

2026 CATA Annual Meeting

8:45 – 9:00	Welcome, Introduction, Prayer	
9:00 – 10:15	Plenary Address: Daniel Stulac, “Learning to Be Here: Canonical Reflections on the Canadian Prairie”	
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 12:00	Old Testament #1 (Moderator: Dustin Burlet) i.) Alain Macchia, “How Shall We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land?’ (Psalm 137:4) The Biblical Land Imaginary” ii.) Sarah Barkman, “The Great Commission According to Isaiah” iii.) Nate Wall-Bowering, “Aporia and Torah in the Comedy of Ruth”	Pastoral Theology (Moderator: Joshua Coutts) i.) Joel Tejedo, “The Face of Charismatic Leadership of a Pentecostal Megachurch in Singapore: A Case Study of the Life and Ministry of Kong Hee and Sun Ho” ii.) Mat Lortie, “Pastoral Leadership” iii.) Rufus Chen, “Liminal Spaces and Embodied Gospel Witness: Diaspora Chinese Christians Negotiating Contested Ecclesial Identities in North America”
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch	
1:15 – 1:45	Business Meeting	
1:45 – 2:00	Break	
2:00 – 3:30	Theology #1 (Moderator: Robert Dean) i.) Candace Hamm, “Christoform Towards Creation: Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Theological Anthropology, Human Uniqueness, and the Natural World” ii.) Paul Blair, “‘But Their Voices are Heard’: Rediscovering Consciousness in Creation” iii.) Kathleen Krynski, “Angelic/Demonic Power Over Place and Space: A Dialogue Between C. Peter Wagner and Thomas Aquinas”	Wild Card (Moderator: Jerome Falk) i.) Dustin Burlet, “The Indomitables: Beyond the Dinosaur Debates over Behemoth and Leviathan in Scripture” ii.) Lorn Gieck, “Securing the Peace of Israel: The Chronicler’s Vision for Worship in an Uncertain World” iii.) Olamma Otisi, “Spiritual Care in Missional Theology”
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 5:15	Theology #2 (Moderator: Robert Dean) i.) Jerome Falk, “Recovering Rootedness: Origen’s ‘Dendro-Ecclesiology’ and the Phenomenology of the Vegetal” ii.) Earnest Tupe, “‘All of Theology is a Synthesis’: Exploring Kwame Bediako’s Model within the African Theological Landscape, and Discovering the African Theological Plant” iii.) J. Ryan Smith, “Navigating upon an ‘Unknown Sea’: Theodicy, the Civil War and the Rise of Higher Criticism in American Protestantism”	New Testament (Moderator: Dustin Burlet) i.) David Schuchardt, “The Apostle Paul’s Storied Identity in the Letter to the Galatians” ii.) Joshua Coutts, “The Divine Name and the Challenge of Jesus’ Absence in John’s Gospel” iii.) Matthew Hamilton, “Tongues: Earthly or Ecstatic?”
5:15 – 5:30	Closing Liturgy	