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Dear friends,

Greetings on behalf of the Association of Christian Librarians! As you receive this annual report of all that's been happening in the Association, I hope you'll take note of the faithful people and creative efforts that continue to keep the mission of ACL moving forward. To the many who volunteer within ACL and to our Home Office staff, thank you. The Association continues to grow in membership and benefits, and your commitment makes it possible. We have members leading and participating in interest groups, working together on our many teams, investing themselves in our publications, and supporting each other through mentoring and other relational endeavors. You are serving one another in love as you serve the Lord through ACL.

It was a special blessing to spend time with those of you who participated in the 63rd Annual Conference this past June at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. The thoughtfulness with which host librarian Sheila Carlblom and the Jackson Library team welcomed us was truly phenomenal. Whether or not you had opportunity to attend, you likely saw the 2019 conference theme: “Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Truth.” During the closing banquet of the conference, I shared a few reflections on the importance of healthy roots. My husband and I had traveled to Alaska earlier in the summer to visit his childhood home. As we entered the interior region of the state, I noticed a change in the trees. They became smaller, shorter, and sparser than we'd seen near the coast. Most of them were black spruce—a spindly tree someone described as “the one that looks like it needs a hug.” The problem is Alaska's permafrost. Poor drainage changes the soil composition, and the persistent ice prevents those trees from sinking roots deeply enough to let them thrive. They can live, but they can't flourish.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 tells us that the person whose confidence is in the Lord “will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.” That tree's leaves are always green, Scripture says, and it never fails to bear fruit. This word from the Lord assures me that those of us who are “Rooted in Faith” have every reason to be grateful. I hope that the Association of Christian Librarians has been a resource for you this year, encouraging your roots to extend more deeply into the River of Life and into this faithful community of colleagues and friends. Opportunities to serve, to learn, and to connect have nourished me for thriving in Christ and in my professional calling. I hope you have found the same to be true in your life. It is my prayer for all of us that the professional development and spiritual encouragement available through ACL will enable us to flourish, bearing fruit for the glory of God.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:8

Gratefully,

Denise Nelson
ACL President
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Years ago I remember a very serious conversation within the leadership of ACL that hinted at the disaster that may befall the Association when the loyal baby boomers began to retire and step away from the Association and from volunteering. We saw the need to reach out to the next generation of librarians and cultivate new member engagement in a way that drew first-timers in to experience what surveys report is a rewarding professional membership experience. The Board identified the need to foster deeper engagement in the new members and those that were new to the profession, encourage existing members to participate in more volunteer opportunities, and look for ways to attract new members to the Association.

We saw the challenge and the opportunity ahead. In an effort to be proactive and better anticipate members' needs, the board sought to revitalize the association in many areas. We made intentional changes while maintaining the community and connection that our members value. Some of these changes included:

- Expanding our marketing campaign
- Hiring an outreach coordinator and building our social media presence
- Expanding our website to include additional resources and explain in greater detail the advantages of membership
- Redesigning the ACL logo
- Promoting the “Spread the Word” campaign to encourage members to reach out to colleagues
- Transitioning TCL to open access and providing increased visibility for ACL

While looking to the future, we didn’t want to lose site of the volunteer service that built and maintained ACL throughout its rich history. At our Annual Conference we celebrate members for longtime service to ACL with the Lifetime Service Award. But we wanted to highlight those new to service in ACL, as well. In 2015, a new recognition called the Spirit of ACL Award was created to highlight a volunteer within his or her first five years of membership. We also began tracking and celebrating milestone years of service of our volunteers in 2016.

In 2016, Member of the Month became a regular program to help us get to know one another better and provide potential members with a glimpse of the ACL membership. In 2017, the Annual Report was expanded to be a substantial source of information supplying each member knowledge about the expansive work of the Association. Interest groups continue to be added as needed, and in 2018, the Seminary Section was added for collaboration and connection for those in theological librarianship.

Leadership was not exempt from this assessment. The Board examined development activities and as a result became more intentional about leadership recruitment, orientation, and training for current and future Board members. In 2017, the Board created a three-year strategic plan that paved the way for future growth and direction. The Board currently consists of six members in their first term of service as members-at-large, which expands those eligible to serve in officer positions.

This has been no small task, but we are seeing results of our efforts! ACL membership numbers and conference attendance have increased consistently for the last four years. As anticipated, we have seen large numbers of members retire each year; however, some have renewed at the low retiree rate and continue to stay involved in the Retirees interest group, mentoring, or continuing their team involvement. Despite all of the hard work that has been accomplished and that is still ahead, our efforts would be in vain without the direction and blessing that God has bestowed upon this organization. I am pleased to be a part of a team who seeks the Lord’s wisdom and direction as we lead the organization forward. It is a pleasure to serve with each of you.

Building together,

Janelle Mazelin
Executive Director
BOARD UPDATE

By Denise Nelson, ACL President

One of the focus areas emphasized in the three-year strategic plan adopted in 2017 is leadership training and development for service within the Association. A number of initiatives related to those efforts have been underway over the last year in hope that those who are considering leadership positions will feel equipped to serve and that those who are serving will find opportunity to grow. In June, many of your Board members and other volunteer leaders attended “Developing the Leader within You,” a pre-conference session led by Dr. Joanne Barnes of Indiana Wesleyan University. Whether participants attended in person or online, they were encouraged by learning more about themselves and the unique gifts they bring to the roles in which they serve.

Thanks are due to the Nominations Team for the system they have developed for encouraging nominations and self-nominations for Board service. The team works hard to contact the individuals who are eligible for Board positions, tracking responses about each person’s willingness to serve—now or in the future. I hope that you will seriously consider requests for volunteers, either for Board positions or for other roles. Your talents and skills are a gift to your colleagues and an offering to the Lord when you accept opportunities to serve.

Another opportunity to prepare for service within the Association was offered during the General Business Meeting at the Annual Conference when several of those currently serving on your Board of Directors shared their perspectives and experiences on Board service, inviting questions from those who attended. The purpose of the session was to help members understand the nature of Board service and to make the expectations and blessings of that kind of service more clear. If you have questions about what is required for service on the ACL Board or on one of the teams that keeps the business of the Association moving forward, please contact info@acl.org. The Home Office staff will be glad to connect you with someone who can share their personal experience and answer your questions about those roles.

Finally, your Board of Directors committed time to leadership development activities during the October Board meeting at the Association’s Home Office in Cedarville, OH. Board members were asked to consider his or her best contributions to the work of the leadership group, the barriers that prevent them from contributing as they could, and the specific actions they can take to encourage others to Board service. As your Board works to serve the Association and the Lord to the best of their ability, please remember them in prayer.

NOMINATIONS

The nominations team compiles the slate of candidates interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Lon Dagley (Coordinator), Jennifer Walz, and Linda Poston represent the membership by serving on this team.
2019 MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

609 TOTAL MEMBERS

Where are ACL members?

- **88%** US
- **5%** Canada
- **6%** International

28% of membership attended 2019 ACL Conference

97 NEW MEMBERS

New members heard about ACL through various means:

- **Internet Search** 21.6%
- **Colleague** 62.9%
- **TCL** 5.2%
- **Other** 8.2%

380 INSTITUTIONS

Represented within membership

- **Retired or Unemployed** 10%
- **Secular** 9.2%
- **Christian** 80.8%
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED IN 2019

Isaku Abe, Tokyo Christian University Library
Elisabeth Anderson
Scott Ashmon, Concordia University – CA
Brittany Beadle, Clarion University
Shannon Bender, Union Bible College
Ruth Black, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Sarah Boeringa, University of Western Ontario
Patricia Bredbenner, First Baptist Church – MO
Laura Brown, Cincinnati Christian University
Leslie Brown, North Greenville University
Teresa Buck, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Meredith Campbell, Visible Music College
Danelle Castellano, Grand Canyon University
Ruth Cho, Biola University
Angela Criss, Ecclesia College
Konstance Crownover, Southern Nazarene University
David Delatte, Audubon Regional Library
Martha Dendinger, First Baptist. Atlanta Media Library - GA
Alexandra Duenow, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Karina Dunn, Vanguard College
Ria Faber, Covenant Christian High School
Jordan Feagley, Reformed Presbyterian Theo. Seminary
Kathleen Flanagan, OSB, Benedictine College
Ania Fournier, Capistrano Valley Christian Schools
Mary-Ann Frischkorn, Malone University
Karen Gilliam, Broughton Hospital
Bethany Groves, Asbury University
Fred Guyette, Anderson University - SC
Steven Hamersky, Newman University
Cynthia Hansen, Delta Christian Church
Caleb Harris, New Saint Andrews College
Shannon Hawkins, Southern Nazarene University
Bethany Herrod, Highlands College
Sara Kane, Warner University
Elizabeth Kanu, West Africa Theological Seminary
Sarah Karns, Public Library
Mary Krantz, Emporia State University
Susi Lim, Calvary Christian Academy
Sylvia Locher, Ashland Theological Seminary
Michele Locklear, Cumberland County Public Library
Briana Martin, Colorado Christian University
Susan Massey, Robert E. Webber Inst for Worship Studies
Nompumelelo Matsebula
Grace May, Piedmont International University
Elsa McBride, Grace College of Divinity
Edward McCallum, Int. Theological Education Network
Jamen McGranahan, Vanderbilt University
Carla McMahan, North Greenville University
Jennifer Mealy, Southern Wesleyan University
William Modrow, Miami University - OH
Michael Morrison, Grace Communion Seminary
Sara Morrison, Erskine College and Seminary
Winnie Mozilla, Botswana Int. Univ. of Science & Tech.
Magdaline Mungai, Africa Nazarene University
Elizabeth Mwangi, Amref International University
Paula Newcom, Indiana State Library
Elizabeth Newlun, Ecclesia College
Ann Nieuwkoop, Western Theological Seminary
Irene Njagi, Chuka University
Rachel Nkwanyana, Southern Nazarene University
Friska Nova, Sekolah Global Indo Asia
Larissa Orman, Montana Bible College
Elizabeth Parish
Janet Parker, Heritage Bible College
Michael Paulk, Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary
Nicholas Pavlovic, Liberty University
Catherine Pendley, Southeastern Free Will Baptist. College
Jean William Pierre, Emmaus Biblical Seminary
David Purdy, Redeemer University College
Timothy Radcliffe, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Ramona Ratliff, York College
Ron Ratliff, Manhattan Christian College
Samuel Richardson, University of Tennessee at Martin
Jennifer Roman, Bakke Graduate University
Jeanyleen Santiago, Every Nation Seminary
Oliver Schulz, Colorado Christian University
D’Anna Shotts, Baptist Theological Seminary - Nigeria
Kari Siders, Cedarville University
Victoria SIWE NANA, Christian Missionary Fellowship Int.
Jonathan Skipper, Facultad Int. de Teologia-IBSTE
Shannon Stewart, Judson College
Beth Strecker, Mid-Atlantic Christian University
Lanette Strickland, Trevecca Nazarene University
Jay Sulfridge, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
LeeAnn Sutton, Hume Lake Christian Camps
Esther Tawiah, Ghana Christian University College
Laura Thornhill, Calvary Chapel Bible College
Steven Valdez, LABI College
Leah Vetro, Tyndale University College & Seminary
Rachel Wallenbeck, Southwest Baptist University
Rachel Walters, Indiana Wesleyan University
Jefferson Webster, Veritas College International
Charles Wiley, Roberts Wesleyan College
Kate Wimer, Clara B Mounce Public Library

Members We Will Miss:

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ATTENDEES  FIRST-TIMERS  INSTITUTIONS

SPEAKERS
- Dr. Todd Ream, Keynote
- Kristy Brand Motz, Information Literacy Pre-Conference
- Dr. Joanne Barnes, Leadership Pre-Conference

PRESENTATION TRACKS
- Work/Life Balance
- Administration/Leadership
- Information Literacy
- Librarianship
- Reference/Outreach
- Tech Services/Technology
It has been said that the ACL Annual Conference is the cornerstone event of the year for our organization. I’m so thankful to have a front-row seat with the ins and outs of conference, and I would whole-heartedly agree! May I share with you what I see during the week of conference?

...I see brand new ACL members venturing to their first conference, greeted by the smiles of welcoming librarians. These conference newbies leave encouraged in their work and thankful for the new friends they have made during the week.

...I see old friends greeting one another and catching up on the details of life and librarianship since they last visited.

...I see colleagues wanting to learn from one another and participating in helpful conversations concerning the challenges they are facing in their current roles.

...I see a team of host librarians working tirelessly to show tremendous amounts of hospitality to our conference guests.

...I see robust discussions and laughter shared over meals.

...I see the excitement and respect in the eyes of attendees as they hear updates on the organization shared by association leaders at the Annual Business Meeting.

...I see attendees making connections with those in similar library situations.

...I see members of the Conference Coordinating Team going above and beyond to meet attendee needs and ensure top-quality conference programming.

...I see librarians showing concern and spending time in prayer for one another.

...I see attendees and members interacting through social media concerning content shared at conference.

...I see new librarians excited to learn and soak in wisdom and advice from seasoned colleagues.

...I see seasoned librarians eager and willing to share lessons learned along the way.

Every year it is exciting to launch the upcoming conference because of the value it brings to those who attend. There is no other time during the year when our organization gathers for such an intentional time of professional development and encouragement that personally enriches so many of our members. If you’ve never attended an ACL Conference, I hope you’ll make plans to join us in Wichita. I would love for each and every member to attend conference and experience this impactful week!
The Christian Periodical Index (CPI) is a leading resource for researching a wide variety of topics from a Christian worldview. It is the only comprehensive index to English-language 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. To subscribe or request a free trial please visit https://tinyurl.com/CPI1place.

The Christian Librarian (TCL) continues to serve as the official journal of the Association. TCL offers a variety of content at various levels of writing including book reviews, articles, and peer-reviewed content. The peer-reviewed component is new to the journal this year and is being offered in an effort to advance the scholarship of ACL members and provide a publishing option for those interested in the critique and feedback provided by the peer-review process. It is the goal of the TCL team to publish content that is relevant to faith and librarianship and best practices in library science and expose these ideas to a broad audience. TCL continues to be available in print format, but is also available open access (https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/tcl/). As a writer, publishing in TCL allows you share your ideas with an audience that reaches beyond the Association. If you have ideas that can strengthen other libraries, consider submitting an article for our next issue of the journal. If you have any questions in relation to ideas for publication or TCL, please feel free to contact Garrett Trott (gtrott@corban.edu), Editor-in-Chief of TCL.
The Christian Library Consortium is an institutional membership within ACL that provides member institutions with shared resources and discounts. This past year CLC continued to offer members savings on a variety of products like the EBSCO customized eBook collections, Theological Research Exchange Network (TREN), the Christian Periodical Index, library supplies, and many other vendors through CLC’s ongoing partnership with WALDO. New vendor discounts with Printastic and Capira were also added. The CLC membership continues to be informed of CLC news and benefit opportunities through the monthly CLC newsletter. Visit the ACL website (https://tinyurl.com/clcoffers) to review a comprehensive listing of CLC offers, discounts, and benefits.

The CLC team is happy to welcome Linda Poston and Cindy Snell to fill the two open member-at-large positions. To better serve the CLC members, the team is working to restructure roles and responsibilities. The CLC team goals for this year are to increase the CLC membership, explore options for providing training resources and opportunities, to continue to promote the Reciprocal Borrowing Program and the Interlibrary Loan service, and to develop the CLC LibGuide. Springshare, Guides on the Side, and a shared chat service are just a few of the companies and products that will be investigated in the coming months. We invite other suggestions to be sent to clc@acl.org.

**CLC INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS** 171

**RECIPROCAL BORROWING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS** 68

**WORLDSHARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PARTICIPANTS** 33

**EBSCO EBOOK PURCHASES** 50

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**SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

Carol Reid recently handed over the reins of this group to the capable hands of Andrea Abernathy. Her first task was finding a third member to join this group. Several expressed interest and were interviewed for the position. Thank you to all who went through this process! It is exciting to see so many want to get involved in encouraging their fellow librarians in the faith. Grace Andrews was recently appointed and joined Deborah McConkey as a group member. Several ideas are being explored for additional ways to support and encourage the ACL membership.

**MENTORING**

The ACL Mentoring Program continues to provide support and direction to ACL members who are eager to be mentored by seasoned librarians. This program is led by Jill Botticelli, Mentoring Program Coordinator. Kellie Barbato joined the leadership team of this valuable ACL program as Assistant to the Coordinator to work with the mid-point and exit details of the program. Fifteen matches were made over the last year, and this program continues to flourish. If you are interested in being a mentor or being mentored, find more information on the Mentor Program web page at acl.org.

**VIRTUAL INITIATIVES**

During 2018-2019, the Virtual Initiatives Team partnered with the Conference Planning Team to offer our first hybrid pre-conference event. The event, “Moving Above and Beyond: Developing the Leader Within You” was presented by Dr. Joanne Barnes on Monday, June 10, 2019. The event was well attended by both on-site and online attendees. Through the use of technology, online attendees were able to see the speaker and on-site attendees and interact via a chat feature. The virtual team (April VanPutten, Gina Bolger, and Robert Burgess) met at the 2019 Annual Conference to discuss the strategy for future virtual events and sought input from other ACL team leaders on ways that the Virtual Initiative Team can support them. The team hopes to host free member webinars in the future along with a virtual conference in early 2020. We will also be working with other ACL teams to expand their programs within the membership as the occasion arises. It is our goal to continue to use technology to provide relevant content that meets the needs of our members.

**VOLunteering**

Volunteering in ACL is a great way to deepen your involvement in ACL and use your skills to further the work of the Association. Six membership-wide searches for volunteers were conducted over the last year by outgoing Volunteer Coordinator, Ben Brick. Several members volunteered and most positions were filled, but we are still looking for a Peer Review Editor for *The Christian Librarian*. If you are interested please contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kristina Claunch (kclaunch@deltastate.edu) with your interest.

Several members were recognized at the ACL Annual Conference for their volunteer service.

First-year volunteer recognition: Pam Childers, David Dial, Curt Rice, James Wise, Jessica Carlson, Helen Howell, Jon Jones, and Erinn Huebner

Five-year volunteer recognition: Andrea Abernathy, Gail Heideman, Erin McCoy, Lon Dagley, Pradeep Das, Gina Bolger, Jill Botticelli, Mary Tatro, and Mark Hanson

Ten-Year volunteer recognition: Denise Nelson

Tonya Fawcett was recognized for ten years of service as she leaves the role of ACL Pro-Coordinator. Tonya was the initiator of the program during her time of service on the ACL Board of Directors. Sharon Bull also completed ten years of service as the ACL Archivist. Tonya and Sharon have faithfully served the Association well in these roles. We are thankful.

Sheila Carlblom was recognized for her 25 years of faithful service on the ACL Board of Directors.

**OTHER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Nancy Olson, Liaison with ABHE
Jason Seymour, Liaison with TRACS
Linda Rust, DUPEX Exchange Service Coordinator

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"ACL’s member discussion list is the most active listserv I have ever been involved in. The discussion list alone is worth the membership and has been incredibly valuable in my professional development. I value professional interaction with exceptional librarians who also build me up in my faith and walk with Christ." Jon Jones

"I cherish the ability to discuss library topics with ACL colleagues through a distinctively Christian worldview lens. The generosity of Christian librarians [is] reflected in discussion list conversations and the rich fellowship experienced at annual conferences." Deborah McConkey

We love connecting you with other Christian librarians and providing opportunities for professional growth and support on your vocational journey!

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Interest Groups

EMERGING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS

The Emerging Library Professionals Interest Group (ELP) exists to provide a point of connection and encouragement for members who are new to the profession or to the Association. The ELP works to keep new ACL members aware of the many opportunities available to get involved in the Association and offers encouragement for those navigating the early stages of their library careers. The ELP is convened by Julie Sweeney and has 39 members.

The primary forum for the ELP is the listserv where resources, tips, and encouragement are shared with the group. The ELP also invites members to gather in person to network and socialize during the ACL Annual Conference. This year’s conference gathering was hosted by ACL Vice President, Nate Farley. ELP members had the opportunity to meet other early-career colleagues, discuss their current professional contexts, and learn about ACL's Mentorship Program.

NEW! K-12 LIBRARYANS

The K-12 Librarians Interest Group, coordinated by Linda Brogden, is designed to provide a faith-based support system for those who are in K-12 school library settings. The mission of the group is to encourage one another through sharing best practices, instructional ideas, problem-solving, and encouraging one another in the Lord as those who serve Him in schools or assist others working with the K-12 age group of learners. The K-12 Interest Group also seeks to create networking opportunities, promote ACL membership among school librarians, and create in-person and virtual forums to share resources and freely discuss topics relevant to this library community.

The knowledge and experience of those in this group are available as you develop or improve your library’s K-12 sub-collection. If you have a feeder Academy, this community may assist you in understanding that library environment or provide you information for those school libraries. Your institution may be training K-12 teachers who will be raising readers, teaching research, and dealing with all things digital for the youngest learners now using digital devices and print materials. This group will share the joys, trends, and challenges now facing the K-12 world of education and librarianship. And if you are involved with church libraries – this group may be a resource for you, too.

INFORMATION LITERACY

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, and other related topics. ILIG has over 130 members. The ILIG Convener role transitioned from Linda Poston to Robin Lang with Elizabeth Fairall stepping in to host the ILIG meeting at the 2019 conference. The fourth annual ILIG meeting held in June at the ACL Conference provided 90 minutes for the 61 librarians in attendance to discuss information literacy. Prior to conference, ILIG members completed a survey that determined information literacy-related topics members are most interested in discussing. During the meeting the ILIG LibGuide was reviewed, librarians broke into small groups to discuss three IL-related topics, then the larger group reconvened to allow a representative from each group to share highlights from their small group discussion. Topics covered included 1) active learning activities incorporating information literacy, 2) ideas for approaching teaching faculty to collaborate on information literacy instruction, and 3) assessment of information literacy. Notes from the ILIG conference meeting can be found on the ILIG LibGuide (https://acl.libguides.com/ILIG/Home). These topics will be explored further this coming year on the ILIG discussion list.

RETIREES

The Retirees Interest Group (RETIG) helps retired ACL members remain connected with the Association and provides a forum for ACL members to share and discuss issues related to retirement. RETIG participation is open to all ACL members interested in retirement issues. Elizabeth Werner hosts this group which has forty members on its email list. The discussion list covers retirement issues, news of members and any topic of interest to the group. In addition to the discussion list, RETIG hosts the Retirees’ Koffee Klatc at the Annual Conference. The sixth annual gathering took place at the 2019 Annual Conference with 23 attending. Craighton Hippenhammer gave a presentation titled, “Retire with Fun and Meaning: Throwing Caution to the Wind.” He outlined the opportunities for travel, volunteering, personal growth, and challenges that confront those in retirement. The email list discussion and the Koffee Klatc gathering continue to help participants explore new roads and destinations on the retirement journey.
The ACL Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) is for librarians who are either practicing Technical Services librarians or who have a real interest in Technical Services. Currently, TSIG has 62 members and is convened by Sheila Carlblom. Its purpose is to collaborate with fellow librarians on issues relevant to the philosophy and practice of Technical Services. The group has a discussion list through which questions are asked and issues are addressed.

The Technical Services Interest Group was pleased to support a workshop and hold its annual meeting at the 2019 ACL Annual Conference. The topics discussed during the meeting involved experiences with authentication software, Technical Services Librarians serving in other capacities in our libraries (e.g., Reference Librarians), and the possibility of a Technical Services Panel discussion and another workshop at the 2020 ACL Conference.

TSIG is an active Interest Group of librarians who focus on the “behind the scenes” responsibilities that support the ongoing work of the library as a whole and the Reference and Circulation functions. When participants have questions, they reach out to fellow Technical Services librarians for assistance. They share about what is working and what is not.

The members of TSIG appreciate having a group to count on when encouragement, support, and answers are needed. As such, they are grateful that ACL supports the ongoing efforts of this Interest Group.

The Solo Librarians Interest Group (SLIG) has 54 members and is convened by Jim Mancuso. Each year they have discussions on the list concerning topics that are unique to their setting. Deborah McConkey now coordinates SLIG’s weekly ministry of informing the group about the needs of one of its members and having the members pray for that person and his/her library.

This year at the 2019 Conference, SLIG conducted a program during its meeting on how to “Fly Solo” as a librarian. Using an airplane theme, a panel of four presenters gave advice, tips, practical information, and encouragement on how to maximize one’s effectiveness while working in a solo environment. SLIG also participated in the poster session to inform attendees of what it offers. In addition, a solo librarian attended the First-Time Attendee Meeting to greet solo librarians who are new to ACL and encourage them to join SLIG.

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**2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Craig Kubic**
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Volunteer of the Year Award*

**Kellie Barbato**
Palm Beach Atlantic University

*Spirit of ACL Award*

**Eve Grant**
New Castle-Henry County Public Library

*Barbara K. Nelson Indexer of the Year Award*
**BIBLE CORE SECTION**

The Bible Core Section (BCS) exists to promote the interests and meet the needs of libraries in colleges whose core curriculum is centered on Bible courses. The section voted to change its name at its membership meeting at the 2019 conference. This new name, which parallels the ‘Liberal Arts’ section, more accurately reflects the fact that its member librarians work at a variety of small academic institutions whose primary mission is to teach the Bible, and that many institutions are moving away from using the term ‘Bible college’.

A key need of the members is to gain, or reaffirm, accreditation with a national accrediting association. Therefore, BCS maintains close ties with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and the Transnational Association of Christian College and Schools (TRACS). For the coming year, Nancy Olson will continue to serve as liaison to ABHE. Jennifer Ewing stepped down from her role as liaison to TRACS, and Jason Seymour was appointed to take her place.

The team’s three members-at-large voluntarily assume roles to accomplish the work of the section. This year, Deborah McConkey will serve as Mentoring Coordinator; Jon Jones will manage the BCS LibGuide (http://acl.libguides.com/biblicalstudies); and Christopher Ullman will handle collection development.

Jim Mancuso, Chair  
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Jon Jones, Member-at-Large  
Christopher Ullman, Member-at-Large  
Deborah McConkey, Member-at-Large

**LIBERAL ARTS SECTION**

The Liberal Arts Section (LAS) exists to enable and encourage Christian librarians as they serve with excellence in liberal arts colleges and universities. ACL members at liberal arts institutions are encouraged to attend and participate in the LAS meeting at each year’s conference. At this year’s meeting, several ACL members shared trends and tools during lightning talks.

The LAS has a LibGuide (https://acl.libguides.com/LAS) and we are working this year to update and add content. The LibGuide contains information about the officers, meeting minutes and reports, and documents from members’ institutions. As we make calls throughout the year for information to add to the LibGuide, please respond if you are willing to share what your institution is doing.

**SEMINARY SECTION**

The ACL Seminary Section was formed so that seminary librarians could experience greater engagement within ACL. Academic and research librarians in theological libraries are essential to a thriving Christian community of learners and scholars who seek to expand the work of the Church globally. The Seminary Section has affirmed five objectives:

1. Cultivate the value of Christian theological libraries;  
2. Promote student learning;  
3. Expand research and scholarly environment;  
4. Support changing roles and landscape of theological libraries;  
5. Enhance responsible stewardship of God’s resources.

These strategic areas were considered during the 2019 Conference meeting. In order to address the topic of accreditation, which was identified as a high priority, the conference speaker for the Seminary Section was Debbie Creamer, MDiv, MLIS, PhD, Senior Director of Accreditation for The Association of Theological Schools and The Commission on Accrediting. Her topic was “Redevelopment of the ATS Standards of Accreditation” with implications for libraries. The interest group has a strong desire to consider products/projects which institutional members could develop targeting graduate theological students.

Craig Kubic, Chair  
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THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY ADVANCEMENT

By Erin McCoy, Team Coordinator

This year, CILA continued to fulfill its mission as a facilitator of communication among ACL’s international members and the broader membership. This goal has been accomplished in a variety of ways, even as the committee explores other creative options that fit within this mission.

Through the funding CILA has in place, we have been able to create bridges of opportunity for equipping our international members through training and conferences. CILA supported two conferences this year in different ways. In March, CILA and ACL contributed to the conference welcome bags for the Eastern European Theological Conference held in the Ukraine. Longtime ACL member, Katharina Penner, was involved in the conference planning, and CILA was thrilled to support her and this fledgling organization as they create their own professional community. We hope to expand on this relationship in the future.

The ACL Annual Conference this year was blessed with the presence of Barulaganye Hulela, the first recipient of the Dorothy Spidell Conference Scholarship. She said of the conference: “When I came back I was able to keep in touch with an ACL colleague who presented about social media. He aided me and my colleague who is responsible for social media in a platform called Slack where we discuss issues related to social media platforms. The conference also helped me to improve our library guides where necessary. In all, I was delighted with my participation at conference and it was indeed worth attending.”

CILA also continues to facilitate professional interactions by providing scholarships for international members who might not otherwise have access to a professional library association. Of the 38 ACL international members, 14 are receiving a scholarship and find value in the listserv, the resources that are shared, and the conversations that occur in that space.

The quarterly newsletter continues to be the primary mode for information flow between CILA and the ACL membership. There is never a shortage of updates to report, and CILA has received positive feedback from members regarding the newsletter. At the same time, survey responses from last year indicate that members are unclear as to CILA’s purpose and work, so we are interested in exploring other ways to communicate CILA’s priorities and activities.

The Librarian’s Manual continues to be a source of revenue and ministry that CILA provides. There has been high interest in the French translation, which is now approximately halfway complete. The English version needs updating, so that is an area of exploration for CILA in the next year. Through our bulk pricing model, the manual has been able to reach more countries with a variety of in-person training done by members.

Finally, CILA is exploring ways the CILA LibGuide (http://acl.libguides.com/CILA) can act as a repository for our members looking for various solutions to the needs they have at their libraries. We hope it can become a place of useful resources and connections for those in need.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the global reach of ACL through CILA activities.
Legacy Endowment

By April VanPutten, Business Manager

The FACL Legacy Endowment continues to grow from member contributions, even without continuing a dedicated campaign. The current balance of the fund is $77,865 and growing! This past June, the Board of Directors approved a four-fold purpose for the use of endowment funds: scholarship, conference attendance, research, and professional development. The Board also addressed the administration of the fund and the application process for awarding the Endowment funds. We are pleased to report that the application process will roll out in 2020, with the first distribution of awarded funds to occur in 2021. Please be thinking about a research project, conference, or other professional development need that you have that might fit within the scope of the Endowment. Donations to the Legacy Endowment can be made on the ACL website or by check.

To donate to the Legacy Endowment visit acl.org/donations.

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ACL was pleased to donate to the following in memory of past members:

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Financial Information

By April VanPutten, Business Manager

2018 turned out to be another financially successful year for the Association, despite the economic ups and downs facing businesses and non-profit organizations. ACL ended the year with revenue over expenses of $15,600. This included an additional $2,500 in donations to the FACL Legacy endowment fund, for which we are grateful. In June 2019, the membership elected Rodney Birch as the new ACL Treasurer. Rodney has previous board experience as a Director-at-large and Vice President. He also served as a member of the Financial Advisory Team in the early 2000s and has a critical eye for detail and working with finances. Sheila Carlblom served as Treasurer throughout the 2018 fiscal year and will serve a one-year term as Past Treasurer to assist in training Rodney for his role on the Board. The Board and staff of ACL are thankful for Sheila and Rodney as they make this transition and seek the Lord’s wisdom in managing the finances of the Association.

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