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NOMINATIONS
The nominations team compiles the slate of candidates interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Alison Johnson (Coordinator), Rodney Birch, and Lon Dagley represent the membership by serving on this team.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and colleagues,

Many of you know that October marked the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 Theses and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. I recently attended a campus lecture detailing the musical legacy of the Reformation and have found myself energetically humming “A Mighty Fortress” ever since. Among Martin Luther’s stirring hymn lyrics is this powerful declaration: “Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.”

Throughout its history, our Association has been upheld by a combination of diligent prayer and generous volunteerism on the part of its membership. Even in future-minded efforts like strategic planning and fundraising for the ACL Legacy Endowment, we are constantly aware of God’s ongoing faithfulness in revealing the needs that ACL can help meet. The Legacy Endowment is one strategy for meeting those needs for many years to come, and your generosity in exceeding our $10,000 goal for the mid-conference Day of Giving in June was a clear expression of your belief in the value of this wonderful organization. Even so, we remain mindful that “[u]nless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain” (Ps. 127:1).

I hope you’ll join me in expressing gratitude for the appreciable labor that yielded an excellent conference at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, MI, this past June. Sincere thanks to host librarian Fred Sweet and the multi-institution Michigan planning team! In concert with the guidance and preparation of the ACL Home Office staff, our hosts ensured that the 61st Annual Conference was a great success. Attendees had opportunity to benefit from practical pre-conference sessions, Steven Bell’s keynote address on designing positive library user experiences, 30 presentations over the course of three days on topics from information literacy to access services, more than a dozen poster sessions, daily opportunities for worship, and a variety of other meetings, outings, and (of course) many conversations over shared meals. If you were able to attend, thank you! Your presence helped make this conference a resounding success. If you weren’t able to attend, and especially if you’ve never experienced the benefits of an ACL Annual Conference, I hope you’ll begin planning now to join us at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY, in June 2018.

We are in the midst of exciting days for the Association of Christian Librarians. If you’ve not explored all of the personal and professional benefits ACL provides, please do! Consider joining an interest group or pursuing volunteer opportunities that allow you to engage with the ongoing life of our organization. In fact, while you’re renewing your membership this year, let your colleagues know that ACL has a place for them, too. Thank you for your continued membership and participation in the Association of Christian Librarians!

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.” –Psalm 90:17

Gratefully,

Denise Nelson
President
Dear member,

You may be surprised to be receiving your copy of the ACL annual report this time of year! If you live in a climate that experiences the seasonal changes, you may see colorful leaves out your office window. In Ohio, the corn and soybeans are drying and the farmers are bringing in the harvest. It has been a good growing year in this part of the world. Fall reminds us of the blessings of God’s provision in our lives. It’s a time to reflect on the events of the last year and give thanks.

ACL has experienced a similar year of growth and milestones that are to be celebrated and reflected upon. Both *The Christian Librarian* (TCL) and *The Christian Periodical Index* (CPI) celebrated 60 years of publication. Faithful members have dedicated hours of volunteer service to produce these resources for librarians and researchers through the years. As you read through the pages of this member report, rejoice with us as TCL is now open access, CPI has over 400,000 records in the EBSCO database that date back to 1956, and we have a record number of members in ACL.

As we near the membership renewal season, I hope you are encouraged and motivated to continue your membership in the Association of Christian Librarians. I invite you to stay committed to helping build a supportive community of Christian librarians who work together, serve and encourage each other.

Janelle Mazelin
Executive Director

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**Janelle Mazelin**  
Executive Director  
2008-Present

**Alicia Moffitt**  
Membership & Publication Specialist

**April McKinion**  
Conference Manager & Outreach Coordinator

**Sarah Wessel**  
*Christian Periodical Index* Managing Editor

**April VanPutten**  
Business Manager,  
Conference Vendor Coordinator, &  
Virtual Events Coordinator
Planning for the Future of ACL

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus tells of a wealthy man who, before departing on a journey, entrusted three of his servants with various levels of responsibility for his resources. You know the story. Upon the master’s return, the servants who successfully invested the money they’d been given were praised for their faithfulness. The one who simply protected the allotted resources without thought for improving the master’s situation was reprimanded. Following this example, the planning process that ultimately resulted in the 3-Year Strategic Plan draft presented to you this summer was undertaken as an effort of faithful stewardship, recognizing that the resources of the Association of Christian Librarians—whether money, time, or effort—should be invested purposefully as they are used for the glory of God and for the benefit of those we serve.

For many years, the ACL Board has been engaged in planning efforts of various types. Board brainstorming sessions, a SWOT analysis, and member surveys provided useful input, but that information had not yet been synthesized to create a comprehensive plan for the future. In October 2016, the Board voted to empanel a Strategic Plan Task Force, led with great skill and expertise by Linda Poston, to draft a 3-year plan. The task force submitted its draft for review in April 2017, and team and other program leaders were given opportunity to provide feedback and insight. Where possible, those suggestions were addressed in the Board’s detailed revision process and included in the draft that was presented to the entire ACL membership in June.

Much of the June 13th General Business Meeting during the ACL Annual Conference was devoted to an open forum that called for feedback on the draft plan from all who were able to attend. The call for input on the plan extended beyond conference attendees, as well, with all members of the Association having an opportunity to submit comments or questions via an online response form. Thank you to those who devoted time to reviewing the Strategic Plan and providing the comments and questions that have been used to enrich the work that was initially presented. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the 3-Year Strategic Plan was unanimously approved during the October meeting of the Board. We pray that the work that has been done will honor God’s provision for the Association of Christian Librarians and faithfully steward all that has been entrusted to us.

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The Christian Periodical Index® (CPI®) is the comprehensive electronic index to journal articles and book reviews from across the evangelical Christian perspective. CPI, first released in 1957, is updated quarterly by ACL volunteers and produced and distributed by EBSCO. CPI indexes more than 160 publications, covers major doctrinal positions, and contains titles from a wide variety of disciplines that present a Christian viewpoint including science, literature, medicine, music, philosophy, history, sociology, nursing, and education.

Over the last year, Steve Brown completed the multi-year process of digitizing the older print volumes of CPI. Though an outside firm did the initial digitization, Steve has spent considerable time moving the data from 1970s (or older) standards to the present. Our online database is now the complete version of CPI, dating all the way back to 1956. Many thanks to Steve for his perseverance and dedication!

In January 2017, Jule Kind stepped down after over 20 years as CPI team coordinator and moved into the role of Indexer Training Coordinator. ACL is grateful to Jule for her many years of dedication and leadership. Carrie Beth Lowe has stepped into the role as CPI team coordinator.

One new title addition to CPI is the journal SEEN. Indexing for this title will begin appearing online in 2018. This title enhances the art and humanities portion of CPI.

Even after 60 years, CPI continues to be a successful and helpful tool for library users. Its publication is possible through the dedication and work of many volunteers.

Carrie Beth Lowe
Team Coordinator

Steve Brown
Data Conversion Specialist

Douglas Butler
Articles Editor

Jamey Wilkes
Reviews Editor

Jule Kind
Indexer Training Coordinator

Lori Thornton
Secretary/Proofreader

Mary Tatro
Retrospective Indexing Coordinator

Sarah Wessel
Managing Editor

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Lynn Brock
Steve Brown
Robert Burgess
Sheila Carlblom
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The official publication of the ACL, The Christian Librarian (TCL) (ISSN for TCL print 0412-3131) serves to publish articles, provide a membership forum, and encourage scholarly writing. Issues include the Christian interpretation of librarianship, theory and practice of library science, bibliographic essays, reviews, and human interest articles relating to books and libraries. What started as a newsletter in 1957 to inform the growing fellowship that is now known as the Association of Christian Librarians, The Christian Librarian, has developed into a robust industry journal that is read by librarians around the world. Celebrate with us the 6 decades of publication that represent countless ACL members serving the broader librarian community through their contribution.

You may have noticed that TCL is in the process of change. Debuting with issue 60:1, released in the spring of 2017, TCL is now open access (OA). The motivating factors behind this change were: making content open to the world where individuals may not have access to a print copy and exposing TCL (and subsequently, ACL) to a broader audience.

Everyone knows that change does not come about easily. The TCL editorial team acknowledges, with deep gratitude, two individuals who played key roles to making this idea of TCL becoming OA a reality. George Fox University provided the platform enabling TCL to become OA. Alex Rolfe, George Fox’s Technical Services and Systems Librarian, aided us immensely in the configuration and establishment of the platform. He continues to work on putting past issues on the platform. Without George Fox’s platform and Alex’s support, TCL would not be this advanced after only being online for about six months. Secondly, Amy James, TCL’s Associate Editor, did all the background work to put our first issue online. She will be doing this again for issue 60:2 that will be released this fall. Without Amy’s passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ, manifested in her support for the work of TCL becoming open access, TCL would not be undergoing this change that is sure to have a greater impact on future readers. The TCL team appreciates the time and effort of Alex and Amy on this initiative. While there were many players on this team, Alex and Amy’s work stood out during the implementation, and they continue to play key roles in enabling TCL to aid the work of librarians and broaden the reach of the journal.

You too can become involved in this important work by contributing an article, annotated bibliography, or reviewing a book.
The annual conference is one of the ways ACL provides professional development opportunities for its members.

ACL hosts an annual conference to inform attendees about contemporary trends in librarianship, stimulate professional development, encourage networking, and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas. The conference is also one way that ACL can bring our members into community to encourage one another as Christian librarians primarily serving in Christian higher education around the globe.

2016 CONFERENCE

The 60th annual conference was held at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, June 13-16, 2016. The theme of the conference was Exploring New Frontiers. Merrill Johnson, Director of the Murdock Learning Resource Center, served as the host librarian for the conference. Conference attendance was 157, which included 31 first-time attendees.

The conference included two pre-conference sessions: Integrating Technology in the Library presented by members of the George Fox library staff and Information Literacy/Assessment presented by Meredith Farkas, author and faculty librarian at Portland Community College. Ryan Ingersoll served as the keynote speaker. His keynote address, Redeeming Innovation: Engaging Emerging Technologies by Rediscovering our Roots, was well received by those in attendance.

In 2016, we added a Tweetwall for conference so that all attendees could read many of the great tweets that were published during the conference. We continue to see a growth in social media use and see this as a way to engage our members in a conversation about things that they have learned during the conference.

The closing banquet was held in the brand-new dining hall on the George Fox campus. It was a perfect setting to enjoy a meal and celebrate together.

2017 CONFERENCE

The 61st annual conference was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on the campus of Cornerstone University on June 12-15, 2017. Fred Sweet, Director of Miller Library, served as the host librarian. The theme, Great Expectations to Grand Experience, was the inspiration for many of the sessions offered to attendees. 176 people attended the conference, including 39 first-time attendees.

Steven Bell, Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University, gave
the keynote address. His talk, *Designing Better Library Experiences: Meeting Great Expectations with Way We Serve Statements*, challenged us to be intentional with designing a library experience that meets the needs of the community that we serve.

JoAnn Rhodes shared her experiences in library disaster planning, and Michigan State Trooper Daniel Thomas presented basic A.L.I.C.E. training for our morning pre-conference option. Emily Puckett-Rogers, librarian at the University of Michigan, was the afternoon pre-conference presenter. Her topic of library space planning helped attendees think about user experience within the library as a place. We also partnered with Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) to offer a full-day training session to prepare librarians to conduct assessment site visits. The partnership with ABHE continues to be beneficial for both organizations.

This year, we added a People’s Choice Award for our poster sessions, which increased engagement with these quality presentations. We hope the award will continue to encourage attendees to present in the future. The winner of the People’s Choice Award was Erinn Huebner. We were able to increase vendor presence at the conference, with 20 vendors in attendance. We also used Yapp to create a conference app that attendees could use on their smartphones or tablets. This was well received by attendees and we will continue to make improvements in this service. Conference concluded with a lunch banquet at the Meijer Gardens. The early banquet allowed attendees to have access to the gardens and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Overall, the attendees rated the conference as “Excellent.” We were glad to provide a Grand Experience!

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**CONFERENCE COORDINATING TEAM**

April VanPutten  
Conference Manager & Vendor Coordinator  
Jaime Pitt  
Presentation Coordinator  
Tonya Fawcett  
Continuing Education Coordinator  
April McKinion  
Conference Registrar

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**VIRTUAL WEBINAR**

On January 31, 2017, ACL hosted our second virtual event, *Getting to Know the Process: ALEA, A Research Approach to Teaching Information Literacy*. It was led by Dianne Zandbergen and Michelle Norquist from Kuyper College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dianne and Michelle had previously presented this program as a workshop at the 2016 Annual Conference. The webinar focused on teaching and assessing information literacy, with a focus on creating a common language and continuity on Kuyper’s campus. Over 90 ACL members registered to attend the conference and were invited to participate with other librarians from their school. If you missed the live webinar, you can still view the recording on the member area of the ACL website.

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**We are pleased to announce that Indiana Wesleyan University has been approved as the 2019 site for the ACL Annual Conference.**
The staff and librarians of Kinlaw Library at Asbury University invite you to join us for the ACL Annual Conference, June 11-14, 2018. The conference will provide opportunities for learning, encouragement, and fellowship.

The theme for this year, Riding the Circuits - Sharing Knowledge, Then and Now, is meant to recall our history while encouraging us to look to the future. In the past, the gospel was shared by circuit-riding preachers on horseback, but now we can use so many other methods. Join us to explore how we can share knowledge with others that will awaken their minds and enliven their souls.
The Christian Library Consortium (CLC) is an institutional membership within ACL. This group exists to provide benefits to member institutions and promote resource sharing. Institutions must have an individual member in ACL to participate in the Consortium.

CLC institutions have the opportunity to participate in the reciprocal borrowing program, interlibrary loan program, and Christian Library Network (CLN) for OCLC member libraries. Membership includes a subscription to *The Christian Librarian* and the opportunity to nominate students for the ACL Research Award. Members receive discounts on various products and services as negotiated with outside vendors. Additional offers are available through the partnership with Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization (WALDO).

**CLC TEAM**

Beth Purtee  
Coordinator

Pam Greenlee  
Member-at-Large

Robert Burgess  
Member-at-Large

Leslie Starasta  
Member-at-Large

Alison Johnson  
Member-at-Large & ILL Coordinator

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Institution must be a CLC member to participate. Ends December 15, 2017.
Serving Members

SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT

ACL seeks to encourage members in their faith. This is displayed in a variety of ways across the Association. During National Library Week, the ACL President sends out a daily call to prayer highlighting specific needs. On the ACL Discussion List prayer and support for personal and work-related requests are often shared that demonstrate a caring community. Articles intended to speak to the Christian perspective in the library field are included in *The Christian Librarian*. The ACL Annual Conference strives to encourage spiritual community with daily prayer walks and devotions, and occasionally, a concert of prayer or hymn sing.

A devotional, Reference Point, is written by ACL members and distributed monthly as a way to spiritually uplift fellow members. Carol Reid and Dale Solberg serve the membership by coordinating this effort. Members can submit a devotion for consideration through the ACL website.

MENTORING

The ACL mentoring program aims to provide support and direction to ACL members who are beginning a new position or interested in changing positions, wanting to learn from a more experienced librarian, or just looking for support as they navigate life as a Christian librarian. Jill Botticelli, the Mentor Coordinator, connected 15 mentorship pairs in this free program over the last year.

VOLUNTEERING

Ben Brick, Volunteer Coordinator, would like to thank each ACL member who volunteers to serve this organization. This past year, two membership-wide searches were conducted to fill open positions. One search was a call for nominations to run for an open position on the Board of Directors. The other search was to find a suitable candidate willing to serve as Associate Editor for *The Christian Librarian*. Several members responded to these calls. In addition, a number of other members volunteered to work with the *Christian Periodical Index.*

ACL has also begun to track volunteer service, which allows us to update service records each year and honor significant milestones. Members can see their service record each time they renew and in the “My Account” section on the ACL website. Members can submit corrections, if needed.

Other Special Appointments

Sharon Bull, Archivist
Nancy Olson, Liaison with ABHE
Jennifer Ewing, Liaison with TRACS
Linda Rust, DUPEX Exchange Service Coordinator

Interest Groups

EMERGING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS INTEREST GROUP

The Emerging Library Professionals Interest Group (ELP) offers a faith-based support system for librarians who are new to the profession or to ACL.

The main method for communication is the ELP discussion list. This year there have been shared tips on networking, resume writing, productivity, how to recognize and avoid burnout, and ideas for library outreach.

ELP, coordinated by Elizabeth Fairall, met at the ACL Conference in June 2017. The meeting included a visit from the Vice President of the ACL Board of Directors and the Coordinator of the Mentor Program. The purpose of these meetings is for ELP members to connect in person and to increase awareness of ways to become involved in ACL.

ELP recently conducted a survey to gauge interest for future directions of the group. Based on the responses, possible short-term goals include offering a resume...
review service and developing a repository of professional
development tips, such as networking and productivity
strategies, along with information about graduate and post-
graduate programs.

INFORMATION LITERACY INTEREST
GROUP
The Information Literacy Interest Group (ILIG) is for
librarians who are involved or interested in information
literacy and wish to collaborate with other librarians
to discuss relevant aspects of theory, practice, trends,
assessment, etc., related to information literacy.

This group, coordinated by Linda Poston, has nearly 100
members involved in the discussion list. Conversation
topics include: new ACRL Framework, best practice IL
assignments, best practice IL teaching tips, theoretical and
practical issues related to IL, collaboration with teaching
faculty in the support of IL, faith and learning integration
and application with teaching IL, and assessment of IL.

The ILIG hosts a LibGuide that serves as a clearinghouse
for access to IL-related content. This expansive resource has
been compiled by the members of this group and can be
accessed through the ACL website. Jeff Gates and Elizabeth
Fairall serve this group by updating the LibGuide.

Members also developed presentations for the ILIG
meeting during the 2017 ACL Annual Conference.

RETIREES INTEREST GROUP
The Retirees Interest Group (RETIG) continues to engage
our retired members in ACL and to provide a forum for
anyone interested in retirement to discuss retirement
issues. RETIG, coordinated by Elizabeth Werner, is
open to ACL retirees, those approaching retirement age,
and anyone else. There is no age requirement. RETIG
members stay in touch via a Google group and the Koffee
Klatch at the Annual Conference.

Six ACL members announced their retirements over the last
year, and various topics attracted attention via email. Dis-
cussion within RETIG included the perks (or lack thereof)
offered by institutions to their retirees, thoughts about aging,
devotionals, and news about the deaths of some members.
Volunteer work in retirement is encouraged among the
group and several have shared the activities they are involved
in post-retirement.

RETIG met for its 4th Annual Koffee Klatch at the 2017
ACL Conference. Nearly half of the 19 attendees have
retired or will retire soon. This was the highest proportion
of retirees and soon-to-be retirees to attend a Koffee Klatch.
Refreshments were provided by Laura Ladwig and Kim
Dykema of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. We
also enjoyed hearing three presentations showing that
members of this group are anything but inactive.

TECHNICAL SERVICES INTEREST
GROUP
The Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) is an
interest group for librarians who are either practicing
technical services or who have a real interest in technical
services. Members of this group are able to collaborate
with fellow librarians on issues relevant to the philosophy
and practice of technical services.

This group, launched on April 26, 2017, with Sheila Carlb-
blom as the convener, currently has 44 members. TSIG
took the opportunity to meet at the Annual Conference.
They look forward to addressing questions, concerns, and
other topics related to technical services throughout the
next year.

SOLO LIBRARIANS INTEREST GROUP
The Solo Librarians Interest Group (SLIG), made up of 60
ACL members and coordinated by Jim Mancuso, is open to
ACL members who run their library primarily by themselves.
Many times solos need advice to solve a particular issue, and
this group serves as a wonderful resource. One unique way
this group supports one another is by taking time each week
to lift one of the members in prayer.

SLIG has met for the last two years at conference and
this year included meeting for dinner and sponsoring a
conference session titled Thriving as a Solo Librarian
hosted by a panel of members from this group.
Section Updates

BIBLE COLLEGE SECTION

The Bible College Section (BCS) promotes the interests of libraries in Bible colleges. This section meets at every ACL Annual Conference. All Bible college librarians are encouraged to attend these meetings. The BCS maintains close relations with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

A BCS LibGuide is being created and will reside on the ACL website. This LibGuide will provide guidance and links to online resource materials for Biblical and Theological studies. Once launched, this guide will continue to be an ongoing project to build upon, and the resources will be kept up-to-date.

The BCS Leadership Manual (Handbook) has been updated and revised by Paul Roberts and has been approved by the BCS. This internal manual establishes guidelines for the current and future leadership team. We are grateful to Paul for his work on this manual.

To support the growing relationship between TRACS and ACL, Jennifer Ewing has been appointed as Liaison to TRACS. She is coordinating the effort to build ACL’s relationships with BCS and TRACS and to create the BCS Library Guidelines in conjunction with the Library Standards of TRACS. Jennifer began this new role during the 2017 Annual Conference.

BCS LEADERSHIP:
Pradeep Das, Chair
Jim Mancuso, Vice Chair
Carol Reid, Secretary
Deborah McConkey, Mentoring Coordinator
Dale Solberg, Member-at-Large
Tiffany Hudson, LibGuide Coordinator

LIBERAL ARTS SECTION

The Liberal Arts Section (LAS) exists to enable and encourage librarians as they serve with excellence as Christians in liberal arts colleges and universities. This section meets at every ACL Annual Conference. ACL members at liberal arts institutions are encouraged to attend and participate. LAS leadership is voted on at this annual meeting, and five-minute LASIR talks are presented. Recordings from both the 2016 and 2017 LASIR talks are available on the ACL website.

The LAS has also begun to develop content ideas for the LAS LibGuide. Ideas for content include the LASIR talks, minutes from past meetings, and possibly a way of tracking statistical data that libraries can use to compare themselves to similar institutions.

LAS LEADERSHIP:
Gail Heideman, Chair
Jennifer Walz, Vice Chair
Amy Rice, Secretary
Jeanette Parker, Member-at-Large
Eric Bradley, Member-at-Large
Elizabeth Walker Papke, Member-at-Large

NEW! SEMINARY SECTION

A group of ACL conference attendees met at the 2017 Annual Conference to discuss the possible creation of a Seminary Section. The 20 people who attended expressed the need for networking, shared resources, and a place to discuss unique seminary challenges.

The ACL Board received and approved the proposal to move forward with creating a Seminary Section at the October 2017 meeting.

2017 Award Recipients

Barbara K Nelson Indexer of the Year Award
Robert Burgess - SW Baptist Theological Seminary

Emily Russel Award
Sharon Bull - retired from Northwest Nazarene University

Lifetime Service Award
Doug Butler - retired from Asbury University
Lynne Funtik - retired from Cedarville University
Jane Hopkins - retired from Greenville University
Paul Roberts - retired from Southeastern Bible College

Volunteer of the Year Award
Beth Purtee - Trevecca Nazarene University

Read more details about the awards and the recipients on the ACL website at acl.org.
The mission of the Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA) is to serve libraries within Christian institutions of higher learning primarily outside North America by providing training and support for these librarians to advance library service within their communities. The goals include cultivating strategic partnerships with international organizations and educational institutions for the advancement of librarianship and libraries; encouraging, equipping and coordinating ACL members for service to other libraries; and assisting libraries in need by identifying and addressing challenges.

Over the last year, CILA has had several opportunities to support international libraries and librarians. Four international librarians received membership scholarships; one of those was awarded the 2017 President's conference scholarship. During the Annual Conference, CILA partnered with the Theological Book Network to offer a session on low-cost collection development to help create an action plan for small institutions or international libraries.

CILA aided in funding team member Yesan Sellan in a training seminar that took place in Nepal. Yesan, from the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, along with his associate librarian, trained 13 participants from 8 Bible colleges and seminaries around Nepal. They were taught the basics of library administration, classification, and computerized cataloging. The Librarian's Manual was used as a basic course book and each attendee received a copy. The attendees were trained on a KOHA ILS program.

Erin McCoy transitioned to the CILA team coordinator role in January of 2017, leading team members Ann Manginelli, Yesan Sellan, Georgi Bordner, and Robert Danielson. ACL would like to thank Don Butterworth for his years of service to the CILA team!
NUMBERS TALK

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REFERRALS

How do new members hear about ACL?

- 59% COLLEAGUE
- 25% INTERNET
- 5% TCL
- 4% EACH: CONF ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA, OTHER

VOLUNTEERS

- 19% OF THE MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEERED IN 2016
- 4,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED IN 2016
2016 New Members:
Cindy Aiders, Regent College
Brent Andrews, Lutheran Brethren Seminary
Sandy Ayer, Ambrose University
Clint Banz, Lancaster Bible College
Victoria Batyaliiwewe, Heritage Int. School
Wendy Berryhill, Calvary Chapel U. Pennsylvania
Alisha Bleivins, Luther Rice College & Seminary
Paula Braxton, The King’s University
Jodi Brown, Dayton Christian School
Christina DelliSante, Tacoma Community College
Green River College
Venetia Demson, Retired
Mark Draper, Evangelical Theological Seminary
Seferino Esparza, College of Biblical Studies
Catherine Finger, Retired
Paul Friesen, Canadian Mennonite University
Caroline Ghaster, Palm Beach County Lib. System
Debra Giannone, Hudson Taylor University
Rebecca Givens, University of Alabama
Holly Grant, Little Flock Christian Academy
Carrie Halquist, Huntington University
Emily Hartman, Greene County Public Library
Lori Hawkins, Guardian Christian Academy
Ingrid Hellstrom, Catholic University of America
Philip Hendrickson, Concordia University Nebraska
Tom Horner, Covenant College
Helen Howell, New Saint Andrews College
David Hoyte, Regional Bible College
Mike Reid, Institute, Member since 2015

2017 New Members:
Meredith Ader, Elim Bible Institute
Kathleen Ageton, Elizabeth’s Library International
Tracie Alger, Oakland Community College
LaVern Ailhaugh, Summit Christian College
Eliseo Altamirano, Instituto de Formacion Tecnica
Grace Andrews, Wesley Biblical Seminary
Timothy Beals, Credo Communications
Torri Beck, Toccoa Falls College
Alicia Carrasco, Christ Mission College Latin America
C. Massie Grass, American Bible Institute
Susan Casstevens, Dallas Baptist University
Mike Chan, Hong Kong Govt. Education Bureau
Karen Clarke, Pacific Rim Christian University
Kris Costello, California Christian College
Kevin Duggins, Calvin College
Nicole Duggins, Hosanna Bible College
Lois Dye, Calvin College
Kim Dykema, Puritan Reformed Theological Sem.
Linda Floyd, shorter University
Denver Gordon, Salvation Army College
Mark Gottschalk, South Plains College
Sandra Graham, Kent District Library

Members We Will Miss:
William Abernathy (11/2016)
M member since 1972, former ACL President
Evangelina Chavez (11/2016)
Librarian at Latin America Bible Institute, M ember since 2015
Mike Reid (11/2016)
Asst. Librarian at Lincoln Christian University, M ember since 1994

Have you changed jobs recently? Has your contact information changed?
Please email info@acl.org or call (937-766-2255) the Home Office to update your member record.
At the 2016 annual meeting, the board announced the creation of the ACL Legacy Endowment, with a capital campaign to begin in 2017. The board has committed an initial investment in the endowment of $60,000, with the goal of starting the endowment with $100,000 in January 2018. This board-designated endowment will aid ACL and its members by providing resources for professional development opportunities, scholarships, research and special projects. On June 13, 2017, ACL hosted a “Day of Giving” to kick-off the capital campaign. In one day, $10,900 was raised, which was a significant start to the campaign! As of November 1, $71,181 has been received.

With only 9% of current members participating in the Day of Giving, we are confident that the goal of $100,000 is within our reach. When asked what he values most about ACL, Jim Mancuso, member since 2012, who serves in a small bible college in Vermont, shared the following:

“I see [ACL] as essential to my job, and a joy to be a member of. Through ACL conference, collegial projects such as the ABHE Library Guidelines and other interactions, I learn what I need to know to be effective in my position, and I have the joy of fellowshipping with other like-minded librarians . . . ”

The ACL Legacy Endowment allows us to continue to provide encouragement and resources to librarians just like Jim. You can help us reach our goal through our Leaves of Legacy campaign beginning November 2017. Please continue to pray for this initiative and consider how your gift can impact the future of librarians.

To donate to the Legacy Endowment visit acl.org/donations.
The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Libraries, a.k.a. Association of Christian Librarians, ended the 2016 fiscal year with revenue over expenses of $15,600. Our investments flourished during 2016, which was a contributing factor to our healthy bottom line. We continue to see consistency with participation in our programs and have experienced a growth in membership. The financial leadership of the Association is committed to steward the organization’s funds with a focus on our mission and purpose. We believe that there is still a need to strengthen libraries by supporting individual librarians with our various program offerings and will continue to seek God’s wisdom and guidance using the funds of the Association.

April VanPutten, Business Manager, and Sheila Carlblom, Treasurer

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