

PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES

A PACIFIC LIBRARY VIEW OF ANZTLA COOPERATION

From my perspective as an Australian librarian working in the Pacific Theological College library in Suva, the most useful assistance ANZTLA can give to third world theological colleges is (a) your expertise and (b) your duplicate lists.

The people who work in theological libraries in the Pacific tend to be untrained, and often relatively unexposed to well-functioning libraries. Many of the colleges rely on foreign librarians coming for periods of a month to a year every few years to keep their collections usable. Such visits and also links developed between libraries whereby the island librarian can write for help ordering books or other advice seem to me to be an ongoing need. Colleges at present tend to request this professional help through the mission boards of the churches they are related to around the world. I will encourage them to also report their librarian requests to ANZTLA newsletter.

Pacific theological libraries are mostly poor with limited book stock and few periodicals. Those that keep good records of their holdings would find duplicate lists of periodicals and discard lists of books among the few ways of filling holes in their collections. Like libraries in Australia and New Zealand we don't want or need everyone's old books and magazines, but selecting needed items means the high postage costs is money well spent.

This duplicate listing need not be a oneway process. The *Pacific Journal of Theology* series 2 commenced in 1989, but Pacific Theological College has multiple duplicates of the original series no. 1 - no. 34 (1962-1970) excluding no. 1 and no. 16. We offer these items of historical interest to libraries on a first come first served basis.

Please write to: The Librarian
Pacific Theological College
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METHODIST CHURCH IN SAMOA
- PIULA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

DUTY STATEMENT

Position: Librarian
Responsible to: Principal

Duties (in order of importance):

1. In consultation with the Principal and lecturers, to select library resources for the study and teaching of courses to BD level.
2. To catalogue and shelve resources so that they are accessible to library users.
3. To operate a system for the borrowing, and return, of library resources.
4. To teach students and staff the efficient use of library resources.
5. To ensure that books, equipment and supplies are properly stored, used and maintained, and to ensure that the Library building is properly maintained for its purpose.
6. To undertake other duties as directed.

There is an urgent need for an experienced librarian for Piula Theological College. At present the library is being managed part time. Ideally the College would like a qualified and experienced librarian for two years, but there would be considerable value in having a librarian available for three months or longer (perhaps a person recently retired, or on long service leave).

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