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2025 Annual Meeting

November 21, 2025

Boston, MA

Hampton Room, Sheraton Boston Hotel

8:30 – 9:50 AM Religious Naturalism

Mark Banas, Ten on Religion: "Is Tillich A Qualified Naturalist? A Journey through Feuerbach, Wildman, and Panikkar"

Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gävle: "Tillich and Radical Immanence"

Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College: "Tillich's Conception of Nature as Intrinsically Valuable"

10:05 – 11:10 New Tillichians Student Panel

Sofia Loiacona, Mercyhurst University

Timothy Hakler, Gannon University: "Returning to Eden: Pope Francis' and Paul Tillich's Approach to Environmental Ethics"

Isabel Ovanesova, Gannon University: "The Axiology of Tillich and Spinoza: Ontological Grounds for Environmental Ethics"

11:10 – 11:50 Presidential Address

Benjamin J. Chicka, Curry College

11:50 – 1:00 Lunch and Board Meeting

1:00 – 2:45 The Axiology of Nature & Environmental Ethics

Julius Trugenberger, Universität zu Köln: The Significance of Paul Tillich's Concept of Nature for the Bio-Ethical Debate in the 21st Century"

Greylyn Hydinger, Gannon University: "A Tillichian Axiology of Nature"

Matti Trimbath (NAPTS Fellow), Boston University "From Ground of Being to Grounded Ethics: Tillich, Leopold, and Carson in Ecological Perspective"

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University: "Tillich and Religious Naturalism"

3:00 – 4:20 Ethics and Contemporary Issues

Taeha An, Vanderbilt University: "Dwelling in the Death-Time of the Other: Toward an Ethics of Mourning a Suicide"

David Odell-Scott, Kent State University: "'O Mortal' - Tillich and Paul on Ethical Monotheism"

Ronald Stone, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Emeritus): "Resistance for Paul Tillich against the Third Reich and for Citizens Now"

4:30–5:35 Keynote

Robert Cummings Neville, Boston University (Emeritus)

5:35 – 6:00 Member Business Meeting

6:00 In Place of Formal Banquet, Groups Gather and Head to Dinner