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Seasons Greetings  
to all Newsletter readers  
May the peace of God be with you  
at this Christmastide  
and blessings be yours throughout 1998.

## ANZTLA Affairs

In October Helen Greenwood and I were privileged to participate in the 2nd Forum of Asian Theological Librarians in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Further details of this consultation are included in this issue. As we prepared for the consultation we looked back on the work that we have achieved as an Association and when it was done we were amazed at what we have managed to do in a relatively short period of time. These achievements should not prompt us to become complacent or to rest on our laurels. The decision of the 1997 AGM to revise the "Standards for Theological Libraries" is a timely one and those appointed to this task should be encouraged. They are Wendy Davis and Jocelyn Morris and they would welcome any thoughts you may be able to send them.

I have received correspondence from Andre J Geuns, President of the Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie who is keen to keep up the contacts established by Trevor Zweck. After the Asian experience I can see the benefit of keeping these international contacts going, not just for what we can gain from them but equally importantly what we can offer them from our experience and achievements.

The preparations for the 1998 Sydney Conference are firming up and the brochure for registration should be mailed to members early February. The dates for the conference are Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th July and it will be held at Moore Theological College in Newtown.

Kim Robinson  
President

## Forum of Asian Theological Librarians

*Helen Greenwood & Kim Robinson*

In October 1997 we were privileged to attend the Forum of Asian Theological Librarians in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. It was a gathering of librarians from countries throughout Asia and Australasia, India, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan as well as Australia and New Zealand. There were a number of papers presented, copies of which are available from either of us. One of them is reproduced in this edition of the *ANZTLA newsletter* as is the Forum's final report.

### **Theological librarianship in Asia**

- \* most librarians we met are trained in both theology and librarianship which is a reflection on the Asian attitude to professional qualifications and the importance of academic degrees.
- \* there are existing theological library associations in India, Korea, and The Philippines as well as Australia / New Zealand.
- \* that the existing Forum includes Protestant libraries only - there are no Catholic or non-Christian members.



- \* the problems (and their solutions) faced are mainly the same as those faced by our own members. As we have found from our own association the ability to share these matters with each other is extremely helpful.

### **Problems faced**

- Language. English appears to be the lingua franca, but there are obvious difficulties when it comes to collecting materials and producing printed products like periodical indexes.
- While the global village is shrinking, there are areas within this region that have to contend with such basic problems as reliable, power supplies and getting telephone lines to the library.
- Politics. There are countries within the region in which the establishment of a theological library association is not legally possible. This led to discussion on bypassing the problem by either establishing informal networks as opposed to constituted associations, or exploring the possibility of becoming a special interest group within the wider library association of the country in question. There is also the problem that in some countries there are governmental restrictions on the acquisition of material for the library.
- Conservation. Libraries in the Asian region face major conservation problems because of the climate and the quality of much of the local book production.

### **What of the future?**

Many of the aims outlined in the accompanying Forum document are the same as those discussed at the First meeting of the Forum in 1991. The challenge for the new Executive Committee (which includes Kim) is to move ForATL from discussing these ideas to implementing them. One of the key questions that the two of us kept coming back to is: Is there a future if ForATL remains a random grouping of individuals, or is the way ahead for the forum to become an umbrella organisation for national theological library associations and networks?

### **ANZTLA and ForATL**

So, what are the implications for ANZTLA?? One of the heartening things for us was the realisation of the strength of our own Association. When we compiled a list of ANZTLA achievements, it was with some pride that we reviewed what we had accomplished in 12 years. Kim was able to share our experiences with ARI, so that the other participants could see what could be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of association members.

Many of the aims listed by the Forum have already been undertaken by ANZTLA as a group or ANZTLA members individually - a tribute to the foresight and initiative of ANZTLA members and a challenge to all of us to maintain that creative impetus.

- Do we feel that we belong in this Asian grouping? This question was asked directly of us by one of the Asian participants.
- What about our colleagues in the Pacific?
- Can we look at the Aims identified by the Forum and identify any projects for ANZTLA such as a bibliography of theological publications in Australia and New Zealand?

We will have a time at the Sydney conference to discuss these issues and if anyone wishes to raise anything with us prior to the conference we would be happy hear from them.

## Forum of Asian Theological Librarians

*Yogyakarta, Indonesia*

*8 - 13 October 1997*

Librarians from Australia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Philippines, and Taiwan met at Duta Wacana Christian University Guest House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 8-13 October for the Second Forum of Asian Theological Librarians (ForATL). The Consultation was warmly welcomed by the Rector of Duta Wacana Christian University, Dr. Aristarchus Sukarto.

The speakers for the program included Dr. John T. Titaley who spoke on "The Role of Librarians in the library network among Seminaries and Christian Universities in Indonesia", Dr. Sulisty-Basuki on "Theological Libraries in Indonesia: a Library management-based brief view", Dr. E. G. Singgih on "An Axe for the Frozen Sea: the Emerging Task of Theological Education and the Role of the Librarians", John and Rita England on "Priority for Asian Resources", Dr. Joseph Patmury on "Conservation in Libraries and Archives" and Karmito on "Librarians of Indonesian Theological College Libraries: Roles, Functions and Activities".

Participants also contributed information from their home seminaries and national theological library associations. There were lively discussion groups, exchange of publications and bibliographies, intercultural worship, library and publisher visits, cultural events, exchange of publications and rich personal interaction and fellowship.

All participants reaffirmed the value of such a meeting or consultation between Asian theological librarians as a means of strengthening and encouraging one another, learning from each other and building cooperation for the task of theological libraries in Asia. A network to facilitate on-going mutual support, exchange and training opportunities made possible by a regional association of theological librarians will be an essential ingredient for the future of theological education in Asia. We are grateful for the support of the funding agencies and individual seminaries who made this consultation possible.

As a result of this Consultation, ForATL has been firmly established with a new and representative Executive Committee entrusted with the responsibility of carrying through the following aims:

- To facilitate the development and exchange of resources for theology in the Asian context.
- To encourage and support the formation of:
  - National theological library associations or networks
  - National depositories of Christian literature
  - Union listings, directory of Asian theological libraries, guidelines, indexes, bibliographies, etc., for publication
- To promote co-operation among, and training of, theological librarians
- To arrange short-term courses and workshops
- To develop an Asia-wide network of theological libraries.

The Executive Committee of ForATL consists of: Karmito - Convenor; Ms. Elizabeth T. Pulanco - Executive Secretary; Kim Robinson - Treasurer; Ms. Phyllis Chan, Ms. K. Sarala

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# Theological libraries in Indonesia: a library-management-based brief view

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## 1. Historical background

Theological libraries are a phenomena of early twentieth-century-Indonesia when various church denominations established their own theological institutions in Indonesia. The earliest known theological library was founded sometime before 1940 when the Netherlands Zendings Vereeniging founded its library in Bandoeng (now Bandung), West Java.<sup>1</sup>

When Indonesia declared her independence in 1945, followed by armed struggle against the Dutch, the government paid hardly any attention to higher education matters, let alone library matters. After the Dutch government recognised the Indonesian independence in 1949, the government established various universities in Indonesia in 1950s. Also the establishment of various theological libraries by various denominations began in 1950s.

However, the rise and growth of theological institutions and seminaries in Indonesia was not followed by publications on theological libraries. A search of *Index of Indonesian Learned Periodicals: 1950-1996* yields disappointing results as no journal articles have been written on Indonesian theological libraries. Little is known about theological librarianship as it happened in USA and New Zealand.<sup>2</sup> Karp wrote that a search of *Library Literature* (1984-1994) yields fewer than forty citations on the topic of theological libraries or librarians.<sup>3</sup>

## 2. Data on theological libraries

When Theology, as distinguished from Religious Studies, is taught at tertiary level, then the theology library as part of theological seminary is considered an academic library, albeit part of a special library. However, a check of various resources on theological libraries in Indonesia does not yield satisfactory results. A check against *The directory of special libraries and information sources in Indonesia = Direktori Perpustakaan khusus dan sumber informasi di Indonesia: 1993*,<sup>4</sup> *An International Directory of Theological Colleges*,<sup>5</sup> *Direktori perpustakaan jaringan informasi di Indonesia tahun 1995/1996*<sup>6</sup> and *Directory of Asian Theological Libraries 1992-1993*<sup>7</sup> yield results as given below:

**Table 1: Theological libraries in Indonesia**  
(based on existing directory)

<i>Names</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Province</i>
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia Jakarta (Theological Seminary of Jakarta)	Jakarta	Jakarta
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia GKIIS, Kijne (GKIIS Kiine Theological College)	Jayapura	Irian Jaya
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia "I-3" (Indonesian Bible Institute)	Batu	East Java
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia JAFFRAY	Ujung Pandang	South Sulawesi

(JAFFRAY Theological College)		
Fakultas Theologia Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana (Faculty of Theology, Duta Wacana United Theological College)	Yogyakarta	Yogyakarta
Institut Theologia Abdi Sabda	Medan	North Sumatra
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia HKBP	Pematang Siantar	North Sumatra
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia GKE	Banjarmasin	South Kalimantan
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia GMIH	Tobelo, Halmahera	Moluccas
Sekolah Tinggi Theologia Indonesia Timur	Ujung Pandang	South Sulawesi
Fakultas Theologia UKIM (Theology Department, The Christian University in Moluccas)	Ambon	Moluccas
Seminari Alkitab Nusantara	Malang	East Java
Salvation Army Training College	Jakarta	Jakarta
South East Asia Bible Seminary	Malang	East Java
Seminary Ledalero	Ledalero	West Lesser
Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Driyarkara (School of Philosophy Driyarkara)*	Jakarta	Jakarta
Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Theologi Fajar Timur*	Jayapura	Irian Jaya
Sekolah Tinggi Theologi Widya Sasana*	Malang	East Java
Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Seminari Pinelang*	Manado	North Sulawesi
Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Kateketik Pradnyawidya	Yogyakarta	Yogyakarta
Weda Bhakti Pontificiat Faculty of Theology* (now part of Universitas Sanata Dharma)	Yogyakarta	Yogyakarta

\*Operated by Roman Catholic Church

The list above deliberately includes the Catholic seminaries because their participation provided the possibility of a larger potential membership and the possibility of enrichment by contributions of Catholic librarians. The same happened with the American Theological Library Association.<sup>8</sup> The available data, albeit sparse, is the basis of this paper.

### 3. Library characteristics

Based on available data, the following characteristics of theological libraries in Indonesia are:

- Collections vary from 1000 to 60,000 books; special collections such as of the missionaries, early printed bibles, early translation editions of the Scriptures in vernacular languages are interesting features.
- No library cooperation has been mentioned; some regional and local academic library cooperation schemes are not yet being utilized by theological libraries. For example the State University Libraries Cooperation Scheme for Eastern and Western Indonesia. Although this scheme is a state-university-based cooperation, the theological libraries could utilize them for their users' benefit.
- Library automation is minimal. More than 10 years ago when the Micro CDS ISIS a Unesco-released software was distributed freely to universities in Less Developed Countries,<sup>9</sup> none of the existing theological libraries used them. Lately there has been an effort by Christian University Cooperation Board to operate Dynix, with Satya Wacana Christian University as the coordinating university. However, this scheme was abandoned owing to internal disturbance in the university.



- Lack of skilled professional manpower. Not all the theological libraries have a professional librarian while the information professionals are needed to serve the users, i.e. the students and the lecturers.
- Very few publications by theological seminaries and even by members of the Persekutuan Gereja-gereja di Indonesia (Communion of Churches in Indonesia) have been deposited at the National Library as required by the Deposit Act. A check at the deposit yields the result that fewer than forty denominations deposit their publications with the National Library.

With such conditions the users (students as well as lecturers) cannot utilize the existing collection as they are unable to borrow from other libraries. It is time to rethink the role of theological libraries in Indonesia: its mission, objectives, goals, programmes and activities.

#### **4. Mission statement**

The mission of theological libraries is to provide access to information and information services in a timely, useful and effective manner to support the teaching, learning and research functions of the students and staff of the seminary by acquiring and making resource materials available and to assist users to become skilled in locating information relevant to their interests.

With such a mission statement, the goals of the theological libraries are as follows:

- To support the teaching, learning and research functions of the seminary by identifying, acquiring, cataloguing, processing and making available library resources to constitute a relevant, up-to-date, well balanced and well maintained collection of monographs and serials irrespective of medium.
- To facilitate the effective use of the library, its resources and services, for learning and research.
- To plan, promote, implement and evaluate the activities of the library in the educational process of the seminary.
- To ensure that library services are provided effectively and efficiently, taking advantage of developing information technology.
- To provide an appropriate physical environment to meet the different needs of the collection, users and staff.
- To optimise resource sharing and networking at a local, regional, national and international level.

With such goals, the theological librarian can decide the objectives, such as goal number 4:

To obtain academic and seminary agreement to the goals and programmes of the library.

Goal number 5 yields the following objectives:

- To fully implement an effective, integrated computer-based library system.
- To provide external user access to library databases via local area networks.

Goal number 9 yields the objective of providing mechanism for consultation between the library, seminary administration, academic staff and students in the provision of services by and for the library.

#### **5. Toward implementation programmes**

As there are general inadequacies in library staff, library cooperation and the automation project, the following programmes are proposed, based on the present condition of Indonesian theological libraries.

*(a) the development of human resources*

Based on the existing data, the majority of theological libraries have no professional staff, most of the present staffs are priests and administrative personnel without formal training in librarianship. This paper proposes that present library staff who have a bachelor degree in theology and/or other disciplines should be encouraged to pursue a qualification in librarianship. This scheme is known in Indonesia as dual programmes in which a librarian who has a first degree in any discipline continues to study for a first degree in librarianship. Such programmes were conducted by Universitas Indonesia in Jakarta and have been introduced at other universities where there is also a shortage of professional librarians. The course runs for four semesters. This second degree programme conducted by the Department of Library Science Universitas Indonesia has been introduced at various state academic libraries (three classes), librarians from the Association of Catholic Universities in Indonesia (for two consecutive years) and State Institute of Islamic Studies (for three consecutive years). This method is a short cut to overcome the shortage of trained librarians.

*(b) library cooperation and resource sharing*

Library co-operation as a system for organizing library activities such as acquisitions, cataloguing, storage of less-used books. Interlibrary loan hardly exists among Indonesian theological libraries. As no libraries, including theological libraries, could afford its collection to serve its users, it is necessary to work closely in a cooperative scheme.

*(c) a condition for resource sharing*

is improvement in cataloguing and processing in order to facilitate the retrieval activities. Also a library cooperation needs a union catalogue and union list to find materials and their location. A manual union catalogue is a must for library cooperation and establishing this catalogue requires a lot of work, including the standardisation of cataloguing rules, coding the participating libraries, editing and managing the interlibrary loan scheme.

*(d) introduction of information technology*

The inadequacy of finance to proceed for library automation could be solved by using a cheap library- and documentation-designed-software which is available in the form of Unesco-released documentation software called Micro CDS ISIS (hereafter called CDS ISIS). This software is easy to use and designed for libraries in developing countries. In Indonesia, CDS ISIS is the most widely used software, including among the state academic and special libraries.<sup>10</sup> There was a plan among Christian universities in Indonesia to use the Dynix system with Christian University Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java as the coordinator. However, owing to internal conflict this programme was postponed for an indefinite time. Right now the library of the Christian University Duta Wacana is beginning to automate its collection.

## **6. New orientation**

As the library mission and the goals and objectives have been clearly stated then it is time for theological libraries in Indonesia to be geared toward new orientation in the form of the following activities:

- to set priorities for library development and to utilise resource sharing among its colleagues in Indonesia as well as outside Indonesia.
- to compile bibliographies of Christian writings which are available in the theological schools as a part of bibliographical aids for teaching and research. The National Library of Indonesia

has compiled a list of books on Christianity based on its collection. Some of the bibliographies on Christianity already published include:

- *Christianity in Southeast Asia: a bibliographical guide: an annotated bibliography of selected references in Western languages*, edited by Gerald H. Anderson. New York: The Missionary Research Library; New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Southeast Asia Studies, 1966.
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It is necessary to mention some indices like *Registers* or *Index* to the periodical *Wolanda Hindia*, a journal on Protestant missions in Netherlands East Indies, Suriname, Netherlands Antilles in 19th and 20th century published in Dutch language. With these data then the librarian can propose the compilation of bibliographies on Christian writings published in Indonesia after 1980 or an index of journal articles on Christianity in Bahasa Indonesia.

- the development of professional theological librarians who could serve library users so that these theological librarians could develop further their role in faculty, centre or country in reclaiming, collecting and promoting Asian Christian writings.
- utilisation of the available information technology for the benefit of all users. This is a part of consolidation and exchange network among theological libraries for the tasks in Indonesia and Asia. The theological librarians could learn from their colleagues in private or state academic libraries on the methods, mistakes and experiences, etc.

Perhaps the theological libraries could utilize the *Internet* which is becoming more and more popular among Indonesian librarians. Right now all provinces can be connected to the Internet through the Internet Service Provider Wasantaranet, operated by the Indonesian Postal Service.

- providing skill training in resource collection, documentation, storage and promotion and basic library functions. The theological library should change its paradigm from collecting books to serving its users.
- further thought should be directed to how theological libraries define and interpret the proper role and function of libraries in theological education.

## 7. Closing remarks

Theological libraries in Indonesia have not been mentioned in library literature. However, their existence can be traced from early twentieth century when the Dutch mission established its own theological library in the then Netherlands East Indies.

Our theological libraries face increasing pressure on their collections as well as financial and other constraints common to most libraries in Indonesia. The impact of new information technology is less noticeable than in some other libraries, such as special libraries or state university libraries. With that situation, then it is time for initiating cooperative efforts, developing human resources and utilizing the new technology.

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## Select bibliography of New Zealand religious and theological materials

Compiled by Helen Greenwood

**Scope note:** Selected materials published in the 1990s in New Zealand or about New Zealand. Earlier works have been included if deemed to be of particular importance.

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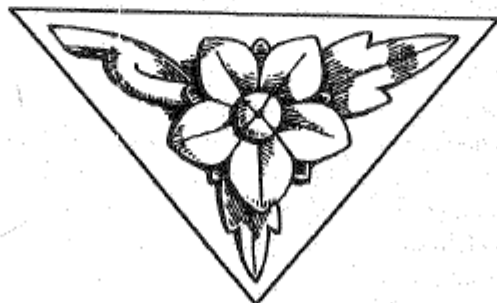
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# ANZTLA in a Nutshell: history, conference themes, publications

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## ANZTLA History

1978 & 1979 - Theological Library Consultations held

Robert Withycombe and New South Wales-based Association of Theological and Religious Studies Libraries took initiative.

1983 - 1st ANZATS (Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools) Library Consultation.

1986 - 1st ANZTLA Conference. Soon afterwards, link with ANZATS blurred as ANZATS wanted to restrict membership to ANZATS institutions; librarians wanted it to be more broadly based. Ties effectively severed in 1987, although the timing of ANZTLA Conference still roughly at the same time as ANZATS.

1996 - 1st non-Christian library joins ANZTLA : Library of the Great Synagogue, Sydney 1997  
- membership stands at 90+

## Aims and strengths

Aims:

- forum of interaction between theological librarians;
- foster the development and improvement of theological libraries;
- support the development and implementation of suitable standards of librarianship;
- foster inter-library co-operation;
- publish and distribute literature on theological librarianship;
- foster contacts with other library associations and groups.

Strengths of our association: alliance of members; fosters a nurturing and cooperative environment especially for those who work alone and are isolated. Sharing of experiences and ideas is a motivating force for moving forward in the workplace and the profession.

## Conference themes and achievements

Primary concentration on professional development but abundant opportunity for growth through interaction over those matters which concern us most as theological librarians.

1986 - Canberra. ANZTLA established

1987 - Melbourne. Technology and theological libraries. *Australasian religion index* launched.

1988 - Canberra. Rare books and antiquarian book trade. Standards finalised.

1989 - Auckland. Reference work. 1st New Zealand Conference.

1990 - Brisbane. "If libraries can do it, they can do it together"; Second edition of AULOTS.

1991 - Sydney. Information literacy and user education.

1992 - Adelaide. Working together.

1993 - Napier. Angles on acquisitions.

1994 - Melbourne. Principles and practicalities: library administration and the day-to-day running of libraries. Style manual launched.

1995 - Canberra. Maximising our resources: exploiting information technology. McIntosh festschrift launched.

1996 - Perth. Tradition and technology: libraries in the electronic age.



1997 - Brisbane. Strictly theological. Research trends and methodology; postgraduate demands; client expectations. Third edition of AULOTS launched.

#### **ANZTLA Publications**

*ANZTLA Constitution* - last amended at 1997 Conference.

*ANZTLA newsletter, 1986-*

*ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries* - as adopted at 1988 conference.

ANZTLA Statistics. Collected and collated annually.

ANZTLA-forum. An email discussion list. Still in its infancy, but a valuable tool for the exchange of information and ideas.

*Australasian Religion Index, from 1989-*

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Membership directory - proposed for 1997/98.



## In each other's shoes: a library job exchange

*Barbara Frame & Jill Britton*

*[Barbara is the Librarian of the Hewitson Library, Knox College, Dunedin. Jill is the Deputy Librarian of New College, University of Southampton.]*

*Barbara writes:*

A few years ago I met a theology lecturer from the UK who spent a couple of years in Dunedin, and after he moved to Southampton we stayed in touch. He knew that I was interested in working overseas for a time, and one day suggested that I contact Jill, who does a broadly similar job here, about the possibility of an exchange.

So I emailed Jill, virtually out of the blue, and she gamely responded and we corresponded for several months, discussing the nature of our jobs and practical matters that would have to be sorted out if the exchange came about. We exchanged CVs, and collection policy and other documents. Gradually our ifs, turned into whens, and by December 1996 I was in a position to approach the Library Committee of the Hewitson Library at Knox College with a detailed proposal, to which they agreed.

*Jill writes:*

Barbara and I first made contact more than a year before the start of the exchange, and although this may seem a long period I think it was helpful to have enough time for detailed planning and preparation (and also to save some money!). Being able to communicate by e-mail made the initial process very easy as problems and questions could be dealt with instantly, and it was easier to get to know one another in that more 'conversational' mode.

The exchange itself was effected relatively smoothly. We agreed to keep our own salaries which must have helped getting employer agreement; and we were also able to exchange houses, and would have done the same with cars if I had had one. We finally agreed on the period June to December which gave us both a good spread of the seasons. This means that I shall experience two winters in six months (!), but in fact it would have been quite difficult for Barbara to have started at New College at any other time than the summer when there was sufficient calm in the academic year to give her time to get to know the systems before the students arrived back. We also arranged dates so that we overlapped in Dunedin for a week. Barbara was able to show me procedures at Knox, and it was good actually to meet one another.

*Barbara writes:*

From my point of view, it has worked beautifully. The New College Library isn't much bigger than the Hewitson Library, but it's busier and has more staff. As subject librarian for Theology, English, Art (in all of which I can claim some knowledge or expertise) and (completely new to me) sport, I've been able to broaden my experience; I've gained practice with Dewey and familiarity with TinLib, the library system used here.

Evenings and weekends leave me free to see as much of England as possible, and indulge my passion for theatre. And during the several weeks between leaving Dunedin and arriving here, I was able to see quite a lot of Europe.

I know that when the time comes I'll be glad to return home, but at present I'm happy to absorb as much as I can. I'd certainly recommend the job-exchange experience to anyone who's considering it.

*Jill writes:*

I have enjoyed my time in New Zealand enormously and will be very sad to say goodbye to friends and colleagues I have met here. Work has been interesting, and I have made good contacts with fellow professionals in Dunedin. There is a much more integrated approach to librarianship in New Zealand; people move easily between academic, public and special library positions than they might in the UK, and they also cooperate more closely. I have been involved with a grant application during my time here which has involved Knox College, the University of Otago and Dunedin Public Library which has been a useful experience in all sorts of ways. I have also been impressed by the extent to which e-mail and the Internet are used by professionals. I hadn't used Dynix (or a solely Unix-based system) before, and I have grappled with the complexities of NZBN!

One of the great attractions of doing a job exchange is of course the chance to see another part of the world and I have been making the most of my time here by getting away every other weekend when possible. New Zealand is certainly a very beautiful country with spectacular scenery. I shall go back with many memories of new experiences: watching yellow-eyed penguins in Sandfly Bay, sandflies! a helicopter flight over Milford Sound and landing on a glacier, the sight of six albatrosses flying over Taieroa Head, sitting next to the pilot in a tiny 10 seater plane on the way to Stewart Island. I am also looking forward to my Summer/Christmas holiday when I shall see something of the North Island and Australia.

I too can thoroughly recommend doing a job-exchange, and am grateful to Barbara for helping it to happen so effortlessly.

*Although we didn't know it there is an organisation which helps effect exchanges between librarians. Known as Libex it is the Bureau for International Library Staff Exchange which acts as a clearing house for library and information staff interested in arranging job exchanges with LIS professionals in other countries. It is based at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Thyomas Parry Library. (Aberystwyth is one of the major library schools in the UK.) The Internet address is: <http://www.aber.ac.uk/~tph/www/libex.html>*

## News

Perhaps you may not have heard yet that ....

The new **Head Librarian of Lohe Memorial Library**, Luther Seminary, North Adelaide is to be **Mark Sutherland**, presently the Deputy Director of the University of South Africa Library in Pretoria. Mark will take up his new position early in 1998 when he and his family migrate to Adelaide. We warmly welcome him into the Association and look forward to getting acquainted at conferences, as well as working with him professionally.



## A year in the life of NZLIA (New Zealand Library and Information Association)

*Lesley Utting*

This is a brief synopsis of events which overtook the NZLIA in the past year. I thought you would be interested to hear how an Association such as ours survived such a disaster. It's always good to hear positive results, isn't it?

At our AGM in Queenstown, October 1996, the members were alerted to the fact that our accountant had been defrauding us over the past five years to the amount of \$142,512.13. He is now residing at Her Majesty's pleasure, you'll be pleased to know.

As you can imagine many hours of blood, toil, sweat and tears went into unraveling the mess. As in all Associations such as NZLIA and ANZTLA, the office bearers carry out their duties mainly in their own time and this requires considerable commitment on their part.

At the AGM at Wanganui, October 1997, a completely different scenario was portrayed to the members. Stringent policies and procedures have been set in place to ensure that this sort of thing can never happen again. We still have problems and membership numbers are down, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. As well as surviving a financial disaster, we have changed direction and focus on many issues, which are the positive outcomes of having to re-evaluate our core business. I hate to admit that at the Conference Dinner at Wanganui, a song made popular in an Aussie movie was used to betray feelings about the last year - "I will survive" from *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, presented by a group of very sassy librarians!

In the Auckland Region we are planning a strong emphasis on professional development or continuing education. We plan to uplift courses being run by providers outside the library profession, as well as using those from other library studies providers throughout the country. We, of course, will initiate some of our own, but do not want to fall into the trap of unnecessary duplication.

For the first time in New Zealand an undergraduate degree in librarianship is being offered, by distance, from the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand. This is preceded by two national diplomas at two different levels. A Masters in Librarianship is already being offered by distance as well as outside by Victoria University of Wellington.

**Librarianship is alive and well in New Zealand!**

*Lesley Utting*  
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*Chair, NZLIA Auckland Region*



# "Who is on the Lord's side?": theological libraries on the edge

Jocelyn Morris

## **ABSTRACT**

*Theological libraries in Australia are being drawn from the edge into the mainstream of libraries, through the forces of technology, education and ecumenism. Activities of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association and the Libraries Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity illustrate this trend. The paper concludes with a vision of the future for theological libraries in Australia.*

## **Introduction**

Theological libraries have long experienced a low profile among Australian libraries. Although amongst the oldest libraries in this country, they are only now being drawn into the mainstream of Australian libraries. The forces of the higher education sector, the impact of technology and ecumenical activities among the churches are changing the role of theological libraries in Australia. Collaborative resource-sharing activities of the Sydney College of Divinity libraries are discussed. The paper concludes with a vision for the future of theological libraries in this country.

## **Categories of Theological Libraries**

The three major categories of theological library in Australia are academic (the libraries of theological colleges), monastic (those which serve religious communities) and resource centres (for lay people).<sup>1</sup> In Australia the great majority of theological libraries support theological education in branches of the Christian Church<sup>2</sup> and the paper focuses upon these libraries.

## **Collections of historical significance**

Theological libraries are among the oldest libraries in Australia, containing historical collections that can be traced back to the earliest days of settlement in the colony. The efforts to spread the gospel by early figures such as Rev Richard Johnson, and Father Therry were assisted by supporters shipping donations of religious books to the colony.<sup>3</sup> One such Diocesan Library is described:

[It] was supported from Britain by donations from Dr. Bray's Lending Library for the Colonies, beautiful leather bound books with rules for reporting annually to London on the use of the collection.<sup>4</sup>

Training of clergy was undertaken using these donated sets of books, now housed in various collections. Catholic religious orders, such as the French Marists, brought significant works in languages other than English.<sup>5</sup>

Theological library collections in this country form a significant component of the Distributed National Collection, containing valuable, rare and unique humanities and social sciences resources not duplicated in other collections. However at the present time, most of these resources are not listed as part of the Distributed National Collection and remain invisible.

### **Scale of Australian theological libraries**

Theological libraries support the objectives of their parent bodies which are a variety of theological educational institutions.

In terms of size, there are two major collections of more than 120,000 volumes - Joint Theological Library at Ormond College in University of Melbourne and the Library of Moore Theological College in Sydney. The third significant collection is the Lohe Library at Luther Seminary in Adelaide. There is a second tier of institutions with collections of approximately 80,000 items, such as Veech Library at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, St. Mark's National Theological Library in Canberra, and the Library at Corpus Christi College in Clayton, Victoria.

The majority of collections are smaller than this and range from small church libraries to a group of libraries with collections of about 50,000 items.<sup>6 7</sup> There are approximately 100 theological libraries in Australia and New Zealand.<sup>8</sup>

### **Collecting areas**

Theological library collections comprise holdings in essential fields such as biblical studies and biblical languages, philosophy, systematic and pastoral theology, ethics, religion, church history, worship, liturgics and spirituality. However the scope of collecting has expanded to incorporate media and cultural studies, aboriginal studies, anthropology, literature, women's studies, media studies and Australian studies which are often also represented in theological library collections.

The Christian Church has a great tradition of learning and contemporary research draws upon the wisdom of the past. Therefore, publications from previous eras retain a legitimate place in theological collections.<sup>9</sup> There is a notable difference between theological and other types of special libraries, where currency can be a vital criteria for retention of material.

### **Importance of serials**

The serials holdings add significantly to the breadth and depth of collections, and the latest debate on current topics of interest will be found in the Australian and overseas journals. Most of the theological libraries expend approximately 20% of their acquisitions budget on serials<sup>10</sup> with titles less expensive than those of subject areas such as medicine.

### **Expanding range of formats of materials collected**

Modern collecting includes non-book material, available in a huge variety of formats, competing for acquisitions funds. In many institutions, videos are favoured by teaching staff as more effective communication tools for the younger generation. Many collections include wall-charts, maps, overhead transparencies, computer software, audio and video-cassettes and kits available for loan in addition to monographs.

### **Technology**

A range of automated systems has been employed in theological libraries across Australia; more libraries use Dynix than any of the other automation systems.<sup>11</sup> An automated system changes library work flows and improves the efficiency of operations. A number of the larger libraries are full members of Australian Bibliographic Network, and this is utilized by smaller theological libraries for copy-cataloguing, finding locations and other applications.

There are still retrospective conversions underway in many theological libraries, unable to obtain special funding to expedite the process. Some libraries have used OCLC and Library of Congress CD-ROM for copy-cataloguing to complete their retrospective conversions.<sup>12</sup>

At the Centre for Ministry, installation of an ethernet local area network has recently linked together all the offices within the Centre for Ministry building, including the four Schools.<sup>13</sup> Upon completion of this project, library users from the Synod offices and beyond will be able to search the library catalogue through an Internet connection. This is a major improvement in service delivery, especially for geographically remote users in rural areas, with no other library access.

Electronic mail and access to the Internet are proving as useful for theological libraries, as in other sectors. In particular, the ANZTLA-Forum, an electronic Listserv maintained by the Joint Theological Library through Melbourne University, is proving a valuable forum for the exchange of ideas, solving tricky reference inquiries and a useful networking tool for those who have access.<sup>14</sup> The Internet has a number of sites useful for the latest research for religious topics - the Dead Sea Scrolls, or Papal Pronouncements from the Vatican, or Inter-Faith Dialogue between Jews and Christians, or the latest from the Jesus site, to name several. Faith traditions from all parts of the world can be located on the Net.

#### **Indexing and abstracting tools**

Theological libraries need to provide access to major American and European indexing and abstracting tools, and a number of essential resources are now available on CD-ROM and the Internet. Resources providing coverage of the periodical literature in major European languages are published by the American Theological Libraries Association, the University of Tübingen and other key publishers. The availability of these tools raises further challenges in document delivery for Australian theological libraries.

#### **Education**

The historical development of theological education in Australia occurring in seminaries and colleges, is beyond the scope of this paper. The provision of theological education in the various states differs between denominations and Catholic religious orders.<sup>15</sup>

A number of Colleges of Divinity and Theology have developed, to facilitate government recognition of the awards offered by theological education providers. Such accreditation requires standards of excellence in teaching, quality assurance measures and evaluation of the internal monitoring of course delivery. An important component is the capacity of the library to support a collection of sufficient scope and specificity for the level of awards being offered. A number of the theological institutions have developed close associations with universities for mutual benefit.<sup>16</sup> Joint or partnership awards are offered by the theological institutions in conjunction with universities, such as the joint B.A./B.Th. from Sydney University and the Sydney College of Divinity.

The Catholic orders and Protestant denominations have also queried the effectiveness of theological education processes in Australian institutions. Shifting dynamics between clergy and laity, the quest for contextual theologies which are meaningful for women, ethnic congregations, aboriginal Christians and other minority groups create additional pressures on library services. A large proportion are private students, working towards theological qualifications, not

ordination. All these people make further demands on library services. They are likely to require the library to be open in the evenings, and at weekends; they copy large volumes of material; they require multiple copies of key texts; they are likely to be registered with a number of libraries simultaneously; they are keen to attend short intensive courses, which can be scheduled amongst other priorities; they are computer-literate; they become proficient at exploiting catalogues and indexing tools; they make effective use of their time in libraries. They seek individual assistance from library staff, and make them work for them also!<sup>17</sup> Postgraduate students who seek material during the research phase of thesis investigations can be the most demanding library users, demanding collections similar to university libraries in depth and breadth, and high expectations of quality service delivery from library staff.

Around the country, librarians have responded to these demands - by attempting to provide services such as specialist research methodology and information literacy sessions; small group training in use of subject headings, thesauri, indexing and abstracting tools; CD-ROM searching; preparation of Pathfinders to introduce subject areas, specialized subject searching of both monograph and serial literature to assist distance education students; and longer loan periods for postgraduate students; reciprocal borrowing arrangements between theological and university libraries; and the development of holdings on pedagogy and adult learning styles; and review and evaluation of library collections by independent subject specialists.

### **ECUMENISM<sup>18</sup>**

Jaroslav Pelikan asserts there is nothing so ecumenical as the library.<sup>19</sup> A primary objective of collection-building is to provide a variety of viewpoints and perspectives in order to facilitate critical thinking. This encompasses a range of resources from Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, liberal through to fundamentalist perspectives represented in the theological library collection. The sacred writings of other religions are necessary to support research in comparative religion, and secular writings on ecological issues to support ecological theology research.

Maryanne Confoy describes the ecumenical nature of theological education as a mechanism to aid the marginalised to move into the mainstream in Australian society, in writing about women in theological education.<sup>20</sup>

### **Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association**

Theological libraries have been drawn together through the formation and development of the Association (ANZTLA) over the past twelve years.<sup>21</sup>

Activities of the Association include the development of ANZTLA Standards, currently under revision; compilation, organization, editing and publication of the *Australasian Religion Index*, now in its eighth volume; updating of the essential tool for all theological libraries, the *Australasian Union List of Theological Serials*; regular publication of the *ANZTLA Newsletter*; annual gatherings in each capital city for the ANZTLA Conference, and annual compilation of comprehensive statistics on activities of Australian and New Zealand theological libraries.

Each state Chapter meets regularly, with networking and mutual encouragement and support. Further publications with ANZTLA oversight have included a Festschrift in honour of Lawrence McIntosh, his publication of a style manual for the preparation of papers in religion and theology in Australia, and most recently his very useful work on Reference sources in theological collections.<sup>22</sup>



In its early years, ANZTLA benefited from the leadership of professionals such as Rev. Trevor Zweck and Dr Lawrence McIntosh, providing direction to the Association. Their vision is being extended, as the Association continues to further the cause of theological libraries.

#### **Theological libraries of the Sydney College of Divinity**

The Sydney College of Divinity is a community created through a federation of Christian theological education providers for the accreditation of awards. The Member Institutions of the College commit themselves to sustaining a teaching programme of excellence. The College is committed to the study of theology, inclusive of a vocational orientation, and is both diverse in its theological traditions and inclusive in its functioning.<sup>23</sup> Courses offered by the SCD range from Certificate level through to Doctoral level, with a wide range of faith traditions represented in the SCD.<sup>24</sup>

The provision of library resources adequate to undergird the curriculum needs of the Member Institutions and to meet the research needs of faculty and students, is implicit in the objectives and mission of the Sydney College of Divinity. Staff from each Member Institution library participate in Libraries Committee activities. The co-operative efforts are described below.

- 1) The Libraries Committee first prepared and published a Joint Collection Development Policy about seven years ago. A revised edition of this Policy was published in July 1997.<sup>25</sup> This project has required close evaluation of each library collection utilising the Conspectus methodology, and determining the Future Collection Intensity for each subject area in the collection, in consultation with library stakeholders and user groups. A later stage of the project involved lengthy consultation across all the libraries about subject areas collected at Level 4.<sup>26</sup> Australian Guidelines have been published to assist in the preparation of policy for collecting in an individual library.<sup>27</sup> However, this collaboration to develop a single policy of cohesive collection development for all the libraries is quite a significant undertaking and a unique publication held by the Conspectus office at the National Library.<sup>28</sup>
- 2) A Union Catalogue of the holdings of the libraries was developed and maintained for the period 1984-1994. This was a seminal period in the life of the SCD, and the many drawers of that catalogue are located at the Camden Theological Library. The automation of that card catalogue, or production of a CD-ROM catalogue is currently under investigation.
- 3) Rationalisation of serial titles occurs only after consultation, to ensure that unique or rare titles are not lost to the nation. Serials holdings are consolidated by exchange and duplicates lists.
- 4) The SCD Libraries Committee assists the librarians in each of the Member Institutions, supporting professional standards, upholding decisions taken by the library staff, and acting as a point of reference, especially for new librarians, and staff of one-person libraries. Such vital support builds cohesion as a group and reduces professional isolation.
- 5) The Convenor of the Libraries Committee is a Member of the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity, providing liaison between the Board and the Libraries Committee as one of its committees. This is an important role in maintaining the profile of the libraries in the work of the SCD, in supporting the activities of the SCD, and responding to the inquiries from Board members, both from SCD institutions and from external representatives of universities.

6) Each library displays the SCD policy statement on Library matters in the public area.<sup>29</sup> A list of addresses and opening hours for all the libraries is available. Reciprocal borrowing arrangements enable students and faculty to use and freely borrow from all library collections within the SCD.

7) The SCD Libraries Committee has negotiated Reciprocal Borrowing Arrangements with some of the university libraries, for borrowing privileges for higher degree students and members of teaching faculty.<sup>30</sup> This is very useful for Masters students conducting research on topics in a number of disciplines.

8) As part of the process for institutions applying for membership of the SCD, members of the Libraries Committee visit the Library, meet with staff and prepare a report. This evaluation of the library, collection, services and facilities assesses the capacity to support the courses being offered through the Sydney College of Divinity. The current ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries are used as a yard-stick in such investigations.<sup>31</sup> The Report by the Libraries Committee members is submitted along with other documentation to the Council of the SCD, and is a recognition of the role of the library in supporting the institutional objectives.

### **Outcomes**

- Staff of the Member Institution libraries have a sense of cohesion, working together for one organisation.
- Two editions of the Joint Collection Development Policy document have now been produced, with information to raise awareness of other institutional collections. The Table of Subject Strengths<sup>32</sup> indicates subject areas collected at Research level, and this can be a useful guide for requesting Interlibrary Loans. A list of all the monographic series on standing order<sup>33</sup> across all the libraries has been compiled, together with a list of Indexing and Abstracting tools available in various formats.<sup>34</sup> Access to such information about all the collections is particularly useful for higher degree students.
- The SCD provides a framework for joint activities, while ensuring the autonomy of the individual member institutions. Each librarian takes an active role in the life of their own college, and the SCD supports this involvement. SCD participation strengthens the standing of the librarian in their own institution.

### **Distinctiveness of theological libraries**

One of the essential differences between theological and other types of libraries is "the faith element". It should not be assumed that personal faith is a prerequisite for employment in a theological library. It is true that many library staff feel that they have been called by God to their work and that they do have a strong sense of purpose in assisting people to deepen their understanding and faith through access to library resources and services.

### **The future**

Some major themes in theological librarianship in Australia today have been surveyed. Technological changes have enabled theological libraries to improve access to collections and services. Many students using theological libraries are lay people with a passion for making their Christian faith more relevant to the wider community at a time when ordained ministry

seems less effective than in the past. These people see theological education as a vital component in their vision. Theological libraries and their continuing development are therefore the 'life-blood' of such a mission. The activities of ANZTLA have brought significant improvements to theological libraries. For the libraries involved in consortia such as the Sydney College of Divinity, the response to the question "Who is on the Lord's side?" must be "The Member Institution Theological Libraries are 'on the Lord's side'."

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# ANZTLA Site Seeing

with Mary Novello

Welcome to the second Site Seeing, a column describing Internet resources of interest.

- *Directory of electronic journals, newsletters and academic discussion lists.* Washington, DC: Association of Research Libraries, 1991- Annual. ISSN 1057-1337. This is an annual cumulation of addresses in all areas of academic pursuit. The Directory includes descriptions of materials available on the site and its central subject concerns. Visit its online equivalent at <http://www.n2h2.com/KOVACS>.
- Durusau, Patrick. *High places in cyberspace.* Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1996. ISBN 0-7885-0034-1 As the cover title says, "a guide to biblical and religious studies, classics, and archaeological resources on the Internet". Excellent descriptions of sites and an index that will serve. An ideal reference if you are simply looking for access points. An update page is available at <http://scholar.cc.emory.edu/scripts/highplaces.html>, but there is no indication when this page was last revised.
- Dey, Alexander (ed.). *Philosophy in cyberspace: a guide to philosophy-related resources on the Internet. [s.l.]*: Philosophy Documentation Center, [199-] ISBN 0-912632-59-3. This book includes mailing lists, newsgroups, as well as sites via different methods. It also includes a list of philosophy departments and programs that is refreshingly international in outlook. Also available at <http://www-personal.monash.edu.au/-dey/phil>.
- Fox, Tom (ed.). *Catholicism on the Web.* New York: MIS Press, 1997. ISBN 1-558285-16-4. Links to all sites listed in this book can be accessed at <http://www.mispress.com/catholicism>. This book surveys 500 Catholic Web sites, including sites on religious orders, scripture, theology, spirituality, liturgy and worship. A useful resource.
- Comparative religion - a directory of Internet resources for the academic study of religion (<http://weber.u.washington.edu/~madin/>). This site is a well organised and useful collection of resources for religious studies. Links are organised into six sections: General Directories and Pages, Women and Religion, Art and Religion, Eastern Religions, Western Religions and Religions in the Americas. Subsections include Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and Native American Religions. Through this site users can locate a variety of resources: bibliographies, documents, texts, reference tools, directories and online publications.
- (From the Scout Report November 7 1997 (<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/> or <http://rs.internic.net/scout/report>), an announcement service of new Internet resources.)
- My virtual encyclopedia : philosophy and religion (<http://www.refdesk.com/philos.html>). By the incredibly named R.B. Drudge, this site has excellent links to a vast number of related sites, academic and popular.

- Religion and philosophy resources on the Internet (<http://web.bu.edu/STH/Library/contents.html>). Maintained by David Suiter at the Boston University School of Theology, this is both a resource for Boston's Library and a link site for other information on the Web.

Thanks to Philip Harvey for his contribution to this column.

*This will be my last column as I am leaving ACU (McAuley Campus) to take up a new position at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Library. It was great to meet everyone at the Brisbane Conference and I'll miss ANZTLA. I hope this column will continue under a new compiler.*





## A MOMENT TO CHOOSE:

**Risking to be with  
Uprooted People**



## A Resource Book

World Council of Churches  
Unit IV: Sharing and Service  
Refugee and Migration Service

## Book Review

*A moment to choose: risking to be with uprooted people: a resource book. Refugee and Migration Service of the World Council of Churches, 1996. Reviewer : Tony Culname*

It is the very dimensions of the global issue of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons and international migrants that make reading about them so compelling and disturbing. For example, this Resource Book notes that, today, nearly one in every 50 human beings can be regarded as having experienced forced displacement. In 1995, there were about 15 million conventional refugees, some 30 million persons internally displaced by political violence and human rights violations and, 85 million international migrants. The Book contends that many of these international migrants have been forced to leave their homelands because of the deterioration in political, economic and social circumstances at home. For example, many have

been displaced because of environmental degradation. However, the conditions which cause these people to leave their countries are separate from the persecution which is the basis of the definition of refugee. The Book also notes that women and children account for about 80% of recognised refugees and that unaccompanied children comprise a significant proportion of refugee and displaced populations. Almost half of all migrants today are female. At the time of preparing this review, I noted that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had just published her biennial report on the state of the world's refugees. There is much in that report to be digested. For example, the UNHCR states that between 1991 and 1995, 2.4 million people had sought asylum in western Europe. Only 11% of these were accorded refugee status and a similar number were allowed to stay on a temporary basis, for humanitarian reasons. Compelling and disturbing statistics!

This Resource Book reminds us that throughout history people have always migrated from one country to another. But today's mass movement of people is quantitatively and qualitatively different. Many millions of people live, and are seeking to live, in countries that are not their own. Many people choose to migrate, for reasons such as better employment, better education and family needs and wishes. But many more people are victims of forced displacement and in the past few years, there has been a disturbing increase in this phenomenon both across and within borders worldwide.

It was this very concern that, in 1995, led to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches unanimously adopting a comprehensive Policy Statement on uprooted people: "A Moment to Choose: Risking to be with Uprooted People". The Statement not only expressed the disquiet of the WCC's member churches worldwide about the plight of the victims of forced displacement but it sought to encourage action by the churches in response to their rights and needs. The "Call to Action," from that Policy Statement is presented as Chapter VI in the Resource Book.

The Book itself resulted from the lengthy consultative process and the contributions of more than 100 churches and concerned groups which produced the Central Committee Policy Statement. It is intended, firstly, to broaden the discussion between all those trying to understand the reasons for and the consequences of the forced displacement of people. To this end, the Resource Book details a wide range of economic, political, social and environmental factors that contribute to the forced migration of people.

Issues dealt with include: global militarisation; anti-personnel landmines; the militarisation of economies; violence in social and institutional relations; the consequences of globalisation; the legacy of colonialism; debt, structural adjustment and repression; technological change, globalisation of work and marginalisation; trade and investment; investment; the burden on women; the particular cost for children; the globalisation of culture and of powerlessness; ethnicity, religion and the nation-state; the population question; abuse of the earth; global warming; militarisation and land use; disasters; development-induced displacement; human rights violations; abuse of power and corruption; and, learning and living democracy.

The Book then discusses the various traumas and other issues faced by displaced people, including: consequences of war and persecution; consequences of forced migration; health concerns; survival in strange lands; threats to human dignity and soul; disparities between refugees and neighbouring communities; government restriction and rejection; racist and



xenophobic hostility; loss of human resources; gender differences; transfer of skills and knowledge; education and labour benefits; remittances; demographic considerations; organising for survival; and, growth in exile.

All these topics are dealt with in clear and well referenced sections and the text is sprinkled with relevant quotations from the Bible and from a wide variety of uprooted persons. In this regard, the Book certainly lives up to its claim to be a resource book.

Secondly, the Book calls on churches, and indeed all persons concerned about the rights and needs of displaced peoples, to undertake advocacy and practical action to enhance the dignity of and respect for all people and to encourage sustainable communities throughout the world. A comprehensive theological perspective deals with: membership in God's household; sharing in solidarity; who is my neighbour; and, to be Church together. Specific examples of the actions of religious institutions, grassroots groups, neighbourhood groups and even families are set out as "Signs of Hope". Included in this part of the Book are references to: awareness building in churches; peace making and peace building; resisting the culture of violence; countering the global economic market model; monitoring corruption; countering racism; promoting multiculturalism and interfaith dialogue; solidarity and networking with uprooted people; and, empowering refugees and migrants to return.

Yes, this Resource Book is compelling and disturbing; the topic mandates that. The content and style of the Book are in harmony with its purposes. This publication is well suited to providing excellent resource material for bible studies; sermons; awareness raising seminars and workshops; advocacy; and policy development.

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## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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