

Secretary's Notes. First of all, my apologies for keeping you so long waiting for this. The Committee have had a meeting to review our future in the light of the suggestions made at the AGM and now have some proposals for a rather different sort of event to those that we have tried before. These I shall outline later in this letter, though I stress that they are still provisional and will have to be confirmed later on.

Minutes etc of the AGM.

These are circulated on the separate sheet. Please retain for use at the 2002 AGM.

Arrangements for the AGM 2002.

By kind permission of Rev. Dr Paul Avis, this will, as previously, take place at Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1. The date fixed is 15 February, time from 4.30 to 6.30 approx. Regulations there now mean I am supposed to give a list of likely attenders to the authorities in advance, so if you are able to come, please let me know at least a week beforehand. I will, however, be around to vouch for any member who may have forgotten to let me know. An agenda and statement of accounts will appear in the January newsletter.

Our intention is to follow the short business meeting with a forum on 'the Diaconate as Ecumenical Opportunity'. We hope to have speakers who can talk about recent Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran work in this field and maybe about other traditions. Fuller details will appear in the next newsletter.

Subscriptions.

Since the Society has held no formal activities since the last AGM and has experienced a hiatus while we re-orientate, we shall not be pursuing anyone for subs for 2001-2, but will ask for subs to be paid again from April 2002 - details in next Newsletter.

Future Plans.

We are still not in a position to announce these in their entirety, but we are hoping to organise a residential conference, probably of a couple of days, either in early September 2002 or two weeks before Easter 2003. Our Convenor has been in touch with Cardinal Kasper and with Archbishop Rowan Williams in the hope that they can give us major papers in a hall big enough to attract and accommodate others. We also intend other activities for our own membership and are thinking of using the Focolare Centre at Welwyn Garden City as somewhere reasonably inexpensive, comfortable and easy of access. We have had a response from Archbishop Rowan and await further news from the Cardinal. So, all this is, so far, very provisional. We will naturally welcome any suggestions or comments from members, which will, be taken into account as the Committee plan.

## Journals

Two new journals that will be of interest to some of you. The first is *Maria*, a journal of Marian studies, issued by Sheffield Academic press and edited by Dr Sarah Boss of the Centre for Marian Studies in the Margaret Beaufort Institute at Cambridge. Since Marian questions seem to be attracting more attention in ecumenical dialogue, this may well prove to be of interest to our members. Already the American Lutheran-Catholic dialogue (in the context of its report, *The One Mediator, the Saints and Mary*) and the British Catholic-Methodist dialogue (with its report, *Mary, sign of grace, faith and holiness*) have given considerable attention to Marian themes. The French 'Groupe des Dombes' have more recently still produced an impressive two volume study, *Marie dans le dessein de Dieu at la communion des saints*. The second issue of the journal contains an assessment of these dialogues written by myself; naturally, I should not comment further save to note that the editor has expressed the hope that she will receive reactions to my article and thereby prompt some ecumenical debate on the issues raised by Marian devotion and theology.

The Journal will be published twice a year. Individual subscriptions are £20 pa. Enquiries about subscribing to the Sales Dept of the Press on TN 0114-255-4433 or e-mail [sales@sheffac.demon.co.uk](mailto:sales@sheffac.demon.co.uk)

The second journal was mentioned by Paul Avis at the AGM. It is the new International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church, to be published twice yearly by T and T Clark, beginning in November 2001 with an anniversary issue on Newman and ecclesiology. This venture is being undertaken jointly by the Centre for the Study of the Christian Church at Exeter (run by our own Paul Avis) and the Bishop Otter Centre For Theology and Ministry at University College, Chichester. Since ecclesiology is now so much at the top of the ecumenical agenda, this will be of interest to us all.

## One in Christ.

Everyone will be delighted to hear that 'One in Christ' will resume publication in January 2002. Two monks of Turvey, Dom Gregory van der Kleij OSB and Br. Thomas Ward OSB will now be responsible for it. Sister Paschal has, of course, edited it for about thirty years and to her will no doubt go the heartfelt thanks and best wishes of all of us who have read and/or contributed to it for the high standards she has maintained and the great kindness with which she has always dealt with requests and enquiries.