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ATLA HOLDS FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

The American Theological Library Association held its forty-third annual conference at the Holiday Inn at the Ohio Center in Columbus, Ohio, June 19-22, 1989. The host institution was Trinity Lutheran Seminary and the host librarians were Donald L. Huber, Richard H. Mintel, and Linda L. Fry. Approximately 200 members and friends of the Association were in attendance. The program for the conference was prepared by the Program Committee consisting of David Bundy, Alva R. Caldwell, Donald L. Huber, and Sara J. Myers, Chair. Channing R. Jeschke, Librarian of the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and President of the Association, presided.

Prior to the formal opening of the conference, three Continuing Education Events were available on Monday, June 19: "Working with Others: Communication, Power, and Appreciation," led by B. Kay Snavely, Assistant Professor of Management at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; "Preparation for ATS Accreditation Visits," led by Eldon Epp, Harkness Professor of Biblical Literature at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; and "Online Searching Workshop," led by Albert E. Hurd, Executive Director of the Religion Indexes, and the Religion Indexes staff. The Opening Reception in the evening concluded the day's activities.

All of Tuesday's meetings were held at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. The morning meeting opened with the Presidential Address, "Identity in Religion," by Channing R. Jeschke. The first Business Session followed; and the morning concluded with a Preservation Board Presentation consisting of an address by Patricia Battin of the Commission on Preservation and Access in Washington, D.C., and a showing of the documentary video, "Slow Fires," on the deterioration of chemically unstable book and periodical paper. The afternoon session was chiefly given over to a Presentation by the United Methodist Publishing House now celebrating its 200th Anniversary. Claude Young, Publishing House Vice-president for Publishing, spoke on its present activities and prospects for the future; and a video on the history of the Publishing House was shown. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to denominational meetings. Tuesday evening was left as free time for conference attendees.

Wednesday morning provided members with a choice of three workshops: (the first in two parts) "The EPIC Service, OCLC's New Online Reference Service," led by Tamsen Dalrymple, EPIC Product Manager, and "OCLC Update" led by Julie Peterson, OCLC Regional Marketing Representative; "Issues on Developing and Using Religious Collections," convened by Marti Alt, General

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Humanities Bibliographer for the Ohio State University Libraries in Columbus; and "Developing Denominational Bibliographies for Preservation Filming," led by Albert E. Hurd, Robert Allenson, Jerry Weber, and Judy Knop of the ATLA Preservation Project staff. The afternoon was devoted to pre-arranged tours to points of interest in the Columbus area. Wednesday evening featured the President's Open Forum on Long Range Planning, and closed with a meeting of the Bib.-Base User's Group convened by James C. Pakala.

Thursday morning opened with a choice of four papers: "The Rediscovery of American Mainline Protestantism and Its Predicament" by Milton J. Coalter, Director, Ernest Miller White Library, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; "Contemporary Roles of Women in the Roman Catholic Church" by George Tavard, Emeritus Professor of Theology, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, Ohio; "Perspectives on Retrospective Conversion" by John W. Thompson, Head of Cataloging, The United Library, Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western Theological Seminaries, Evanston, Illinois, and Donald M. Vorp, Speer Library, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey; and "Institutional Identity and Change: Lessons from President H. Richard Niebuhr" by Stephen Crocco, Librarian, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The entire group then heard a paper on "Library Fund Raising" by Jerry D. Campbell, Librarian of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. The morning concluded with the second Business Session.

Thursday afternoon offered a choice of three papers: "Which Way from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Merger" by Louis Voigt, Archivist, Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; "Staying Current in Religious Education" by Mary E. Hughes, Professor of Christian Education, Trinity Lutheran Seminary; and "The Bible and Modern Literary Criticism" by Mark A. Powell, Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary. The afternoon ended with meetings of the four sections of the Association: Bibliographic Systems, Collection Evaluation and Development, Public Services, and Publication. Following the traditional reception and banquet, which concluded the activities of both the day and the conference, the members of the Association were entertained by a performance of the Columbus Männerchor. The forty-third annual conference closed with the passing of the presidential gavel from Channing R. Jeschke to H. Eugene McLeod.

The annual Summary of Proceedings of the ATLA, to be issued later in the year, will include the reports, papers, and addresses delivered at the conference.

The Association named James W. Dunkly, Librarian of the Episcopal Divinity School and Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as Vice-president for 1989-90 and President-elect for the following year. H. Eugene McLeod, Librarian of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Vice-president during the past year, will serve as President for the 1989-90 year. Robert A. Olsen, Jr., Librarian of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, was elected to a sixth three-year term as Treasurer. Elected to three-year terms as Members-at-Large on the Board of Directors were Seth Kasten, Reference Librarian of the Burke Library of Union Theological Seminary in New York City; and Christine Wenderoth, Readers Services Librarian

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at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. A complete roster of the officials of the ATLA, the membership of the Board of Directors, the membership of the various boards and committees, and the holders of special appointments in the Association will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

In one session on Sunday, June 18, two on Monday, June 19, and one on Friday, June 23, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- received a report from the Task Force on Strategic Planning which includes a recommendation for a plan of reorganization of the Association to be implemented in several phases, and approved this report with the understanding that the Task Force will bring further clarifying recommendations to the Board at its winter meeting;
- approved a recommendation from the Committee for Historical Records that the new position of Records Manager be established and that Martha B. Aycock be appointed to fill it;
- agreed that the United Methodist Publishing House Library could request an ATLA Library Consultation on behalf of the Africa University in Zimbabwe if such a consultation is found to be needed;
- voted to establish a Committee on Automation and Technology;
- assigned to James W. Dunkly as an official project the expansion of the ATLA membership among the librarians with involvement in religious and theological bibliography in non-theological libraries;
- appointed as ATLA Archivist Boyd Reese, Reference Librarian at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of History in Philadelphia;
- approved a request from the Theological Users Group (TUG) to accept an offer from OCLC to create for the ATLA, at no cost, a theological data base formed by manipulating the holdings data of ATLA members of OCLC-based union listing groups (with the permission of these members) with the aim of permitting simplified searching for location holdings for interlibrary loan purposes; and
- agreed to hold the winter meeting of the Board of Directors in Chicago, Illinois, January 31-February 2, 1990.

At a general business session of the Association Thursday morning, June 22, the membership unanimously approved support of the resolution adopted by the American Library Association on the use of chemically stable paper, and of the resolution introduced in the U.S. Senate by Claiborne Pell calling for the use of chemically stable paper in government publications. Both of these resolutions had previously received the endorsement of the Collection Evaluation and Development Committee and of the Board of Directors. The full text of the document submitted to the membership by the Collection Evaluation and Development Committee calling for support of both of the above resolutions will appear in full in the 1989 Summary of Proceedings.

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The publication schedule for the remaining three issues of volume 37 of the ATLA Newsletter is as follows:

	<u>Copy Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
no. 2	November 14, 1989	November 18, 1989
no. 3	February 13, 1990	February 17, 1990
no. 4	May 8, 1990	May 12, 1990

POSITION OPEN

BIBLIOGRAPHER/CATALOGER. The Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College seeks an experienced professional bibliographer/cataloger with knowledge of philosophy and/or Scandinavian studies to carry out cataloging of a 9,000-volume special collection during a 2-year period. Position is funded by an NEH grant beginning January 1990. The full-time position requires experience with LC cataloging procedure, AACR2, and OCLC practice. Working knowledge of Scandinavian (particularly Danish), German and classical languages essential. Position involves original and some rare book cataloging. Professional must work closely with high-level paraprofessional working 1/2 time and with specialists in the field of Kierkegaard studies. Professional may also be responsible for supervising a clerical assistant if needed. Applicants should be professional librarians with MLS degree or have comparable qualifications and/or experience. Knowledge of pre-1855 European publications in the areas of philosophy, history, theology, and classics essential. Applicants must be able to plan work carefully to complete task in 2 years and to delegate work appropriately. Salary and benefits dependent upon qualifications and experience; minimum salary: \$30,000. Apply before November 15, 1989, to Cynthia W. Lund, Acting Curator, Howard and Edna Hong Kierkegaard Library, Holland Hall, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota 55057.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Approximately two hundred registrants made the 1989 annual conference of ATLA one of the largest in our history. Excellence in both programming and hosting made it also one of our best. That is a judgment I share with a number of longtime attenders.

Don Huber and his Trinity Lutheran colleagues left nothing to be desired by the quality of their work on local arrangements and the graciousness of their hospitality. The Program Committee, under the leadership of Sara Myers, did a superb job in offering a program with excellent content, obviously meeting varied interests and needs.

The Association owes a debt of gratitude to Channing Jeschke, who served so graciously and effectively as president last year. We are likewise indebted to all who have served--most as volunteers, some as employed staff--during a very good year in the life of the Association. In the next issue of the Newsletter, I will tell you more about why I term last year "a very good year."

The work of the Task Force on Strategic Planning was a frequent topic of conversation at the annual conference; it continues to occupy a primary place on the Association's agenda for the current year. At its meeting prior to the conference, the ATLA Board of Directors considered a Task Force report which recommends a number of changes in the plan of organization of the Association. The report was adopted without dissent and apparently with considerable enthusiasm. The substance of the report was presented in a well attended open forum during the conference. In lively discussion there and in subsequent conversations during the week, the Task Force took note of concerns expressed by members.

The Task Force and the Board of Directors share with many members the concern that a vote in June 1990 for major organizational changes should reflect broad support and a sense of ownership in the plan. Every reasonable effort will have been made to achieve just that. Since its formation in February 1988, the Task Force has sought input from many sources, including every full and retired member of the Association by means of a questionnaire. Input received at the June conference will be considered carefully at Task Force meetings in September and December. There will be further discussion of how best to present the final proposal of the Task Force to the membership. Meanwhile, if you wish to communicate a concern or a suggestion to the Task Force, feel free to contact William Miller, Chair, Rosalyn Lewis, Stephen Peterson, or Richard Spoor.

It is truly an honor for me to serve you, the ATLA, as president. I am grateful for the opportunity, one that I count a high privilege and a sacred trust. As I seek to fulfill my responsibilities, I am comforted by the knowledge that many gifted people are doing the work of the Association day by day. Perhaps nothing I do as president will be more important than to appreciate and encourage all of you who serve ATLA as much as I can.

H. Eugene McLeod
President, ATLA

ATLA RECEIVES SIXTEEN NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

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ATLA COOPERATIVE AUTHORITY RECORD EFFORTS

Have you ever been frustrated because records in the OCLC database have different forms of a theologian's name and there is no LC authority record to appeal to? Have you had a hard time making your way through the minefields of liturgical uniform titles? Or what about the "Apocalypse of Moses"? Should it really be called the "Book of the Life of Adam and Eve"? Or have you had a hard time deciding on the proper form to use for the "Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East," without the ability to create an authority record that explains your research to other perplexed librarians?

The ATLA Bibliographic Systems Committee is trying to develop a vehicle for sharing authority records for headings that have not been established by the Library of Congress. (See the report of the Bibliographic Systems Section meeting elsewhere in this Newsletter for the status of ATLA contributions to the LC Name Authorities File.) As a preliminary effort, we would like to establish a clearinghouse for original records that your library has created. These are the types of authority records you can contribute:

1. Uniform titles for liturgical works, editions of sacred works, etc.
2. Corporate body headings for religious organizations or denominations.
3. Personal name headings for Biblical characters (if they have not been established by LC), and for other authors or religious figures.
4. Series title headings for series--if the series has some ambiguity in numbering or the form of title.

These are the types of headings you should not contribute:

1. Personal name headings for persons with multiple surnames, when the heading only serves to provide a cross reference from different elements in the surname.
2. Series title headings if the series title and numbering are straightforward.
3. Personal name or corporate body name headings for persons or organizations not associated with religion.
4. Recommendations for subject headings.
5. Recommendations for changes to existing LC authority records. (Send these to OCLC or to the Library of Congress.)

Authority records may be sent either in the form of a photocopy of a catalog card, or (preferably) a printout of an authority record in a form resembling that of USMARC Format for Authorities. Please mark your library's name on each authority record. Please send your records (until you are asked to stop!)--as many as you can--to John Thompson, The United Library, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois 60201. After a number of these have accumulated we will evaluate the feasibility of developing a vehicle for sharing these records with each other. (If anyone would be willing to assist with the work of distributing these, working on software for organizing them onto a diskette, etc., please get in touch with John Thompson.)

John Thompson, Chair
Bibliographic Systems Committee

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Although it is just a little over a month since our annual conference, in some ways it seems like a year. Not that so many things are going on in our libraries this summer, but that I personally have gone through some experiences that are unfamiliar to me. They have made my normal routine seem somewhere in the distant past.

The week after I came back from the splendid conference in Columbus I spent in a hospital getting some repair work done. I have a few new strange terms in my vocabulary that include "transurethral prostate resection" and others similar to it. Suffice it to say that I am well on the mend and that my condition was not serious. Although I would not like to go through such an ordeal again, I am grateful that all has gone as well as it has.

We have done it in other fora, but I would like to express once again special appreciation to all the people at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and their associates who made our stay in Columbus so pleasant. A number of developments came out of that session which I think will be of interest to the whole association.

A definite effort is being made by the ATLA to reach out to librarians across the country who serve on university library staffs where the institutions support graduate programs in religious studies. These librarians have needs that are not being met by any one association. ATLA wants to reach out to them and suggest that ours be the professional organization that can cater to their needs. Such a program will bring a different mix to our association, but at the same time offer great possibilities for expansion and diversification. It may dilute the special character that the association now has, but I do not look upon that as a negative factor. In any case, these ideas are in their initial stages and I'm sure it will take some years to develop them into a full program.

At our meeting in Berkeley we had a display of publications of ATLA members. The display was quite impressive. Betty O'Brien would like to repeat that project in Evanston in 1990. You will be more formally informed of this at a later date, but I'm just encouraging you to gather up your bibliographies of institutional or member contribution to the scholarly world for the edification of all.

One of the outgrowths of our recent conference is an effort by the Theological Users Group to develop a serials union list with OCLC. Chris Brennan and Jim Maney are members of a committee that will investigate the possibility of developing such a union list.

At budget meetings and in Board review of budget in recent times, I have been urged to suggest to the members, especially to committee chairs, that any surveys of the whole group being sent out should be done through the Executive Secretary as far as possible. This recommendation is not to curb initiative, but to try to cut down mailing expenses for such surveys. It has been recommended that any surveys that are planned for this year be submitted in final copy to me at this office before September 30. We will have the survey duplicated. Such combined mailing will cut down on mailing expenses. It is my understanding that duplication of such surveys, which will be done here, will be billed to the person or committee requesting the survey. I hope this is clear. Again, it is not meant to stifle any initiative, but to coordinate activities. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Continued

As you know, discussion of reorganization for ATLA has been on a front burner for the past year. It has been perking on a back burner for almost ten years. As proposals were presented throughout the year to various committees and the Board, a great number of structures were considered. For those of us privileged to work through possible variations, it was an exciting time. Members who only heard rumors or snatches of proposals had reason to be anxious. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will have a full explanation of plans. I hope the new proposals will allay fears.

Regional groupings of ATLA member libraries have been an integral part of our history. Some years ago there was talk about having regional groups affiliated in some way with ATLA as regional sections of some sort. At that time, after considerable discussion, a decision was made not to try to formalize regional groups. There continues to be great interest in regional cooperation though, and I am aware of a good number of regional groups (BTI, New York group, Southeastern Pennsylvania group, Chicago group, Minnesota group, GTU, Kansas City group, and the Tennessee group). Some of these are more formally organized than others but all, I believe, are active. I have been asked by people who are thinking of a Southwestern Area group, if I could provide any information on how the groups are organized, whether they have bylaws, etc. Without creating a great stir, I am wondering if some representative of the known groups could provide us with information that might be of help in starting up a new group. I would appreciate it, and would be willing ultimately to do a little summary of all the areas that we know are organized, including the institutional members. I am not sure how much value this would be, but the more I think about it the more it interests me as a good project. May I hear from you, please.

It was a joy to see so many of you face to face in Columbus. It's not too early to plan to get to Evanston next year.

Simeon Daly, O.S.B.
Executive Secretary, ATLA

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT TO DOCUMENT LUTHERAN UNION

The story of the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which came into existence in 1988 with 5,300,000 members, is being documented through an oral history project with first-year funding of \$50,000 provided by the Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Alice M. Kendrick is oral history consultant for this project. Predecessor bodies of the ELCA were the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church in America. In-depth interviews are planned for all participants from these church bodies who served on the Commission for a New Lutheran Church and on the Transition Team. The collection will become part of the archives of the ELCA, which are located in Chicago, Illinois.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE INDEX
AND PRESERVATION BOARDS

Religion Indexes Announces New Retrospective Project. The Joint Executive Committee of the Index and Preservation Programs approved at its June meeting the conversion to machine-readable format of book reviews from Index to Religious Periodical Literature, 1949-1975. This conversion of retrospective book reviews will be done by scanning, editing, and correcting data from the original hard copy editions. In addition, classification numbers will be assigned each review to enhance future access points. Access to the converted data will be by author/editor, title, and reviewer.

To facilitate the data conversion the Religion Indexes has acquired an Apple scanner and appropriate software. In addition, funding will be sought to assist in augmenting the original book review coverage with additional reviews based on the 1980 Religion Index One: Periodicals journal list. The project is under the direction of Douglas W. Geyer.

The schedule for publishing the cumulated book reviews from 1949-75 will be announced in the fall. Watch for this announcement. The converted book review data will be added to the online vendor files at the completion of the project.

The Joint Executive Committee and Index Staff consider this to be an important first step toward the conversion to machine readable format of the journal article literature from the Index to Religious Periodical Literature, 1959-1975. We intend to make further announcements about this project in spring 1990.

Preservation Program Announces Special Series for Phase 3. A special series entitled "Biblical Texts and Reference Works" will be filmed to complement the monographs being filmed in Phase 3. This special series will include between 450 and 700 titles on 1800-2100 fiche of biblical texts, concordances, commentary series, dictionaries, and grammars related to the monographs now being filmed.

"Biblical Texts and Reference Works" will be available as a set or as individual titles in the PREFIR program. However, titles in this special series will not be available as part of a subscriber's annual subscription to the PREFIR part of the Monograph Preservation Program and therefore cannot be substituted for the monograph titles which appear on the monthly Phase 3 Shipping Lists. "Biblical Texts and Reference Works" will be available to PREFIR members who are full or partial subscribers to the Monograph Preservation Program at \$5.25 per fiche. The price per fiche and for the complete special series for non-PREFIR members will be set when filming is finished. Titles filmed in the "Biblical Texts and Reference Works" will appear along with the regular monthly Shipping Lists, but will be printed on blue sheets.

Subscribers should note that we will begin to film Phase 4 titles (subject area, Church History) in September 1989. These will be done concurrently with the monographs remaining to be filmed in Phase 3, as well as with the special series, "Biblical Texts and Reference Works." Phase 4 titles will appear on the usual white Shipping Lists.

Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO), vol. 21, 1989 Semi-annual Delayed. The RIO, vol. 21, 1989 semi-annual which was scheduled for its usual late-September publication will be delayed about three weeks due to

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internal production problems. Please note this delay in your serial records. We apologize for these problems. As we continue to bring new production software online it does not always work as expected, and this leads to delays in publication.

Albert E. Hurd
Executive Director
Religion Indexes and Preservation Board

ST. JOHN'S CONVERTS CATALOG TO CD-ROM

St. John's Seminary Library in Camarillo, California, has installed their first edition of a new public access catalog on CD-ROM. The catalog, produced by General Research Corporation in Santa Barbara, California, contains over ninety percent of the library's holdings. The CD catalog runs on an IBM PS/2 model 30 and features maps of the library's floors, shelf browsing, and basic author/title/subject searching, as well as any-word searching. The catalog is a product of the retrospective conversion and the reclassification of materials begun by the St. John's Library in 1986.

OTLA ISSUES UPDATED UNION LIST OF SERIALS

The Ohio Theological Library Association has completed an updated edition of its union list of serials. The OTLA Union List of Serials contains over 4,100 current and retrospective titles held by the thirteen member libraries. Copies are priced at \$25.00. Orders should be sent to: A. T. Wehrle Memorial Library, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235. Only prepaid orders will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to: A. T. Wehrle Memorial Library.

CORRECTION FOR
LIBRARY MATERIALS EXCHANGE ADDRESS LIST

Participants in the ATLA Library Materials Exchange are asked to begin immediately to use the following address for the Phillips Graduate Seminary:

Graduate Seminary Library
Phillips Graduate Seminary
Box 2218 University Station
Enid, Oklahoma 73702

ATLA TASK FORCE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
31 May 1989

Mandate. The Task Force was constituted by action of the Board of Directors at its Winter 1988 meeting with a charge to "engage in the process of looking at the structure of the Association and to develop a strategic planning process" (Minutes, February 24-26, 1988, p. 14). The objective for the Task Force has been to examine and restructure the organization's governance to make it more responsive to strategic planning concerns.

Essentially, the Task Force has responded to three impulses within the Association and its governing structure. First is the impulse to move to a single governing board. This impulse has been shaped by general discussions over the past several years and, more recently, by the interim rearrangement of both the Preservation Board and the Index Board. In some ways, the fact that both the Preservation and Index Boards could form a joint executive committee has emboldened much of the ATLA leadership to consider moving to a truly unitary governing board structure. The second impulse, which has a longer history, is the need for salaried executive leadership. The third impulse has been the need to establish a financial management program consistent with the full dimension of the Association's products and services. With our past history of three governing boards and unsalaried executive leadership, the Association has developed varying ways and means of achieving both governing and executive leadership. The Task Force has assessed these patterns and has tried to retain those features and nuances which we judged to have proven effective over the years.

The work of the Task Force is part of a larger evolutionary process within the Association to institute more effective resource management and policy control. This process has included the activities of the Financial Management Committee, the employment of an Association Controller, a strengthening of reporting procedures, the moving towards a unified budget, and the centralizing of activities at one location. The Task Force's work is to aid in this process. In a sense, the Task Force can be seen as the second phase in a reorganization process begun with the Financial Management Committee and the Peat Marwick consultation. The recent formation of the Executive Committee of the Joint Program Boards, the perceived desirability for a full-time Executive Secretary, and changing membership expectations signal the need for a review of organizational structure and strategic planning.

Procedures. The Task Force has given careful consideration to these issues. The Task Force has held several meetings (Nashville, April 1988; Lexington, June 1988; New York, September 1988 and November 1988; Chicago, January 1989; New York, May 1989). There was a joint meeting with the Executive Committee of the Joint Program Boards in Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 1988, a telephone conference with Norman Kansfield on January 31, 1989, and Norman Kansfield and John Bollier met with the Task Force on May 8, 1989. In order to receive input from a broad range of the Association's membership, a survey questionnaire was sent to all full and retired members. Of the 394 questionnaires sent, 216 were returned, a 55% return rate. The Task Force has reviewed planning documents from the program boards, the Task Force 1981 restructuring report, the Peat Marwick report on financial management, the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, and Board of Directors

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Minutes. Further, individual Task Force members have held conversations with interested persons within ATLA. The work of the Task Force has concerned itself with organizational issues.

Findings. The Task Force discerned that there are characteristics of the current ATLA organizational structure which inhibit the application of strategic planning to the Association's activities. The existence of multiple entities which hold planning and management responsibilities creates a situation for potential problems from a lack of communication and coordination. There also exists a blending of policy formation and management in the board structures. Organizational theory, upon which strategic planning is built, calls for a separation of policy formation from management. Managerial leadership is clearly defined within the operational units of the index and preservation activities, but the Board of Directors and the two program boards (and their executive committee) function by combining, to various degrees, policy formation and management roles. The blending of these roles decreases, rather than increases, the ability of the Association to position itself effectively in response to its changing external environment and to monitor its resources internally. It would be beneficial to consolidate the policy formation functions in one entity and create a unified chain of management responsibility. In addition, the current organizational structure does not afford sufficient flexibility of operation to respond to a dynamic environment. The relative inability of the standing committees to enlist active membership support or address issues of theological librarianship in a manner which is perceived to be meaningful by the membership displays an organizational weakness, especially in contrast to the more active special interest groups that have grown up outside the formal structure.

The Task Force believes that the transition from the current structure to a more satisfactory one will require a phasing in of some aspects of a new structure. In part this is due to financial considerations and in part to differing levels of managerial complexity.

Recommendations. The Task Force recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached governance outline and accompanying notes as a plan of organization. The recommended plan of organization calls for a two-phase implementation. The first phase would be implemented, upon the vote of the Board and the membership, during the summer of 1990. The second phase would be implemented when the Board believes it in the best interests of the Association.

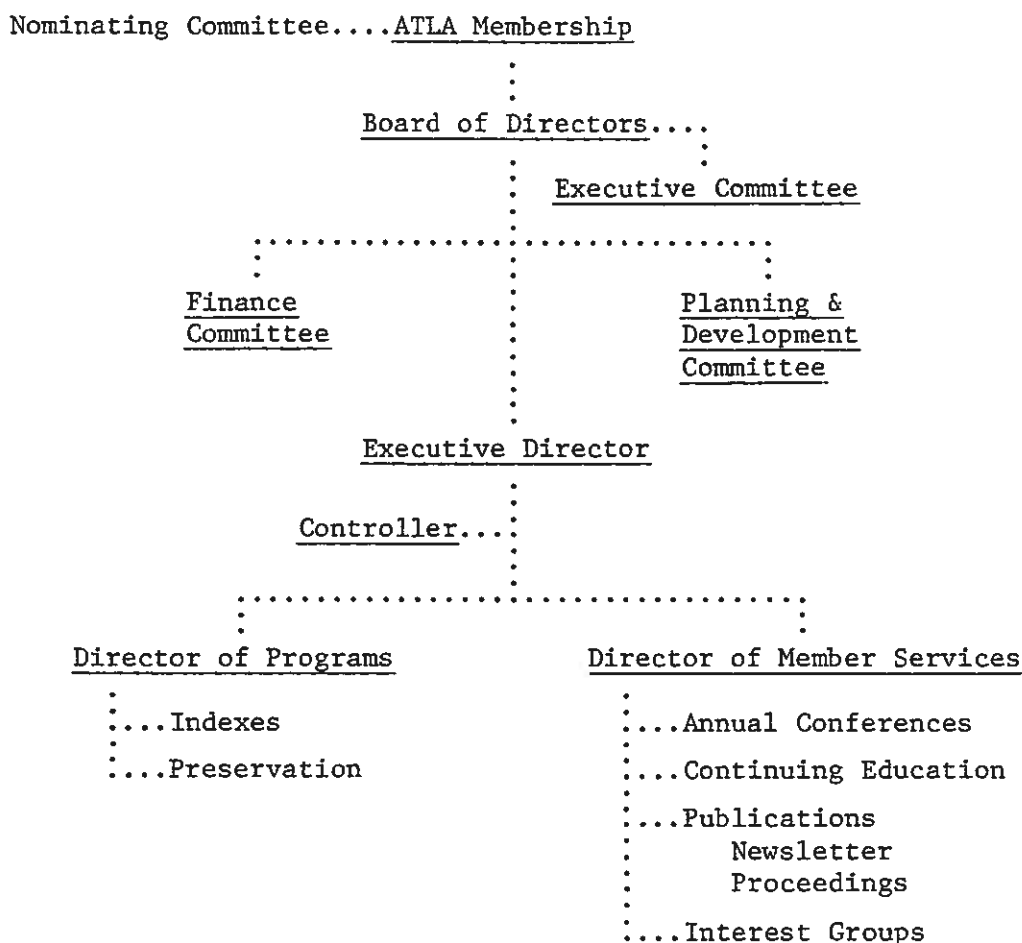
Furthermore, we recommend that if this plan of organization is adopted, the current Task Force be continued and be charged with the following responsibilities:

- a. preparation of appropriate Bylaws and enabling legislation for the Association to adopt the change of organization;
- b. proposing a transitional structure for elected and appointed personnel on the current Boards; and
- c. a job description for the Director of Membership Services.

If the Board of Directors rejects the report of the Task Force, we recommend that the Task Force be disbanded.

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PHASE 2



NOTES TO ACCOMPANY CHARTS

Nominating Committee. Responsible for nominating 3 candidates to be elected by the ATLA membership each year to serve on the Board of Directors. Composition: 3 persons appointed by the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be a Board member who shall serve as chairperson of the committee, the others being full members of the Association who are not also directors. Terms of office: 3 years, non-renewable. Meetings: the committee meets as often as necessary to carry out its work.

Board of Directors. Responsible for the affairs and property of the Association. Composition: 12 members: 9 of these, all of whom shall be full members of the Association at the time of their elections and at least 5 of whom shall be from institutions having institutional membership in the Association at the time of their elections, shall be elected by the general membership; the remaining 3, who need not be members of the Association, shall be elected by the Board of Directors to augment their strength in terms of

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special expertise. Terms of office: for members elected by the general membership, 3 years, renewable once; for members elected by the Board, 1 to 3 years, renewable for a total of no more than 6 years. Meetings: the Board, in addition to its 2 meetings during the annual conference, will meet at one other time during the year (probably at the mid-year point).

Officers. Composition: a Chairperson of the Board of Directors, who shall also serve as President of the Association; a Vice-Chairperson, who shall serve as deputy for the Chairperson/President; and a Secretary-Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the 9 directors who have been elected by the ATLA membership. Terms of office: 1 year, renewable. Note: Minutes of Board and Executive Committee meetings will be the responsibility of a Recording Secretary contracted for this purpose.

Executive Committee. Empowered to conduct the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board. Composition: the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary-Treasurer, and 2 others elected by the Board from among its members. Terms of office: 1 year, renewable. Meetings: the Committee shall have stated meetings twice yearly (say in October and March), but may meet as often as necessary to carry out its work.

Other Committees of the Board. The Board may establish whatever committees it deems necessary to carry out its work. It will probably require, at minimum, Finance and Planning/Development committees, though a Finance Committee may not be necessary in Phase 2, when, presumably, the Executive Director and the Controller would develop budget proposals for the consideration of the Board, and the Board would assume responsibility for the review of the Association's annual audit. In Phase 1 of what is being proposed here, the Board will probably also require a Member Services Committee to provide advice to and oversee the work of the members services function; in Phase 2, however, this committee will not be needed.

Executive Director. A position to be created in Phase 2. Functions as the executive and administrative officer of the Association, and serves as an ex-officio member (without vote) of the Board and the Board's Executive Committee. Appointment: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Board. Term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Board.

Controller. Responsible for typical controller activities, including the preparation of fiscal analyses, projections, etc. Appointment in Phase 1: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Board; term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Board. Appointment in Phase 2: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the Board; term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Executive Director in consultation with the Treasurer.

Director of Programs. Responsible for the Association's so-called programs--Indexes, Preservation, possibly publishing, and such other products as may evolve in the life of the Association. Appointment in Phase 1: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Board (with the title "Executive Director of Programs," as at present); term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Board. In Phase 1, the Executive Director of Programs appoints, directs, and reviews administrative, professional, and support staff involved in the programs, and meets regularly

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with the Board of Directors and the Board's Executive Committee. Appointment in Phase 2: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the Board (with the title "Director of Programs"), reporting to the Executive Director; term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Executive Director.

Director of Member Services. Responsible for the Association's so-called member services--annual conferences, continuing education, publications, interest groups, etc. Recruitment to membership in the Association, correspondence with the membership, maintaining mailing lists, collecting statistical data, etc. are all lodged here. Appointment in Phase 1: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Board; term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Board. In Phase 1, the Director of Member Services appoints, directs, and reviews staff involved in member services, and meets regularly with the Board's Member Services Committee. Appointment in Phase 2: appointed as a salaried employee of the Association by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the Board, reporting to the Executive Director; term of appointment: continuing, with performance reviews conducted by the Executive Director. Note: Initially this will probably be a less-than-full-time position, but it is anticipated that it will evolve into a full-time position, with such staff as circumstances require.

Interest Groups. Self-identified Interest Groups (as opposed to formal divisions or sections or "committees") are the means by which particular professional interests of the membership are lifted up. These may represent traditional interests (such as collection development, technical and public services, etc.) or newer concerns (such as systems, research and scholarship, the future of theological librarianship, etc.). Each group provides a forum and a "working party" for a particular interest. There may be as many groups as necessary and feasible. As new interests emerge, new groups form; as old interests die out, old groups dissolve. Interest Groups elect their own chairs and attract their own members. The groups operate under the care of the Director of Member Services.

HELLENIC COLLEGE LIBRARY PUBLISHES PHOTIAN STUDIES

The Hellenic College Library in Brookline, Massachusetts, announces the publication of Photian Studies, a volume containing the lectures delivered at the Annual St. Photius Celebrations at the Cotsidas-Tonna Library at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline. Included are seven lectures, with an introduction by Dr. George C. Papademetriou, Director of the Library. Copies are priced at \$5.00, plus a shipping cost of .50. Orders should be directed to: Dr. George C. Papademetriou, Hellenic College Library, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146. Checks should be made payable to the Hellenic College Library.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Today's technology has made possible the production of computerized bibliographies online and in print on just about any subject imaginable. But the massive amount of material spewed out by the computer has often overwhelmed even the advanced scholar, not to mention the novice student. Recognizing that this could be a real problem, especially for the beginning seminary student, the Publication Committee of the American Theological Library Association began dreaming of publishing selective bibliographies that could introduce the user to the most useful and best literature in specific subject areas. Thus, several years ago, the Committee began working on the Basic Bibliography in Religion series.

As conceived by the Committee, each Basic Bibliography would be prepared by a recognized expert in the subject area of the bibliography, would be briefly annotated and would contain approximately one hundred titles representing the best introductory literature in that subject area. While most of the titles were to be recent and in-print publications, the compilers were not to exclude those titles which because of their lasting significance had become "classics." The Committee wanted the bibliographies to be updated regularly and this made publication in print form difficult. It was at that point that the Committee was encouraged to investigate the possibility of preparing the bibliographies on computer disks which could be updated at regular intervals. These disks could then be purchased either by individuals or libraries; and users could either use them on their computers or print out their own hard copies. Personal notes could be added.

As the project developed, an additional advantage of distributing the bibliographies on computer disks was discovered. Libraries at theological schools can add the library classification number used in their library for each item. The library classification numbers are then printed out with bibliographic listings. Kenneth Bedell, Director of Computer Ministries at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, was asked by the series editor, Betty O'Brien, to prepare the software program for the series. Several compilers were asked to prepare bibliographies, and the Committee decided to inaugurate the series at the 1989 annual conference of the ATLA with the presentation of two bibliographies:

1. Missions, compiled by Norman Thomas, former missionary and currently book editor for Missiology and Professor of Missions at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

2. Evangelism, also compiled by Norman Thomas.

Pastoral Theology, by Brian Childs of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, will appear soon. The software and bibliographies work on IBM and compatible computers that use MS-DOS 2.1 or higher. The program requires 384K of internal memory. The software and first two bibliographies are available postpaid if prepaid for \$49.95. Forthcoming bibliographies are \$10.00 each. Checks should be made out to United Theological Seminary and sent to: Paul Schrodt, United Theological Seminary, 1810 Harvard Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio 45406.

David K. Himrod, Chair
Publication Committee

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Conference Section Meeting. Ferne Weimer (Billy Graham Center), Committee chair, opened the meeting and introduced the new Committee members: Sara Berlowitz (Graduate Theological Union), Vicki Biggerstaff (North American Baptist Seminary), and Christopher Brennan (Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary and the St. Bernard's Institute). John Thompson (The United Library in Evanston, Illinois) is the new Committee chair and Alice Runis (Iliff School of Theology), by virtue of her work on Current LC Subject Headings in the Field of Religion, has been appointed an ex officio member of the Committee. Joyce L. Farris, who serves as ATLA's Liaison to ALA's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, is the other ex officio member of the Committee.

Current LC Subject Headings in the Field of Religion continues to be a popular publication, with over a hundred active subscriptions. Because the Library of Congress has increased the cost of a subscription to the Weekly List, however, it is now necessary to increase the subscription price from \$10.00 to (still a very economical) \$12.50. Alice Runis continues to compile the list; orders are now being handled by Ferne Weimer (Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187-5593).

Section Program: Authority Control. At the June meeting of ATLA the Section Committee discussed how to begin to work together more effectively to share authority data. (In the Spring of 1989, inquiries had been made to the Library of Congress to see if it would be possible for ATLA libraries to contribute authority records to the LC Name Authorities File. The reply received was essentially, "Wait at least a year.") To familiarize Section members with authority control issues, the Bibliographic Systems Section meeting featured presentations by three ATLA catalogers and by Karen Calhoun of OCLC, Inc.

Judy Knop of the ATLA Preservation Board shared some personal names from the nineteenth century that have created problems in that ATLA project. She also gave a few examples of major lecture series which are not treated as monographic series by the Library of Congress. Cliff Wunderlich of Harvard gave some examples of ambiguities and changes in names for corporate bodies, especially names of denominations and local churches. Paul Stuehrenberg of Yale concluded the panel presentation with some problems he has encountered with uniform titles for liturgical works, apocryphal books, manuscripts, etc. He cited two titles which may be of some interest to ATLA members who work with uniform titles: A Manual of AACR2 Examples for Liturgical Works and Sacred Scriptures, 2nd ed., by James D. Kellen (Lake Crystal, MN: Soldier Creek Press, 1987); and List of Uniform Titles for Liturgical Works of the Latin Rites of the Catholic Church, IFLA (London: IFLA Committee on Cataloging, 1975).

Even hardened catalogers weren't sure whether to laugh or cry after these three presentations, but they were ready for more. Karen Calhoun from OCLC, Inc. explained to the membership how to get permission to add authority records to the Library of Congress Name Authorities File. The procedures are difficult but not impossible; the benefits are considerable; and it appears at this time that LC is not ready for ATLA participation and ATLA is not really set up yet to apply for participation. To help prepare for eventual NACO presentation, Ms. Calhoun strongly recommended that ATLA catalogers

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(1) get used to working together, and (2) individually become very familiar with LC's "canonical" documents: AACR2 (especially chapter 26 on references) and all LC rule interpretations and policies.

Ms. Calhoun recommended that catalogers at OCLC member institutions familiarize themselves with Technical Bulletin #182 (May 1988) from OCLC, which gives instructions for preparing authority file change requests. She also cited two articles from Cataloging and Classification Quarterly 7:2 (Winter 1986) for more information about the NACO project: "The Name Authority Co-op (NACO) Project at the Library of Congress: Present and Future," by Judith G. Fenly and Sarah D. Irvine (pages 7-18), and "NACO at the University of Illinois at U-C: A Narrative Case Study," by Robert H. Burger (pages 19-28). Copies of the outline of Ms. Calhoun's presentation are available from the chair of the Bibliographic Systems Committee.

Continuing Education in 1990. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that plans are underway to have a whole day continuing education event before the 1990 ATLA conference to deal with authority control (particularly uniform titles).

Other interests. The Bibliographic Systems Committee would like to hear from any ATLA member about any areas of interest. If you have ideas, comments, or suggestions about the Section or about technical services, please write: John Thompson, The United Library, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois 60201, or call him directly at (312) 866-3912.

John Thompson, Chair
Bibliographic Systems Committee

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
THE BIBLE IN CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES

The Church and Synagogue Library Association has just released its Guide No. 16, The Bible in Church and Synagogue Libraries, written by William H. Gentz, the former publications director of CSLA and editor of Church and Synagogue Libraries for ten years. The new guide summarizes the various editions of the Bible now in print, gives guidance about what the Bible is meant to be and how it fits into the library's program of education and guidance for the church or synagogue. Several Bible study programs are outlined for promotion by the library. Both book and pamphlet literature relating to the Bible are listed; and national organizations which can help the library in its search for materials are explained. The guide also details the kinds of activities that the library can use to promote Bible use and knowledge, from displays and exhibits to the planting of a Biblical garden. The guide is available at a cost of \$5.95 plus \$1.00 postage. If billing is required, there is an extra charge of \$1.00. Orders should be sent to the Church and Synagogue Library Association, P.O. Box 19357, Portland, Oregon 97219. Checks should be made payable to the Church and Synagogue Library Association.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the 1988 ATLA conference, most of the activity of the Public Services Committee has taken place in the ATLA Newsletter. In volume 36, no. 1, Judy Clarence inaugurated the Committee's column entitled "Reference Book Reviews and Interesting Reference Questions" (pages 18-19). In volume 36, no. 3, Seth Kasten continued his valuable "A Checklist of Reference Tools of Interest to Theological Librarians" (pages 59-64), and Norman Anderson published a detailed "Public Services Committee Report" (pages 68-70) to which was appended a document laying the ground for future activity of the Public Services Section, entitled "The Nature and Aims of the Public Services Section (PSS) of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA): an Official Statement." The Public Services Committee is hoping to increase its use of the ATLA Newsletter for between-conference activities.

1989 Conference

The Committee met at the ATLA Conference on June 22. In attendance were Norman Anderson, Chair; Judy Clarence; Bill Hair, who is rotating off the Committee; Shieu-yu Hwang, a new member; and Seth Kasten, the new Board Liaison.

The first major agenda item was to develop suggestions for the Program Committee. In this context, a number of basic issues were raised: objections to scheduling all the section meetings at the same time; the need for the Program Committee to dialog with committees about long-range planning so that programs can be built theme upon theme, conference after conference; the desire for a permanent Princeton Institute format for continuing education in public services; and the importance of joint meetings with other sections, committees, and interest groups in order to cover overlapping interests. Suggestions for future topics included copyright law and libraries (a joint interest with the Publication Committee), issues in reference work, software for reference services, issues in circulation policies, automation of circulation and security systems, privacy issues, and the effects on public services of new developments in theological education (e.g. globalization; services to multi-cultural, multi-lingual contexts; extension education; and the changing roles of church leadership).

The Committee brainstormed about long-range planning and decided to cultivate subcommittees as a vehicle for carrying forward a public services program. It also decided that the Committee would function better with two additional members, and decided to recommend this change to the Board of Directors. (Subsequently the proposal was accepted, and Kirk Moll was appointed. Another member is still being sought.)

The chair reported on the status of the directory of special collections in the ATLA. Ralph Ritter had provided copies on disk and in hard copy. It covers special collections in forty-three reporting institutions. The reports of three more are yet to be loaded. Ralph was seeking direction, and a number of comments were forthcoming. Once Ralph completes the directory, perhaps in the summer of 1989, photocopies will be made available on demand through the ATLA Executive Secretary.

Problems with the Religion Index database were discussed, such as its lag period; its priorities for inclusion (for instance, unindexed non-scholarly third-world publications have valuable information to be found

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nowhere else); its missing years (1959-1964); the absence of brief book reviews; the abandonment of abstracts (affecting keyword searches and access of many students to the gist of scholarly discussion in foreign languages); the difficulty of searching by biblical passage; the inability to delimit searches by language or date; and the need for more dialog within the ATLA regarding how the Index might serve theological libraries better.

Judy Clarence volunteered to continue the reference column in the ATLA Newsletter, provided contributors will be forthcoming. She indicated that she will solicit contributions in each issue of the Newsletter this year. The column is intended to feature reference questions and the reviews of reference books.

Sensitive issues of Board of Directors' support of Committee recommendations were discussed, and the Liaison indicated that he would address those matters over the course of the upcoming year.

Also discussed were the possible effects of ATLA restructuring upon the Committee and Section. A strong concern was that current proposals would accentuate the weaknesses in the present structure, such as the difficulty of carrying out a long-range public services program due to built-in instability.

Finally, the agenda for the Section meeting was discussed and approved.

That same afternoon the Section meeting was held. Twenty-three people were present.

In part to provide context for some of the agenda items to come, Norman Anderson delivered a series of reflections on the future of public services in theological libraries, starting with the Project 2000 report. He offered three observations on the report. First, the report had little to say about public services, and much serious thought needs to be done if public services is to be ready for the future. Second, the report tended to ignore individual library dynamics (e.g., in the matter of cooperative collecting of third-world literature). This must be avoided if we are to deal concretely with the future of public services. Public services tend to be highly individualized from library to library and cooperative efforts are a particularly difficult challenge. Third, the report recommended a required doctorate for library directors, but it did not seem to take into account the possible effects on the profession. For example, it shifts the emphasis from much-needed generalists (or multiple specialists) to yet more single specialists; and it creates tiers in the profession, inhibiting advancement of individuals with an enormous breadth of administrative and library skill and knowledge of theological literature. Thus professionals in public services tend to be pushed farther away from the main track. On the other hand, doctorates can be great assets, for instance in terms of appreciation of research needs and in terms of power structures within academic institutions. Doctorates for library directors are fine, but much else is more important.

So what may the future look like for public services? At an ATLA continuing education event on June 19 entitled "Working with Others: Communication, Power, and Appreciation," B. Kay Snavely of Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) listed three sources of institutional power: centrality, non-substitutability, and ability to deal with uncertainty. As the emphasis shifts more

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and more to multiple media formats, as networking becomes ever more important, as many of the traditional boundaries in the information world are made obsolete, as many new approaches to education are developed, it seems likely that, given the complexities of all the above, public services will become increasingly central.

Given new approaches to bibliographic control of information, it seems possible that technical services, which traditionally has been one of the least substitutable functions in a library, will by degrees become more substitutable (this said with trepidation by a person who is head of a technical services department). Simultaneously, public services will become increasingly recognized as indispensable to patrons baffled by the broadening array in the world of information. As for coping with uncertainty, that is the daily warp and woof of public services existence and will be more so as patrons find the world of information to be cumulatively increasing in complexity.

It is in this context that we need to talk about future planning for public services, the interaction of individual library dynamics with cooperative planning, and the qualifications of theological librarians. It is in this context that we need to talk about the restructuring of the ATLA and its effects on the Section.

Discussion followed.

In response to a request by the ATLA President, Channing Jeschke, a Privacy Concerns Task Force was created. Members include Shieu-yu Hwang, Chair; Martha Aycock, Evelyn Collins; Genevieve Luna; and Eleanor Soler; with Norman Anderson and Seth Kasten sitting in. Its mission was defined as: "1. To identify privacy issues as they relate to theological libraries, including those that may be unique to theological libraries." (Input is solicited, including anecdotal.) "2. To identify laws and legal issues that relate to privacy concerns in ATLA theological libraries at state/provincial and national levels, for the United States and Canada. 3. To research the literature on library privacy concerns and to study the statements of selected libraries and other library organizations. 4. To recommend to the Public Services Committee guidelines for ATLA libraries and a policy statement to be considered for adoption by the ATLA. The guidelines and policy should address both the legal and ethical aspects of privacy concerns. A first draft should be ready by the 1990 conference. 5. To make recommendations regarding the education of ATLA members about privacy concerns. Those recommendations should be ready to pass on to the Program Committee through the Chair of the Public Services Committee shortly after the 1990 conference. The end result of the Task Force will be the guidelines, policy statement, and educational recommendations in final form."

Volunteers were sought to contribute questions and reviews of reference books to the reference column in the ATLA Newsletter. Judy Clarence signed up several individuals and more are welcome.

Seth Kasten presented a proposal to develop a list of theological reference books that ought to be reprinted. Certain reprint publishers may be interested in such a list. Norman Anderson added that a list ought to be developed of new reference works needed, such as a scholarly dictionary of American Christianity and a dictionary of missionary biography. He suggested

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that the Public Services Section should begin urging publishers to fill gaps and avoid the rut of redundancy. Kirk Moll volunteered to begin developing such lists.

The current draft of the directory of special collections in the ATLA was passed around and a report given on its status.

The floor was opened to brainstorming about future activities, task forces, and special interest groups that might be developed under the umbrella of the Public Services Committee.

Diana Yount volunteered to spearhead a display of public services documents (such as finding aids, reference collection development policies, circulation policies, emergency procedures, and library manuals) to be near a photocopier at the next conference. The display may pave the way for a clearing house of public services documents, perhaps to be merged with the clearing house maintained by Sara Myers.

Cynthia Runyan and Bonnie Vanderlinder volunteered to spearhead a special interest group on administrative issues in public services, such as the handling of reserves, displays, and interlibrary loans; training and management of student workers; and standards for evaluation and dismissal.

And Bob Phillips and Evelyn Collins volunteered to spearhead a special interest group on bibliographic instruction.

It was suggested that special interest groups may be able to meet at conferences during meals and report at Section meeting.

The Public Services Section meeting was fast-paced, covering much ground. It was particularly satisfying this year, both because it has now definitely moved beyond matters of self-definition to programming and because of the exceptional willingness of those present to participate and to volunteer.

Norman E. Anderson, Chair
Public Services Committee

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OFFERS GRANTS TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS

The American Theological Library Association designates a total of \$1000 annually for grants-in-aid to bibliographers in the fields of religious studies/theology and theological librarianship. Scope and subject matter are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging and stimulating bibliographical work at all levels, especially by persons undertaking their first major bibliographical study. Projects from article to multi-volume length, reflecting research in the full range of religious/theological disciplines are appropriate for consideration. The ATLA Publication Committee solicits applications in the fall of each year and meets in January or February to confer the awards, usually two, based on merit and need. The ATLA reserves first publication rights in its Bibliography Series for all projects receiving grants. Application deadline is January 10, 1990. Address correspondence to: Erica Treesh, Grants Officer, ATLA Publication Committee, American Theological Library Association, 820 Church Street, 3rd Floor, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

REPORT FROM ATLA LIAISON TO CC:DA

The ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) met in Dallas, Texas, June 24-25, 1989, with Joyce L. Farris attending as Liaison from the ATLA.

Workshop. CC:DA and MAGERT (Map and Geography Round Table) will co-sponsor a workshop in Chicago on June 22, 1990, on remote sensing imagery, including satellite imagery and aerial photography. Enrollment will be limited to 25; a fee will be charged.

Report of Helen Schmierer, Representative to the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR (JSC). JSC has taken the following actions:

1.6G, 1.6H3: The question of parallel numbering in series statements is deferred for the time being.

9.3B2a: JSC agreed that the example should be corrected to read "240,000" bytes. The Australians are proposing that new terminology be added here and abbreviations permitted, such as kilobytes (kb), megabytes (mb), and gigabytes (gb). A member of CC:DA will confirm what abbreviations are generally used in the United States for various bytes.

9.5: JSC rejected the assertion that Ch. 9 applies only to magnetic media. A CC:DA member will reexamine Ch. 9 to see if optical media could be accommodated by changing or adding examples.

Ms. Schmierer presented a 63-page document showing errors which have been found in the AACR2 1988 revision. Most of these are typographical errors in layout, font use, spacing, running head, punctuation, diacritics, capitalization, CIP data, or publisher information. Some word changes are suggested, which are to be considered as substantive changes and reviewed accordingly. The document will be sent to JSC. Several other typographical errors were submitted by the Music Library Association for inclusion in Ms. Schmierer's document.

JSC has requested that various advisory bodies give them recommendations on procedures for rule maintenance and policies for revision for a possible AACR3. CC:DA voted to appoint a task force to prepare such recommendations.

Report from Ben Tucker, Representative from the Library of Congress (LC). Mr. Tucker presented a number of suggestions:

2.0B1, 2.1B1: To restore the deleted sentence "Specify the part used as a title page substitute in a note (see 2.7B3)" and to delete the stipulation at 2.1B1: "If the title proper is not taken from the title page, give the source of the title in a note (see 2.7B3)."

3.5B4: To change "sections" to "segments" in the example.

5.0B2: To restore the phrase "first page of music" to the list of prescribed sources for the publication, distribution, etc., area. (The Music Library Association made this same proposal in their report to CC:DA.)

12.0B1: To change the prescribed sources of information for the designation area and the publication, distribution, etc., area to "the whole publication." This will bring AACR2 into closer harmony with the 1988 ISBD(S).

21.6, 21.7: To include all works of shared responsibility under 21.6 and to restrict 21.7 to collections of previously published works.

22.10: To require that headings drop non-alphabetic elements from designations involving both initials and non-alphabetic elements (such as asterisks).

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24.4C4, 24.4C5 (Bodies located outside or in the British Isles): To cancel both rules, leaving 24.4C3 to cover the matters dealt with in 24.4C4 and 24.4C5, with a slight elaboration: "If 24.4C2 does not apply or is inappropriate, add the name of a local place unless the name of an institution, the date(s) of the body, or other designation ... provides better identification. For local places, add the name of the geographic entity that is most commonly associated with the name of the body, whether this is a jurisdiction or not ... If further distinction is necessary, give the name of a particular area within the local place before the name of the local place."

Appendix D: To revise the glossary definition for "half title," deleting the phrase "preceding the title page." To revise the definition of "parallel title." The 1988 definition is not valid, since parallel titles may be recorded in areas other than the title and statement of responsibility area.

CC:DA asked Mr. Tucker to write these suggestions as proposals to JSC, which JSC would then send to CC:DA for discussion.

Report of Jennifer Bowen, Liaison from the Music Library Association (MLA). MLA had several proposals to make.

25.35F2: That the rule be deleted. (1) Using the uniform title to indicate the original language of a work has no precedent and may even be misleading, since it may give the impression that the item is a translation. (2) In some cases application of the rule may lead to inconsistent results: Except in obvious cases, the rule is difficult to apply, it being necessary to decide whether the text in hand is a liturgical work. Many works with less well-known texts cannot be categorized easily because of the unavailability of information from the item being cataloged, from other manifestations of the work, or from reference sources. While many Biblical passages have been incorporated into liturgical observances, it cannot be assumed that a particular setting of a Biblical text derives from a liturgical use of that text. The text of some works with titles that imply liturgical texts may deviate or be completely different from those texts prescribed by the liturgy. Mr. Tucker commented that LC has encountered these problems when dealing with liturgical texts. One cannot always know whether to treat something as a liturgical work. Ms. Schmierer suggested that appropriate language might be "add the names of languages as instructed in 25.35C," and then make the heading for 25.3F "Languages." The proposal was referred back to MLA to rewrite 25.35F and to make a recommendation.

25.30B4: To restore the words "realized or unrealized" and change "figured or unfigured" to "with or without figures." MLA will prepare a proposal giving strong arguments that the rule cannot be applied successfully without these words. The rule also contains an incorrect use of the word "continuo." MLA will study the possibility of regrouping the rules for more clarity.

25.30B6: The wording has been changed without discussion and should be restored to the form of text appearing in the 1987 revision of AACR2.

25.34B1: The rule is incorrectly linked with rule 25.32B2. The sentence "For excerpts called suite, see 25.32B2" should be deleted. MLA will rewrite this as a proposal to JSC, suggesting the use of "selections from a single work" instead of "excerpts called suite."

25.35A1: The wording is now misleading because the rule applies to collective uniform titles as well as uniform titles for individual musical

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works. The wording of the May 1987 revision should be restored. The problem seems to be that two definitions of "work" are being used in the same chapter. MLA will rewrite this as a proposal to JSC.

Task Force on Qualifying the Names of Federated States. Final recommendations are: (1) that no addition or deletions be made to rules 23.4C and 23.4B; (2) that any future petition to add or subtract from the list be rejected; and (3) that the level of qualification of headings remain unchanged.

Task Force on Descriptive Rules Governing Producers of Nonprint Materials. The task force began by trying to see how the rules deal with the concept of "producer," what is meant by "producer," and how or whether the text should be altered. In the next six months they will review each chapter to see how the concept relates and what rule revisions, if any, seem appropriate.

Task Force on Abbreviations and Initial Articles in Place Names. The charge to the task force is (1) to investigate the impact of discontinuing the practice of abbreviating place names in catalog entry points; and (2) to assess the need for rules in Ch. 23 to provide guidance on the deletion or retention of initial articles in place names. Report on Charge 1: In the machine world, abbreviations are no longer needed to save space in the catalog; they are messing up keyword searching in online catalogs; some abbreviations are words; a one-to-one change cannot always be made because some abbreviations stand for more than one term. It would cost days of computer time and down time to change all abbreviations. Report on Charge 2: It does not seem possible to prepare a rule which would accommodate the use or non-use of initial articles in all places and all languages. Several languages have place names which include inseparable initial articles (Le Havre, The Dunes). The correct form of some names includes an abbreviation (St. Louis). A guideline such as "The retention of the initial article in a place name depends on local usage" might be helpful. It may be that the problem can be solved only by the development of more sophisticated software. A final report will be presented in January.

Task Force on Predominant Part Title for Items Without a Collective Title (Rule 1.1G). The charge was to investigate inconsistent referral back to Rule 1.1G in Chapters 2-11. The preliminary report indicated that the preference was to leave things the way they are, retaining the option as currently in the rules, without any attempt to define "predominance" or to eliminate the concept. There will be further discussion of this.

MARBI (Committee on Representation in Machine-Readable Form of Bibliographic Information) Committee on Multiple Versions. The representative (Anne Highsmith) reported that since the joint meeting of CC:DA with MARBI in January, many substantial questions have been raised in regard to MARBI's proposals for a definition of multiple versions, for selecting a focal record to which records for multiple versions would be linked and for relating multiple versions to the holdings format. None of the questions has been answered. LC has begun to create multiple version records internally, which will not be distributed until the questions referred to MARBI have been resolved. The National Library of Medicine is planning to show multiple versions through holdings. LC had considered this but found it unacceptable (reasons were not given).

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The Music Library Association and the ALA Audiovisual Committee have expressed several concerns. (1) The proposed definition of multiple version, "An additional manifestation of a work which does not differ in intellectual content from the original but differs only in the physical medium in which it is embodied," has an inherent bias toward print materials and does not adequately address the complexities of non-print materials. The concept of "identical intellectual content" is inappropriate for linking bibliographic records for music and sound recordings. They want a definition of what constitutes a "reproduction" so that the linking field could exclude items published simultaneously in several formats. (2) The recommendations for linking multiple versions would increase cataloging time and costs; and their implementation would have significant implications for bibliographic maintenance in both local systems and bibliographic utilities. (3) The need for a new linking field for non-print materials in shared bibliographic utilities has not been adequately demonstrated.

MLA suggested that future multiple versions proposals be limited in application to items which can be considered reproductions, excluding items issued commercially in more than one physical format. The ALA Audiovisual Committee feels that the techniques involved in linking focal and multiple version records are at odds with the needs of bibliographic description of audiovisual materials.

The CONSER Policy Committee has suggested the possibility of a national meeting of all concerned parties to settle the issues raised.

CC:DA voted to appoint a task force to examine the issues concerned with the multiple versions problem, the task force to consist of knowledgeable individuals from various groups interested in the problem, to develop a position and make recommendations to CC:DA.

Joyce L. Farris
ATLA Liaison to CC:DA

POSITION OPEN

PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN. The Seminary Library which serves Bethany Theological Seminary and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary has an immediate opening for a Public Services Librarian. The Public Services Librarian is responsible for a wide variety of duties, including reference, circulation, ILL, administration of reserve books, the curriculum library, audiovisual collection, pamphlet/vertical files, and supervision of assistants. Requirements are: ALA-accredited MLS, education in theology and/or religion, knowledge of OCLC and computers in libraries, and ability to work in a team situation. Salary range is \$20,000-\$24,000 plus benefits, depending on qualifications and experience. Available immediately. Qualified applicants should send resume and names of three references to: Dr. Helen Kenik Mainelli, Library Director, The Seminary Library, Butterfield and Meyers Roads, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Sara (Sally) Brewer Berlowitz has resigned her position as Head of Cataloging and Principal Cataloger at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, California, effective August 31, 1989, in order to become Supervisor of Automated Bibliographic Processing at San Francisco State University. Ms. Berlowitz reports that San Francisco State is quite supportive of her wish to remain in the ATLA and to continue to participate in the activities of the Bibliographic Systems Committee. She further reports that San Francisco State will be bringing up its OPAC this fall and that she hopes to be able to share insights on the process with ther ATLA colleagues.

Chris Cullnane II assumed the position of Technical Services Librarian at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, on November 1, 1988. He had previously served as Library Director at Oakland City College in Oakland City, Indiana.

Joseph Hall resigned his position as Librarian and Associate Professor of Church History at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, effective June 30, 1989, in order to become Librarian and Professor of Church History at the newly established Knox Theological Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Roberta L. Hamburger, Seminary Librarian at Phillips Graduate Seminary in Enid, Oklahoma, has been named Director of the Seminary's John Rogers Library. The appointment will become effective September 1, following the retirement of John L. Sayre as Director of the Library. Ms. Hamburger joined the Seminary Library staff in 1966 as Assistant Librarian. She was appointed Assistant Professor of Theological Bibliography in 1971 and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1983. She holds the B.A. degree from the Oklahoma College for Women, the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and a certificate of advanced studies from North Texas State University in Denton.

George F. Johnston, Assistant Librarian of the Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, has been named Acting Librarian following the resignation of Dr. Joseph Hall as Librarian.

David M. Laughlin was awarded the Master of Library Science degree by the Graduate Library School of the University of Arizona in Tucson in May 1989.

Helen Kenik Mainelli was appointed Director of the Library at Bethany and Northern Baptist Theological Seminaries in Oak Brook, Illinois, effective July 1, 1989. She was also appointed Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Mainelli had previously been Associate Professor in Bible and Spirituality at Holy

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Names College in Oakland, California. She holds the Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and the Ph.D. degree from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

John R. Muether resigned his post as Library Director at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to accept the position of Director of the Library at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. His new appointment became effective August 1. Mr. Muether had been Library Director at Westminster Seminary since January 1, 1985. Prior to that he had been a member of the library staff at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, as Assistant Librarian for Technical Services from 1982 until 1983 and as Librarian from 1983 until the end of 1984.

Vera Louise Robinson was married to John C. Tippe at the First Baptist Church in Dubuque, Iowa, on April 8. Mrs. Tippe is Catalog Librarian at the Schools of Theology in Dubuque-University of Dubuque Library, and Mr. Tippe is a bus operator for the Keyline Bus Company in Dubuque.

John L. Sayre will retire on September 1, 1989, as Vice-president and Dean, Director of John Rogers Graduate Seminary Library, and Professor of Theological Bibliography at Phillips Graduate Seminary in Enid, Oklahoma. His retirement follows twenty-seven years of service to the Seminary. A dinner honoring Dr. Sayre took place on April 10 at Phillips University's Gantz Center, with more than two hundred guests in attendance. Seminary President Roger Sizemore has announced that a permanent \$3,000 endowment fund is being established in Dr. Sayre's name for the purchase of books for the Seminary Library. And Dr. Kenneth Shipps, Dean of Phillips University, has announced that a similar \$3,000 endowment is being established for the purchase of books for the University's Zollars Library. Dr. and Mrs. Sayre will make their home in Raymore, Missouri. Their address will be: 1413 West Stone Boulevard, Raymore, Missouri 64083.

Jenny Marie Shelden has been named Technical Services Supervisor at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Library in Mill Valley, California. She holds the B.A. degree from the University of Richmond in Virginia, the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson, and the Master of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Included in Ms. Shelden's previous professional experience are service as a volunteer chaplain to the homeless at the Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel in Louisville, as a library associate at the Howard County Library in Columbia, Maryland, and as a circulation and interlibrary loan assistant at the Boyce Memorial Library of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

Logan S. Wright has accepted the position of Theological Librarian and Instructor of Theological Bibliography at Phillips Graduate Seminary in Enid, Oklahoma. His appointment became effective August 1, 1989. Mr. Wright was formerly Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature at Phillips University.

REFERENCE BOOK REVIEWS AND INTERESTING REFERENCE QUESTIONS
FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEEBook Reviews

The Public Services Committee shares brief impressions of reference works recently added to the collections of its members. Any Newsletter reader who would like to contribute to this project is welcome to do so. Please submit contributions to: Judy Clarence, Graduate Theological Union Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California 94709.

At the GTU we recently received the "revised and updated" Christian Sourcebook : a Comprehensive Guide to All Things Christian, by Carol Ward (New York : Ballantine Books, 1989). As I look it over, I wonder why. This book is quite simplistic--seems suitable for a high school (or younger) audience. I noted right away that Thomas Merton's most famous book was referred to throughout as "Seven Story [sic] Mountain," and unless the publisher stripped away the "e" without permission, the author really didn't know how to spell it. There are many omissions. The only possible useful sections are "The ten most generous denominations," "How to say 'Jesus' in ten languages," and some resources for Sunday School teaching aids. I don't, however, see much here that isn't readily available elsewhere. Then again, it's not expensive ... might be worth having around for that rare patron who wants something very general and entry-level to learn a little bit about Christianity quickly.

Far more valuable is Religion and American Life : Resources, edited by Anne T. Fraker (Urbana : University of Illinois Press, 1989). Although it's a bit limited, the annotations, which are contributed by twenty or so scholars, are careful and complete. It's clear that the contributors have looked at these works extremely carefully. The focus is on the influence of religion on American life.

Paul M. Debusman, Reference Librarian at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, writes of a tool many of us find useful: "Probably we all know J. Gordon Melton's Encyclopedia of American Religions (Detroit, MI : Gale Research Inc., 1989). In 1987 a volume appeared which bears the general title of the Encyclopedia with the sub-title Religious Creeds. In this volume Melton has gathered more than 450 creeds and confessions from various religious groups. He begins with ancient creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Chalcedonian Formula, and Creed of Athanasius) and proceeds through 23 chapters of different 'families' of religious groups. I find this book to be a real time-saver for locating creeds and statements of beliefs of different groups, and, indeed, I doubt that some of the statements could be found at all without a great deal of searching. Especially for the lesser-known groups, this book is very helpful to me. The book also contains a creed and organization keyword index."

Reference Questions

Norman E. Anderson, Goddard Library, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, has had three challenging questions recently which he'd like to share:

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What precisely (chapter and verse) is the source of this oft-preached quotation, "There is a God-shaped vacuum [some versions use "hole"] in the heart of every person"? It is sometimes attributed to St. Augustine and sometimes to Pascal, who both made other similar statements. Might it be a paraphrase of Augustine or Pascal passed down through preaching tradition? If so, who was the first to put it this way?

What precisely (chapter and verse) is the original source of the maxim, "In necessary things--unity: in doubtful things--liberty: in all things--charity." Or, another version, "Unity in essentials, liberty in inessentials, charity in all things." It is variously ascribed to St. Augustine (e.g., formerly on the title page of the New Oxford Review), Rupert Meldenius (pseudonym for Peter Meiderlin) and Pope John XXIII.

What is the original source of the phrase, "The world, the flesh, and the devil"? Generally it is said to have first appeared in the Great Litany of the Book of Common Prayer in 1544. But Sebastian Franck in his 1534 edition of the Paradoxa gives this as paradox 66: "Homo, mundus, caro et Satan unum" or "Humankind, world, flesh and devil are one."

And here at the GTU we had a tricky one the other day. A patron wanted to know the exact requirements and specifications for making or manufacturing a "valid" rosary. We could find no guidelines anywhere. Even books such as F.M. Willam's The rosary, its history and meaning (New York : 1953) were unhelpful. Best I could do was give him the names of some religious articles dealers in the area whom he could contact. Further suggestions, anyone?

Reprinting of Theological Reference Books

At the June conference Seth Kasten presented to the Public Services Committee a proposal to develop a list of theological reference books that ought to be reprinted. Certain reprint publishers have expressed interest in such a list. Some proposed titles are:

Darling, James. Cyclopaedia bibliographica : a library manual of theological and general literature, and guide to books for authors, preachers, students, and literary men : analytical, bibliographical and biographical. London : J. Darling, 1854-1859. 2 v.

Gillow, Joseph. A literary and biographical history, or bibliographical dictionary, of the English Catholics : from the breach in Rome, in 1534, to the present time ... (London : Burns & Oates ; New York : Catholic Pub. Soc., [1885-1902]). 5 v.

Richardson, Ernest Cushing. An alphabetical subject index and index encyclopaedia to periodical articles on religion, 1890-1899. (New York : Scribner's sons, c1907).

Smith, William. A dictionary of Christian biography, literature, sects and doctrines : being a continuation of The dictionary of the Bible / edited by William Smith and Henry Wace (London : John Murray, 1877-1887). 4 v.

Wace, Henry. A dictionary of Christian biography and literature to the end of the sixth century A.D., with an account of the principal sects and heresies, edited by Henry Wace and William C. Piercy. (London : J. Murray, 1911).

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Also at the meeting Norman Anderson recommended that we develop a list of new reference works needed. We mentioned a scholarly dictionary of American Christianity and a dictionary of missionary biography. The Public Services Committee urges all readers to look over the list of recommendations for reprint and the list of recommendations for new publications and to use these pages to comment, add titles, recommend deleting titles, etc. Again, please send all correspondence to Judy Clarence (see address above).

Judy Clarence, Head of Reference
Graduate Theological Union Library

FUTURE CONFERENCE SITES APPROVED

The following sites of future annual conferences of the American Theological Library Association have been approved by the Board of Directors:

- 1990: Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. June 25-30.
- 1991: Trinity College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dates to be announced.
- 1992: Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Dates to be announced.

POSITION OPEN

CATALOG LIBRARIAN. Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. Responsible for cataloging all forms of library materials (both original cataloging and supervision of copy cataloging operation); also discharges other technical service functions as necessary and serves as head of the cataloging section. Requirements: MLS from an ALA-accredited institution; prior experience in an academic library, including prior on-the-job cataloging experience; working knowledge of German and one other Romance language; familiarity with AACR2; LC classification and subject headings; MARC format; RLIN and/or OCLC online operations. Graduate degree in theology or related discipline helpful but not necessary. Salary negotiable; liberal benefits. Submit a letter of application, resume, and names and addresses of three current references by September 25, 1989, to Mary Williams, Head of Technical Services, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California 94709. Position will remain open until filled. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

FOURTH ANZTLA CONFERENCE HELD IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

"Ehara I Te mea
 No Inaianei te aroha
 No nga Tupuna
 Tuku iho tuku iho"

("There is no better thing than love
 From the ancestors
 Trickling down
 Trickling down")

With the singing of these words of an ancient Maori greeting, staff from St. John's Trinity welcomed nine Australians and fourteen New Zealanders to the fourth conference of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association, held on the magnificent campus of the College of St. John the Evangelist, Auckland, 2-4 July 1989. It was the first time the conference had been held in The Land of the Long White Cloud and constituted the biggest gathering of New Zealand theological librarians in history. As a sequel to the conference, they held a meeting to form the New Zealand chapter of ANZTLA.

The major emphasis of the conference was on reference work. The Reverend Harold Pidwell, Baptist Theological College of New Zealand, introduced the theme with "Reference from a user's point of view"; based on a survey of Auckland theological library users, it showed how regular library practices often place obstacles in the way of users. Coral Ridling, Auckland Public Library, brought a lifetime of astute library experience to her session on "The Reference Interview" it emphasized that we dare never forget that patrons are people. Margaret Tibbles, Satis, Auckland, took up the highly specialized topic of "Telephone Reference Services"; she emphasized the need to get the question clear before beginning the search for the answer. A John Cleese video helped to reinforce the message. Finally, Dr. Lawrence McIntosh, Joint Theological Library, Parkville, Victoria, presented a paper on "Reference Tools and their Evaluation"; pointing out the difference between a correct answer and a quality answer to a question, he talked from experience about the tools which will help one to arrive at the latter.

A final plenary session was devoted largely to sharing information on automated library systems; it showed that while many libraries are considering or even planning to automate, only three have so far taken the plunge. Opportunity was provided for hands-on investigation of the CATALIST system, developed in New Zealand and now installed in both St. John's and Baptist theological libraries in Auckland.

A visit to the Sylvia Ashton-Warner Library, Auckland Teachers College, offered new insights into user education, the use of CD-ROM technology, the processing and storage of audiovisual materials, and the newly-installed Dynix automated library system. Social highlights of the conference included a sumptuous dinner, providing, among other culinary delights, a taste of New Zealand wine, and a visit to Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World, courtesy of Hills Library and Information Service.

In the Annual General Meeting of the Association, it was decided:
 - to include all library staff in institutional membership;

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- to hold the next conference at Pius XII Regional Seminary, Banyo, Queensland, 5-7 July 1990;
- to add a day to future conferences for taking in something of the local environment;
- to retain membership and subscription fees at A\$20 and A\$15 and to make it possible for New Zealand members to remit fees to a New Zealand representative;
- to create an ANZTLA logo and letterhead.

Following the decision of the funding Secretary/Treasurer, Hans Arns, to step down from this position, the conference elected as his replacement Mrs. Val Canty, Parkin-Wesley Theological College, 20 King William Road, Wayville, S.A. 5034, Australia. Mrs. Liz. Jordan, Trinity Theological College, Auchenflower, Queensland, was elected as the Extra Member of the Executive for 1989/90. All other officers were re-elected, including the board and committee of the Australasian Religion Index, the first issue of which was being printed as the conference was in session.

Trevor Zweck
President, ANZTLA

POSITION OPEN

CATALOG LIBRARIAN. Ryan Memorial Library, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The Library supports the study and research of students and faculty in a college, theologate, and school of religious studies, located in suburban Philadelphia. Responsibilities include: original and copy cataloging of all library materials (including rare books and A.V media) using AACR2, LCC, LCSH and OCLC; maintenance of library card catalogs, including authority control; maintenance of serial holdings data on OCLC Union List; supervision of book processing operations; assisting library patrons in the use of the library catalogs and collections, including regular evening reference service; participation in planning for library automation. Qualifications: master's degree in library or information science, with B.A. in humanities or background in theology preferred; thorough knowledge of AACR2, LCC, LCSH and MARC formats; appropriate professional-level experience in an academic library; ability to work independently and take responsibility for problem identification, analysis and resolution; reading knowledge of at least one foreign language; excellent interpersonal and communications skills. Salary range \$19,950-\$24,950, depending on qualifications. Excellent fringe benefits including 20 days vacation, 11 paid holidays, fully paid medical and disability insurance and pension plan. Position available September 1, 1989; applications received by September 29 will receive first consideration. Send letter of application, resume and names of three professional references to: Lorena A. Boylan, Director of Library Services, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1000 East Wynnewood Road, Overbrook, Pennsylvania 19096-3012. An Equal Opportunity Employer.