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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to staff of ATLA and the Vanderbilt Library on their visible success in erecting the foundation "home page" on ATLA's Website (<http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>). We are also indebted on the same front to the ATLA Advisory Committee on Technology, appointed by the Executive Director two years ago to bring their considerable expertise to bear on the development of ATLA's Internet presence and of other strategies for effectively utilizing new technologies to advance the Association's programs.

The continuing discussion at this month's meeting of the Advisory Committee promises exciting developments on the ATLA Web site—from enhanced linkages with member institutions in the near future, to provision of timely access to current records in the ATLA Religion Database further down the road. Meanwhile, spruce up your own home page to welcome an ATLA pointer, and bring your ideas for ongoing construction and renovation of the site to the 1996 Denver conference.

And more on conferences. . . When I first attended an ATLA conference in 1982 in Toronto, I was deeply skeptical—skeptical of the merits of any conference to some extent (a skepticism I retain), but especially of one whose conferees chose to

stay in campus residences rather than hotels, consume institutional food for nearly a week, and suffer a program that included several hours of business meetings.

While I have yet to develop a taste for these particular proclivities in themselves, thirteen years of ATLA conferences have not failed to reveal their peculiar virtues. For those of us who do not easily "schmooze," the problem with ordinary academic or professional conferences is the inevitability of being left to our own company much of the time; or, if we have come en bloc from a school or city, we may spend our time comfortably with familiar friends from home. Yet the particular joy and value of conferences lie in the opportunities they afford to learn from distant colleagues, to forge productive new alliances, to renew perennial friendships, and thereby to broaden our vision, deepen our confidence, and strengthen our skills for working successfully in today's diverse and challenging professional environment.

While the pleasures of nice hotels and restaurants are not inconsiderable, these surely pale beside the uncommon (for the middle-aged of us, at least) experience of casually sharing meals and bathrooms with colleagues from afar, whether new or known. Perhaps it is this forced communal life that galvanizes the spirit of energetic and focused collegiality that, in my experience, is a part of ATLA's special character and strength.


The campus settings for ATLA conferences do not come without their own hidden costs. While hotels and conference centers are equipped to manage meetings such as ours, our institutions are usually not efficiently staffed and organized for such events, however enthusiastically they may welcome them. The result is an enormous added workload for local hosts and, increasingly in recent years, for ATLA staff, especially the Director of Member Services. Though not borne directly by attendees, these costs cannot be ignored by ATLA in its planning.

In the end, of course, the main issue is whether the lower costs associated with campus sites allow significantly more of our members to attend ATLA conferences than otherwise could. Last year's meeting in Nashville was the biggest ever, probably due to economies derived from both the central location and the reasonable housing and meal costs offered by Vanderbilt, where the quality of campus accommodation was notably high. The Nashville conference stands as a fine example of the best of its kind. Next summer we will meet at a hotel in Denver, which promises to be a fine example of the alternative approach. Plans for future meetings have presented the ATLA staff and Board of Directors with a dilemma that we are now asking you to help us address.

This is a matter for the Board to consider because it clearly reflects the values of the Association: What premium do we place on facilitating attendance at the conference and continuing-education events for as many of our members as possible, not just directors of libraries or those from larger or more affluent institutions? To what extent should ATLA staff who are funded from product revenues be deployed as, in effect, a conference subsidy? Are we exaggerating the potential impact of higher hotel costs on the conference—and perhaps eventually on membership size—of ATLA? Do our members in fact prefer reasonable hotel accommodation to the “hardships” of dormitories? What is “reasonable?” Should the conference be short-

ened to reduce costs? How important is the variation in sites? The opportunity to visit local seminaries? Should the conference instead be held in the same place every year (or perhaps alternate between two good places), in an effort to increase efficiency and capitalize on the strengths of the “best” sites?

Please complete the questionnaire enclosed in this *Newsletter* and return it to our Director of Member Services. I believe this issue is more than a simple economic question—i.e., what can you afford? Therefore, it would also be useful for you to indicate what aspects of different types of accommodation you find most important, agreeable, or objectionable. Should we try to capture in the hotel setting key aspects of dormitory accommodation—the communal meals, perhaps?

On a final note, I would never try to conjure nostalgia for the extended business meetings featured at ATLA conferences of old. However, the advice and opinions of members are no less essential now to the sound governance and management of the Association. In pursuit of your views, for example, the Board attempts to be represented at all conference sessions and otherwise to engage members formally and informally in discussion ranging as widely as possible over issues relevant to our professional future and the Association's mission and programs. It is only in clearly understanding the needs, values, and aspirations of the membership that the Board can hope to govern effectively. 

*Linda Corman*  
*ATLA President*

**\* \* ATLA INSTITUTE UPDATE \* \* \***

There is still space available for the 1996 ATLA Institute. The Institute will be held at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Chicago on 14–18 January 1996. Call ATLA at (708) 869-7788 to make a reservation. Institutional representatives are welcome to attend the Institute. This is an unique continuing education event combining presentations by key people in theological

education and small group discussions about case studies and readings.

For those who have registered, the following should help you make travel plans:


**Sunday, 14 January 1996**

4:00 p.m. Check-in at the Cenacle  
6:00 p.m. Dinner at Cenacle  
7:30 p.m. Opening plenary  
8:30 p.m. Reception

**N.B.** The Cenacle closes at 9:00 p.m. every evening. If you must check-in after this time, please indicate this on your registration form so someone can be there to meet you.

**Thursday, 18 January 1996**

11:30 a.m. Program concludes  
1:00 p.m. Check-out

Confirmation packets will be mailed in December that will contain more pertinent information regarding ground transportation, Cenacle information (housing and meals), and area attractions. 

**REPORT FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**ATLA's 50th Year**

The 1995–1996 association year is focused on a number of objectives. We will complete the year with a celebration of our 50th Anniversary at the June 1996 conference; this will include a plenary session with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, a celebration of our history through special member recognitions, and the issuing of a Festschrift containing contributed papers from members and others and produced under the editorial direction of Pat Graham (Emory University), Valerie Hotchkiss (SMU) and Ken Rowe (Drew University). New electronic reference sources will be introduced and member services will be expanded through our Internet connectivity at Vanderbilt. The current CD-ROM search interface will be upgraded to include a Windows version (Spring 1996);

we will also introduce three new CD-ROMs containing bibliographic data produced by our partners that complement ATLA's database in the field of religion. We will continue our preservation efforts by completing the serials preservation program and our expectation for a renewed monograph preservation program with a pending NEH grant. You also need to know that our newest reference resource—*Ethics Index*—is facing an uphill battle in the marketplace. Subscriptions have not met our target goals and we are now at a critical point in the next two months of assessing its future. Meeting all of these objectives will continue to challenge your board of directors and headquarters staff. Throughout the year we will be focusing on—as a 50 years young association—the past and present, culminating in June with a conference that will give an opportunity to recognize the many contribution of our membership. With many changes occurring between now and June we will be required to set our sights on many new opportunities and challenges for the future.

I invite all of you to help in the various efforts and initiatives, highlighted throughout this issue of the *Newsletter*, for enriching the annual conference program. If you have an idea or a contribution that does not appear here, please contact Melody Chartier, Director of Member Services.

**ATLA on the Internet**

ATLA is continuing its discussions with Vanderbilt with respect to the goals and timetable outlined in the "Report of the ATLA Advisory Committee on Technology and the ATLA Internet Planning Committee" (May 1995). At the 3–4 November meeting of this Committee, the schedule was reviewed and reaffirmed, although the members recognized that the goal of implementing the ATLA Database on the Vanderbilt server for use by June 1996 will most likely be delayed. This is due in part to the Vanderbilt Library switching over to the Sirsi system to support all its library operations from cata-

logging to Internet connectivity. While Vanderbilt is in the process of doing this major change over, which would enable the mounting of the ATLA database, we will continue to expand member services information and implement document delivery service order forms in January and February; the expansion of member services would enable members to register for the June conference through the Home Page. I want to thank Dennis Norlin (ATLA), Bill Hook and Anne Womack for all the work they have done on the ATLA Home Page and mounting the first draft of the ATS Accrediting Standards. They will continue in the next several months to update and expand the coverage of information on the ATLA Home Page.

Stephen Peterson (Trinity College, Hartford) has offered us an opportunity to test the functionality of the ATLA database under a Sirsi web browser, which will fulfill the Committee's timetable (January–April) for beta testing of the database on the Internet by the Spring of 1996.

A small committee made up of ATLA and Vanderbilt staff will examine a number of software packages for searching databases through Internet web browsers. The Committee agreed that ATLA should explore a public commercial Internet provider (not OCLC's FirstSearch or Epic) to make the database available to the general public, thus removing complicating factors of exposure for the use of credit cards for services rendered. This would permit us to focus on the pricing and services of the database for our core market of seminary and academic libraries in a different manner than we originally planned.

Finally, William Hook is heading up a planning committee, that includes Anne Womack and Roberta Schaafsma, to develop, present, and staff a technology fair at the Association of Theological Schools meeting hotel in Denver. Please contact Bill ([hook@library.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:hook@library.vanderbilt.edu)) with your ideas as well as your availability to assist with the staffing of the fair.

### **ATS Accrediting Standards (first draft) available through the ATLA Home Page**

Through our renewed cooperative efforts, ATS and ATLA are very pleased to present to a larger audience the first draft (October 1995) of the ATS Accrediting Standards through the ATLA Home Page <http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>. Please make this known to your administrative and faculty colleagues. Also, be sure to note that comments on the Accrediting Standards should be sent by e-mail to Deena Anundson Malone at ATS at [ats@ats.lm.com](mailto:ats@ats.lm.com) and **not ATLA**. If this Internet presentation is successful, we plan to provide the second and third drafts in February and April 1996, respectively.

The ATS Accrediting Standards are the result of the Quality and Accreditation Project, begun three years ago. Direction and administration of the project has been vested in a Steering Committee (our colleague Sara Myers serves on this committee). In addition, four Task Forces were commissioned to work on major sections of the standards and to forward their work and recommendations to the Steering Committee. Below is the schedule ATS has set for the completion of this project, with the expectation of the final draft ready for presentation to its membership at its June 1996 meeting in Denver.

#### **October–November 1995**

- Written responses to first draft of standards received

#### **December 1995**

- Second draft of standards developed and mailed to the membership. (ATLA Home Page early January)

#### **January–February 1996**


- Regional meetings held on second draft of standards. There will be nine one-day regional meetings, locations to be announced (watch the Home Page).

**February 1996**

- Steering Committee develops third draft of standards

**April 1996**

- Third draft of standards issued in Theological Education journal

On 17 November the Joint ATS/ATLA Committee will meet in Philadelphia in conjunction with the AAR/SBL annual meeting. ATLA representatives include Linda Corman, Roger Loyd, Christine Wenderoth and myself. ATS representatives include Daniel Aleshire, Associate Director of ATS; Robin Lovin, Dean, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; Elizabeth Nordbeck, Dean, Andover Newton Theological Seminary; and Sara Myers, Librarian, Iliff School of Theology. A report on this meeting will appear in the February *Newsletter*. 

*Albert E. Hurd*  
*Executive Director/CEO*

**MESSAGE FROM THE  
DIRECTOR OF  
MEMBER SERVICES**


As I begin my second year as your Director of Member Services, I note with much gratitude all of the work of the many association committees, interest group chairs and steering committees, and board members. The Association has many, many committed volunteer leaders with whom I have been privileged to work with and get to know better. It is in this spirit of engendering and nurturing involvement in ATLA, that the Education Committee and Annual Conference Committee have laid plans for the 1996 Annual Conference in Denver.

Our President, Linda Corman, wrote about the value of making connections at conferences (see pp. 27ff.). There will be ample opportunity to network and make new acquaintances with a round table on how to become more involved in ATLA, the New

Members Breakfast, sign up sheets for dinners, and of course, the receptions and banquet. The Annual Conference Committee has scheduled in some free time on Saturday so this should provide plenty of time to get to know others and explore Denver. What better time to get more involved in ATLA, your professional association, than during its 50th Anniversary year?

President Corman refers to the conference questionnaire (p. 28). I encourage you to voice your opinions and concerns by filling it out and returning it to my office. The ATLA Board of Directors and staff need to hear from you on what you value about our Annual Conference.

By now you should have received the 1995 statistical report form. I am still in conversation with ATS folk about the content and gathering of statistics and I will update you in the next *Newsletter* of our progress on this front.

As a means of identifying interested and qualified persons to serve in the ATLA Consultation Service, a second survey is included with this *Newsletter*. If you have particular areas of expertise in theological librarianship and are interested in serving as a consultant for ATLA, please fill out the survey and return it to my office. As always, I bid you peace. 

*Melody S. Chartier*  
*Director of Member Services*

**REPORT FROM THE  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Endowment Fund Grows**

The ATLA Endowment Fund received 35 contributions, totaling \$3,690, through the Opportunity Giving Program for fiscal year 1994-95 that ended on 31 August 1995. With these gifts and ATLA's match of \$2,000 for every \$1.00 given, the Endowment Fund has now reached \$37,889.

ATLA is now prepared to receive additional gifts to the Endowment Fund

through either charitable bequests or charitable gift annuities. Bequests are a time-honored method of supporting a cause to which one is committed. They may be for a specific dollar amount, a certain percentage of the value of the estate or the residual in the estate after specific amounts are allocated to other beneficiaries. Charitable bequests allow full use of assets during one's lifetime and also generate an estate tax deduction. Of course, to make a bequest, it is necessary that one have a will. Without a will, the courts intervene and distribute an estate according to a blanket plan determined by the state legislature.

For tax purposes it is sometimes more advantageous to remove assets from an estate during the donor's lifetime through a planned giving option, such as a charitable gift annuity. This method allows a donor to make a gift of cash or appreciated property to a charitable organization in exchange for guaranteed specific annual life income payments to the donor or a designated beneficiary. In addition to a life income, the donor also receives income tax, capital gains tax, and estate tax benefits. After the death of the donor or other beneficiaries, the charitable organization receives the remaining principal. With gifts of \$5,000 or more, ATLA can now establish charitable gift annuities through its Endowment Fund trustee, Fidelity Investments.

ATLA will be pleased to provide further information concerning planned giving options upon request. ATLA recommends always consulting also with one's attorney, accountant or tax advisor when considering a planned gift. 📖

John A. Bollier  
Director of Development

#### ATLA PRODUCT NEWS

##### **Biblical Studies CD-ROM: 1995 Issue**

As planned, the 1995 issue of the ATLA *Biblical Studies* CD-ROM was shipped at the end of August and included more than 103,000 journal and essay citations

extracted from the ATLA Religion Database, 1949-1994.

The price is \$165 for individuals, \$260 for institutions with renewal prices of \$75 for individuals, \$215 for institutions.

##### **Revised Release Dates for New Partnership CD-ROMs**

Two new CD-ROMs scheduled for release in October 1995 have experienced production delays. The *Old Testament Abstracts* (OTA), 1992-June 1995 and *South African Theological Bibliography* (SATB), 1923-, CD-ROMS will be published at the end of November 1995. The revised release date for the *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (CPLI), 1981-1994 is January 1996.

##### **Religion Indexes: Thesaurus**

###### **Only a Few Left in Stock**

Due to popular demand, there are fewer than 50 copies of the *Religion Indexes: Thesaurus*, 6th edition, left in stock. The cost of the 600-page spiral-bound thesaurus is \$65.00 plus \$5.00 shipping & handling. To order a copy for your library, please contact ATLA. Get your order in before they're all gone!

##### **ATLA exhibits at AAR/SBL and ALA conferences**

Come visit ATLA at the AAR/SBL Annual Conference, 18-21 November, 1995 in Philadelphia, PA (Booths 442, 444) and at the ALA Midwinter Conference in San Antonio, TX, 20-22 January 1996 (Booth 587).

Partner CD-ROMS *Old Testament Abstracts* and the *South African Theological Bibliography* will be available to test drive at AAR/SBL.

##### **Document Delivery Order on ATLA Home Page**

By January 1996 ATLA plans to make available via the ATLA Home Page articles available in its Document Delivery Service (<http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>). This means that libraries and end-users will find an "electronic order form" linked to the ATLA Document

Delivery Service. Orders will be forwarded to ATLA headquarters for fulfillment and invoicing. Documents will not be delivered electronically but sent to the client based on the shipping/ mailing options available under the service.

ATLA presently offers articles from 104 journals from 1985 to present and is continuing to seek copyright permission from other journal publishers. If a library wishes to set up an account with ATLA, we would be happy to send an invoice after the documents are sent out to avoid delays due to the payment process.

#### **RIM 1995 Soon to Be Shipped**

*Research in Ministry: an Index to D.Min. Project Reports & Theses* (RIM) 1995 will be shipped to libraries with standing orders in November 1995. In addition, we will send out pro forma invoices to libraries that have purchased RIM in the past but do not have standing orders. RIM contains most current projects, reports, and theses submitted by D.Min. programs accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

#### **New Catalog to Celebrate ATLA's Golden Anniversary**

To celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, ATLA will send out a 1995–1996 catalog of its products and services to ATLA institutional members in a few weeks. If any individual members are also interested in receiving a copy, please contact ATLA and we will gladly send you one.

#### **1995 Summary of Proceedings**

The 1995 *Summary of Proceedings* have are complete. You should have received your copy in mid-November. If you do not receive it by 1 December 1995, please notify the Director of Member Services.



*Janice L. Anderson*  
Marketing Associate

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS**  
**DENVER, COLORADO**  
**21–25 JUNE 1996**

#### **Invitation to all ATLA Retired Members**

ATLA wishes to extend a special invitation to all ATLA retired members to attend the Annual Conference in Denver from Friday 21 June through Monday, 24 June 1996, in celebration of ATLA's 50th Anniversary. Comfortable rooms will be available at the Executive Tower Inn, downtown Denver. The conference will offer many opportunities for retirees to meet friends, old and new, at the reception on Friday evening, at the worship service at Iliff on Sunday morning, at the closing banquet on Monday evening, and at all the meals, coffee breaks and exhibits throughout. Retired members will also be most welcome to attend as many, or as few of the conference meetings as they wish, including a joint session with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Although health conditions or other circumstances may prevent many retired members from attending ATLA's 50th Anniversary celebration, ATLA cordially invites those who cannot be in Denver to send their greetings and reminiscences for sharing with all their friends and colleagues at the conference. Messages from past presidents, members of boards or committees, and all those who in any way may have shared in the life of ATLA would be most welcome. Letters may be addressed to the ATLA Executive Director, Albert E. Hurd, or to the Director of Member Services, Melody S. Chartier at ATLA headquarters, 820 Church Street, Suite 300, Evanston, Illinois 60201-5613.

During the course of the conference, ATLA plans to make special recognition of retired members and honor especially its surviving Founding Members. ATLA records indicate that Founding Members now include: Alice Dagan, Maywood, IL; William Fritz, White Rock, SC; Elinor Johnson, Evanston, IL; Stillson Judah, Walnut Creek, CA; Decherd Turner, Austin, Texas; Arnold Ehlert, Santa Ana, CA; and Ernest White, Louisville, KY. In addition, honorary member, Jean Morris of Cleve-

land, OH is the widow of Founding Member, Raymond Morris.

As honored guests, all retired members will be exempt from paying the conference registration fee. In cases of need, ATLA may be able to provide some assistance with room costs. 📖

*John Bollier  
Director of Development*

### **Report from the Annual Conference Committee**

The Annual Conference Committee of ATLA met in Denver on 27–28 October 1995 to plan our conference for this upcoming June 1996. This conference is going to be different—in pace, schedule, and timing—from our usual fare, because of our planned joint session with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

First, in order to overlap our conference with the ATS conference, our conference will be held Friday–Tuesday, instead of our regular Wednesday–Sunday schedule. Preconference workshops will be held on Friday, 21 June (instead of Wednesday). The closing banquet is scheduled for Monday evening, 24 June.

Our most unusual day will be Sunday, 23 June. Our morning worship service will be held at Iliff School of Theology. The joint ATLA/ATS session will on Sunday afternoon. The addition of ATS to our schedule (which will count as a plenary), necessitates placing most interest group meetings and all workshops and papers on Monday, 24 June. We're going to be very busy!

Naturally, we will want your feedback on this conference schedule. But we also realize that we are trying something different this year, in order to establish stronger ties with our ATS colleagues.

The 1996 Annual Conference is special for another reason—it is the 50th annual conference of ATLA! The Annual Conference Committee wishes to have a 50th An-

niversary celebration at the closing banquet. The committee therefore extends a call to all ATLA members and friends for written reminiscences, photographs, and momentos that you would be willing to share at the June 1996 annual conference. Please contact Melody Chartier at ATLA headquarters in Evanston if you have any of these items to bring or send to Denver.

As is ATLA tradition, memorials will be read for ATLA members on Monday, 24 June 1996 at the hymn sing scheduled for 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Please contact the conference host librarian, Dr. Sara Myers, at Iliff School of Theology if you would like to read a memorial. 📖

### **Call for Papers**

The Annual Conference Committee wishes to extend an open invitation to members and friends of the Association to make proposals for papers, workshops, or special sessions for the 1996 Annual Conference to be hosted by the Iliff School of Theology and Denver Seminary in Denver, Colorado. The committee will consider proposals in the academic disciplines of theology, theological librarianship, and general librarianship. They may report on institutional projects as well as individual research projects. The proposals should include a title, an abstract (not to exceed 200 words), and the name and institution of the presenter. All papers and workshops will be held on Monday, 24 June 1996.

Proposals must be received by 15 December 1995 and should be submitted to: Dr. Christine Wenderoth, Chair, Annual Conference Committee, Ambrose Swasey Library, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620. FAX (716) 271-2166, E-mail: swasey@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us). 📖

*Christine Wenderoth  
Chair, Annual Conference Committee*

### **Weeding Reference Collections**

At the Annual Conference in Nashville a group met over lunch to discuss some of the issues involved in the development of reference collections. Interest was ex-



pressed in continuing the discussion in a more formal way at the 1996 annual conference. If you would like to present a paper or be a part of a panel discussion on Collection Development of Reference Materials please contact Christine Wenderoth by 15 December 1995. 📖

### **Preliminary Conference Information and Registration**

The preliminary conference program for the 50th ATLA Annual Conference will be sent to members in January 1996. Conference registration packets will be sent in late February. It will also be posted to the ATLA Home Page in January and updated in February. 📖

### **Registration Fees Waived for Retired Members and First Time Attendee Members**

ATLA will waive the conference registration fee and preconference continuing education fees for retired members and individual members who have never previously attended preconference continuing education and/or the ATLA Annual Conference. This is the fourth year that ATLA has offered this service to members. Last year 41 members received this benefit. Eligible members who wish to receive this **one time** scholarship should indicate this on the registration form. *Nota bene:* This benefit is for ATLA individual **members** only. 📖

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Nominating Committee (Christopher Brennan, Chair; Mary Bischoff, and Mary Williams) presents as candidates for the ATLA elective offices, which are to be filled in 1996.

Board of Directors—three year term, 1996–1999 (four to be elected)

*Mr. Christopher Brennan*, Associate Librarian for Technical Services, Ambrose Swasey Library, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York

*Ms. Judy Clarence*, Informational and Instructional Services Librarian, California State University, Hayward, California.

*Dr. M. Patrick Graham*, Director, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

*Dr. William Hook*, Director, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tennessee

*Mr. Kirk A. Moll*, Collection Development Librarian, Rolvaag Memorial Library, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota


*Ms. Dorothy G. Thomason*, Head Cataloger, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

Other nominations may be made by petition, signed by not less than ten individual (includes student, retired, and honorary) members of the association and submitted to the Secretary of ATLA, Ms. Marti Alt, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1286, postmarked not later than 1 January 1996. After all additional nominations have been filed, the Director of Member Services will solicit biographical data from all nominees. The final ballot, together with the biographical data, will be mailed to all voting members (individual and institutional) not later than 15 February 1996. Ballots must be returned postmarked not later than 1 April 1996. Ballots will be counted during April and the results reported to the Secretary of the association by 1 May 1996. 📖

*Marti Alt*  
*ATLA Secretary*

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE GRANTS**

Regional theological library consortia are reminded that, as announced in the August *Newsletter*, **1 December 1995** is the deadline to make application for grants up to \$500.00 to underwrite the costs of a workshop or other continuing education event within your consortium. Submit applications to Roberta Schaafsma, ATLA Education Committee, Divinity School Library, Duke University, Box 90972, Dur-

ham, NC 27708-0972. (919) 681-7594. E-mail: ras@mail.lib.duke.edu 

**ATLA RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS**

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

**Individuals**

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Library Director  
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Wesley Biblical Seminary  
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Jackson, MS 39206  
Wayne Woodward

**DIKTUON**

The name *Diktuon* is the Koine word for  
“net” as in fisherman’s net  
Edited by Duane Harbin  
and Gilles Poitras

**Tips for Getting On-line: Dial Up Connections, Required Hardware and Software.**

The more I work with people on on-line issues the more I am aware that there are many intelligent people who just don’t have the most fundamental knowledge

about getting on-line. So here is a short article which is an attempt to deal with this subject in a very broad sense. What you need to get on-line via a dial up connection is:

- 1) A computer.
- 2) A modem.
- 3) Telecommunication software.
- 4) An account on some system.

1) Your computer will need to be physically capable of handling a modem connection. All Macintoshes can have modems attached without adding a modem card. If you are using a PC or PC clone you will need to check the documentation that came with your computer to see if you need to add a modem card. I have been told by computer professionals who work with DOS that external modems are more reliable and easier to replace should you upgrade your modem. You will get better performance if your computer has more RAM and, with some software, a faster CPU.

2) When selecting a modem you may wish to shop around for a known name brand, cheap no-name modems often are not worth the savings. Expect to pay \$100 for a 14,400 bps modem and about \$325 for a 28,800 bps modem. A fast modem will save you money in the long run by reducing on-line time charges or just reducing your on-line time.

3) The telecommunications software that comes with a modem is generally not very good. You may wish to keep and use the FAX software which came with your modem. It is usually more than adequate for most folks. One does not need to buy an expensive telecommunications package to use a modem effectively there are excellent shareware programs available.

Shareware is software that you use and if you decide to keep it you then mail in a payment to the author. You can download shareware from a local BBS or obtain it from a user group in your area.

Two shareware telecommunications programs I often recommend are ZTerm for the Macintosh & ProComm for DOS machines. Note: there is also a commercial version of ProComm called ProComm Plus. One thing you will need to effectively use the Internet is software that can do VT100 emulation, VT100 is required for many email programs and for using gopher software.

Now there is no real reason to rush into getting an Internet account what is important is to get familiar with your computer and software. One good way to get familiar with this is to log onto a local BBS. A BBS (Bulletin Board System) is a computer which you can dial into directly over phone lines. Often there is a small fee for full access but many systems are run for free or on a donation basis. If a BBS proves useful to you try to make a small donation as often the operator of the BBS is often spending their own money to keep it up. The BBS world is a varied and interesting one ranging from small hobbyist systems to corporate systems set up for their staff and customers, some local governments even have their own systems.

Some of the advantages of exploring these systems are:

- You gain familiarity with using your telecommunication software.
- You can find shareware and freeware that can be useful, such as the telecommunication programs I recommended.
- Access to USENET newsgroups and email.
- Experience. If you can handle most BBS software, and there is quite a variety, you can handle the Internet.

How do you find phone numbers for BBSs in your area? Check any free computer papers available in your area's computer shops. Be aware that not every issue will have a list. You can also ask people you know about systems. You may even find a list on one BBS for others in the area. I would not recommend your using a BBS

as your primary email address as they are not as reliable as most Internet access providers. Exceptions to this exist in most areas and in time you will discover who they are.

### **Taking the next step: Getting access to the Internet**

*Full (true) access vs. limited access:*

Full access means that you can use the Telnet & FTP commands to connect to other systems. Some services may claim Internet access when they only mean email & perhaps some USENET groups. Be aware of this when you are shopping for an Internet provider as Telnet & FTP are powerful tools that can be very useful. You do not have true Internet access without Telnet & FTP.

I recommend you steer clear of large well known providers as these often are more expensive than a good local provider and may not provide the quality of support or service that a local operation can. In many areas there is a large variety of service providers to choose from, ask around on the BBSs in your area to find what experiences people have had.

One recommendation I have is to insist that your first Internet account will be a temporary one. Avoid having the email address added to business cards and stationary for a few months. In the meanwhile learn to use the Internet and look for information about other local providers which may have better service. This way should you find a better provider it will be easier to switch over. Also keep a list of email addresses for any correspondence you have and email change of address notices if you switch providers.

When you do settle on a provider for your institution make sure that each person has their own account. Shared accounts can be a major problem with email accidentally being deleted and reading the same newsgroup almost impossible as messages are not displayed once they have been read. Also many providers do not allow accounts to be shared for a variety of reasons

including dealing with violators of the service contract. Take your time, learn and don't let anyone (including yourself) rush you into making decisions.

It is important not to expect anyone to hand you anything on a silver platter; the Internet has for years had a high respect for those who take an effort to learn and a low regard for laziness. RTM (Read The Manual) is a commonly seen phrase on the Internet and other systems.

Finally a couple of recommended books to help you along:

#### *On-line User's Encyclopedia*

Bernard Aboba


Reading, MA.: Addison-Wesley

This large work has everything from what is a modem to how to use the Internet, and much in-between. No matter what your level of expertise this book will be a useful reference tool that should be kept at arms reach of your modem. This work should be useful to everyone from the raw beginner to the systems administrator/operator. I was very pleased to see instructions here for items that I have only seen mentioned in other books!

#### *Internet Starter Kit*

Adam Engst

Indianapolis, IN. Hayden Books

This work exists in both a Macintosh and a Windows version. This is an excellent work if you plan to use graphic interface software, such as Mosaic, to connect to the Internet. To use this work you need a SLIP or PPP connection to the Internet. You also need at least System 7 for the Macintosh or Windows 3.1 for Intel based machines. 

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#### **ATLANTIS HIGHLIGHTS**

ATLANTIS is the ATLA listserv. To subscribe send the following message: Subscribe ATLANTIS first name last name to listserv@harvard.harvard.edu

### New Web Site for Archbishop Ireland Library

We are pleased to announce a WWW site for the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library at The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. The URL is:

[http://www.stthomas.edu/www/library\\_html/aimlhtml/pages/index.htm](http://www.stthomas.edu/www/library_html/aimlhtml/pages/index.htm)



### October Reference Review

Willimon, William H. and Richard Lischer, eds. *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1995. ISBN 0-664-21942-X (alk. paper) \$39.00

With the publication of this fine reference volume examining the Christian tradition of preaching, editors Willimon and Lischer have done a great service not only for the church at large but for students and theological librarians in particular. This one volume encyclopedia fills a long standing need for a comprehensive, contemporary work of reference covering the field of homiletics. The breadth of information on the history and art of preaching assembled here has not been available in a single convenient source before now.

The Preface indicates that the entries are of three kinds:

- Historical, critical, and theological essays
- Explorations of the practical aspects of sermon preparation and delivery
- Biographical studies of persons influential in the tradition of preaching

The arrangement is alphabetical, however the editors have also suggested "tracks" such as Theology; Bible and Hermeneutics; Rhetoric; The Preacher; Sermon Preparation, etc. and have ordered entries within these tracks to assist those wishing to do a systematic study. Articles are signed and most include a brief, generally up-to-date bibliography.

The list of nearly two hundred contributors is solid, representing an ecumenical and international perspective. Many are from the ranks of theological faculty at seminaries and universities. Some have published extensively in the areas of homiletics, biblical studies, worship, or theology. A helpful feature would have been to have included the article(s) contributed by each person in the List of Contributors for those who wish to quickly consult all the articles written by one or more individuals.

The articles are well-written and balanced, attempting to provide a fair assessment of the essential aspects of the subject at hand. No single perspective on homiletics dominates. Even though the Encyclopedia is billed as "concise," some articles are appropriately lengthy such as the entry "History of Preaching" which occupies forty-two pages. A series of entries which begin "Homiletics and Preaching in . . ." provide an overview of the history and the current situation of preaching in Africa, Asia, German-Speaking Europe, India, Latin America, North America, and Scandinavia.

Among the articles which examine the practical dimensions of preaching there are those which discuss basic technique: "Introductions and Conclusions," "Delivery of Sermons," "Voice," as well as those that touch on more theoretical aspects: "Imagination," "Oral Communication and Preaching."

There are also articles which discuss special genres of sermon such as sermons at funerals, weddings, and baccalaureate services. "Resources for Preaching" is a helpful survey of selected print journals and video presentations which are a source of external stimuli. The journals covered are both lectionary and non-lectionary based. A cautionary note concerning over-reliance on such resources is also wisely added.

The biographical entries include individuals who are considered to be excellent preachers, persons who have shaped the discipline of homiletics, or others who

have had an influence because of their faithfulness or genius. The biographies are substantial, but are not in-depth treatments as found in *Twenty Centuries of Great Preaching*. Representative excerpts of sermons have been included with many of the entries, bringing the opportunity to hear a number of "voices," including those of women and minorities, from within the tradition and at the same time adding variety and freshness to the standard informational tone of this (or any) reference work.

The encyclopedia would have been strengthened by the inclusion of an index and a more visible network of cross references. Someone looking for information on the Academy of Homiletics, for example, has no way to determine, save by guessing, in which articles that information appears. Likewise, a reference from Scandinavia to the entry "Homiletics and Preaching in Scandinavia" would ensure that a researcher with this interest could find the appropriate entry quickly without undue skimming of the headings.

The above criticism does not substantially detract from the value of this engaging and informative tool. It is a necessary purchase for all seminary and divinity school libraries which support homiletics courses. It is also recommended for consideration by pastors and others with a particular interest in the history, theory, or practical dimensions of preaching. 📖

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#### PUBLICATIONS

##### **New Journal**

*The Christian Spirituality Bulletin* is the official journal of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (associated with the American Academy of Religion). The journal is a new publication in its third year and is scholarly (rather than devo-

tional) in tone and content. Its purpose is to promote conversation among scholars in the field of spirituality as well as to review current books in the field. For subscription information contact Professor Bruce Lescher, Catholic Theological Union, 5401 S. Cornell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615-5698. 📖

##### **Union Theological Seminary (VA) Index**

The library of the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia has prepared an *Index to the Union Seminary Magazine and Union Seminary Review, 1889-1946*. These two publications are predecessors of the seminary's current journal, *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. For many years the *Union Seminary Review* was a joint publication of Austin, Columbia, Louisville, and Union seminaries, and was the only religious quarterly published in the Presbyterian South. As such, the periodical is a major resource for the study of Presbyterian history and theology. Both the *Magazine* and *Review* have been microfilmed and are available from ATLA. Copies of the index may be purchased for \$39.00, plus \$5.00 postage and handling. Please send index requests to Fran Eagan, The Library, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227. 📖

##### **ATLA Librarians Publish Orthodox Presbyterian History**

D.G. Hart, librarian at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and John Muether, librarian at Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando have published *Fighting the Good Fight: A Brief History of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church* (published by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church). Copies can be obtained for \$9.00 from the Committee for the Historian of the OPC, P.O. Box 48, Coraopolis, PA 15108. 📖

##### **Free Autobiography Available**

ATLA member libraries may receive a free copy of the autobiography, *Out of the Tiger's Mouth*, by Dr. Charles H. Chao, who translated Calvin, Bavnick, Bunyan, and many other Reformed Christian writers into Chinese. The book was published in

paperback in 1991 by Christian Focus Publications in Scotland. To receive your copy, please write to the Reformation Translation Fellowship, c/o American Representative, Rev. William Roberts, 302 East First Street, Bloomington, IN 47401.



#### NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

##### **John V. Howard Retires**

We have received notice of the retirement of John V. Howard from Edinburgh University Library, Scotland, on 30 September 1995. John was first known to ATLA members as Librarian of New College Edinburgh (1965–1986), where he carried out extensive reorganization of its stock of 230,000 theological and historical books and manuscripts. From 1987 to 1995 he was Special Collections Librarian, responsible for all the rare books and MSS in the various libraries of Edinburgh University. This division was expanded to include the binding, conservation and photographic services, and occupied enlarged premises, occupying the whole of the fifth floor of the Main Library in George Square. The Special Collections have had large accessions of modern literary MSS by gift and purchase. Access to these, both physically and electronically, will be greatly improved by the award of £1.4 million from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council for a series of cataloging and conservation projects over the next four years.

John was Chairperson of the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries from 1972–1982, and editor of the *Bulletin of ABTAPL* from 1974–1987. He has attended annual conferences of ATLA in Richmond, Toronto, and Vancouver. His ambitions for retirement include keeping up with ATLA friends and for a repeat of the great 1985 ATLA tour of British and Irish libraries!

##### **James Dunkly Appointed Associate Librarian**

James Dunkly, Librarian of the School of Theology at the University of the South,

Sewanee, Tennessee, since August 1993, was appointed Associate University Librarian in August 1995. While he retains the former position, the latter appointment adds some administrative responsibilities for the University Library as a whole.

##### **Dr. Stephen Perry Installed as Library Director**

Dr. Stephen C. Perry was recently installed as the Library Director of the Kaiser Ramaker Library, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is also Assistant Professor of Hebrew. Dr. Perry served for the past seven years as the Head of the Department of Technical Services at Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary.

Dr. Perry has a Ph.D. in Foreign Language Education from the University of Texas, the MLS degree from the University of Texas the M.Div. degree from the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and the MA in Religion from the Eastern New Mexico University.

##### **Mark L. Daganaar named Director**

Mark L. Daganaar has been named Acting Director of Ellender Memorial Library at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. He has been serving as Associate Director since October 1994. Before his arrival at Nicholls, he served as Director of Library Services at Three Rivers Community College, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. A graduate of Midland Lutheran College, Daganaar received his MLS from the University of Missouri and the MA in Theology from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

##### **Bridwell Library News**

- Duane Harbin has been appointed as Associate Librarian of Bridwell Library. Mr. Harbin joined the staff in mid-October. He has been a theological librarian for more than ten years and has extensive experience in collection development, computer applications in libraries, and public services. His M.Div. degree is from Yale Divinity School, where he served as



Head of Acquisitions and Head of Public Services.

- Philip Melancthon's *Loci communes rerum theologicarum* (Wittenberg: [Melchior Lotter], 1521) has been acquired by Bridwell Library. The work is considered the first systematic theology of the Reformation. Bridwell Library proudly adds the first edition of this monument of Protestant theology and intellectual history to its Special Collections. The *Loci communes* will be featured in the upcoming exhibition, *The Reformation of the Bible / The Bible of the Reformation*, which opens on 23 March 1996.

Bridwell Library of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University is also pleased to announce a major gift and an important new program. The heirs of Mrs. Helen Warren DeGolyer (1926–1995) have established a generous endowment that will support the *Helen Warren DeGolyer Triennial Exhibition and Award for American Bookbinding at Bridwell Library*. Bridwell Library has agreed to host a conference on bookbinding every three years in conjunction with the exhibition and award. 📖

#### **Columbia Theological Seminary, (Decatur, Georgia) Announces New Technical Services Librarian**

Ms. Linda K. Davis began her responsibilities as the new Technical Services Librarian for the John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, on 10 October 1995. Ms. Davis received her MLS from the University of South Carolina. She attended Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and has received degrees from Brevard College and Greensboro College. Her library experience include positions with the South Carolina State Archives Conservation Lab and the Retrospective Conversion and Cataloging Departments at Woodruff Library, Emory University.

Ms. Davis' work will focus on cataloging new acquisitions and converting older records. She will also lead in preservation

and conservation efforts, provide reference services and participate in implementing the library's new integrated automation system. 📖


#### **McCain Library of Erskine College and Seminary News**

- Frederick Guyette is the new Reference & Government Documents Librarian. Previously a reference librarian at Gardner-Webb University, Mr. Guyette holds degrees from Florida State University and Pacific School of Religion. At Erskine, Mr. Guyette will have primary responsibility for theological librarianship and serves as the library liaison to the Seminary.
- Mr. John F. Kennerly, Jr. is the new Librarian for Public and Technical Services. Mr. Kennerly holds the MLS from the University of South Carolina, and had a double major in English and Religion at Charleston Southern University. Mr. Kennerly is responsible for ILL and also has responsibilities in Reference and Cataloging.
- Mr. Loren L. Pinkerman, Director, was recently a presenter at the Kentucky Library Association's Library Management Round Table. His topic, "Effecting Change on a Limited Budget," focused on the budget as (1) a vision of the future; (2) a commitment to change; (3) a road map for daily library activity; (4) a record of the past; and (5) as a communications instrument. 📖


#### **Stitt Library Passes Milestone of Collection Growth**

The David L. and Jane Stitt Library of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Austin, TX) celebrated the accession of its one-hundred-fifty-thousandth book on 25 October 1995. The landmark volume was *The Sermon on the Mount: A Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount, including the Sermon on the Plain (Matthew 5:3–7:27 and Luke 6:20–49)* by Hans Deiter Betz and edited by Adela Yarbro Collins (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995). It is the most recent addition to the Hermeneia se-

ries of critical commentaries on the Bible. Hans Dieter Betz, a well-known scholar of the New Testament, teaches at the University of Chicago.


Helen Kennedy, Associate Librarian for Technical Services, and Mona Eagle, Acquisitions Assistant and Library Secretary, cataloged the book. Stitt Library's collection has grown from 50,000 volumes in 1960 to 100,000 in 1974 and to 150,000 in 1995. 

**New Librarian at Boston University School of Theology**

The Boston University School of Theology is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Raymond Van De Moortell as Technical Services Librarian. Dr. Van De Moortell's Ph.D. is from Stanford University. He holds the M.Div. and Th.D. from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, and the MLIS from the University of California at Berkeley. He comes to us from the Van Pelt Library at the University of Pennsylvania. 

**POSITIONS OPEN**

**Acquisitions Librarian—Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI**

Responsible for acquiring all materials for the Hekman Library collection (using Dynix) and for coordinating collection analysis/development. Requires MLS degree, computer expertise, commitment to Reformed faith. Request job description, etc., from: Marvin E. Monsma, Director, Hekman Library, Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, 3207 Burton St., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546-4301; (616)957-6299; E-mail:mmonsma@calvin.edu Review of applications begins 1 December and continues until position is filled. 

**Reference Librarian—Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA**

The staff of the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union seeks a part-time (.75 FTE, 28 hours per

week) Reference Librarian at the Assistant Librarian level.

*Responsibilities*

Under the supervision of the Head of Reference and working with a small Reference staff in a collegial environment, provides reference service and library/bibliographic instruction for graduate students, faculty, staff, and general library users. Also conducts and teaches strategies for computerized database searches utilizing CD-ROM technology, various bibliographic utilities, and the Internet. Prepares library informational materials and participates in departmental planning.

*Qualifications*

Required: ALA accredited M.L.S. (or equivalent degree). Training in and experience searching CD-ROMs, library online catalogs, and the Internet. Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills, as well as demonstrated ability to work in a service-oriented environment. Desirable: Previous library reference and/or bibliographic instruction experience. Knowledge of theological terminology and/or one or more non-English language. Graduate degree in relevant subject field.

*Hiring Salary*


\$19,280–\$21,053 (depending on qualifications) Assistant Librarian I-III with excellent benefits.

*Applications received before 20 November 1995 will be given priority.*


Send letter of application, and résumé with names, addresses, and phone numbers to: Head of Reference, Graduate Theological Union Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709. EOE. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The Graduate Theological Union, located in Berkeley, and affiliated with the University of California, Berkeley, is a major national and international center for graduate theological study, clergy education, and applied research and public policy formation in religion and society. The GTU is a graduate school offering Ph.D. and M.A. degrees, but also a consortium of nine independent Protestant and Catholic seminaries (offering various professional degrees) and several program units and affiliates. Included among these program units and affiliates are the Center for Jewish Studies, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Center for Ethics and Social Policy, Center for Women and Religion, and the Pacific and Asian Center for Theology and Strategies.

The GTU community consists of approximately 130 faculty, 1300 students, and 125

staff. The permanent Library staff (including eight librarians, 14.5 paraprofessionals, and one archivist) serves the research, teaching, and study needs of the consortium, as well as answers questions from local religious leaders, the general public, and students from other institutions within the Bay Area. This position offers an exciting opportunity in a religious and culturally diverse environment to participate in the continuing development of the largest theological library on the West Coast. 

**Assistant Librarian for Serials Management and Archives—Christian Theological Seminary Indianapolis, IN**

Duties of the newly created professional position will include total management, cataloging and automating of the serials collection of Christian Theological Seminary. As well, attention will be given to processing and preserving archival collections. An MLS from an accredited ALA library school is required. The preferred candidate will also have an M.Div. or M.A. in either Religious Studies, History, or Archives. Experience in Serials and/or Archives is desirable. Salary and benefits are competitive. Send resume with three letters of recommendation to David Bundy, Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Preference will be given to resumes received before 15 December. Starting date 1 February 1996 or as negotiated. 

**Director of Special Collections—General Theological Seminary, New York, NY**

The St. Mark's Library of the General Theological Seminary is searching for a person to fill the position of Director of Special Collections. This is a new position.

The Director of Special Collections reports to the Director of the Library and functions in principle as the director of an independent division. S/he is responsible for all aspects of managing the library's special

collections, including the rare books, archives, manuscripts, and other materials that may be designated as belonging to the special collections. When the Director of the Library is absent, s/he has administrative responsibility for all library operations.

The Director of Special Collections will spend the first year overseeing recovery from the 1993 fire in the rare book vault of the library, deciding what should be replaced and what should be rejected, and assigning the remainder to appropriate categories of restoration and cleaning. During this time, s/he will also work with the Director of the Library to plan the future of the special collections program. This will include planning for its physical housing, drawing up a special collections component of the library's acquisitions policy, and projecting a five-year budget for the program.

When a collection development policy is in place, the Director of Special Collections will select materials to be purchased, propose materials for deaccessioning, and actively solicit gifts of materials in the special collections and will administer the security provisions that protect them. S/he will promote the educational purposes of the special collections through publicity and bibliographical displays and provide reference services related to the special collections.

Initially, at least, the Director of Special Collections will not have support staff, but will draw on other members of the library staff and on outside resources for fulfilling the responsibilities described above.

Besides a general familiarity with library work, the person hired will be expected to have an ALA-MLS, thorough knowledge of conservation techniques, understanding of the management of special collections, and familiarity with the Anglican Communion, both its present structure and its historical traditions. A second master's degree or doctorate in a relevant subject area is highly desirable, as is at least five

year's experience in special collections work and/or Anglican bibliography. The General Theological Seminary is committed to a program of fully equitable employment opportunity and affirmative action. Discrimination based on race, color, ethnic origin, sex, natural origins, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, age, and where appropriate creed is prohibited in all personnel matters. Interested persons should send résumé and letter of application to David E. Green, St. Mark's Library, 175 Ninth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.



**Theological Librarian—Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano, San José, Costa Rica (volunteer position)**

*General Information about the Seminary*

The Latin American Biblical Seminary is a non-profit institution of theological education. The seminary was founded in 1923, since then it has been committed to training students to serve churches in Latin America where most of our students are from. The Seminary offers a combination of residential and theological education by extension programs. Degrees are awarded at three levels: bachelor, licenciante and master.

*General Information about the Library*

The "Biblioteca Enrique Strachan" has over 27000 volumes, uses Julia Pette Classification, and it uses partially automated software developed by UNESCO, Microisis. The MARC format has recently been introduced. Presently the Library lacks adequate space, but new buildings are being planned for the Seminary, which include this department. The Library has been appointed by the Latin American and Caribbean Ecumenical Theological Education Community as coordinator for the Latin American Theological Information Network development. The Seminary itself is interested in an information network for its own theological education by extension programs.

*Type of Appointment*

One year period (An extended period could be considered, subject to previous evaluation).

*Brief Description of Duties*

The volunteer will work with a Library Staff consisting of two other professionals. The position includes primary responsibility for cataloging and technical services. Therefore, it is expected that the volunteer has a thorough knowledge of cataloging principles and procedures to perform these duties with a large degree of independence. Other activities may include the following: assisting patrons in database searching, planning the development and evaluation of the collection, assisting in acquisitions and circulation tasks, assisting the Library Director in a variety of administrative matters, traveling to other countries when necessary, since there may be times when theological librarianship workshops would be conducted. Whenever possible the assistant will be participating in the development of the Latin American Theological Information Network project.

*Qualifications*

It is desirable the applicant meets the following requirements: knowledge of Julia Pettee Classification Scheme, subject headings lists, thesaurus and Cutter tables. Ability to communicate in Spanish. Ability to search, organize and record bibliographic data with accuracy, and attention to detail. Computer literacy and knowledge in the use of the Internet will be helpful.

*Experience*

There is no specialized experience required, provided the educational requirement is met. Professional experience would be desirable. Foreign language requirement: Spoken knowledge of Spanish is required. It also would be helpful to have a reading knowledge of Portuguese and English sufficient to conduct bibliographical research and identify and analyze concepts in library materials. There are language schools in nearby areas which teach Spanish.

*Educational requirements*

Graduate degree in library science.

Contact Sr. Alvaro Pérez, Librarian, Seminario Biblico Laninoamericano, Apd. 901-1000, San José, Costa Rica. 📖

**FUTURE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOSTS**

1996 21–25 June: Sara Myers, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210. (303) 744-1287, FAX (303) 777-3387. E-mail: smyers@du.edu

1997 11–14 June: Boston Theological Institute (BTI), Myra Siegenthaler, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. (617) 353-3034, FAX (617) 353-3061. E-mail: myrasieg@acs.bu.edu

1998 17–21 June: Southeastern Pennsylvania Library Association (SEPTLA), Richard Berg, Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. (717) 290-8704, FAX (717) 393-4254.

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