Meet the New ASA Fellows

The ASA/CSCA selects its Fellows from among our members who have been part of our organization for five years or more and demonstrate a commitment to Christian service at work, at home, and through participating in ASA/CSCA events and publications. Read their brief profiles below, and join us in congratulating them!

Joel Adams is Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Calvin University, where he served as department chair for over a decade and led the creation of Calvin’s programs in Computer Science and Data Science. He earned BS degrees in computer science and psychology from Geneva College, and MS and PhD degrees in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Joel has taught many courses and has written numerous research papers as well as several textbooks. His expertise includes software development, computer operating systems and networking, and parallel and distributed computing. His research has been supported by a series of National Science Foundation grants and he has been the primary architect of six Beowulf-class supercomputers. He is a two-time Fulbright Scholar (Mauritius, 1998–1999; Iceland, 2005), a 2022–2023 Jefferson Science Fellow at the U.S. Department of State, and is a Distinguished Member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

Ryan Bebej is a biology professor at Calvin University. He earned his PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology with a focus in paleontology from the University of Michigan. His scientific research focuses on the evolution of aquatic mammals (such as whales) from terrestrial ancestors. He is particularly interested in the earliest stages of these large-scale evolutionary transitions and the anatomical modifications that facilitate changes in swimming mode. He has excavated skeletons of fossil whales at Wadi Al-Hitan,

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Dearest Friends,

In the past two newsletters, I have written on two central values to the American Scientific Affiliation—intellectual humility and courageous curiosity. These two values reflect how we approach our discussion with each other and how we approach the exploration of ideas as we together seek to better understand the nature of the natural world in light of scripture.

The ASA is about ideas, but we are also about welcoming, nurturing, and growing people. We need to employ our intellectual humility and our courageous curiosity to create a culture of hospitality. Hospitality is exhibited when its members can openly express ideas, ask each other questions out of a sense of curiosity and perhaps disagree, while also showing a deep respect for one another, and praying for and with one another. Hospitality is exhibited when members reach out to someone they do not know and invite them to join in, being curious about their personal journeys.

A culture of hospitality also means that ASA programming recognizes that one size does not fit all. We need multiple avenues for engagement, such as virtual and in-person meeting venues, chapter and annual meetings, and publications that provide depth and others that are more accessible.

Hospitality is also exhibited through supporting members throughout their careers. A full professional development program grounded in faith commitment would serve members at all stages and careers, in academe as well as industry—scholarly development, grant writing, dissertation support groups, leadership development, theological primers, communication workshops on translating science into the public sphere, skills development for managing difficult conversations, and spiritual formation in the workplace. You have seen some of the beginning of this program development, but more is to come!

Warm greetings,
Janel

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Ryan is also deeply interested in the relationship between science and Christian faith. He has been a speaker for the BioLogos Foundation since 2016, was a Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford (SCIO) visiting scholar in science and religion, and participated in SCIO’s Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II program. He also enjoys hiking, birdwatching, and playing board games with his family.

Peter Bussey was born in 1945 in the East London suburb of Ilford, UK. In 1958, his family moved to Norwich, in the East of England, from where he went to Cambridge University, ending up with a PhD in experimental elementary particle physics. This led to a year teaching at the University of Sheffield and then a permanent position at the University of Glasgow, from which he retired in 2009.

Moving back to Norwich, Peter still maintains active in research. His parents were churchgoing Anglican Christians, and that remains the path he has followed, moving more in an evangelical direction as the years passed and developing a strong interest and commitment to a positive interaction between science and the Christian faith.

David Clements completed his BS at Western University, PhD at Queen’s University, and postdoc at the University of Guelph. He teaches botany and ecology, including field courses on Salt Spring Island and Hawaii. He researches invasive riparian plants, Garry oak ecosystems, and climate change and has published more than 80 scientific publications. He manages Trinity Western University’s field research sites: the Ecosystem Study Area, the Blaauw Eco Forest, and the Crow’s Nest Ecological Research Area on Salt Spring Island.

A founding board member of the Christian environmental organization, A Rocha Canada, David still serves on the science advisory committee. He is actively involved in the Canadian Weed Science Society, the Weed Science Society of America, and many other scientific societies. He also serves as an associate editor for Pacific Science, Agronomy, and Invasive Plant Science and Management. He is actively involved in local stewardship and writes the Green Beat column for the Langley Advance Times.

Rebecca Dielschneider (PhD, University of Manitoba) is Associate Professor of Health Science at Providence University College in Otterburne, Manitoba. She teaches biological and health sciences and has research interests in pedagogy, science communication, and vaccine hesitancy.

Rebecca is an award-winning scholar, researcher, and public speaker. In 2015, CBC named her one of Manitoba’s Future 40 under 40. She regularly engages audiences in science and faith discussions, and she leads CSCA’s local chapter in Winnipeg.

Dick Fischer grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1961. He received his commission in the Air Force through the AFROTC program. After earning his
wings, he was assigned to an air refueling squadron and flew over 100 combat missions in Viet Nam. He was awarded six Air Medals. In 1971, he was trained to fly F-111s and was assigned to a fighter wing in England. When the war ended, he returned to civilian life.

Dick was introduced to a fundamentalist Bible teaching church. His first day attending Sunday school he remembers thinking, “Does God know I am in his church?” He had always believed in God, but did not see him as a threat to his lifestyle! The creationist beliefs the church held presented an impasse. When the Washington Post published his theological treatise in 1986, he had to find a new church. He joined the ASA in 1988. His two theological degrees came later.

**Oscar Gonzalez** is a biologist born and raised in Peru. He earned a PhD in interdisciplinary ecology at the University of Florida, an MS in zoology at the National University of San Marcos (Peru), a Master’s in tropical biodiversity management at CEU San Pablo University (Spain), and a BS in biology at the National Agrarian University—La Molina (Peru). He did postdoctoral research on hummingbird ecology at the Autonomous University of the State of Hidalgo (Mexico).

Oscar investigates topics on tropical ornithology, plant-animal interactions, conservation, and the positive interaction between science and Christian faith. He has several publications in English and Spanish about bird ecology and about Christianity and science. Currently, he works as an associate professor at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and as vice president of **Grupo Aves del Peru**.

**Angela Kantola** is a retired fish and wildlife biologist. She holds BS and MS degrees in wildlife ecology from Oklahoma State University and the University of Florida. Angela began her career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a graduate student in 1983, working with West Indian manatees and studying Sherman’s fox squirrels.

She worked on endangered species recovery in the southeastern U.S. and then served as the deputy director of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program from 1989 until her retirement in December 2017. This program received a Department of Interior Cooperative Conservation Award in 2008 and is considered a national model demonstrating that public/private partnerships can work to recover endangered species and resolve Endangered Species Act-related conflicts.

Angela has pursued her vocation with the understanding of conservation as a calling to care for God’s good creation. Over the years, Angela has been active with a number of Christian environmental organizations, participates in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the ASA, and facilitates retreats that help people to rediscover God’s presence in creation.

Angela and her husband, Don Wallace, live in the foothills above Littleton, Colorado, with their cat, Koshi, and an abundance of wildlife and natural beauty. They enjoy growing tomatoes year-round in their passive solar greenhouse, hiking, backpacking, kite-flying, and volunteering with citizen science projects.

**David Lahti** received a PhD in moral philosophy and the philosophy of biology for work on the contributions science can and cannot make to an understanding of the foundations of morality. He received another PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology for a study of rapid evolution in African weaverbirds. As a postdoctoral researcher, he mainly studied the interplay of nature and nurture in songbird vocal development, while maintaining his studies of human psychology and behavior.

Since 2009, he has run a behavioral evolution laboratory at the City University of New York. Currently 14 researchers in the Lahti Lab are involved in a variety of projects relating to rapid evolution, ornithology, natural selection, evolutionary anthropology, and cultural evolution. He lives in a wooded area north of New York City with his wife April and some critters. Their two children have recently moved to Virginia and New Hampshire for college.

### Membership Dues Increase

**Becky English**

Just a reminder that in January 2023, the ASA Board of Directors voted to increase membership dues for the first time in 10 years. The changes became effective April 3, 2023, which is in fiscal year 2024. You can find the full notice here: https://network.asa3.org/page/fy-2024-dues.

Member and subscriber dues now in effect are as follows:

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If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Becky at becky@asa3.org.
Vicki’s Sabbatical Reflections
Vicki Best, ASA Executive Vice President

On May 1, 2023, I returned from a three-month sabbatical during the months of February, March, and April. Having just celebrated my ten-year anniversary with the ASA and leading the organization through some challenging years, I was exhausted, burnt out, still grieving the loss of my mom, and in desperate need of a break/unplug from work.

As I embarked on the sabbatical, a good friend Cheryl Touryan, wife of ASA Fellow Ken Touryan encouraged me with the verse from Psalm 143:8, “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.” That verse became my theme verse for my time away from the ASA office.

Before, during, and after the sabbatical, I met with my sabbatical coach, Jim Smith of Leadership Transformations, Inc. and my spiritual director, Janice Munemitsu of Biola University’s Center for Spiritual Renewal. Both of them provided valuable direction, advice, and wisdom that was immensely helpful for a fruitful time away as well as for a smooth re-entry and with suggestions for settling into some new post-sabbatical work rhythms.

In addition to taking advantage of a few unique travel opportunities with my husband and family and spending quality time with my dad, I spent these months in a purposeful time of slowing down, noticing and listening to God, intentional soul care, and spiritual discernment. My primary focus was on these eight R’s: (1) resting; (2) releasing; (3) renewing; (4) rejuvenating; (5) renewing down, noticing and listening to God, intentional soul care, and spiritual director, Jim Smith of Leadership Transformations, Inc. and my spiritual director, Janice Munemitsu of Biola University’s Center for Spiritual Renewal. Both of them provided valuable direction, advice, and wisdom that was immensely helpful for a fruitful time away as well as for a smooth re-entry and with suggestions for settling into some new post-sabbatical work rhythms.

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Of the many interesting books I read, my favorite was The Road to Character by David Brooks. As a countercultural leader, Brooks challenges the reader to rebalance the scales between our “resume virtues”—achieving wealth, fame, and status—and those that exist at the core of our being, our “eulogy virtues,”—kindness, bravery, honesty, and faithfulness. Looking to some of the world’s greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders (such as Frances Perkins, Dwight Eisenhower, and Dorothy Day), he explores how, through internal struggles and a sense of their own limitations, they have built a strong inner character. The book spoke to me personally as I continue to rethink my priorities and strive toward a rich inner life marked by humility and moral depth. As I reflect on the ethos and culture we are striving toward in the ASA—the values of intellectual humility, courageous curiosity, and radical hospitality—these are similar virtues that Brooks is suggesting will reap eternal dividends.

It was a remarkable time for me—having permission to waste time, sleep in until 9 am, take naps, clean kitchen cupboards, exercise in the middle of the day, eat lunch with my dad, and just spend time reflecting on the ASA, where God might be calling me to focus, and how to change patterns of work when I returned. This time of reflection was particularly helpful after the intensity of leading through COVID. A few practices that I intentionally engaged in were (1) to slow down, resist hurry, be unproductive and inefficient; (2) to notice what I see, hear, taste, touch, and smell; (3) to prioritize listening over speaking; and (4) to ask questions, be curious, and embrace mystery. My husband and I worked on these practices, specifically while we were traveling, and it was amazing what we experienced in terms of the unique people and places we encountered.

After these months away, I feel refreshed, rejuvenated, and reenergized to carry on in my role with the ASA. I am convinced that God is not done with the ASA yet, and I believe that there exist great opportunities for member growth, kingdom impact, and ensuring the legacy of the ASA. Additionally, and after a discernment process, I continue to feel called by God to this important work. There are several new initiatives that the leadership team (Janel and I) will be strategically focused on over the next few years.

1. Entrepreneurial Scientist Affiliate Group
2. ASA History Book New Edition – Faith and Science Journey Stories
3. Bi-annual Experiential Member Trips (similar to the 2018 New Zealand Birding Trip)
4. Intentional Focus on Third Third including programming such as aging gracefully, living faithfully, and leaving a legacy
5. Innovative Programming on Hot Topics such as mental illness, LGBTQIA, grieving loss

As I conveyed to the many people whom I came into contact with, I fully recognize that this sabbatical was an enormous gift to me. I am eternally grateful to the many who made it possible including the current board of directors, former board members such as Bill Jordan and Terry Gray, my colleague John Wood whom I worked so closely with during a leadership transition and the difficult days of COVID. This was the first sabbatical ever granted by the ASA, and I think it speaks volumes to the institutional state of the affiliation. Organizationally, we have grown significantly in the last several years and the ability to offer a sabbatical to a key employee conveys wisdom, strength, and maturity.

As I trust you noticed, Team ASA soared in my absence. They did not miss a beat, and the organization thrived. I want to express deep gratitude to my partner Janel Curry and the entire team including Becky, Lyn, Michele, Randy, Dana, Hannah, and Mark. I would not have been able to step away a few years ago but Janel’s strong executive leadership along with the depth and expertise of the team (especially Becky who carried a heavy load) made it all possible today.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Dravuni Island, Fiji
Phil and Vicki Best in Moorea, French Polynesia

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
**ASA Affiliates Get Energized**

*Dana Oleskiewicz*

The ASA has always worked closely with its members to organize around professional disciplines such as theology, geology, engineering, and biology. These affiliate groups have recently experienced a resurgence in interest. The ability to gather virtually following the COVID years has increased our networking and programming. We are blessed with the opportunity to re-energize the existing groups and launch a new ASA affiliation.

**Christian Women in Science**


More than 30 people attended the event over the two days. Audience engagement was lively after a few planned interview questions asked by Veronica Frans, CWIS Vice President. We were pleased to have so many of our male ASA colleagues with us. The discussion will be posted on the ASA YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/@ASA3org.

**The Affiliation of Christian Biologists**

The Affiliation of Christian Biologists (ACB) has thrived under new leadership: Brian Greuel, President; Carlos Pinkham, Vice President; and Angela Fletcher, Secretary/Webmaster. They continue the long tradition of biologists in ASA gathering to discuss science and faith issues. There is a brand-new logo being used to help establish the ACB identity.

Just recently, the ACB held a seminar to discuss scientific education in biology with faithfulness to the Kingdom. ASA member Faith Stults from BioLogos gave an overview on *Integrate*, a homeschool and Christian school curriculum for grades 6–12. She was joined by ASA member John Mays, Director of Science Curriculum at Classical Academic Press, who provided information on Novare Science collection. The discussion will be available on the ASA YouTube Channel.

**The Affiliation of Ministers, Theologians, and Philosophers**

ASA has also launched a new Affiliation of Ministers, Theologians, and Philosophers (AMTaP). Walter Rogero has been instrumental in getting this group established and active. They held an exploratory meeting of interested parties in conjunction with the ASA Winter Symposium in January. Then, just a few weeks ago, ASA Fellow Jennifer Wiseman was a guest speaker by invitation of AMTaP to talk about “Our Amazing Universe: New Discoveries and Ancient Reflections.” If you couldn’t join us on the day of the event, her presentation including beautiful images of space will be available on the ASA YouTube channel.

On Monday, April 17, the North Star Chapter, in fellowship with Anselm House, met for dinner and then attended the 9th Annual Anderson Lecture with Br. Guy Consolmango. Nine people met before the lecture for dinner, and about half a dozen additional North Star Chapter members came for the lecture with Br. Guy Consolmango. This event was hosted by Anselm House, and about two hundred people attended.

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**Here We Go A-Birding!**

*Ryan Bebej*

On May 6, the West Michigan Chapter embarked on their inaugural birding field trip. A small group got together at Millennium Park on the northwest side of Grand Rapids and spent about 3.5 hours exploring the trails and identifying newly arrived summer residents, plus some migratory species on their way through west Michigan.

In total, the group identified 55 different species on their morning together; a complete list is available on an eBird checklist (https://ebird.org/checklist/S136293378). Species shown above from left to right are Baltimore Oriole, Green Heron, and Yellow Warbler. The hope is that this activity can become an annual event each spring!

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**Enjoying a Dinner and Lecture**

*Kristine Johnson*

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(L to R): Bruce Geske, Dave Wohlers, Paul Capel, Lisa Vos, Trish Smith, Rebecka VanderWerf, Randy Reuter. Joining them at the Market at Malcolm Yards for dinner were Kristine Johnson (taking the picture) and Dale Gentry (who arrived after the photo was taken).

(L to R): Ryan Bebej, Susanne Miller-Schachinger, Glen Miller, Sarah Bodbyl-Roels, Jim Bradley, and Steve Roels.

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Faith Stults
ASA President Visits Members

Janel Curry, ASA President

Janel made a trip to Indiana from May 4–6, 2023, where she visited Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) and ASA member Don Sprowl along with Jennifer Noseworthy in biology and Mark Lakanen, Dean of School of Physical and Applied Sciences. They expressed a great need for more online training and discussion around faith and science integration as well as science and faith in the classroom.

Janel also had dinner at the home of ASA Fellow Brian Greuel in Indianapolis with his wife Jane and ASA Fellow Ann Hunt.

Ann Hunt was the first woman elected to the ASA Executive Council (now the ASA Board of Directors), had a career at Eli Lilly, and received the Marie Berg Award from CWiS last summer at the annual meeting. The ASA has great potential to establish an ASA chapter from the NE side of Indianapolis out to Taylor, IWU, and Anderson University.

Next Janel made a quick trip to Bloomington, Indiana, to have lunch with ASA Student Member Loryn Phillips, who is the former president of CWiS and now in graduate school at Indiana University.

Janel then traveled to Lafayette, Indiana, where she met with ASA member Kathy Lewis, a retired mathematician who is often on zoom events.

Janel’s last stop was at the home of ASA Fellow Roger and Gwen Wiens in Lafayette. They graciously hosted a group of faculty and graduate students. The discussion centered around getting to know the ASA and considering organizing a student chapter at Purdue University.

News from the CSCA

Joseph Vybihal, CSCA secretary and Arnold Sikkema, CSCA Executive Director

Since January 2023, the CSCA Past President Lecture series has been progressing month by month with each past president speaking in a different city across Canada. With two remaining in June (Patrick Franklin in Montreal and Janet Warren in Winnipeg), all recordings are available on our YouTube channel youtube.com/@c sca1973, alongside a number of local chapter talks including the most recently one by Katharine Hayhoe for the Vancouver chapter.

CSCA’s 50th anniversary was recently featured as a blog post by Faith Today, the Canadian “equivalent” of Christianity Today, and can be seen at csca.ca/ft23.

In conjunction with our 50th anniversary, we have begun a Legacy Campaign to establish and grow a CSCA endowment. The CSCA has long identified our Canadian distinctives within the wider ASA context, and we are articulating and incorporating this into how we will be advancing our fundraising, undertaken in collaboration with the ASA Legacy Campaign.

The PSCF masthead has recently been updated to note a concise articulation of our relationship: “The CSCA is the expression of the ASA in Canada.” The CSCA and ASA executive leadership are in the final stages of drafting a formal Memorandum of Understanding that summarizes our collaborative approach and clarifies our relationship.

The July 2023 conference of the ASA/CSCA is detailed on page 8 in this newsletter. Many US attendees will be experiencing for the first time an indigenous land acknowledgment as it is incorporated into the program booklet and the formal opening of the conference. As a Christian organization engaged in meaningful relationships with diverse peoples and a God-honoring stewardship of the land, CSCA is undertaking this effort following on the recommendations of Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission and of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. We encourage everyone to humbly consider and reflect upon these matters.
Peter D. Esser
(1939–2023), Physicist

Peter D. Esser of Smithtown, NY, passed away on January 31, 2023, at age 83. He was born on October 29, 1939. Peter graduated from Brown University with a BS in physics and an MS and PhD in physics (1971) from Adelphi University. His research work for his thesis was done at Brookhaven. After a year of teaching in a college, he switched from pure physics to medical physics.

Peter held one of the NSF Presidential Internships in nuclear medicine at the Medical Research Center of Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York. Then he began his life’s work as a physicist in nuclear medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital, becoming Chief Physicist in the Division of Nuclear Medicine, and then Chief Physicist at the Kreitchman PET Center. He was involved in research and developing improvements in nuclear medicine and PET technology obtaining several patents, coauthoring research papers, and editing numerous books related to the fields. He collaborated in the development of a “phantom” for the testing of PET equipment with Data Spectrum; it is still in use today.

Peter also taught at Columbia University as Professor Emeritus of Clinical Radiology (Physics) in Environmental Health Sciences and Special Lecturer in the Department of Radiology and the Department of Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics. He enjoyed teaching and encouraging students of all levels. Seeking ways to improve the technology of PET and nuclear medicine was an important part of his focus.

Peter was a past president of the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine and a member of the Nuclear Accreditation Committee of the American College of Radiology. He was a board-certified medical physicist with extensive experience in nuclear medicine and PET. He was editor of the book Emission Computed Tomography: Current Trends. Thirteenth Annual Symposium on the Sharing of Computer Programs & Technology in Nuclear Medicine.

He was an active member, over time, of numerous professional societies and a Fellow of the American College of Radiology and a Fellow of the American College of Nuclear Medicine.

Peter joined the ASA in 1966 as he began his PhD graduate studies. He continued as a faithful member and donor to the ASA throughout his entire life.

ASA New Members, January–March 2023

Please join us in welcoming these new members!

Elijah Olusola Adeniyi –Livingston, MT
Francine Barchett –Ithaca, NY
Dana Basnight-Brown –Nairobi, Kenya
Ed Brown –Madison, WI
Eden Champagne –Toronto, ON
Andrew Chen –Cambridge, MA
Fiona Christensen –Cedarville, OH
Annika Collier –Tracyton, WA
Linda Crompton –Lowell, MA
John Davies –Vancouver, BC, BC
Jaclyn Dell –St. Petersburg, FL
Mirta Dumanic –Montreal, QC
Eilla Durivage Bustos –Phoenix, AZ
Sophia Edwards –Greer, SC
David Farbishel –Mesa, AZ
Jonathan Fogo –Memphis, TN
Claire Frank –Phoenix, AZ
Zoltán Gyenes –Orlando, FL
Julie Hasler –Atlanta, GA
Mark Hazen –Ocala, FL
Melinda Higley –Grand Rapids, MI
Scott Hulseapple –Glenville, NY
Ashtyn Isaak –Bozeman, MT
Andrea Keller –Columbus, OH
Julia Kiefer –South Euclid, OH
Narayan Kumar –Newark, DE
Boxun Li –Durham, NC
Emily Lo –Vancouver, WA
Marcos Lomas –Waterloo, ON
Noelle McCarthy –Rock Rapids, IA
George McKibbon –Port Colborne, ON
Delaney Merrick –Flagstaff, AZ
Chelsey Navarro –Randolph, MA
Josh Owens –Nashville, TN
Islamiat Raji –Kingston, ON
Psalmuel Realon –Edmonton, AB
Ciara Reyes-Ton –Nashville, TN
Gregory Rummo –Lake Worth, FL
Ethan Sipes –Nampa, ID
Abigail Sparrow –Edmonton, AB
Jonathan Staebell –Minneapolis, MN
Beth Stovell –Calgary, AB
Cleo Tay –Montreal, QC
Kendra Terpstra –Lowell, MI
Pedro Henrique Thompson Furtado –Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Ralph Tobler –Westminster, CO
Elta Wilson –Alexandria, VA

Thank You!

By God’s grace and your generous support, we surpassed our ambitious goal of $265K and raised $272,501 in our annual fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. We are also grateful for the restricted giving to the student scholarship fund that enabled 60 students to attend ASA 2022 in San Diego.

In addition, the ASA legacy campaign is off to a terrific start. To date we have gifts and pledges in hand totaling $3.2M and are well on our way to our $5M goal. Thank you to the many who have invested in this bold endeavor!

To God Be the Glory!

With deep gratitude,
Vicki Best
ASA Executive Vice President
We enthusiastically invite you to attend ASA 2023 at the University of Toronto Mississauga, July 28–31, 2023, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the CSCA! In 1973, the ASA gave birth to its Canadian offspring, the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation, which is an expression of the ASA in Canada. In joyous anticipation of this celebratory event, we are planning special anniversary activities including a Canadian barbecue on Saturday evening.

Our plenary speakers will offer meeting participants a window into the future of science and faith by moving forward together. This conference will explore the intersection of science and faith across the frontiers of the physical sciences, psychological and behavioral sciences, life and health sciences, information science, and theology. A wide range of contributed papers will fill six sessions, each with four concurrent presentations. Posters will be open for viewing with a designated time for meeting and conversing with the authors.

In addition, we will have meetups at meals for designated groups, frisbee, morning walks and run, and times for socializing at the mixer, during meals and refreshment breaks, and at the ice cream social.

For those unable to attend in person, we are delighted to announce that we will be live streaming all of the plenary sessions, the CSCA general assembly meeting, the worship service, the state of the ASA, and the parallel sessions that are held in the CCT auditorium. We will also offer zoom discussion groups immediately following the plenary talks. Details to access the live-streaming sessions and discussion groups will be posted on our website.