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In the fourth chapter of the book of Joshua, the Lord tells Joshua to get twelve men, representing the twelve tribes, to take twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River bed and create a memorial so that future generations would look at them and remember that this was where the Lord stopped the flow of the river so that the ark of the covenant and the people of Israel could cross.

This is a great example of “walking backward into the future”—moving ever forward but always with an eye on the past. This notion has a rich tradition in the Jewish faith, and I like to think that it describes what we do in ACL, as well.

There have been lots of exciting accomplishments this year, but I just wanted to mention two: 1) our first ever virtual conference, and 2) the creation of an ACL Endowment. The “Beyond 4 Walls” virtual conference held this past February focused on distance learning and online education and was a terrific success, well-received by participants and speakers alike. It was a very encouraging moment for ACL.

The endowment, started with $60,000 in commemoration of our 60th anniversary conference, was announced at last year’s conference, and the Board has spent considerable time since then on helping to make it a source for stability and growth as we move into the next 60 years. I see it as an acorn from which a mighty oak will one day spring forth.

We are very much looking to our future but always with an eye on our past—examining who we were, what we did, and what we learned in the doing. We believe that the Lord very much wants us to honor and remember our past—but He also wants us to cross that river!

As always, this organization needs your prayers, your hearts and minds, and your good, hard work. Join us in our efforts. Answer the call. Help us move toward a new and better ACL.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Quinn
FACL/ACL President, 2012–2016

Over the last year the leadership of ACL set out to learn more about who makes up the entire community that is ACL, not just those we are able to interact with at the annual conference. Collecting demographic information as well as surveying the membership and digging into how new members are introduced to ACL has given new insight and confirmed previous impressions/suspicions.

Nearly 40% of the current membership is over the age of 60. Several have been members for a number of years and have invested a great amount of time and energy into the association. The introduction of the Emerging Library Professionals group over the last year has been an intentional member-driven effort to engage the next generation and introduce them to ACL.

We want to encourage members to consider recruiting within their circles of influence. 69% of new members said they learned about ACL through personal interaction with colleagues. We have plans to continue to grow the “Spread the Word” campaign this year by extending the program outside of conference attendees. So watch for messages on how to receive a packet of information to share with fellow librarians.

For 60 years ACL has provided encouragement and support to member librarians through a variety of different programs, events, and opportunities to interact with other librarians in similar library situations. I am pleased that we have reinstituted the Member of the Month program, which highlights a different member each month. At its core, ACL is a community in which each member is valued and is invited to participate in the ‘collective wisdom’ and the direction of the organization.

I encourage you to continue reading to see all that the members of ACL are accomplishing. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that make ACL what it is today!

Janelle Mazelin
ACL Executive Director, 2008–Present
The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Libraries ended the 2015 fiscal year with a healthy balance sheet. We had revenue over expenses of $19,900. Our invested assets remain healthy, despite the fluctuations in the stock market, and we did see a slight downturn in our overall market value. The financial leadership of ACL continues to make sure that our investments are safe and that we are in a position to make investment changes if necessary. We continued to see steady numbers for memberships and subscriptions. The board is exploring other options for creating new revenue streams within the current mission of the association. We continue to seek God’s wisdom in working with the finances of the organization.


**Balance Sheet**

**As of December 31, 2015**

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Welcome

If you have moved or changed jobs, please be sure to email the home office (info@acl.org) to let us know of any contact changes.
Membership at a Glance

565 total 2015 members
85 new members

345 institutions represented
17 Student Members
53% of member institutions are in the Christian Library Consortium
62 International Members

How do new members hear about ACL?
74% Colleagues
21% Web
3% Conference
3% "The Christian Librarian"

30% of membership is currently volunteering
5,000 volunteer hours were reported for 2015

We Will Miss the Following Members

Marcelyn Smid (July 2014)
Library Director at both St. Paul Bible College (now, Crown College) and Bethany College of Missions
Conference host, 1975
Late ’90s/early 00’s held the honor of most conferences attended.

Tad Mindeman (October 2015)
Library Director, Covenant College
ACL Conference Presenter

Beryl Pagan (April 2016)
Instruction Librarian, Point Loma Nazarene University
Christian Periodical Index Team
Publicity Coordinator

Susan Johnson (May 2016)
Technical Services, Biola University
CPI Indexer

2015 Membership
549 total non-life members
16 total life members
183 total CLC members
Welcomed 85 new members!
Virtual Conference

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016, ACL hosted its first Virtual Conference. The theme of the conference was “Beyond 4 Walls: the role of the librarian in distance learning & online education.” The conference consisted of three dynamic speakers: Dr. Steven Bell, Dr. Fred Stielow, and Yvonne Mery. The conference was a “sell-out” with 95 “seats” purchased. Several attendees purchased a group rate, so we were able to reach approximately 150 attendees. This included two non-member groups and five individual non-members. Some of the topics included: current threats to higher education, alternative models for education, such as open education, online classes, user experience in online learning, marketing the library to online faculty, digital tutorials, and software programs that are available for online education. Attendees were able to interact with each other and the speakers via a chat box, which added to the sense of community during the event. Overall, this was a very positive experience, and ACL is looking forward to hosting other events of this nature.

ACL Pro

The continuing education program ACL-Pro, was held during the 2015 ACL Conference at Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tennessee on June 8 during the pre-conference time slot. Two courses were offered for CEU credit: Marketing 101: What you Never Learned in Library School, taught by Kathy Dempsey and Demonstrating the Value of Your Library: Theory & Practice, taught by Regina Mays. Both of these instructors are experienced in their fields. Kathy Dempsey is a consultant and trainer through her business, Libraries Are Essential, and is the author of The Accidental Library Marketer (Information Today, Inc., 2009). Kathy has been the editor of the Marketing Library Services newsletter for 20 years and was formerly editor-in-chief of Computers in Libraries magazine. She also blogs at The ‘M’ Word, and is an active member of the New Jersey Library Association. Regina Mays is Assistant Professor and Assessment Librarian at the University of Tennessee Libraries. In her current position, Mays’ duties range from providing data that demonstrates the libraries’ value for the purposes of accreditation, program reviews, and budget planning to designing and conducting in-house assessments that include website usability testing, surveys, focus groups, and ethnographic studies.

Marketing 101 focused on providing a solid foundation in the tenets of library marketing, covering definitions, strategies, and the Cycle of True Marketing. It included brainstorming to complete a 5-step outline for one simple marketing campaign. In the afternoon, Mays reviewed several theories and methods for determining library value and then individuals were given tools for applying these theories and methods to their own institution and library.

Both of these sessions were well attended with 20 attendees in the Marketing 101 (Dempsey) course and 32 attendees at the Demonstrating Value (Mays) course. Because these were both half-days sessions a number of attendees took the opportunity to attend both ACL-Pro courses. In total, fifty-two (52) .3 CEU credits were awarded to 41 participants through these two experiences.

We were also able to award .3 CEU credits for the virtual conference hosted in February. Participants could choose whether or not to receive the credits. By request, 30 CEU certificates were issued for participation in the virtual conference.

-Tonya Fawecett, Continuing Education Coordinator
The 59th annual conference of the Association of Christian Librarians was held at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee, June 8-11, 2015. The theme of the conference was “Blazing a Trail Through the Mountains.” Lori Thornton, Technical Services Librarian at the Stephens-Burnett Library, served as the host librarian for the conference. Conference attendance was 163, which included 31 first-time attendees.

The opening reception, held inside the library, due to rain, provided an intimate setting for attendees to re-connect and meet new people. The Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club provided background music as attendees mingled, played games, and enjoyed old photographs from previous ACL conferences.

Two pre-conferences were offered to enrich attendees’ experience at the conference. The morning pre-conference featured Ms. Kathy Dempsey, owner of “Libraries are Essential.” Dempsey presented a workshop on marketing your library. Attendees learned about the marketing cycle and how to prepare a marketing plan for their library. The afternoon pre-conference was presented by Ms. Regina Mays, Assistant Professor & Assessment Librarian at University of Tennessee Libraries. Ms. Mays’ workshop was on the topic of Library Assessment.

We offered 36 member presentations on a variety of topics. A new event for 2015 was the “Unconference” sessions. We offered three topics where attendees could come together to collaborate and share ideas about a topic. Each session was moderated by one of our members. Attendees found these sessions to be very valuable, so we will be incorporating this event into future conferences. We continue to build relationships with various vendors and to have successful participation in our vendor exhibit. This year, 20 vendors were represented either through exhibiting, sponsorships, or advertising. We are striving to improve our vendor exhibits to provide maximum benefit to the vendors and attendees.

The conference ended with a beautiful banquet in the Stokely Memorial Dining Hall, followed by a Southern Gospel concert by the Mylon Hayes Family. The conference evaluation survey showed that attendees were “highly satisfied” with the overall conference.

This year’s plenary session featured keynote speaker, Mr. Tim Bucknall. Tim’s presentation, “Innovation and Cooperation: Managing Change in the 21st Century Library” challenged attendees to look for ways to be innovative in their libraries, with regard to space, resources, and user experience. He also stressed the need for finding a balance between the necessary tasks and moving outside of your comfort zone to improve the user’s overall experience with library services.

-April VanPutten, Conference Manager
Team Reports

Book Award Team
The book award team began work in January 2014, to select the recipient of the third and final ACL Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, to be announced at the 2016 conference at George Fox University. During the past two years, the team has evaluated and discussed the books published during 2014 and 2015 that were nominated for the 2016 award. A record number of nominations were received from ACL members during this award cycle.

Greg Martin, Chair
Andrea Abernathy, Member
Robert Burgess, Member
Cathie Chatmon, Member
Shelia Gaines, Member
Pamela Meredith, Member
Lydia Neely, Member
Tami Robinson, Member
Garrett Trott, Member

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 178 members. Current offers and discounts are listed under the Consortium menu on the ACL website.

In the fall, the CLC was able to open a discussion with Faithlife as to the possibility of their providing a library version of the Logos software. We sent them a proposal detailing what this could look like. Discussion is still ongoing. Another highlight was the launch of the CLC Newsletter, a monthly communication to the CLC membership. This spring, we are again offering two customized religious e-book collections from EBSCO. Discount percentage will be determined when the offer ends in June. The Interlibrary Loan Service continues to serve ACL and CLC members. The CLC is in the process of drafting a proposal for a reciprocal borrowing policy. We are also seeking out additional discounts and opportunities based on recommendations and feedback from CLC libraries.

Beth Purtee, Coordinator
Pam Greenlee, Member-at-large
Robert Burgess, Member-at-large
Alison Johnson, Member-at-large
Leslie Starasta, Member-at-large

Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA)
Five inaugural international membership scholarships were awarded in 2015 to the following: Oluremi Abiolu, Samson Akande, Barulaganye Hulela, Ntombikayise Mathabela, and Nosizo Nakah. Our hope is that 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

The Christian Librarian
The Christian Librarian’s editorial team continues to work diligently in producing The Christian Librarian: Journal of the Association of the Christian Librarians (TCL). Our work through this last year included production of two issues (58:2 and 59:1) of TCL. These issues included a book review index of over 120 book reviews that appeared in 58:1 and 58:2, annotated bibliographies, and several articles. As a team, we are particularly excited about the prospects, including reporting the findings of our spring survey on the topic of libraries and fiscal challenges and TCL becoming open access. We are in the process of working through the details but we hope to have TCL available for open access soon. This would open up the content of TCL to anyone with internet access, enabling its articles, reviews, bibliographies, and columns to reach not only members but also any Christian librarian in the world. As an editorial team, we are excited about the opportunity this gives us to make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.

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
This past year has been the year of transitions for the CPI Team. We have all been affected by the passing of Beryl Pagan. At our January 2016 team meeting, Beryl announced that she was resigning from the team as she was no longer able to commit to the travel required as Publicity Coordinator. Our team was able to pull together an impromptu celebration on the last night we were together in San Diego to thank Beryl for her 16 years of service as a team member. She served in several positions, but the one that best suited her unique gifts was Publicity Coordinator. She was creative, diligent, and organized in planning for vendor booths and working with the ACL office to provide marketing ideas for CPI. We were already feeling the loss of Beryl as a team member, but only God knew the timetable for her life. Her honoring at the 2011 conference for “Volunteer of the Year,” was fitting!

Transitions happened in other ways, too. Over the summer, the responsibility of receiving the final indexing for transfer to EBSCO was shifted from Steve Brown to Sarah Wessel. In February, the receiving of the initial index was also transitioned to Sarah Wessel.

Looking ahead, we are anticipating adding a scripture field to the records similar to what ATLA uses. For several years, the team has worked on standardizing issues and volumes for some of the older indexing. This project is nearing completion. It will provide a better experience for researchers in CPI. The final retro volume of the paper-only indexes will be added to the electronic index. Transferring the early paper-only volumes of CPI will be complete, making the index live from 1955 to the present.

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 Thornton, Secretary

Current CPI Indexers:
Heidi Berryhill
Georgi Bordner
Ben Brick
Steve Brown
Sheila Carlblom
Ted Goshulak
Jon Hale
Maria Ho
Ron Jordahl
Jule Kind
Amy Lorson
Beth Mark
Paul Nixon
Jaime Pitt
Amy Rice
Robert Sivigny
Mary Tatro
Lori Thornton
Michael Van Huisen
Natalee Vick
Earleen Warner
Jamey Wilkes
Rodney Birch
Jill Botticelli
Lynn Brock
Robert Burgess
Beth Fogler
Eve Grant
Lisa Hayes
Judy Howie
Jan Kennard
Craig Kubic
Carrie Beth Lowe
Laura Ladwig
Beryl Pagan
Hugh Rendle
Clyde Root
Joan Spanne
Stanford Terhune
Rusty Tryon
Laurence Van Kleek
Mary Ann Walker
Sarah Wessel
Murl Winters

Nominations Team
Thank you very much to Lon Dagley and Alison Jones for their diligence in contacting volunteers and other qualified candidates. The committee made several contacts through e-mail and telephone calls to fill the roster. A huge “thank you” to those who volunteered to serve on the Board. To those we contacted who could not participate this year, we appreciate your thoughtful responses. To those who agreed to stand for executive office again we appreciate your thoughtful, positive responses to our request to place you on the ballot. We have a wonderful, caring, and committed membership; ACL is in good hands, especially with God’s blessings on the association.

Anita Gray, Coordinator
Alice Ruleman, Member-at-large
Lon Dagley, Member-at-large
Rodney Birch, Ex Officio
Bible College Section (BCS)
The Bible College Section set four goals for 2015-16. Through dedicated teamwork, we were able to meet them all.

The first one was to develop a BCS LibGuide (a series of web pages) to be hosted on the ACL website which will provide links to various Biblical and Theological resources, free of charge, for the benefit of all students, staff, and faculty of various colleges/seminaries and libraries around the world.

The second goal was to update and finalize the BCS Library Guidelines for the ABHE Accreditation Standards. The BCS Library Guidelines revision is complete. This work was done by a committee led by Nancy Olson. The new revision is now available free of charge to all ACL members on the ACL website.

Our third goal was to update and revise the BCS Leadership Manual (handbook) originally created by Mr. Paul Roberts. This comprehensive handbook provides useful guidelines and valuable information to guide the functions and operations of the BCS. This manual is ready for approval by the BCS, and ultimately the ACL Board. Once it is approved, it will be posted on the ACL website.

Lastly, we wanted to build a good working relationship with TRACS—aligning the BCS Library Guidelines with the Library Standards of TRACS. This work is in progress.

BCS goals for the next year are to continue to strengthen the relationship with TRACS and aligning the BCS Library Guidelines with the Library standards of TRACS. The task force for this is headed by Nancy Olson and Jennifer Ewing.

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

Liberal Arts Section (LAS)
The LAS has been working on a number of different initiatives to encourage and equip librarians. At the 2015 conference the LAS members voted to pursue a Scholarship Clearinghouse where ACL members could share their research interests and collaborate. Craighton Hippenhammer has led this effort, and though he is no longer a Member-at Large, has been working on finding an online location for the Clearinghouse.

Also, at the 2015 ACL conference the LAS committee conducted a survey to identify some of the issues that librarians are dealing with and how the LAS can help. There are two issues in particular that the LAS has been talking about addressing this year. The first is the future of libraries, which is being addressed at Conference through a panel session. The second issue is the perceived lack of value of the library or how to demonstrate the value of the library, which we hope to address more in the coming year.

Finally, the LASIR talks at conference have been popular in the past and there was interest in continuing them for the 2016 Conference. The LAS received nine proposals for LASIR talks and will present our top six choices at the LAS business meeting.

Gail Heideman, Chair
Jennifer Walz, Vice Chair
Jessica Moore, Past Chair
Mick Williams, Secretary
Amy Rice, Member-at-large
Rory Patterson, Member-at-large
Amy Lorson, Member-at-large
Mark Hanson, Member-at-large
Eric Bradley, Member-at-large

Special Appointments
Sharon Bull, Archivist
Linda Rust, Dupex Coordinator
This has been a year of trusting in God’s providence to work through members willing to write for Reference Point, the Association’s on-line devotional, coordinated by the 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.”

Working together, our current tasks are two:
1. Publish Reference Point by working with writers within the Association.
2. Coordinate the Concert of Prayer at the annual conference.

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

May 2016

Recorded Information
by Lynne Funtik

April 2016

The God Who Sings
by Jule Kind

March 2016

The Power of Shadow
by Nate Farley

February 2016

Focus In
by Becky Fisher

January 2016

The Grace that Goes Before
by Katie King

December 2015

In Christ All the Fullness of Deity Lives
by Anita Gray

November 2015

Being Thankful
by Ruth Kinnersley

October 2015

Solid Foundation, Secure Footing
by Mark Hanson

September 2015

Intentional Living
by Linda Poston

We also appreciate the ongoing support of the ACL Leadership and April McKinion in the ACL Office for her assistance publishing each devotional every month.

As Lynne Funtik and Nancy Warwick complete their term of service with this endeavor, both would concur that the Initiative has grown and been enriched as members have contributed and made a difference by moving the Association’s mission forward.

Lynne Funtik, Coordinator
Carol Reid, Editor
Nancy Warwick, Writer Contact

Volunteer Services

Two membership-wide searches were conducted for volunteer opportunities in ACL this year. One was a call to express willingness and availability to be considered to stand for an open Board of Directors position. The other was for members willing to serve on the Book Award team. Several members responded to these calls.

Grace Veach, Volunteer Coordinator

Mentoring Program

The Mentoring program has been relatively quiet this year, with only three requests for mentors, as compared to 15 last year. We are also in a year of leadership transition, as Jill Botticelli has been working with Ruth Kinnersley to prepare to take over directing the program.

Special Interest Groups

Emerging Library Professionals Interest Group
Elizabeth Fairall, Coordinator

Information Literacy Interest Group
Linda Poston, Coordinator

Interlibrary Loan Service
Alison Johnson, Coordinator

Retirees Interest Group
Elizabeth Werner, Coordinator

Solo Librarians Interest Group
Paul Roberts, Coordinator

These interest groups are Google Group discussion lists and are open to our members. Please e-mail the home office at info@acl.org if you would like to be added to any of these groups.
Your gifts allow us to partner together to provide conference scholarships, membership assistance, and project funding.

Together we can build and invest in the future of Christian libraries and librarianship.

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