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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN MADISON

The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association held its winter meeting January 17-18, 1985, at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. The staff of the Drew University Library were hosts to the group. Those in attendance were: Ronald F. Deering, President; Sara M. Mobley, Vice-president; Albert E. Hurd, Executive Secretary; Robert A. Olsen, Jr., Treasurer; Class A Members at Large, Peter De Klerk, Lawrence H. Hill, Alice M. Kendrick, Rosalyn Lewis, Betty A. O'Brien (also Editor of the Proceedings), and James A. Overbeck; Norman J. Kansfield, Representative of the Index Board; John Bollier, Representative of the Preservation Board; Donn Michael Farris, Editor of the Newsletter; and Joyce L. Farris, Recording Secretary. Martha B. Aycok, Past President, was unable to attend because of a teaching responsibility. Visitors included the members of the Program Committee: Mary Bischoff, Michael Boddy, and Erich R. W. Schultz, Chair; and Caroline Coughlin, Assistant Director of the Drew University Library. Stephen L. Peterson, Director of Project 2000, attended a portion of the meeting on January 17.

In a series of meetings which began on Wednesday afternoon and ended on Thursday afternoon, the Board:

- approved a registration fee of \$45.00 for the 1985 Annual Conference, with a one-day registration fee of \$20.00;
- decided that the fee for the Continuing Education portion of the 1985 Annual Conference remain at \$35.00 a day;
- directed the Executive Secretary to revise the membership brochures, secure a printing cost estimate, and bring recommendations to the Board at its June meeting;
- agreed to report to the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Z39 that the ATLA supports the concept of a graduated dues scale but does not favor additional annual dues to support NISO's program for international standards;
- directed the President, Vice-president, and Executive Secretary to consider a proposal that the winter meeting of the Board may be held at a site other than that of the following Annual Conference, and to bring to the Board at its June meeting a recommendation for the January 1986 meeting site;
- voted that the participants in the Edinburgh tour be required to purchase insurance for the trip, and to sign a waiver of ATLA responsibility;

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS - Continued

- accepted the invitation of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, to hold the Annual Conference on its campus June 19-24, 1988;
- approved a resolution recognizing the contributions of Dr. Ruth F. Frazer to the Association during her tenure as Editor of the Religion Indexes;
- heard reports from Stephen L. Peterson, Director of Project 2000, on a consultation with the Lilly Endowment in which the Project Report was reviewed, and on the initial organizational meeting of the ATS Library Resources Development Commission which plans to review the Report carefully, identifying issues and projects, and setting priorities for attention;
- approved the presentation to the membership for a vote at the 1985 Annual Conference a proposed amendment to Article IX of the ATLA Certificate of Incorporation, clarifying the liability and responsibility of the Board of Directors for the actions of all ATLA agencies, including the Program Boards;
- approved the presentation to the membership for a vote at the 1985 Annual Conference proposed amendments to Articles XII and XIII of the ATLA By-laws, relating to performance evaluations of the Executive Secretary and the Recording Secretary, and clarifying the provisions for the terms of board members;
- directed Rosalyn Lewis to study Article XV of the By-laws with the aim of bringing the wording into conformity with practice concerning terms of appointment for committee members, and to bring a recommendation to the Board in June; and
- set the next meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 23, 1985, in Madison, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TO BE MARKED BY COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME

James T. Dennison, Librarian of the Westminster Theological Seminary in California, and his brother, the Reverend Charles G. Dennison, Orthodox Presbyterian Church Historian, are preparing a volume to mark the fiftieth anniversary in 1986 of the founding of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. J. Gresham Machen, noted New Testament scholar and protagonist in the Modernist-Fundamentalist controversy, established the denomination in 1936 following his suspension from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The hardbound, 300-page commemorative work will include congregational histories, biographies of all OPC pastors, histories of presbyteries, material on women's presbyterial societies, and names of OPC missionaries. It will be illustrated with photographs. The book will be priced at \$21.00. Orders and inquiries should be directed to: The Reverend Charles G. Dennison, 804 7th Avenue, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania 15108.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1985 ATLA Conference will be held at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, June 25-28, with Dr. Arthur Jones as host librarian. There will be a two-day continuing education program preceding the conference on Sunday, June 24 and Monday, June 25. The regular conference program will begin with dinner on Monday followed by an orientation session for new members and first-timers, the opening plenary session, and a reception hosted by the Drew University Library.

After a morning chapel service on Tuesday, the first major address will be given by Hendrik Edelman, Librarian at Rutgers University. The remainder of the morning will be given over to the Presidential address by Ronald F. Deering and the first business session. Tuesday afternoon there will be the Section meetings for Reader Services and Publication. Following the afternoon break, participants can choose to hear one of the three papers that will be presented dealing with Western interpreters of Eastern religions, European publishing, and computers. Denominational meetings will follow. Tuesday evening there will be a panel presentation on the future of theological libraries followed by discussion from the membership.

Wednesday morning buses will transport the conference registrants to Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Four workshops dealing with burnout, conservation, authority control, and bibliographic instruction are being planned. Following lunch in the Union Seminary refectory and a chapel period, some may choose to tour Union Seminary's renovated library and the new Jewish Theological Seminary Library just a block away. Others may wish to visit some New York galleries and museums or attend a theatre matinee, the two other choices which the Committee hopes to provide for Wednesday afternoon. Following dinner in local restaurants the buses will return to Drew.

Following chapel on Thursday morning, there will again be a choice of papers relating to J. S. Bach, the World Council of Churches, automated journal subscriptions, and possibly two other topics. These will be followed by the Section meetings for Bibliographic Systems and Collection Evaluation and Development. The highlight of Thursday afternoon will be the second major address to be given by Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale University. A second business session followed by interest groups, one of which will be a tour of the Methodist Archives on the Drew campus, will complete the afternoon's program. The Conference will conclude with a reception and banquet Thursday evening.

The campus of Drew University has a beautiful setting. The buildings the Conference will use are conveniently located, dormitory rooms will be air conditioned, meeting rooms and other conference facilities will be most satisfactory. The 39th Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association can be successful and memorable and it will be just that for you if you plan to attend.

Erich R. W. Schultz, Chair  
Program Committee

## INDEX BOARD APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The ATLA Index Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Albert E. Hurd to the position of Executive Director of the Religion Indexes. Over the past two months more than twenty resumes of candidates for this position have been reviewed. During the Board's February 13-15 meeting, four candidates were interviewed. Al Hurd's outstanding experience within the Index organization, combined with his personal natural gifts and careful training, led the Board to select him for this important post.

Al has served as Assistant Editor for Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works since April 1982, and as Comptroller for the Indexes since 1983. He has also served the ATLA as Executive Secretary since June 1981.

Norman J. Kansfield, Chair  
ATLA Index Board

## SEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

In view of the appointment of the current ATLA Executive Secretary, Albert E. Hurd, to the post of Executive Director of the Religion Indexes, I have appointed a Search Committee to recommend a new Executive Secretary to serve the Association for a five-year term from 1985 to 1990.

The Committee is to receive applications and recommendations for the position, study the candidates, conduct interviews as necessary, and recommend a candidate to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 23, 1985. The Committee Chair is Sara Mobley, with members Rosalyn Lewis, James Overbeck, Simeon Daly, and myself serving ex-officio. Candidates are urged to send their vitae to Sara Mobley, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322 (404-329-4166) as soon as possible, but to be received no later than April 29. ATLA members are also urged to recommend potential candidates as soon as possible, sending names to Ms. Mobley no later than April 1. The Committee plans to meet in Atlanta on May 1 to select candidates to be interviewed.

The position involves the routine management of the Association's affairs, such as maintenance of membership rolls, collection of personal and institutional dues, printing of annual Proceedings, facilitating exchange of duplicates, arranging consultant services, distributing reports for Board of Directors meetings and annual conferences, and providing placement services; it also provides leadership roles for the Association in areas of foundation grants, relations with other scholarly associations, coordination of Association activities, and general promotion of the work of the Association.

The five-year term position, to begin July 1, 1985, is viewed as part-time, to be based at the Executive Secretary's primary place of employment or home. It has a stipend of \$4,400 per year, and a projected additional budget of \$13,310 support for 1985-86 (\$2,000 travel, \$5,050 office supplies and rent, \$6,260 clerical wages). The position supplies an IBM PC with expansion modules and printer, purchased recently by the Association.

Ronald F. Deering  
President, ATLA

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ATLA CANDIDATES

At the request of the Board of Directors, the Newsletter is publishing the following information on the candidates for ATLA offices to be filled in 1985. The information has been supplied by the candidates.

JOHN D. BAKER-BATSEL - for Class A Member, Index Board

Educational background: B.A., Lambuth College, 1955; B.D., Vanderbilt University, 1959, M.A., 1962; M.L.S., George Peabody College, 1963. Ordained to ministry, 1959.

Professional career: Student pastor, Memphis Annual Conference, 1951-60; Librarian, Lambuth College, 1963-64; Librarian, Professor, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1964-77; Director, Graduate Theological Union Library, 1977- .

Professional activities: Board of Directors, California Library Authority for Systems and Services, 1981-82; Editor: Union List of United Methodist Serials, 1973-74; member American Theological Library Association (President, 1973-74); ALA; Beta Phi Mu.

JAMES DUNKLY - for Class A Member, Index Board

Educational background: Texas Christian University, B.A., 1963; Oxford University, Dip. Theol., 1964; Brite Divinity School, graduate study, 1964-66; Vanderbilt University, M.A., 1969; Ph. D. (New Testament), 1982.

Professional career: Acquisitions Assistant, Texas Christian University Library, 1964-66; Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 1967-69; Graduate Fellow, Episcopal Theological School, 1969-70; Tutor and Special Assistant in the Library, ETS, 1970-71; Visiting Lecturer in New Testament, Boston University School of Theology, 1971-72; Assistant Editor, New Testament Abstracts, 1971-72; Managing Editor, NTA, 1972-75; Acting Head of Library, Weston School of Theology, 1973-74; Librarian, Nashotah House, 1975-83; Assistant Professor, 1975-78; Associate Professor, 1978-83; Director of Libraries, Episcopal Divinity School/Weston School of Theology, 1983- .

Professional activities: Society of Biblical Literature, 1967- ; Catholic Biblical Association, 1972- ; Chicago Society for Biblical Research, 1975- ; Member of Corporation, Anglican Theological Review, 1977- ; Assistant Editor, New Testament studies, ATR, 1979-84; Editor, 1984- ; American Theological Library Association, 1975- ; ATLA Publication Committee, 1977-83; ATLA Board of Directors, 1980-83; Chicago Area Theological Library Association, 1975-83; Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee, 1975-83.

LUCILLE HAGER - for Class A Member, Index Board

Educational background: Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, B.S. in Ed., 1945; University of Illinois, B.S. in L.S., 1948.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ATLA CANDIDATES - Continued

Professional career: Southeast Missouri State University Library staff, 1945-47, 1948-52; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1952-74: Cataloger, 1952-61; Director of Technical Services, 1962-67; Director of Library, 1967-74; Christ Seminary--Seminex, Director of Library, 1974- .

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, 1953- ; Committee on Cataloging and Classification, 1967-49; Index Board, 1983- ; American Library Association, 1946- ; Missouri Library Association, 1946-52.

SISTER MARY ESTHER HANLEY - for Class A Director, Board of Directors

Educational background: University of Toronto, St. Michael's College, B.A., 1941; Ontario College of Education, high school specialist's certificate (Classics), 1948; University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies, M.A., 1952; Cornell University, Ph.D., 1959; Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science, M.A.L.S., 1974.

Professional career: High school teaching in Loretto private schools, Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario, 1948-52; St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Department of Classics, 1952-56, 1959-73; Catholic Theological Union Library, Chicago, 1974-75; St. Michael's College Library, Cataloguer, 1975- .

Professional activities: Member of Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (religious community), 1944- ; Classical Association of Canada, 1959- ; American Philological Association, 1960- ; American Theological Library Association, 1976- .

EARLE HILGERT - for Class B Member, Preservation Board

Educational background: Walla Walla College, B.A., 1945; Walla Walla College School of Theology, B.Th., 1945; Adventist Theological Seminary, M.A., 1946; B.D., 1954; University of Basel, Dr. Theol., 1962; University of Chicago, Graduate Library School, M.A., 1970.

Professional career: Philippine Union College, Instructor in History, 1947-51; Lodi Academy, Instructor in History, 1951-52; Adventist Theological Seminary, Lecturer in Theology, 1952-53, Instructor in Theology, 1953-55, Assistant Professor of New Testament, 1955-58, Associate Professor of New Testament, 1958-60; Andrews University, Professor of New Testament, 1960-69, Vice-president for Academic Administration, 1966-69; McCormick Theological Seminary, Reference Librarian, 1969-75, Professor of Bibliography, 1972-75, Director of Studies, 1974-76, Professor of Bibliography and Biblical Studies, 1975-82, Professor of New Testament Studies, 1982- ; Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, Coordinator of Collection Development, 1975-80, Acting Director, 1980-81, Acting Coordinator of Reader Services, 1981-82. Visiting Lecturer in New Testament, Pacific Theological College, Fiji, 1975; Professorial Lecturer in New Testament, University of Chicago, 1976-78.

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, Committee on Accreditation Standards, chair, 1973-77, Publication Committee, 1980-82, chair, 1981-82, Board of Microtext, 1982-84; Preservation Board,

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ATLA CANDIDATES - Continued

1984-85; Chicago Area Theological Library Association, chair, 1972-73; Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools, Committee on Collection Development, chair, 1975-78, 1979-80; Society of Biblical Literature; Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas; Chicago Society of Biblical Research, president, 1980-81; World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, member, 1968-72; Andrews University Seminary Studies, associate editor, 1961-69; Studia Philonica: Studies in Hellenistic Judaism, co-editor, 1971-80; The Philo Institute, Director, 1976- ; Beta Phi Mu.

H. EUGENE McLEOD - for Class A Director, Board of Directors

Educational background: Clemson University, B.S., 1951; Iowa State University, M.S., 1957, Ph.D., 1959; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, B.D., 1967; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.S. in L.S., 1972. Continuing education in the Executive Development Program for Library Administrators, Miami University (Ohio), 1979, and in the Princeton Institute for Theological Librarianship, 1983.

Professional career: Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor of Agricultural Engineering, Clemson University, 1953-62; Professor of Agricultural Engineering, Ohio State University, 1962-64; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Librarian and Assistant Professor of Bibliography, 1967-73, Librarian and Associate Professor of Bibliography, 1973-78, Librarian and Professor of Bibliography, 1979- .

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, 1967- , Periodical Exchange Committee, 1970-73, Chair, 1972-73, Representative to American National Standards Committee Z39 on Library and Information Science and Related Publishing Standards, 1977-80, Nominating Committee, 1981-84, Chair 1983-84, Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Management, 1984- ; American Library Association, 1968- ; North Carolina Library Association, 1968- ; Southeastern Library Association, 1972- ; National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, 1970- ; Southern Baptist Historical Society, 1972- .

WILLIAM C. MILLER - for Class A Director, Board of Directors

Educational background: Marion College, B.A., 1968; Kent State University, M.L.S., 1974; Kent State University, Ph.D., 1983; University of Kansas, Post-doctoral study, 1984- ; Additional work: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1968, and Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1980- ; Institute for Theological Librarianship, 1980, 1981, and 1983.

Professional career: Kent State University: Reference staff, 1972-74; Mt. Vernon Nazarene College: Catalog librarian, 1974-76, Acquisition and Catalog librarian, 1976-78; Nazarene Theological Seminary: Librarian and Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography, 1979- .

Professional activities: American Library Association, 1979- ; American Theological Library Association, 1976- , Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Management, 1984- ; Association for the Study of Higher Education, 1979- ; Association of College and Research Libraries, 1979- ; Kansas City

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ATLA CANDIDATES - Continued

Theological Library Association, 1978- , President, 1979-80, 1984- ; Library Administration and Management Association, 1982- ; OCLC Theological Users Group, 1984- , Chair, 1984- ; Resources and Technical Services Division, 1979- ; Wesleyan Theological Society, 1976- .

STEPHEN LEE PETERSON - for Vice-president

Educational background: Bethel College, B.A., 1962; Colgate Rochester Divinity School, B.D., 1965; University of Michigan, A.M., 1967, A.M.L.S., 1968; Vanderbilt University, Ph.D., 1975; Aberdeen University, Aberdeen, Scotland, post-graduate research in African Church History, 1976.

Professional career: Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, Divinity Acquisitions Librarian, 1968-69, Divinity Librarian, 1969-71, Assistant Director for Bibliographic Services, 1971-72; Yale University, Librarian, Divinity School, 1972- ; Acting Librarian and Librarian of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 1978-80; Assistant to the Dean of the Divinity School for Long Range Planning, 1984- .

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, Committee on Standards of Accreditation, 1974-77, 1979-81, Board of Directors, 1979-82; Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Commission on Accrediting, 1982-84, Selection Panel for Staff Development Fellowships, 1976-78, Chairman, 1977-78; International Association of Mission Studies, Standing Committee on Bibliography, Archives, and Documentation, 1980- ; American Society of Missiology, Board of Publications, 1976- ; Committee for Theological Library Development, 1975-78; Director, Project 2000, sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the American Theological Library Association, 1981-84; Joint (ATS and ATLA) Committee on Library Resources, 1984- .

RUSSELL O. POLLARD - for Class A Director, Board of Directors

Educational background: Wabash College, B.A., 1969 (cum laude); Simmons School of Library and Information Science, M.S. in L.S., 1978 (Beta Phi Mu); Episcopal Divinity School, M.Div., 1984; Graduate work: Harvard Divinity School, 1969-72.

Professional career: Boston Theological Institute, Library Development Office: Technical Assistant, 1972-75; Episcopal Divinity School/Weston School of Theology Library: Catalog Assistant, then Catalog Librarian and Head of the Cataloging Dept., 1975-79; Harvard Divinity School: Head of Technical Services, 1979- .

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, Bibliographic Systems Committee, 1981-85, Chair, 1984-85; Harvard University Library Professional Development Committee, 1979-84, Chair, 1982-84; Harvard University Librarians' Assembly Executive Committee, 1982- ; Boston Theological Institute Library Committee, 1978-79; Leader, Boston Theological Institute AACR 2 Training Workshops, 1980; Creator of slide presentation "AACR 2--History, comic, satirical, etc." Harvard University Library Task Forces on the Distributable Union Catalog (bibliographic standards, subject



## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON ATLA CANDIDATES - Continued

control and material designators), 1979-82; Princeton Institutes for Theological Librarianship, 1979 and 1983; American Library Association, 1984- .

DOROTHY GILLIAM THOMASON - for Class A Member, Preservation Board

Educational background: Mars Hill College, A.A., 1960; Wake Forest University, B.A., 1962; International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, 1963; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.S. in L.S., 1965.

Professional career: Assistant Cataloger, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1965-66; Cataloger, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1966-68; Head, Cataloging Dept., Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1968- .

Professional activities: American Theological Library Association, 1965- ; Chair, Committee on Cataloging and Classification, 1969-71; Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 1971-73; Nominating Committee, 1975-77, Chair, 1976-77; Presbyterian/Reformed Library Group, Chair, 1976-77, 1984-85; Class A Member, Board of Microtext, 1982-84; Class A Member, Preservation Board, 1984- ; American Library Association, 1965-69; Virginia Library Association, 1969- .

## COLLECTION EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION NEWS

At this year's Section meeting during the ATLA Conference in June the members of the Collection Evaluation and Development Section will have time set aside to discuss the role of the Section and also those concerns which individual members would like to air. Members are encouraged to be thinking about matters which they would like to see addressed.

Prior to the Conference the Section membership should be receiving an instrument designed to yield at least preliminary information from which a Section directory project can be launched. Depending upon the results of this instrument, the Committee may proceed with such a project prior to the Conference.

The Committee on Collection Evaluation and Development continues to encourage Section members and all members of ATLA to consider possible implications for the Section which arise from Project 2000, the preservation mission of ATLA, and similar wide-ranging concerns. The Committee also calls attention to the slowly growing clearinghouse of collection policy statements and invites more contributions. Material should be sent to the Collection Policy Statement Clearinghouse, c/o Sara M. Mobley, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

James C. Pakala, Chair  
Collection Evaluation and  
Development Committee

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

In 1983 and 1984, attorneys working with the American Theological Library Association stated that ultimate responsibility and liability for all activities undertaken in the name of the Association rests with the Board of Directors. This responsibility includes the work of the program boards and cannot be abrogated. While the law is clear, the Certificate of Incorporation is not specific about the relationship. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association has adopted a resolution proposing an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation. The resolution setting forth the proposal is as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Incorporation of this corporation be amended by changing the Article thereof numbered "IX" so that, as amended said Article shall read as follows:

"Except as herein provided, the property, affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. There shall be a Preservation Board which shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs and property of the Preservation Project and shall be fully accountable to the Board of Directors for all actions and report through the Board of Directors to the Corporation. The Preservation Board shall not have the power or authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending the Certificate of Incorporation, adopting an agreement of merger or consolidation, recommending to the Members the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all the Corporation's property and assets or all or substantially all of the property associated with the Preservation Project, recommending to the Members a dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation of a dissolution, or amending the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Preservation Board shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

"There shall be an Index Board which shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs and property of the Religion Index and other publications of the Board and shall be fully accountable to the Board of Directors for all actions and report through the Board of Directors to the Corporation. The Index Board shall not have the power or authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending the Certificate of Incorporation, adopting an agreement of merger or consolidation, recommending to the Members the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all the Corporation's property and assets or all or substantially all of the property associated with the affairs of the Religion Index and other publications of the Board, recommending to the Members a dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation of a dissolution or amending the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Index Board shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation."

## AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION - Continued

This resolution will be presented to the membership of the American Theological Library Association for action at the annual conference to be held at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, June 24-27, 1985.

Ronald F. Deering  
President, ATLA

## ATLA RECEIVES TWELVE NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

## Full:

- C. Martise Cooper, Circulation Librarian, Ira J. Taylor Library, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80210
- Mr. Charles Russell Jordan, 3827½ North Fremont, 2W, Chicago, Illinois 60613
- J. Daniel Luper, Librarian, Seminario Teologica Batista Equatorial, Caixa Postal, 88, 60 000 Belen, Para, Brazil. (Mr. Luper was incorrectly listed as J. Daniel Lopez in the August 18, 1984 issue of the Newsletter. The Editor apologizes.)
- Ms. Alice Mongold, Periodicals Librarian, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275
- Kristine Rankka, 3305 NW Taylor, Corvallis, Oregon 97330
- Ms. Marlys Rudeen, Head of Technical Services, North Park Theological Seminary, 5125 North Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625
- Ms. Linda Umoh, Catalog Librarian, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275

## Student:

- Mr. Steve Baker, P.O. Box 4541, Lexington, Kentucky 40544
- Mr. Kirk A. Moll, 426 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, New Jersey 07029
- Ms. Wendy Whitfield, 16 Clinton Street, Cornwall, New York 12518

## Institutional:

- The Library, Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia BOP IXO (902), Canada
- The Library, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 478, Findlay, Ohio 45839

## ATLA RELIGION INDEXES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religion Index One: Periodicals, volumes 1-4, 1949-1959 (formerly Index to Religious Periodical Literature, 1949-1959) has been published at \$350.00, plus \$5.00 postage and handling for domestic orders and \$7.00 for foreign orders. This revised, cumulated one-volume edition includes a re-indexing of articles in the first four volumes of IRPL and the indexing of issues of journals incompletely covered in the original volumes, together with an additional 5,000 articles from periodicals published between 1949 and 1959, for a total of 100 periodical titles.

The Religion Indexes have issued their latest special bibliography, Missions and Evangelism. This revised edition combines two previously and separately published special bibliographies on missions and evangelism. It lists over 6,570 articles and books, indexed under more than 18,900 subject entries; 5,541 author entries; 899 book review citations; 951 abstracts; 312 tables of contents for multi-author books and journals; and 43 Doctor of Ministry abstracts. Titles by language include 4,192 English, 865 German, 182 French, 143 Spanish, and 149 in the Scandinavian languages. The price is \$67.50 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

Other bibliographies scheduled for publication in the Winter or Spring of 1985 include:

Peace, Disarmament, and War, revised edition, March 15, 1985, estimated price \$37.00

Luther and Lutheranism, revised edition, Spring 1985, estimated price \$55.00

Seminaries and Theological Education, 3rd revised edition, Spring 1985, estimated price \$25.00.

The Religion Indexes "Special Inventory Reduction Sale" is in effect through April 15, 1985. Volumes 5 through 15 of RIO are available at a 15% discount per volume; and both annuals and retros of RIT may be had at a 25% discount per volume. Orders and inquiries should be directed to: ATLA Religion Indexes, 5600 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637. The telephone is 312-947-9417.

## NEXT FIVE ATLA ANNUAL CONFERENCES SET

The locations and dates of the next five Annual Conferences of the American Theological Library Association have now been set by the Board of Directors. They are:

- 1985 Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, June 23-28
- 1986 Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri, June 15-20. Hosts: the theological seminaries of the Greater Kansas City Area
- 1987 Dominican College, San Rafael, California, June 14-19. Hosts: the theological seminaries of the San Francisco Bay Area
- 1988 Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, June 19-24
- 1989 Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, June 18-23

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publication Committee met in January on the campus of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, the site of this summer's ATLA meeting. We would like to share the following developments with the ATLA members.

First of all, in its grant program for this year, the Committee has awarded \$600 to Lawrence N. Crumb, of the University of Oregon Library, for a project entitled "The Oxford Movement and Its Leaders: A Bibliography of Secondary Sources, 1833-1983," and \$400 to Dana K. Greene, Professor of History, St. Mary's College of Maryland, for her project, "A Bibliography of Works by and about Evelyn Underhill." There were a good number of proposal applications this year, most of them of very high quality. We are pleased to report that the last two years have seen a rise in both the number and the caliber of proposals for our program.

Kenneth Rowe had the following progress to report on the two ATLA series published by Scarecrow Press under his editorship. In the ATLA Monograph Series, No. 21, Robert Booth Fowler's Religion and Politics in the United States, and Page Putnam Miller's A Claim to New Roles: Presbyterian Women in the Ante-Bellum Period are in production. In the ATLA Bibliography Series, there is more activity than ever before. Three titles have recently been published: No. 10, A Bibliography of the Samaritans, by Alan D. Crown; No. 11, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church: An Annotated Bibliography, by Jon Bonk; and No. 12, International Meditation Bibliography 1950-1982, by Howard R. Farrell. Five more are in production: No. 13, Rabindranath Tagore: A Bibliography, by Kathy Henn; No. 14, Research in Ritual Studies, by Ronald L. Grimes; No. 15, American Protestant Theological Education: A Bibliography, by Heather F. Day; No. 16, The Idea of the Unconscious: An Interdisciplinary Bibliography, by Natalino Caputi; and No. 17, The New Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha: A Guide to Major Publications, by James H. Charlesworth.

Betty A. O'Brien, Editor of the Proceedings, reports that the Proceedings of the ATLA conference at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, will be ready for distribution at this summer's meeting at Drew.

As Editor of the proposed new American Theological Library Association Basic Bibliography Series, Betty reported the submission of the first completed manuscript recruited for the series, Pastoral Theology, by Brian Childs, of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Seward Hiltner, late of Princeton. Most of the work on the project was completed before Professor Hiltner's death last summer. It appears to be an excellent first entry for the new series. We are grateful to James Irvine, of Princeton Seminary Library, for coordinating the project with the Committee. Our next step, now that we have a manuscript, will be to explore several specific publishing and marketing alternatives.

In planning for our own part in the upcoming activities at Drew this summer, our Committee has decided to attempt something new. We are always interested in knowing about any publishing that may have been done by fellow ATLA members. And we have found that the membership-at-large often shares that interest. So we would like to sponsor a display of books and/or articles published by ATLA members. If you have published a book, we would be very happy to receive a copy to put on display next June. If you

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have published an article, send us a copy of the title page of the article. If you have contributed a part of a published book, such as an index or bibliography, we are interested in this kind of item for our display also. Book jackets and photos of our ATLA authors might, indeed, spice up the display - and we would be happy to receive those too. We have decided, however, to exclude in-house bibliographies from the exhibit. All items should be sent to Betty A. O'Brien, Drew University Library, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey 07940. After the meeting, we will return whatever you sent, except the photocopied title pages of articles. A return address label would assist us in that regard. We are inviting contributions to our exhibit from all ATLA members, whether they will be at the Drew conference or not. We have no idea of the kind of response we will be getting. If the response is heavy, we may need to be selective. At the moment, however, we do not foresee that. So we are eager for your participation in this project. We cannot do this exhibit without it.

James T. Deffenbaugh, Chair  
Publication Committee

## THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY CONSULTATION HELD IN AUSTRALIA

The 1984 Library Consultation of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools was held at the Baptist Theological College, Eastwood, N.S.W., on August 26, with 25 people in attendance.

The main topic of discussion was union catalogues, with Margaret Baggott of the National Library putting the case for theological libraries to become involved in the Australian Bibliographic Network. Local libraries shared their experiences of the College Libraries Activities Network in New South Wales.

The matter of standards for theological libraries was advanced to the stage of a preliminary draft and the A.N.Z.A.T.S. gave its formal endorsement to the formulation of a set of standards. A.N.Z.A.T.S. also undertook, on the recommendation of the consultation, to investigate the formation of an Australian and New Zealand theological library association.

The next consultation will be held at Luther Seminary, North Adelaide, South Australia, August 26-27, 1985. The length of the conference will be expanded to two days to include a full day of workshop sessions.

Trevor Zweck, Librarian  
Luther Seminary

## REPORT FROM ATLA LIAISON TO CC:DA

The ALA/RTSD Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) met in Washington, D.C., January 5-6, 1985, with Joyce L. Farris representing ATLA.

Minutes available. The Minutes of the September 1983 meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) in Ottawa in 1983 (32 pages) and in Strathclyde in 1984 (33 pages) were distributed. The Minutes of the CC:DA meeting in Dallas in June 1984 were distributed (12 pages).

ISBD Review Committee. Revised drafts are still to be presented to the Chair of the ISBD Review Committee. It is hoped the revised ISBD's will be published in 1986. LC is working with the Committee on two ISBD(S) provisions: 1) simplifying the series areas and adding an explanatory reference back to area 1; and 2) use of the term "subseries" to indicate two different modes of title transcription. LC wants to use definitions to allow the concept of subseries for all those entered independently. The Review Committee has begun working on an ISBD for machine readable data files.

ALA Publishing Services. Gary Facente reported that sales of AACR2 have been a "smashing success": 21,600 hard copies, 46,300 paperbacks, 5,500 looseleaf, 11,400 concise AACR2; 15,000 of the first revision, and 11,000 of the second revision. A Mandarin Chinese edition is being prepared. The publishers of AACR2 have agreed to investigate publishing alternatives (formats) for a proposed new printing of AACR2 which would incorporate all the changes, substantive, editorial and typographical, to date. Mr. Facente said they are considering resetting the consolidated edition in a machine readable format, i.e., codes set to drive a typesetting machine. It is expected that this would be a looseleaf edition, facilitating making revisions as replacement pages. There is general agreement in JSC that compact discs, microcomputer software, videodiscs, etc. should receive more attention in the consolidated edition.

Chapter 1. CC:DA felt dissatisfaction about the proposal to remove the option to record the playing time if not stated on the item. CC:DA was also concerned that 1.5B conflicts with revisions in 6.5B and 7.5B. Ben Tucker will convey these responses to Michael Gorman and will draft specific suggestions dealing with implications for chapters 6 and 7. The JSC has approved a new rule, 1.5D2, providing for description of the container for items which are issued in a container.

Michael Gorman has drafted numerous revisions consequent upon the revision of 1.7A4, occurring chiefly in chapters 11 and 12. He has also prepared a revision of 25.31, arrangements of popular music, and of 8.5 pertaining to physical description of nonbook materials, along with a variety of other revisions (15 pages). The basic new sub-rule to be added at 1.4C8 is, "Do not record a place of publication, distribution, etc., for unpublished items (manuscripts, art originals, naturally occurring objects that have not been packaged for commercial distribution, unedited or unpublished film or video materials, stock shots, nonprocessed sound recordings, etc). Do not record a place of publication, distribution, etc., for unpublished collections (including those containing published items but not published as collections." Other rules in 1.4, 3.4, 5.4,

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6.4, 7.4, 8.4, and 11.4 were modified accordingly. CC:DA objects to the exclusion of the use of s.l., s.n.; this objection will be conveyed to JSC.

Chapter 6. At 6.7B7 a new paragraph is to be added: "For nonprocessed sound recordings, give the available details of the event." A footnote at 6.4C2 will define nonprocessed sound recordings as noncommercial instantaneous recordings, generally existing only as unique copies.

JSC has accepted the Canadian proposal that 6.5B2 be changed to allow duration of more than one hour to be expressed in hours and minutes.

CC:DA approved a change at 6.5C1 to "type of recording (discs, tapes, and sound track films)" and the insertion as a first paragraph at 6.5C2: "Give for a disc or tape the type of recording ... (e.g., analog or digital)," with examples. It was agreed that "analog" and "digital" should be added to the Glossary. A proposal for definitions will be prepared by Ben Tucker. At 6.5C3, CC:DA recommends adding metres per second (m. per sec.) to describe the playing speed of a digital disc. Additional examples are proposed throughout chapter 6, and in other chapters as needed to conform to the revised rules.

Chapter 7. LC is aware that examples for videodiscs are misleading and that videodiscs need some special considerations. A proposal is being prepared, dealing mostly with changing examples.

Chapter 8. JSC has approved the revision of 8.5B2: "Add to the designation for a filmstrip or filmstrip the number of frames or double frames; add to the designation for a stereograph the number of pairs of frames."

Chapter 9. It was announced that an errata list for Guidelines for Using AACR2 Chapter 9 for Cataloging Microcomputer Software has been printed. It has been recommended that the list be included in unsold copies and that it be advertised in the RTSD Newsletter.

Approval was given by CC:DA to establishing a Task Force to gather and review documentation on problems with machine readable data files. The CC:DA wants to look at what has been developed and to create a methodology for computer software cataloging before taking a position on the British guidelines which have been published recently.

Chapter 12. There was discussion of seeming conflict between CONSER/ISDS guidelines and AACR2, 2nd ed., with respect to the need to create a new cataloging record for serials which during the course of their publication have either added or omitted the grammatical link between the title and the issuing body. CC:DA agreed that the problem lies primarily in varying current cataloging practices rather than in the rules. It was voted that the question would be referred to the Committee on Serials Cataloging, recommending strict adherence to the AACR2 rules.

Chapter 22. CC:DA approved again the proposal from LC to substitute the following text for the second sentence of the alternative rule in footnote 4, 22.3C2: "For a person who uses Hebrew or Yiddish and whose name is not found well established in English-language reference sources, choose the romanized form appearing in his or her works." Ben Tucker will work on guidelines to help with names "that are perniciously inconsistent in published works."



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JSC has approved adding a new subrule 22.26C3 to the rules governing entry under the first element of an Indonesian personal name: "Names containing an initial or abbreviation as the last element."

Chapter 25. JSC has asked ALA to prepare a rule revision proposal to 25.27B (Works with titles consisting solely of the name of one type of composition), including the name of the rule, the text of the rule, and the footnote to the rule, to cover frequently encountered liturgical compositions as well as type of composition. CC:DA endorsed a revision of 25.27B, footnote 9, in which the major change in language is "The name of a type of composition ... is considered to be the name of a form, the name of a genre, or a generic term frequently used ..." It was considered critical that the footnote be moved into the text, perhaps as the first paragraph of 25.27B (2 pages).

Paul Winkler has revised rule 25.32, taking into consideration recommendations of MLA and the Canadian Association of Music Libraries. He has added a second paragraph dealing with the problem of conflict of uniform titles (5 pages).

CC:DA endorsed the submission to JSC of the reorganization of the music cataloging rules, as presented by the Task Force for Review of MLA's Proposed Reorganization of Rules for Music Uniform Titles. The proposed new general rule gives a brief outline of the process for selection of uniform titles; another proposed rule discusses the "initial title element." In addition to the rearrangement of the rules, some recommendations were made for changing rule headings to make them more specific, and for rewording individual rules to provide transitions not present in the current text (22 pages).

Glossary. CC:DA agreed to add to the definition of a publisher's number that it may include initials, abbreviations, or words identifying the publisher.

Anyone who would like to have copies of the documents indicated by pagination may obtain them at cost (.05 per page, prepaid) by requesting them from Joyce Farris, 921 N. Buchanan Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

## CONCORDIA SEMINARY TO PUBLISH REFERENCE WORK

The Concordia Seminary Library in St. Louis is preparing to publish a short book entitled How to Find Information in the Library : Reference Guides for Theological Students, by John A. Delivuk and edited by Mark Wangerin. This collection of reference guides tells how to use various periodical indexes and how to find certain kinds of information in the library. The library will be glad to send more information regarding this volume to interested persons after its publication. Those desiring further details are invited to write to: John A. Delivuk, Concordia Seminary Library, 801 De Mun Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

## NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Teresa Lynn Dause resigned her position as Assistant to the Librarian in the Divinity School Library of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, effective February 8. Ms. Dause will be married on March 9 and will move her residence to Texarkana, Texas.

James W. Dunkly, Director of Libraries for the Episcopal Divinity School and Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been named Editor of the Anglican Theological Review, succeeding David E. Green, Librarian of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. The Review, a quarterly, has served as the unofficial organ of the seminaries and colleges of the Episcopal Church for more than half a century.

Elizabeth (Libby) and Richard Flynn are the parents of a second son, Thomas Wilson, who was born on August 17, 1984. Mrs. Flynn was until recently Reference Librarian at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Deborah B. Griffith accepted the position of Assistant to the Librarian in the Divinity School Library of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, effective February 11. Her principal duties will be in the areas of periodicals and catalog maintenance. Ms. Griffith holds the B.A. degree in history from the University of Wisconsin in Madison; the M.A.T.S. degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts; and the M.A. degree in education from American University in Washington, D.C.

Paul Dean Johnson has accepted the position of Automation Librarian of the Minnesota Consortium of Theological Schools. He holds the M.Div. degree from Luther Theological Seminary and the M.A. degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and expects to receive shortly the M.Th. degree from the Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul. Mr. Johnson's chief responsibilities will be to oversee the quality control of the Consortium COM catalog and to provide reference service in the Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary Library.

Richard L. Lindberg was awarded the M.S.L.S. degree by Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania, in May 1984. He is currently serving as a reference librarian in the Chester County Library and District Center in Exton, Pennsylvania, and continues to serve as an abstractor for Religious and Theological Abstracts.

Ruth Missfeldt has resigned her position as Public Services Librarian of the Krauth Memorial Library at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in order to accept a library position with the McNeil Drug

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Company in Ambler, Pennsylvania. She had held her post at the Krauth Library for three and a half years.

Viola Day Mullin and Robert Bruce Mullin are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who was born on January 1, 1985. Mrs. Mullin is the Head of Technical Services at the Yale Divinity School Library in New Haven, Connecticut.

Lois Reibach has accepted the position of Cataloger at the Krauth Memorial Library of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Mrs. Reibach holds the M.L.S. degree from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Prior to moving to the Philadelphia area, she held cataloging positions at Texas A & M University and at the Legislative Reference Library in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Stephen L. Robbins was awarded the Master of Library and Information Studies degree in December by the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. Mr. Robbins expects to pursue a career in cataloging.

Lillian Scoggins, Assistant Librarian of the Krauth Memorial Library at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, is serving as Acting Librarian for the first six months of 1985 while David J. Wartluft, the Library Director, is on leave.

David J. Wartluft, Director of the Krauth Memorial Library of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, is on a six-month sabbatical leave from his post until the end of June. Mr. Wartluft is enrolled in computer programming courses at Spring Garden College in Philadelphia, is preparing a bibliography of American Lutheran serials, and is indexing several books for Fortress Press.

Glenn R. Wittig, Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by the School of Library Science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His dissertation is entitled: "Bibliographical Control in Selected Abstracting and Indexing Services for Religion: A Comparative Analysis." During the summer of 1984, Dr. Wittig was a Visiting Professor at the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University in Bloomington.

## ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE ATLA READER SERVICES SECTION

by Norman E. Anderson

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(The following is based on a letter, dated May 11, 1983, to Norman Desmarais, then chair of the ATLA Reader Services Committee. Copies of the letter were made available at the 1983 conference of the ATLA. The Subcommittee on the Philosophy and Goals of the Reader Services Section was formed at the 1983 conference to begin the ground-breaking work suggested in the letter. Members of the subcommittee are Norman Anderson of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Jill Gremmels of Wartburg Theological Seminary; Seth Kasten of Union Theological Seminary (New York); and John Dickason of Fuller Theological Seminary, who is sitting in as the new chair of the Reader Services Committee. At its first meeting on June 19, 1984, the subcommittee decided to proceed with its purposes initially by way of published dialog. The following essay is designed to initiate that dialog, but more by raising issues than by positing answers. Further discussion in the ATLA Newsletter by members of the subcommittee is anticipated. Response in the form of correspondence addressed to Mr. Anderson and discussion at future section meetings is invited.)

The time is due for a consideration of the philosophy and goals of the Reader Services Section (RSS) of the ATLA. The section is newly formed. It needs some measure of self definition. It needs a basis for making decisions about what projects to undertake. And it needs to think seriously about its own future role and the roles of its members - in the ATLA, in the world of librarianship, and in the several worlds of theological education and scholarship. In order to map the direction of the RSS, it is vital that a vision be developed of what reader services could be in theological institutions and what the RSS could do both to enhance and supplement it.

Reader services is a key element in the total spectrum of library service. By easing access to information via reference service and the creation of resource guides, by interpreting systems and information, and by giving instruction in bibliography and research - among the many activities conducted by reader services librarians - it makes possible a much greater fulfillment of the purposes of the library than could otherwise be achieved.

But the importance of reader services lies not just in the promotion of other services offered by the library. It participates or can participate at least equally with all other library services in providing access to information and advancing learning. And in this modern age it is assuming a preeminent role in librarianship, in this respect: by being a doorway to the whole universe of knowledge.

The primary constituencies of reader services personnel in theological libraries are students, theologians, pastors, other librarians, and school administrators. Information plays a key role in the work of each of these groups, and librarians in reader services are information facilitators. This

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means that the quality of education of theological students, the world of ideas, and ministry to churches will all be vitally affected by the extent and quality of reader services.

The information needs of reader services clientele are far from being totally met by library services available today. The unmet needs are not to be measured simply by the occasional failure to provide satisfaction in answering reference questions. Every reader services librarian has stories of other unmet needs: of people put off by libraries or afraid to confront librarians with questions; of people unaware of the types of services available, even when those services are vital to them; of people afraid to divulge certain questions on their minds fearing a breach of privacy; of questions that could not be adequately answered because the tools were inadequate or non-existent; of important reference questions that surfaced in the course of conversation with friends or in chance encounters outside the library that would otherwise have gone unasked; of scholars who fail to show their bibliographies and reference works in progress to librarians and thereby allow many errors and obvious oversights to pass; of publishers who will put out yet another Bible dictionary when reader services clientele have been despairing for want of modern, thorough, and authoritative dictionaries of contemporary theologians, of third world Christian leaders, of key missionaries, and of the history of, for example, Presbyterianism. Compared to the need, reader services in theological institutions is yet in its infancy.

As administrators try to peer into the future of books, computers, and library space, they are beginning to realize that information technology is cumulative, not successive. As layers of information technology accumulate, and as the information explosion continues to mushroom, the need for reader services will correspondingly increase. Computerization of information resources and greater public access to those resources, rather than eliminating the need for libraries and librarians, is much more likely to bring about a shift in the relative importance of different library services, the shift moving more and more to reader services. However sophisticated information technology becomes, there will always be need for human go-betweens; and with technological change, there will be new opportunities for libraries to fulfill their mission in the world, opportunities in large part to be claimed by reader services.

Libraries do not live by books and buildings alone. What is true in this statement now will be increasingly so in the future. The ideal of reader services, its proper valuation, and its balance in relation to other library services given budgets that make achievement of ideals an impossible dream, are issues that need to be addressed as strategies are formulated for realizing any vision of reader services. Balance within the ATLA will be determined chiefly by the extent to which the RSS claims and fulfills its role. Balance within member institutions is a tougher issue, for funds tend to gravitate to concrete things, like buildings and special interest projects, and not to internal operations or that abstract quality called service. The issue of balance should be treated more systematically. One possible approach is to determine balance by the relative configurations of the

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ideals of administration, collection development, technical services, reader services, and other library departments.

Proper valuation of reader services is an issue partly because two kinds of thinking prevail in some institutions. One is that physical necessities are more important than intangible ones, and that therefore reader services with its usually intangible product is less important than such things as collection development and technical services with their concrete products. The trouble with this thinking is that the concrete universes that exist within libraries are limited, while the universe of reader services is unlimited, for it is the universe of all knowledge. Furthermore, reader services is what gives the work of other departments a large measure of its value. The other kind of thinking is this: that by the time students reach the graduate level, they should be able to dispense with reader services. To say nothing of the actual condition of those students, the fact is that the higher the level of student, scholar, or librarian and the more aware they are of how to use reader services, the keener will be the assistance reader services personnel are able to give. When there is proper appreciation of theological reader services, theological research and study and the training of both future and present clergy will more easily and confidently flourish.

The ideal of theological reader services should be grounded in a profound understanding of its role and the nature of the work. And to this understanding, the work of the RSS should be tied. In this context there are many questions seeking answers:

What forces have given rise to reader services in theological libraries and what forces are giving rise to changes in the field? What justifies creative change, and why?

Given the diversity of job descriptions that more or less fall within the concept of reader services, how do we give substantive meaning to that concept?

How do theological reader services librarians relate to the study of theology as a whole? And to the work and maturation of the church?

What is the proper status of the reader services librarian in relation to other librarians, other members of the library staff, professors, administrators, and students?

Are there people who are not appropriate clientele for theological reader services librarians?

To what extent should theological reader services librarians, or for that matter the ATLA Reader Services Section, be concerned with matters beyond their own special interests in the world of librarianship? And what sorts of contributions to librarianship are most appropriate for theological reader services librarians to make?

Are there principles of conduct that theological reader services librarians should observe that would not apply to other reader services librarians? And the reverse.

What role should creativity play in theological reader services?

If the RSS undertakes any projects without answers to at least some of these questions, it will be operating in a fog, lurching from project to

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project with minimal if any justification. It is for this reason that a deliberate and planned dialog of such questions is being initiated now, early in the life of the RSS. It is through such a dialog that a vision of everything theological reader services can become will emerge.

I have some vision of what theological reader services can be. I envision a future when in every theological institution reader services will be at the center of education outside the classroom, when it will play an important role inside the classroom, when it will be an early stop for every scholar and publisher working in the field of theology, and when clergy will readily look to reader services to help with information access and to assist in continuing education. I can even imagine a day when some schools will break the bounds of current theological education and begin to build their programs around colleges of theological reader services librarians.

My hope for the RSS is that it will develop a support network for its members, that it will be one of several channels of creativity for its members, and that it will exert great influence in its areas of concern. In this context I can see many possible projects for the section. For instance:

1. The publication of circulars. Intended audience: Publishers of theological materials and potential authors. Purpose: To publicize the need for certain reference materials.

2. The publication of reference collection development policies in whole or in part of representative theological libraries (small, medium, large, English, French, German, Spanish, etc.) which have done work in reference collection development, together with lists of reference materials those libraries have or would like to have. Purposes: To facilitate the construction of reference collection development policies in other theological libraries and to suggest titles for reference collections in theological libraries.

3. The building of a network of computer bulletin board systems run by theological reader services departments. Purposes: To open another avenue of access to reader services; to develop an efficient clearinghouse for resource guides and written answers to reference questions by reader services personnel - in effect a computer library of reader services documents; to develop a large dynamic body of public domain bibliography for others to build upon; and to allow reader services to reach more directly into churches and study rooms following the trends of continuing education and theological education by extension.

We have discussed the place of reader services in relation to other library services and existing needs; the likely effects of technological developments upon reader services in the future; and the issues of balance and valuation. We have raised some of the questions involved in the investigation of the ideal of reader services. And we have advanced a general vision of what reader services could be, together with some suggestions for future projects. It is now time to proceed with the dialog and in this way to begin laying the foundations for the future of theological reader services and the Reader Services Section of the ATLA.

## POSITIONS OPEN

The Billy Graham Center Library at Wheaton College (Illinois) invites applications for the position of Collection Development Librarian. This librarian is responsible for selection of all formats of materials in the subject areas of world missions, evangelistic work, American church history, and theology and coordinates activities with those of the Center's Archives and the main Wheaton College library. Some reference work and supervision of staff is expected. Required: MLS, with degree or background in one subject area of the library's collection. Preferred: a second Master's degree, a working knowledge of European languages, an understanding of theological research techniques, and familiarity with domestic and overseas book markets. Minimum salary: \$17,500. Position is open as of February 15. Review of applications will begin April 15, 1985.

Applicants should send a letter of interest, resume, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Mr. Trygve Larsen, Director of Personnel, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Wheaton College complies with federal and state requirements for nondiscrimination in employment.

The Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, solicits applications for the position of Director of the Ira J. Taylor Library. Iliff provides three degree programs: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Religion, and the Doctor of Philosophy which is offered jointly with the University of Denver. The position emphasizes collection development, and administration of the Library's technical and public services. Iliff, a seminary of the United Methodist Church, has an ecumenical faculty, student body, and constituency.

Applicants should have advanced degrees in library science and theological or religious studies, proven administrative skills, and at least three years of library experience. Salary and faculty rank are negotiable. Applications from women and men of all ethnic and racial backgrounds are encouraged. Applications should be submitted as quickly as possible to Dr. Larry K. Graham, Library Search Committee, The Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80210. Applications will not be received after 29 March 1985.

Cataloguing Librarian, Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library in Chicago. To perform a variety of professional assignments in bibliographic and authority record keeping in a large academic library in theology which uses the OCLC system. Some reference service may be expected. Some supervision of students may be assigned. Qualifications: ALA-accredited degree or equivalent experience; knowledge of automated library systems; academic background in religion/theology and foreign language skills desirable. Working knowledge of AACR 2; LC-RI's; OCLC-MARC formats, especially serials and monographs; LC classification; LCSH and other standards expected. Pension and medical benefits. Salary dependent upon qualifications and experience, minimum \$15,000. Available July 1, 1985. Send letter of application and resume



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and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to: Donald M. Vorp, Director, Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615. Deadline for receipt of all materials is April 30, 1985. An equal opportunity institution.

Cataloger, The Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Responsible for the cataloging and processing of materials in all formats, with special emphasis on monographs. Serves as deputy for Head of Bibliographic Control and assists in administration of unit. Trains and supervises terminal operators, filers, processing assistants, et al. Shares responsibility for the maintenance of the public in-process file, COM-fiche catalog, historic card catalogs, and public and non-public shelf lists. Serves as a resource person for other staff and library users in interpreting bibliographic data.

Requirements: Master's degree in librarianship. A second master's degree in theology or a related discipline is normally required. Good working knowledge of one Germanic (preferably German) and one Romance (preferably French or Spanish) language and at least a bibliographic knowledge of the other principal theological languages. Familiarity with theological bibliography and literature and a broad knowledge of the humanities. Minimum of three years of experience in an academic library, with demonstrated skill in the use of AACR 2, LC classification schedules and subject headings, OCLC and/or RLIN, and microcomputer applications. Good writing and speaking skills. Must have a strong commitment to bibliographic control and an active interest in exploring the new dimensions of technical/automated bibliographic services.

Rank: Librarian I or II. Salary: \$19,000-\$23,000, depending upon qualifications. Liberal benefits, including 5 weeks of vacation. Apply, with letter, resume, and references, to: Director of the Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway at Reinhold Niebuhr Place, New York, New York 10027. Union Theological Seminary is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Enclosed in this issue of the Newsletter is a brochure from Eastern Airlines which will provide ATLA conference attendees the lowest available and applicable promotional air fare, providing that travel restrictions are met. By calling 1-800-327-1295 outside Florida and using the EZ6P61 identification number, ATLA members will be extended a minimum discount of 30% off normal coach air fare into John F. Kennedy, La Guardia, or Newark airports. This offer has been made by Eastern Airlines and was unsolicited.

Albert E. Hurd  
Executive Secretary, ATLA