsychological Model for Spiritual Growth" — *Purnell Benson, Rutgers University*

Discussion: *Convener, Panelists, and Audience*

3:15 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

SESSION 5 Didactic Seminar: Structuralism in the Sociology of Religion *Bel Air Room*

Presenter: *Charles Lemert, Southern Illinois University*

Moderator: *Jon Alston, Texas A & M University*

SESSION 6 Religion and Social Change: Cross Societal Perspectives *Beverly Room*

Convener: *Dorothy Dohen, Fordham University*

"A Contribution to the Structural Analysis of Representations in Complex Societies: Religious Change in Brazil", *Gary Nigel Howe, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

"Conceptualizing Changing Sex Relations in Western Society"
Emily M. Nett, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

"Tradition, Traditionalism and Modernism in Islam"
Saidn Amir Arjomand, Middle East Center, University of Chicago

"Sect Assimilation: Sect or Society" — *Stan Gaede and Stanley A. Clark, Gordon College, Massachusetts*

Discussant: *Kenneth Westhues, University of Waterloo, Ontario*

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SESSION 7 The Discernment of Research priorities in the Sociology of Religion: An Open Discussion
Waldorf Room

Convener: *John L. Thomas, S.J., Georgetown University*

Panelists: *Graham S. Dann, University of the West Indies, Barbados
Patrick H. McNamara, University of New Mexico
Kenneth Westhues, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Registration continues outside of the Bel Air and Beverly Rooms

9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

SESSION 8 Spiritual Well-Being: Part II. Empirical Investigations *Bel Air Room*

Convener: *David O. Moberg*

"Religious Beliefs and the Quality of Life" — *Patrick McNamara and Arthur St. George, University of New Mexico*

"Social Correlates of Spiritual Maturity Among North American Mennonites" — *J. Howard Kauffman, Goshen College*

"What Constitutes the Spiritual Well-Being Factor in a Religious Community of Women?" — *Regina Marcum, OSF, Sacred Heart Academy, Buffalo, New York*

"Spiritual Well-Being and Normative Integration in Taiwan" — *Larry M. Hynson, Jr., Oklahoma State University*

"Super-Saints and Mini-Saints: Being a Comparison of the Most Spiritual with the Least Spiritual Among Recovering Alcoholic Clergy" — *Joseph H. Fichter, S.J., Loyola University, New Orleans*

"The Fourth Dimension: Applications in Social Service" — *Larry F. Renetzky, ACSW, Niles Family Service, Niles, Illinois*

Discussion: *Convener, Panelists, and Audience*

SESSION 9 Construction of Religious Symbolism, Meaning, and Constraint *Beverly Room*

Convener: *Jack Curtis, University of San Francisco*

"Images of God and Man" — *Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University*

"The Sect: Liberation and Constraint" — *Ernest Volinn, Columbia University*

"A Study of Religious Meanings Among Pastors, Seminarians, and Lay Members" — *Carol Gersmehl, Ira Robinson, and Neil Smith, University of Georgia*

Discussants: *Ralph Lane, Jr., University of San Francisco*
Joseph Tamney, Ball State University

10:45 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.

SESSION 10 Religion As An Independent Variable in Emergent Sociological Groups: Panel Discussion *Bel Air Room*

Convener: *Robert Moran C.S.P., Catholic Chaplain, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Panelists: Quaker Sociologist: *Kenneth Ives, Illinois State Psychiatric Institute*
Association of Humanist Sociology: *Charles Flynn, Miami University*

Association for the Sociology of Religion: *Joseph Zimmerman, Quincy College*

Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry: *Samuel Klausner, University of Pennsylvania*

Christian Sociologists: *George A. Hillery, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic and State University*

SESSION 11 Religion as a force for social change:
Panel and Audience Discussion
Beverly Room

Convener: *Thomas P. Imse, College of The Holy Cross*

Panelists: *Patrick H. McNamara, University of New Mexico*
Roseanne Murphy, College of Notre Dame,
California

This session will seek to sort out the dilemmas in trying to cope with the issue of religion as a force for social change, as well as facing the issue itself. The audience will be provided with a series of hypotheses ahead of time in order to involve as many persons in the discussion as possible.

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Waldorf Room

Presidential Address: *David O. Moberg, Marquette University*

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

SESSION 12 Plenary Session: The Sociology of Religion of
J. Milton Yinger *Waldorf Room*

Convener: *Richard Means, Kalamazoo College*

Panelists: *Gary D. Bouma, Dalhousie University;*
Thomas Robbins, Queens College of The City
University of New York; Roland Robertson,
University of Pittsburgh; J. Milton Yinger,
Oberlin College

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION (No-Host Refreshments)

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SESSION 13 Plenary Session: Religion as an Independent
Variable *Waldorf Room*

Moderator: *Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, S.J., Fordham University*

Theoretical
Issues: *Benton Johnson, University of Oregon*

Methodological
Issues: *Donald Ploch, National Science Foundation*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MEETING OF THE 1977-1978
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Dining Room 9

2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

SESSION 14 Sociology of Religion (ASA-ASR Joint Session)

Convener: *David O. Moberg, Marquette University*

"The Impact of Vatican II on Trappist Monks" — *George A.*
Hillery, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

"The Mystical Experience: Can It Be Measured by Structured Questions?" — *L. Eugene Thomas and Pamela E. Cooper, University of Connecticut*

"Freedom Versus Authority: Social Conflict and the Garden of Eden Mythology in Three Cultural Contexts" — *Lester R. Kurtz, University of Chicago*

"Models of Religious Participation: An Attempt at Synthesis" — *Jon P. Alston and William A. McIntosh, Texas A&M University*

"Community Religious Reference Groups and the Race Question in a Southern City: An Exploratory Study" — *Anthony J. Blasi, University of Louisville*

"Patterns of Hindu-Muslim Marriages Among the Malkanas of Northern India" — *Sushil K. Usman, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne*

"To Comfort and to Afflict: A Study of Religion and Death" — *Michael R. Leming, Saint Olaf College*

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