

An invitation to consider the

SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES

An International
Community of
Scholars working
within the
Charismatic Tradition

Established 1970

HISTORY

Nearly two hundred persons gathered in Dallas during November 1970 at a special luncheon held during the Sixth World Pentecostal Conference. An exploratory meeting considering the formation of a society of Pentecostal scholars had been arranged following informal discussion among several Pentecostal historians. At the Fall 1971 meeting in Des Moines a constitution was adopted and a formal membership of 177 was reported. The Second Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City during November 1972 attracted over two hundred persons and a membership of 243 was reached.

PURPOSE

The Society seeks the advancement of scholarship within the Pentecostal tradition. It proposes to identify and encourage the work of Pentecostal scholars in all academic disciplines. It promotes the articulation and application both of a charismatic theology and of a Pentecostal world view drawn in full academic proportions.

PROJECTS

The Society currently publishes an occasional **Newsletter** (a subscription is included in annual dues) and hopes to expand this to a regular **Bulletin**. During 1972 its first publication appeared — David W. Faupel's **The American Pentecostal Movement — A Bibliographic Essay**. Papers of the Second Annual Meeting are scheduled for publication in 1973 (R. Spittler, editor).

DOCTRINAL COMMITMENT

Full members of the Society subscribe in writing to the doctrinal statement of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. A copy of this statement appears on the reverse side of this brochure.

MEMBERSHIP

Members associate with the Society as individual scholars and not as representatives of their denomination.

Persons seeking or holding advanced degrees in any discipline, whose interests accord with those of the Society, are invited to apply for membership. The Society recognizes the suitability of certain non-degreed applicants of eminent literary or administrative attainment.

Full members pay annual dues of \$10.00. They affirm the doctrinal statement and may hold office.

Associate members may not have had advanced academic training but maintain deep interest in the purposes of the Society. They hold full voting privileges and pay annual dues of \$5.00.

Student members engaged in academic programs pay a reduced rate of \$3.00.

Application for membership may be made at any time; half-rate for dues applies for applications filed July 1 or later. Dues cover the calendar year.

The participation of scholars representing Neo-Pentecostalism and Catholic Pentecostalism is cordially invited.

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**DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF
THE PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP
OF NORTH AMERICA**

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe that the full gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing for the body and the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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