

## PURPOSE

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion was founded in 1949 by scholars in religion and social science. Its purpose is to stimulate and communicate significant scientific research on religious institutions and religious experience.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to scholars, church leaders, and others interested in systematic and/or scientific studies of religion. Aside from library subscriptions to the journal, there are three categories of membership—regular, student/retired, and international associate. They differ in terms of annual dues (see the application form) and membership privileges:

**REGULAR/STUDENT/RETIRED:** receive all issues of the journal, newsletters, and preliminary program for the annual meeting; eligible to vote in SSSR elections, apply for research grants, serve on the Executive Council, and hold offices in the Society.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATE:** (an option for persons residing outside of the United States and Canada)—receive all issues of the journal, newsletters, and preliminary program for the annual meeting. International associates are **not** eligible to vote in SSSR elections, obtain SSSR research grants, serve on the Executive Council, or hold office in the Society.

## TO BECOME A MEMBER

Complete the application for membership and send it with a check for the appropriate amount to the address on the application form. Membership will be retroactive to the preceding January 1 for applications received through September 30 of a calendar year. Thus, the new member will receive all issues of the Journal for that year. Applications received October 1 or later will be made effective as of January 1 of the following calendar year.

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# 1996 ANNUAL MEETING

November 8-10

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee

Theme: "Producing the Sacred"

Information about this meeting can be obtained from:

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1997 Annual Meeting  
November 7-9  
Holiday Inn on the Bay  
San Diego, California

## STUDENT PAPER AWARD

An award up to \$500 is given for the best paper presented by a student at annual meeting. The funds include travel costs and a small honorarium. The papers are to be submitted to the program chair of the annual meeting.

## RESEARCH AWARDS

The Society annually awards up to \$8,000 for promising research on religion by members of SSSR. Not more than \$2,000 for any single award. Funds may be used for research expenses, travel, student assistance and as increment to salary (up to \$1500).

## BOOK AND ARTICLE AWARDS

Each year, SSSR selects one Distinguished Book and one Distinguished Article for special recognition. These awards are made at the annual meeting.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleague,

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion is an association dedicated to research and scholarly publications related to religious phenomena. The interests of many of the members include the sources of religious ideas and groups, the consequences of religious beliefs on individual behavior, the impact of religious organizations on other social institutions, and the problems of continuity and change within religious groups.

The Society now numbers 1,600 member throughout the U.S. and 36 other countries and provides a rich opportunity for cross-cultural exchange of ideas and studies in the field of religion. At the same time, the Society offers the stimulation and challenges presented by the interdisciplinary mix of its members - anthropology, psychology, sociology, religious studies, theology, history, the natural sciences, psychiatry, medicine, philosophy, and ethics.

Members are encouraged to share ideas and research at the annual meeting (held in late October or early November), through the Society's participation in the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and through smaller regional meetings which are encouraged and supported by the Society. All meetings are characterized by a rigorous examination of religion from diverse perspectives in an atmosphere of friendly collegiality.

The Society published the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, a quarterly carried by 1,200 libraries throughout the world. The *Journal* is generally regarded as a preeminent source of critical writing on theories, research findings, and methodological issues encountered in the study of religion. The Society also supports a special monograph series, a newsletter, and a program of research support.

Membership is open to all scholars and related persons with interests in the scientific study of religion. I encourage you to join us.

Cordially,  
Wade Clark Roof, President

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