

2021 ANNUAL MEETING: IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, SAN ANTONIO, NOVEMBER 2021

The Society typically meets concurrently with the American Academy of Religion, in the same city as the AAR. The round of meetings begins with a Board meeting, followed by two sessions with papers and discussion and a general business meeting at which Board recommendations are voted on. Please see below for a message pertaining to this year's annual meeting from SBCS President, Leo Lefebure.

Dear Colleagues,

Because of the resurgence of the covid-19 pandemic and the dangers of traveling and meeting in person, the leaders of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies have decided to hold our annual meetings online this year. We will present our academic sessions, which have been organized by our vice president, Mark Unno, in collaboration with the American Academy of Religion. Participants need to register for the convention of the AAR, and the AAR will then provide access to these panels, which will meet at the originally scheduled times: on Friday, Nov. 19 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM US/Canada Central Time (5:00 to 7:30 PM Eastern), and on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:00 AM to noon US/Canada Central Time (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Eastern).

In order to facilitate attendance from all our members, our annual business meeting will be separate from the AAR, on Friday, Nov. 19 from 10:30 to 11:00 AM Central Time (11:30 AM to noon Eastern). During this business meeting, we will present our annual book award, vote on nominations to our board of governors, and welcome ideas for future programs of our society. The link for joining this meeting may be found below.

I regret that we will not be able to meet in person this year. I hope to see you at our annual business meeting, and I hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Palms together,

Leo Lefebure

President of SBCS

Leo Lefebure is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2021 Business Meeting of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Time: Nov 19, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

4:00-6:30 pm CST | Buddhist-Christian Responses to Ecological Catastrophe and Climate Change

Ten of the warmest years globally have occurred since 1998, the arctic has lost 95% of its oldest ice, 6 of 10 of the largest wildfires in California occurred in 2020, and the march goes on. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports, “It is therefore no longer a question of whether to mitigate climate change or to adapt to it. Both adaptation and mitigation are now essential.” This paper session explores Buddhist and Christian responses to climate change in terms of both adaptation and mitigation. What kinds of responses can be formulated in terms of religious thought, scientific understanding, environmental activism, and community building?

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

9:00 am - noon CST | Buddhist-Christian Reflections on Nationalism

In the past few years, the international world has witnessed the rise of religio-ethno-nationalism. This has not been a singular event but occurred simultaneously in many countries with the rise of populism and authoritarian nationalist rulers worldwide. What should we make of counter-response movements such as Black Lives Matter? In what ways have Buddhists and Christians resisted as well as been implicated in the rise of nationalism around the globe? What resources are available to Buddhists and Christians in responding to problematic nationalism?

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