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Note from the President

One of the most surprising things to me about ACL is how much change is a part of our organizational life. It’s surprising, because ACL has always been such a stable, dependable, and reliable organization. We now have three stable interest groups (IGs): the Information Literacy IG, the Retirees IG, and the Solo Librarians IG. The Bible College and Liberal Arts Sections are doing exciting things, as are CILA, the CLC, CPI, and The Christian Librarian. And yet there are transitions on our teams in leadership, in participation, and even in mission. Really, these are exciting times for ACL.

As I think on these things, I keep coming back to a couple of Old Testament passages—Genesis 11 and 12, in which God tells Abraham to leave the city of Ur and make his way to the promised land, and the third chapter of Jonah in which the prophet (finally) preaches repentance to the Ninevites. In Genesis, God asks Abraham to move forward; then, in Jonah, he asks the Ninevites to move away from their sin. Those are just two of the ways God asks us to change—to move forward but also to move away.

ACL is in good shape, but I ask for your prayers for wisdom and discernment and good judgment. We are constantly seeking God’s will, whether to turn toward new opportunities or to turn away from temptations. We also ask you to prayerfully consider ways you can serve ACL. If you’re already serving, thank you. We need everyone’s help to take us to the place God would have us go.

Frank Quinn
FACL/ACL President, 2012–2016

Note from the Executive Director

Reflection is part of life. Time goes by so quickly. It is a healthy practice to regularly reflect on where you have been professionally, spiritually, and personally. As followers of Christ this exercise allows us to see the hand of God more clearly than when we are in the midst of a situation or season of life.

2014 was a successful year for ACL. It was a year of evaluation and leveraging for the future. The elected and volunteer leadership participated in a SWOT analysis of the association. We have weathered the challenges of the economy and are poised to pursue opportunities: to step out in faith and boldly lead the association forward. Pray with us as we move ahead.

The Association of Christian Librarians is certainly a testament to God’s faithfulness. As we prepare to celebrate our 60th anniversary next year, we look back with thankfulness for those people He has placed in leadership and for those that have ‘carried the torch’ of hours of volunteer work poured into the community, products, and services that make up ACL. “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”

Janelle Mazelin
ACL Executive Director, 2008–Present
The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Libraries ended the fiscal year in a healthy position for 2014. We had revenue over expenses of $31,800. This year we experienced God’s goodness and faithfulness in many areas. Our membership remains steady despite a still-struggling economy. We witnessed several closings at academic institutions, but have not experienced an adverse affect on our numbers. CPI and TCL subscriptions continue to remain level. Our investments continue to perform well and we are diligent about the relationships that we have with our financial institutions. We continue to seek God’s wisdom in working with the finances of the organization.


Balance Sheet
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2014 Membership

551 total non-life members
16 total life members
185 total CLC members
Welcomed 71 new members!
Mourned the passing of Sarah Patterson
Spiritual Encouragement Initiative

The Mission of the Association of Christian Librarians reads in part . . . to strengthen libraries (and librarians) through spiritual encouragement for service in higher education.

Although the Spiritual Encouragement Initiative is young, it is with profound gratitude that this second annual report is written. By God’s grace, the following items have been accomplished during the past year:

- Job descriptions for each member, including terms of service, were created.
- Procedures, policies, and schedules were established or refined, and potential writers were identified, publication submissions were received and edited.
- Eleven new issues of the Reference Point devotional were published.

We are very grateful to the following writers for their contributions, which are archived at acl.org under the Spiritual Encouragement tab.

Summer 2014  The One Who Serves  by Roger Phillips
September 2014 Lonely in Library-Land  by Gregory A. Smith
October 2014  What if I Believe?  by Anne-Elizabeth Powell
November 2014 Because He Lives  by Nancy Warwick
December 2014 Last Christmas  by Steven L. Baker
January 2014  Far More Influential  by Denise Nelson
February 2015 Librarianship as a Calling and a Ministry  by John E. Shaffett
March 2015  Choosing Joy  by Bob Triplett
April 2015 Prepare Your Shields!  by Jo Ann Rhodes
May 2015  Quiet  by Carol Reid
Summer 2015 Divine Wisdom  by Laurie Van Kleek

Turkey Project Update

CILA worked in conjunction with International Needs Network (INN) to spread the Gospel to the lost nation of Turkey by raising $3,500 to purchase 100 Bibles and 500 early church history DVDs that will be used to teach Muslim seminary students. Many of these students are studying to teach religion classes in elementary and high schools around Turkey and are therefore not only in need of Jesus themselves, but will also be in positions of influence to share Christ’s love. We are praying for His Word to change hearts and transform Turkey for the glory of Jesus Christ!

ACL Website

Have you seen the new ACL website? The website re-launched in fall 2014 with a refreshed design and multiple enhancements. Monthly rotating announcement banners are now featured on the homepage. The ACL staff reorganized the site’s content to make the pathways more clear and implemented a responsive design to enhance the mobile user experience on both smartphones and tablets. Please be sure to take advantage of the value resources made available to you though ACL’s website.

acl.org

Lynne Funtik, Denise Nelson and Nancy Warwick
The 58th annual conference of the Association of Christian Librarians was held at Huntington University in Huntington, Indiana, from June 9-12, 2014. The theme of the conference was “Crossroads For Discovery.” Anita Gray, Director of the RichLyn Library, served as the host librarian for the conference, and Tonya Fawcett, Director of Library Services at Morgan Library, Grace College and Seminary served as the co-host. Conference attendance was 182, which included 25 first-time attendees.

The opening reception, held outside on the lawn, provided a great community setting for attendees to enjoy a cookout, time of reconnecting with friends, and meeting new people. Of course, we enjoyed dessert, pie and ice cream at the conclusion of dinner. The opening entertainment featured Ma Sunday, telling us about her years in ministry alongside of her husband, Billy Sunday. President Sherilyn Emberton showed some Hoosier hospitality as she welcomed everyone to the campus!

Two pre-conferences were offered to enrich attendees’ experience at the conference. Mr. Curt Witcher welcomed guests at the Allen County Public Library, where he spoke about Genealogy and Ms. Jenny Johnson spoke on Digitization. Our first plenary session featured keynote speaker, Mr. Michael Porter. Michael spoke to us about e-content and the importance of libraries as community. Our second plenary session was a panel of evangelical publishers from Baker Publishing and IVP, and a representative from EBSCO. The panel was a great opportunity for our attendees to ask questions and for ACL to build relationships with our vendor partners. It was a great dialogue for us to have. We offered 30 member presentations on a variety of topics.

We continue to build relationships with various vendors and to have successful participation in our vendor exhibit. This year 24 vendors were represented either through exhibiting, sponsorships, or advertising. The vendor survey indicated that vendors are still pleased with the interaction that they have with our attendees and several vendors suggested allowing for more no-conflict time during the conference.

The conference ended with a beautiful banquet and murder mystery in the Habecker Dining Commons. The audience was able to participate in this old fashioned whodunit, “Harry Ripley’s Birthday Blues,” performed by Bower North. It was a great way to end another successful conference.

-April VanPutten, Conference Manager
ACL-Pro (Continuing Education Credits)

This year's ACL-Pro, the continuing education program of FACL/ACL, was held during the 2014 ACL pre-Conference at Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana on June 9 during the pre-conference time slot. Two courses were offered for CEU credit: Something for Everyone: Genealogical Reference Services in the 21st Century, taught by Curt Witcher and From Project Idea to Digital collection, taught by Jenny Johnson. Both of these instructors are experienced in their fields. Curt Witcher is the Genealogy Center Manager for the Allen County Public Library located in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Genealogy Center is recognized as second-largest genealogy collection in the United States and the largest genealogy collection in a public library. Johnson serves as the Digital Scholarship Outreach Librarian at IUPUI University Library and guides the faculty and Indianapolis community organization in developing digital projects.

Witcher's program focused on the history of the Genealogical Center, working with patrons and tools for answering and doing genealogical research. A tour of the facilities was also included. Johnson's digital session focused on the digitization, metadata creation, and online access considerations in creating a digital collection.

Both of these sessions were well attended with 16 attendees at the Genealogy (Witcher) course and 13 attendees at the Digital (Johnson) course. Because these sessions were held at two different sites (Allen County Public Library and Huntington University), attendees did not have the option of signing up for both ACL-Pro sessions. In total 29 attendees received 0.3 CEU credits for their participation in these educational experiences.

Tonya Fawcett, Coordinator

Bible College Section (BCS)

The Bible College Section set four goals for 2014. First, to develop some online webpages containing a variety of theological resources. We wanted this to be available (free of charge) to benefit all ACL libraries. Another goal we set was to update the BCS Leadership Manual, which will provide guidelines for the BCS functions and operations. Our third goal was to update the BCS Library Guidelines for the ABHE colleges and universities. I am happy to report that we are making good progress on this goal. Fourth, we aimed to increase the Mentorship Program through BCS.

Our goals for the coming year of 2015 are to strengthen our relationship with TRACS and to align the BCS Library Guidelines with the Library Standards of TRACS. We also will continue to revise and update the BCS Leadership Manual.

Pradeep Das, Chair
Dale Solberg, Member-at-large
Jill Botticelli, Mentoring Coordinator
Josh Avery, Web Resources
Patty Agee, Secretary
Nancy Olson, ACL Liaison with ABHE

Book Award Team

The book award team began work in January 2014 to select the recipient of the third ACL Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, to be announced at the 2016 conference at George Fox University. During the past year, the Team has evaluated and discussed the books published during 2014 and 2015 that have been nominated for the 2016 award. ACL members are urged to seriously consider nominating books for this award.

Term Expiring 2016 Members: Greg Martin (Chair), Robert Burgess, Cathie Chatmon, Pamela Meridith, Tami Robinson and Garrett Trott.

Term Expiring 2018 Members: Andrea Abernathy, Michelle Blank, Kenneth Litwak, Lydia Neeley.

Christian Library Consortium (CLC)

The Christian Library Consortium (CLC) exists to facilitate resource sharing among its members and to provide consortial discounts and other benefits. The CLC currently has 181 members. Current offers and discounts are listed under the Consortium menu on the ACL website.

This year we were again able to offer two customized religion e-book collections from EBSCO. With over 50 members participating, we achieved the 30% discount level! Another highlight this past year was the updating and streamlining of the ACL Interlibrary Loan service launched the previous year. We hope to see increasing use of this service that assists current members but can also be an outreach to libraries outside of ACL.

Beth Purtee, Coordinator
Pam Greenlee, Member-at-large
Darcy Gullacher, Member-at-large
Alison Johnson, Member-at-large
Leslie Starasta, Member-at-large
Last year the CPI Team and ACL Board decided that the time had come to cease publishing the print format of the index. This year we worked on that transition both with subscribers and with the Team. Subscribers to the ‘print only’ were given sufficient notice of the end date for publication and were given a favorable pathway forward to enable their transition to the electronic product. We have since gained several of those ‘print only’ subscribers as electronic subscribers. Previously the editors had to prepare data for two kinds of publishing. Removing one of those formats lessened the burden on the editors so that the flow of preparing data for the live database is smoother.

Sarah Wessel, a seasoned veteran of the CPI Team, was hired by the Association in the fall of 2014 as the Managing Editor and first paid employee for the Christian Periodical Index. Her employment has provided a tremendous boost to what the CPI Team can accomplish. Her technical expertise has allowed the Team to accomplish goals that before were simply dreams. It will be exciting to reap the benefits of having a paid employee for CPI!

Jule Kind, Coordinator
Steve Brown, Associate Editor
Sarah Wessel, Managing Editor
Douglas Butler, Editor: Articles
Carrie Beth Lowe, Indexer Training Coordinator
Beryl Pagan, Publicity Coordinator
Mary Tatro, Retrospective Indexing Coordinator
Jamey Wilkes, Editor: Reviews
Lori Thorton, Secretary

For some time, the CILA team has wanted to be more inclusive of international librarians who struggle financially. With the help of the ACL Board, we are now able to do just that! International librarians (outside of the US and Canada) who earn less than the equivalent of $10,000 U.S. dollars annually, can now apply for a membership scholarship.

Do you know an international librarian who could benefit from this scholarship? Please spread the word regarding this opportunity. Six scholarships have already been awarded and there are more available. Building our international membership will not only benefit international librarians, but will also enrich our association.

Don Butterworth, Coordinator
Georgi Bordner, Resource Developer
Rebecca Fisher, ACL Member Liaison
Ann Manginelli, Partner Developer
Yesan Sellan, Partner Liaison
Robert Danielson, Resource Promoter

At the 2014 conference, the Liberal Arts Section elected five members to the LAS board, including vice chair, secretary, and three members-at-large. Back by popular demand, the LAS section meeting at conference featured seven LASIR talks (Liberal Arts Section Information Rounds or Library-oriented, Applicable, Short, Interesting, Relevant talks) which were video recorded and made available for later viewing on the ACL website. Craighton Hippenhammer recruited volunteers from among the meeting attendees to participate as independent researchers in a “Scholarship Study Initiative” – a study of scholarship practices at Christian liberal arts colleges and universities, specifically institutions represented in the Liberal Arts Section. Also at the section meeting, the LAS board surveyed attendees to gauge interest in ongoing, educational opportunities for its members outside of conference. The LAS board discussed and suggested updates to the LAS portion of the new ACL website and continued to discuss the development of a library policy repository for LAS members.

Jessica Moore, Chair
Jennifer Walz, Vice Chair
Amy Rice, Member-at-large
Mick Williams, Secretary
Rory Patterson, Member-at-large
Randy Miller, Member-at-large
Mark Hanson, Member-at-large
Craighton Hippenhammer, Member-at-large

The ACL Mentor program had 15 requests for mentors this year – more than double last year’s number! Requests were fairly steady up through January when it tapered off. The applicant forms continue to provide helpful information for making a good match between mentor and mentee. The trick has been to find a mentor who has the experience and skills for a good match. Many thanks go to the ACL membership for their generosity in volunteering to mentor new librarians!

At the beginning of the mentoring relationship, the mentor and mentee are provided selected articles with information about mentoring relationships. This helps
provide some background about what can be expected. The articles provide suggestions on “ground rules” for the relationship so that both the mentor and mentee are comfortable with their roles and expectations.

The 15 new requests was a bit overwhelming this year for finding mentors. I am thankful for the patience and grace extended by our new mentees, as some of them had to wait a bit for their assigned mentor.

Ruth Kinnersley, Director

Nominations Team
The Nominations Team began its work early last fall to identify eligible candidates to fill the open Board positions. An open call for self-nominations was made on the ACL Google Group via the Volunteer Coordinator, Grace Veach. After narrowing down nominees, the Team interviewed five potential Vice President Candidates and eleven potential Director-at-large candidates to determine their eligibility, experience, and expertise. The final ballot consists of two Vice-President candidates and eight Director-at-large candidates to be voted on by the ACL membership in June 2015. At the recommendation of the Board, a two-tiered system has been implemented on the 2015 ballot for the Director-at-large positions. Members will vote for one candidate with previous Board experience and one candidate with no prior Board experience. The goal of the two-tiered system is to encourage the involvement of new members on the ACL Board and to benefit from the service and expertise of a large percentage of the ACL membership. The Nominations Team was encouraged to have an abundance of qualified and willing nominees this year and is excited that ACL will continue to be supported by such excellent and dedicated individuals.

Alison Johnson, Coordinator
Alice Ruleman
Lon Dagley

Volunteer Services
In addition to a spring call for new team members (this year the need was for a CLC team member and additional CPI indexers), an appeal was also made for a CPI retrospective editor, virtual conference committee members, and people who were willing to be nominated for Board positions.

Thank you to all who were willing to be considered for these positions.

Grace Veach, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Special Appointments
Sharon Bull, Archivist
Linda Rust, Dupex Coordinator

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The Christian Librarian (TCL) is the journal of the Association of Christian Librarians (ACL). Thanks to the submissions of articles, book reviews, and other content we have been able to produce two issues of TCL (57:2 and 58:1).

This last year, we have added some elements to TCL, including a letter from the editor, annotated bibliographies, and columns on technology and solo librarians. Book reviews continue to be a major element of TCL. The editorial team strives to create excellent content for the journal and seek contributors who want to share their ideas with their colleagues through TCL.

The editorial team shifted the publication schedule of TCL to align better with the ACL conference. While we are still producing two issues a year, we are planning to release issue one in late April, and issue two in mid-December. A late April release date aligns issue one better with the conference.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Keep contributing!

Garrett Trott, Editor-in-Chief
Tami Robinson, Managing Editor
Craig Kubic, Book Review Editor
Beth Arjona, Copy Editor
Robbie Bolton, News and Views Editor
Joshua Avery, Associate Editor
Jeannie Ferriss, Associate Editor
Seth Allen, Associate Editor
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