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ASA Plans Its 60th Annual Meeting

IPSWICH, MA: The 2005 ASA Annual meeting will be held August 5–8, at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. The theme of the meeting is: “Alternative Energy Resources, Conservation, and the Environment.”

The program chair is Kenell Touryan from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of the USDOE, and local arrangements co-chairs are Edward Davis and Gerald Hess from Messiah College.

We have four plenary speakers who are experts in alternative energy technologies, conservation, and the environment: (1) Stan Bull, Ph.D., Associate Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, CO; (2) George Sverdrup, Ph.D., Manager, USDOE Hydrogen Program at NREL; (3) Robert Wauzzinski, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Ball State University, author of *Discerning Prometheus: The Cry for Wisdom in our Technological Society* (Rosemont, 2001). Held Lindeman Chair in Philosophy of Technology at Whitworth College, and has published papers in *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*; (4) Egbert Schuurman, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Christian Philosophy, Technological Universities of Delft and Eindhoven, Netherlands, author of numerous books and articles on technology and ethics from a Christian perspective. Schuurman is also a graduate engineer.

The alternative energy resources will include solar energy (solar thermal and solar electric), wind, biomass (bio-gas; biodiesel; ethanol, heat, etc.), geothermal, hydrogen and distributed systems, including hybrid systems (for example, renewable energy with diesel backup) for the developing and underdeveloped world countries. Bull and Sverdrup will be speaking on renewable energy resources/ technologies, conservation and hydrogen, Wauzzinski and Schuurman will speak on the limits of technology and how alternative energy resources, conservation, and environmental care provide a biblical framework for technology.

There will be related sub-themes, such as environmental ethics and climate change. In fact, what is exciting about this Annual meeting, ASA members collectively will be confronting and wrestling with several of the critical issues raised in Ken Touryan’s article, “ASA in the 21st Century: Expanding Our Vision for Serving God, the Church, and Society Through Science and Technology” (*PSCF* 56, no. 2 [2004]: 82–8).

The site of the Annual meeting will be on the Messiah College’s scenic main campus, located on 400 beautiful rolling acres in the suburban town of Grantham, in south central Pennsylvania, a 30-minute drive from the Harrisburg International airport and a 1½-hour drive from Baltimore International airport. Tourist attractions include among many others: the National Civil War Museum, Civil War Gettysburg, Hershey Chocolate World and Amish country.

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