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President's Message

On behalf of the officers and council of the society, I would like to thank everyone who sent in their dues, contributions, and ballots. We received a response from about 45 people and collected about \$300 in dues and contributions. Thanks again to all who responded.

All of the nominated officers and council members were elected to their respective offices: Larry Young as President-Elect, Lynn Payne as Secretary-Treasurer, and Merlin Brinkerhoff, Marie Cornwall and Kendall White as Council members.

We finally located a copy of the constitution. In reading through it, I realized that it is in need of some revision and updating. I plan to ask the council members to accept the task of proposing suggested changes and revisions to the constitution for consideration of the membership at our annual meeting in 1995.

The results of your input about the proposed name change and nominees for our bi-annual Vernon Lecture will be presented for final discussion and decision at the meeting in Albuquerque. I hope many of you are planning to attend the meeting and I look forward to seeing you.

Perry H. Cunningham

Albuquerque Program Highlights

SSSML is sponsoring two sessions at the Albuquerque conference in addition to the business meeting. Highlights from the program include the following:

Constructing Social Realities: Diverse Perspectives on Mormon Life

Convener: Lynn R. Payne

Daniel A. Stout, Internal Diversity: Mormon, Women, Television, and the Interpretive Audience

R. Douglas Brackenridge, Presbyterians and "Hostile Mormons" in Nineteenth Century Utah: A Reappraisal

Janet Cannon, The Walls of the Kingdom: A Look at Female Circumscription in a Mormon Fundamentalist Commune

Discussant: Michael E. Nielsen

Authors Meet the Critics

Moderator: Perry H. Cunningham

Marie Cornwall: Contemporary Mormonism

Armand Mauss: The Angel and the Beehive

Critics: James T. Duke, Roger Finke, Steve Epperson, and Patrick McNamara

SSSML members are involved in many other sessions. The following is a listing of the names and titles that may be of most interest to our readers.

Marie Cornwall, *The Religious Socialization of Youth: A Mormon Case Study*
 Jessie L. Embry, *Mormons or Samoans? Congregational and Ethnic Organizations among Mormon Samoans in Independence, Missouri*
 Robert L. Lively, *The Mormon Missionary: Who is That Knocking at my Door?*
 William R. Macintosh, *Faith as the Basis for Authentication in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*
 Daryl White, & O. Kendall White, Jr., *The Social Construction of Religious Authenticity within Mormonism*

Our members also are involved in other aspects of the convention. Presentations by our members dealing with themes other than Mormonism include the following:

Michael E. Nielsen, *Descriptions of Religious Experience Using Personality and Emotion Adjectives*
 Rodney Stark, Roger Finke, & Laurence R. Iannaccone, *Pluralism and Piety: England and Wales, 1851*
 Roger Finke, Avery Guest, & Rodney Stark, *Mobilized Religious Markets: New York State, 1865*
 Lawrence A. Young, Tim B. Heaton, & Mark E. Cammack, *Legislating Social Change in an Islamic Society*

Finally, our colleagues are contributing to the success of the conference in other ways. James T. Duke is convening a session concerning religion in the life of young adults. Armand Mauss will be busy at the conference. He is among the critics of the book *Vanishing Boundaries: The Religion of Mainline Protestant Baby Boomers* by Hoge, Johnson, & Luidens. Armand also is assisting with two sessions on new religious movements.

Announcements

Dues

Many of our members responded to the request for dues that accompanied the Spring newsletter. If we did not receive your dues by the time this edition of the newsletter was mailed, a second notice is enclosed with your newsletter.

Thank you for demonstrating your support to our organization. Finances will be among the topics discussed at our business meeting in Albuquerque. Also on the agenda is the Vernon lecture nominations. If you are in Albuquerque, attend the business meeting. Get involved in your organization!

Mormon Studies Conference

University of Nottingham
 April 6-8, 1995

Organized by Douglas J. Davies, this is the first British conference of its kind. Topics will be broadly based, including theological, sociological, anthropological, and historical issues. The dates have been arranged so that persons attending the Lincoln Conference of the British Sociological Association's Religion Study Group can then move on to the Mormon Studies Conference. Persons interested in presenting a paper at this conference should contact the Mormon Studies Conference Secretary:

Mrs. Mavis Withnall
 Derby Hall
 University of Nottingham
 Nottingham NG7 2RD

Call for Papers

Canadian Mormon Studies Association, the John Whitmer Historical Association, and the Mormon History Association joint meeting
 Queen's University
 June 20-25, 1995

Papers and sessions on any topic relating to the history of the churches that trace their beginning to Joseph Smith, Jr. are welcome. The conference's theme is the internationalization of the Mormon movement. If you are interested in presenting a paper at the Kingston meeting, submit a title, abstract, and a brief statement of significance along with your name, address, e-mail

address (if available), and telephone number.

Submit proposals as soon as possible to:

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Contributions and Errata

If you are aware of any events or publications that may be relevant to other SSSML members, please forward them to the Editor.

Also, if there are statements that need to be corrected, or if you have ideas for features for the newsletter, don't be bashful! Every little bit helps!

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Recent Publications

A. Books Published in 1991, 1992 and 1993

Acevedo, Rodolfo A., *Los Mormones in Chile*. Santiago, Chile: privately published, 1991.

Black, Susan Easton, *Early Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-DaySaints*. Provo, Utah: BYU Religious Studies Center, 1993 (6 volumes on 25,000 people).

Bloom, Harold, *The American Religion: The Emergence of the Post-Christian Nation*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1992.

Bradley, Martha Sonntag, *Kidnapped from that Land: The Government Raids on the Short Creek Polygamists*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1993.

Bush, Lester E., Jr., *Health and Medicine among the Latter-day Saints: Science, Sense, and Scripture*. Chicago: Crossroad Publishing Co., 1993.

Derr, Jill Mulvay, Janath Russell Cannon, and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, *Women of Covenant: The Story of Relief Society*. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1992.

Embry, Jessie L. *Black Saints in a White Church*. Salt Lake City: Signature, 1994.

Introvigne, Massimo, *Les Mormons*. Turnhout, Belgium: Editions Brespols, 1991.

Mangum, Garth L. and Bruce D. Blumell, *The Mormon's War on Poverty: A History of LDS Welfare, 1830-1990*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1993.

Peterson, Daniel C. and Stephen D. Ricks, *Offenders for a Word: How Anti-Mormons Play Word Games to Attack the Latter-day Saints*. Salt Lake City: Aspen Books, 1992.

Schnibbe, Karl-Heinz, *Jugendliche gegen Hitler: Die Helmut Hübener Gruppe in Hamburg, 1941-42*. Berg am See, Germany: Berg Publishing Co., 1991.

Sessions, Gene A. and Craig J. Oberg, eds., *The Search for Harmony: Essays on Science and Mormonism*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1993.

B. General Sociology, Social Science, and Other Scholarly Journals or Magazines

Black, Susan Easton, *The Mormon Battalion: Conflict between Religious and Military Authority*. *Southern California Quarterly* 74(4) : 313-328 (Winter, 1992).

Card, Brigham Y., *The Canadian Mormon Settlements, 1886-1925: A North-American Perspective*. *Canadian Ethnic Studies* 26(1):19-39 (1994).

Jackson, Richard H., *The Mormon Experience: The Plains as Sinai, the Great Salt Lake as the Dead Sea, and the Great Basin as Desert-cum-Promised Land*. *Journal of Historical Geography* 18(1) :41-48 (Jan. 1992).

Jensen, Billie Barnes, *In the Weird and Wooly West: Anti-Suffrage Women, Gender Issues, and Woman Suffrage in the West*. *Journal of the West* 32(3):41-51 (July, 1993).

Madsen, Carol Cornwall, *Sisters at the Bar: Utah Women in Law*. *Utah Historical Quarterly* 61:3 (Summer, 1993):208-32.

Roche, Vaughn, *A Faithful Resistance (Mormons in Czechoslovakia)*. *This People*, 14(4):12-18 (Holiday, 1993).

Shippo, Jan, *Dangerous History: Laurel Ulrich and her Mormon Sisters*. *Christian Century* 110(29):1012-1015 (Oct. 20, 1993).

C. Journals in Religious Studies

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Chadwick, Bruce A. and Brent L. Top, *Religiosity and Delinquency among LDS Adolescents* 32(1):51-67 (March, 1993).

Shupe, Anson, review of *Turley's Victims* 32:2 (June, 1993).

Mauss, Armand L., review of *Paul's Science, Religion, and Mormon Cosmology* 32:4 (Dec. 1993).

Review of Religious Research

Baer, Hans A., review of *Quinn's The New Mormon History* 34:3 (March, 1993)

Kitchen, Carol A., review of *Maxine Hanks's Women and Authority* 35:2 (Dec., 1993).

Mauss, Armand L., review of *Steven Epperson's Mormons and Jews* 35:2 (Dec., 1993).

D. Journals from the Mormon Community

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought

Spring, 1993 (26:1) :

Anderson, Lavina Fielding, *The LDS Intellectual Community and Church Leadership: A Contemporary Chronology*. (with response by Richard D. Poll).

Chapman, James E., *Dissent in the Church: Toward a Workable Definition*.

Summer, 1993 (26:2):

D. Michael Quinn, Ezra Taft Benson and *Mormon Political Conflicts*.

Bergera, Gary James, *A Strange Phenomena : Ernest L. Wilkinson, the LDS Church, and Utah Politics*.

Cornwall, Marie, *Camela Courtright, and Laga Van Beek, How Common the Principle: Women as Plural Wives in 1860*.

Arrington, Leonard J., *Great Basin Kingdom Revisited*.

Bishop, M. Guy, *Review of Solemn Covenant: The Mormon Polygamous Passage*, by B.

Cannon Hardy.

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Fall, 1993 (26:3):

Bates, Irene M., *Patriarchal Blessings and the Routinization of Charisma*.

Kader, Omar M., *Free Expression: The LDS Church and Brigham Young University*.

Richards, Paul C., *Does Paying Tithing Make You a Shareholder? BYU's Worldwide Board of Trustees*.

Savage, Julia Hemming, *Hannah Grover Hegsted and Post-Manifesto Plural Marriage*.

O'Brien, T.J. *You are not Alone: A Plea for Understanding the Homosexual Condition*.

Peterson, F. Ross, *Review of Victims: The LDS Church and the Mark Hofmann Case*, by Richard E. Turley.

(also in this issue, several short articles on B. H. Roberts, his archival papers, his studies of the *Book of Mormon*, etc.)

Winter, 1993 (26:4):

Foster, Lawrence, *The Psychology of Religious Genius: Joseph Smith and the Origins of New Religious Movements*.

Christiansen, Larry D., *The Struggle for Power in the Mormon Battalion*.

Seymour Cain, *Dialogue and Difference: I and Thou or We and They?*

Hammer, Stephen Jay, *Professional Myths about Latter-day Therapy*.

Bailey, David H., *Review of Science, Religion and Mormon Cosmology*, by Erich Robert Paul.

Introvigne, Massimo, *Review of Offenders for a Word (anti-Mormon rhetoric)*, by Daniel C. Peterson and Stephen D. Ricks.

Sunstone

September, 1992 (16:3), Issue #89:

Abbott, Scott, *One Lord, One Faith, Two Universities: Tensions between Religion and Thought at BYU*.

Wright, David P., *Historical Criticism: A Necessary Element in the Search for Religious Truth*.

Bradley, Martha Sonntag, The Mormon Steeple: A Symbol of What?
Bassett, Arthur, Two Thumbs Up and Four Stars (review of Mormons and the Bible, by Philip L. Barlow).

March, 1993 (16:4), Issue #90:

McMurrin, Sterling M., Some Distinguishing Characteristics of Mormon Philosophy.
Peters, John Durham, Reflections on Mormon Materialism.
Quinn, D. Michael, Plural Marriage and the Mormon Twilight Zone (review of Solemn Covenant by B. Cannon Hardy)
Cannon, Kenneth L. II, Sympathetic but Honest (review of Things in Heaven and Earth, the Woodruff biography by Thomas G. Alexander).

July, 1993 (16:5), Issue #91:

Toscano, Paul J., Dealing with Spiritual Abuse: The Role of the Mormon Alliance.
Nibley, Paul, How Mormons See Themselves in Film.
Embry, Jessie L., Homemaking Meetings (review of Women of Covenant. The Story of the Relief Society, by Jill Mulvay Derr et al.).
Esplin, Fred C., A Peek into Church Protocol (review of Victims: The LDS Church and the Mark Hofmann Case, by Richard Turley).

November, 1993 (16:6), Issue #92:

Keele, Reba L., Is Religious Community an Oxymoron?
Kotkin, Joel, Do It a Little Bit Differently (interview on the Mormons)
(plus four fairly lengthy reviews in this issue of the new Encyclopedia of Mormonism by Philip Barlow, Thomas Alexander, Armand Mauss, and George Smith).

December, 1993 (16:7), Issue #93:

Cannon, Ann Edwards, And Now for a Little Mormon Humor.
Newell, L. Jackson, Scapegoats and Scarecrows in our Town: When the Interests of

Church and Community Collide.

Quinn, D. Michael, I-Thou vs. I-It Conversions: The Mormon Baseball Baptism' Era.
Campbell, Courtney, A Call for Moral Tradition (review of Health and Medicine among the Latter-day Saints, by Lester E. Bush, Jr.).

Brigham Young University Studies

Fall, 1992 (32:4):

Walker, Ronald W., Native Women on the Utah Frontier.
Parrish, Alan K., The Eli Peirce Collection of Mormon Americana at Harvard University.
Buttars, Ann, The Peirce Mormon Bibliography at Utah State University
Kimball, Edward L. and Larson, Jennifer, two reviews of Victims: The LDS Church and the Mark Hofmann Case, by Richard E. Turley.
Langford, Jonathan D., review of In the Image of God: Theme, Characterization, and Landscape in the Fiction of Orson Scott Card, by Michael R. Collings.

Winter, 1993 (33:1):

Anderson, Lavina Fielding, Prayer under a Pepper Tree: Sixteen Accounts of a Spiritual Manifestation.
Davis, Harold S., The Iosepa Origin of Joseph F. Smith's Laie Prophecy.
Bennion, Sherilyn C., Sisters under the Skin: Utah's Mormon and Non-Mormon Women and their Publications.
Lively, Robert L., Jr., A Non-Mormon Religion Professor's Impressions of Mormon Missionaries.
Haglund, Richard F., Jr., review of Science, Religion, and Mormon Cosmology, by Erich Robert Paul.
Keller, Roger R., review of Mormons and the Bible: The Place of the Latter-day Saints in American Religion, by Philip L. Barlow.
Walker, Ronald W., review of Camp Floyd and the Mormons: The Utah War, by Donald Moorman and Gene Sessions.

The Journal of Mormon History

Spring, 1993 (19:1):

Walker, Ronald W., Seeking the Remnant: The Native American during the Joseph Smith Period.

Hughes, Richard T., Two Restoration Traditions: Mormons and the Churches of Christ in the Nineteenth Century.

Buchanan, Frederick S., Masons and Mormons: Released-Time Politics in Salt Lake City, 1930-1956.

Foster, Craig L., Victorian Pornographic Imagery in Anti-Mormon Literature.

Scott, Patricia Lyn, Mormon Polygamy: A Bibliography, 1977-1991.

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Fall, 1993 (19:2) :

Vogel, Dan and Dunn, Scott C., The Tongue of Angels: Glossolalia among Mormonism's Founders.

Perciaccante, Marianne, Backlash against Formalism: Early Mormonism's Appeal in Jefferson County.

(plus reviews of Massimo Introvigne's Les Mormons; Harold Bloom's The American Religion; Richard Turley's Victims; Moorman's & Sessions's Camp Floyd and the Mormons; Karl-Heinz Schnibbe's Jugendliche gegen Hitler: Die Helmut Hubener Gruppe in Hamburg, 1941-42; and Rodolfo Acevedo's Los Mormones in Chile).

The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal Volume 13 (1993) :

Launius, Roger, At the Barricades of the Gospel: The Conspiracy Theme in RLDS History.

Embry, Jessie L., The Good War: RLDS and LDS Americans' Responses to World War

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The Lesson

[Editor's Note: The following appeared on the Teaching in Psychology Internet list. Whether your classroom is in a Sunday School, or in a university, you may be able to "relate" to The Lesson.]

Jesus took his disciples up the mountain, and gathering them around him he taught them saying
blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
blessed are the meek
blessed are they that mourn
blessed are the merciful
blessed are they that search for justice
blessed are all the concerned
blessed are you when persecuted
blessed are you when you suffer
be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great
try to remember what I'm telling you.

Then Simon Peter said will this count?
and Andrew said will we have a test on it?
and James said when do we have to know it for?
and Phillip said how many words?
and Bartholomew said will I have to stand up in front of others?
and John said the other disciples didn't have to learn this
and Matthew said how many marks do we get for it?
and Judas said what is it worth?
and the other disciples likewise.

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and enquired of Jesus his terminal objectives in the cognitive domain.

And Jesus wept.