Dear arts subscribers,

Thanks for stopping by to read our latest arts online issue. I am pleased to fill you in on our schedule of events for this year’s sarts meeting held immediately before the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago a few weeks ago.

On Friday, November 16 at 7:00 PM we sponsored The Living News: SHELTER, A Staged Reading of a Play-in-Progress at Stage Two, Columbia College. The Living News: SHELTER gives voice to those hidden behind the headlines. A collaborative alliance of artists, journalists, and musicians is working with homeless men, women and children at Cornerstone Community Outreach, a shelter in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago, to create a unique theatre production that shares their stories - stories reflecting the lives of over 90,000 people living homeless in Chicago this year. A discussion with Director/Editor in Chief Lisa DiFranza, cast and writing team followed the performance of this staged work-in-progress.

On Saturday, November 17 at 9:00 AM we heard presentations by our 2012 Luce Fellows:

- Elise Edwards, Designers as Agents: Theological Interpretations of Architecture’s Ethical Task
- Jennifer Awes Freeman, The Opus Caroli Regis and Medieval Western Theology of the Image
- Rev. Michael Patella, OSB, The Hermeneutics of the Saint John’s Bible

Then arts editor Wilson Yates moderated an open discussion of The Future of Theology and the Arts. The discussion was followed by a brief business meeting of the society.

We hope you will join us next year in Baltimore.

With all best wishes,

Robin Jensen