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### **2005 Annual General Meeting Philadelphia, PA**

Friday, November 18, 2005

7:30–10:00 p.m.

Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Commonwealth  
A2

### **Missions to India -- A Mixed Legacy: Revisiting de Nobili at 400, Ziegenbalg at 300**

The Friday night panel last year was a standing-room only affair, in which a group of international scholars including **Paul Collins**, University College Chichester, **Daniel Jeyaraj**, Andover-Newton Theological School, and **Will Sweetman**, University of Otago, shared new and ongoing scholarship on two pioneering, and controversial, figures in the history of Christianity in India. Many thanks to our Vice-President, **Corinne Dempsey**, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, for presiding (and helping to organize) and to **Frank Clooney**, Harvard University, for both organizing the panel and giving us insights as a panelist into his own work on de Nobili. I was honored to serve as respondent to these four excellent papers.

Saturday, November 19th, 2005

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Courtyard by Marriott, Philadelphia  
Downtown, Room 104

### **Loving God in Light of Hindu and Christian Perspectives**

On Saturday morning a large crowd enjoyed another outstanding panel, organized by **Frank Clooney**. Our panelists offered diverse examinations of the category of love for God in both Hindu and Christian

traditions, comparing bhakti (within Ramanuja's thought and Srivaishnava performance traditions) with love of God in several Western Christian contexts including the thought of Thomas Aquinas, Plato and Leibniz. Many thanks to our President, **Deepak Sarma**, Case Western Reserve University, for presiding, and to the panelists for their excellent contributions: **Archana Venkatesan**, St. Lawrence University; **Martin Robindra Ganeri**, University of Edinburgh; and **Tinu Ruparell**, University of Calgary. Special thanks are also due to **John Carman**, Harvard University, for his thoughtful and stimulating response.

Business Meeting: 11:00-11:30 a.m.

**Deepak Sarma** presided over the business meeting last Fall. At this time, the assembled members elected Michael T. McLaughlin was elected to the Board of Directors in an off-year election. We fielded suggestions for the coming year's panels, as usual, and discussed the desire to return to the SCHS custom of having at least one panel with a more creative format. We also announced a new membership outreach campaign that entails sending letters to prospective members, drawn by our board members from the AAR membership guide. Many apologies to those among our current members who mistakenly received a letter asking them if they wanted to join this fabulous society! We appreciate your patience as we fine-tune our direct marketing skills.

See you next year in Washington, DC!

Sincerely,

Eliza Kent, Secretary