

12.00 - 1:30 PM -- Working Lunch

At this time, we will assess the progress made thus far and consider any adjustments needed to the afternoon schedule so as to ensure that all of the project's "particulars" are fully developed by the end of the day.

2.00 - 3.30 -- Working Group Session #3

The focus of this session will be on possible publishing venues, marketing, and follow-up projects (e.g., translation, DVD, etc.). At one point, some sentiment was expressed that a portion of profits be set aside for charitable organizations serving the Black community. This should also be a point of discussion.

3.30 - 3.45 -- Break

3.45 - 5.00 -- Working Group Session #4

At this session we will review the day's work, make final editorial changes to the proposal, adjust our list of contributors as needed, and reach final agreement on timetable, publishing options, etc.

6:30 PM -- Dinner

Tuesday - 27 September 2005

7:30 AM -- Breakfast & Departure

Biblia Africana Working Group Strategic Planning Session

25 – 26 September 2005

CCE/McKenna Hall
University of Notre Dame

25 September 2005

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Notre Dame and thanks for your participation in the planning session of the *Biblia Africana* Working Group Session at Notre Dame. I look forward to working with you to move closer to our goal of producing a one-volume commentary on the First Testament by the end of 2006.

Below, I have listed a few things that might be helpful as you prepare to come to the University this weekend.

TRAVEL

Please be sure to let me know your departure times on Tuesday so that we can work to secure transportation to the airport for you. You would do well to arrive at the airport (in South Bend) at least one hour before departure. If you are traveling to one of the Chicago airports, arrival two hours before departure would be prudent.

HOTEL & MEALS

Your lodging is being centrally billed to an account set up for the working group. Please sign all meals directly to your room. Breakfast coupons for use in the hotel restaurant – Sorin's – have been given to you. Please remember to use these on Monday and Tuesday morning.

MEETING SPACE

Our working group sessions will take place in the Center for Continuing Education/McKenna Hall, which is directly across the street from the Morris Inn. Coffee and other refreshments (midmorning and mid-afternoon) will be provided for us there on Monday.

SCHEDULE & TOPICS

Sunday - 25 September 2005

6:00 PM -- Working Dinner

At this meeting, I will give an overview of the collaborative process and articulate some specific goals for our time together. This will give us an opportunity to note specific areas of general scholarly concern about the commentary *genre* as well as about the particular challenges and opportunities presented by the project. Other issues to be addressed briefly include: (1) commentary designation - the working title I have selected is *Biblia Africana*; (2) general scope, aims, and length of the work; (3) commentary content; (3) target audience(s); and (4) time frame for completion.

Monday - 26 September 2005

7.45 - 8:45 AM -- Breakfast

9.00 - 10:30 AM -- Working Group Session #1

The purpose of this session will be to expand the "project prospectus" (to be sent in a subsequent e-mail attachment) into a preliminary draft of a book proposal for the commentary. This proposal, not to exceed two single-spaced pages, will become the working draft that we will refine throughout the day as we think further about aims and logistics.

10.30 - 10:45 AM -- Break

10.45 - 12:00 PM -- Working Group Session #2

At this session, our goals will be: (1) further to refine the proposal draft; (2) to compile a list of possible contributors; and (3) to establish a timeframe for the project not to exceed 15 months.