

The Second Scholars Conversation July 26-27, 2009

Regent University

The second conversation of scholars took place on July 26-27th on the campus of Regent University, hosted by the School of Divinity. The group was welcomed by Dean Michael Palmer. As in the first conversation, discussions centered on the future of the many Spirit-filled renewal movements in the United States and around the world. The goal was to situate Oral Roberts University in a strong position to serve and influence these movements in the years to come. Along with Billy Wilson and Mart Green, there were twelve participating scholars along with some observers from the Regent Divinity faculty. Presiding over the sessions was Vinson Synan, Dean Emeritus of the Regent University School of Divinity.

There were ten papers presented which provoked lively discussions around the table. The presenters and their topics were: Timothy Cremeens (Regent) "The Future of Orthodox Renewal;" David Daniels (McCormick) "Future Issues in Social and Economic Justice;" Jim Shelton (ORU) "The Future of Prosperity and Suffering;" David Cole (Eugene Bible College) "Future Ecumenical Challenges;" Russell Spittler (Fuller and Vanguard) "Future Vocabulary;" Larry Hart (ORU) "The Future of Spirit Baptism;" Terry Trammell (Oklahoma City Southwestern University) "Future Theological Issues;" Estrela Alexander, (Regent) "The Future of Women in Ministry;" Tom Matthew (ORU) and Kim Alexander (Pentecostal Theological Seminary) "The Future of the Healing Ministry;" and Stan Burgess (Regent) "Future Continuity and Change." Each member presented a 10 minute outline and summary of his/her paper with time for questions and discussion.

The next session of scholars will convene on the campus of Vanguard University on January 18-19, 2010. Here the rest of the scholars are expected to present the last papers. Among them will be: Harold Bennett (C.H. Mason Theological Seminary), David Bernard (Urshan Theological Seminary), Frank Macchia (Vanguard), Byron Klaus (AGTS), David Moore (Patton College), Steve Land (Pentecostal Theological Seminary), Pete Sanchez (Integrity Music), and Amos Yong (Regent). In addition to these American scholars, other internationally known scholars will also present papers in the Congress. The scholars track in the Congress will include thirty papers. Plans are for the papers to be published in one or two volumes after the Congress.

