

## REPORT ON THE DEWEY WORKSHOP held at the Conference

As a result of correspondence with the editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification at the Library of Congress, discussions on the areas earmarked for revision in DDC21 and other areas of concern, were held. The discussions were very worthwhile and I have attempted to distil the comments and concerns of the workshop, into the following notes and draft schedules. I will send these notes and schedules to the EPC (Editorial Policy Committee) for consideration at their Fall meeting (September).

If you have any comments you wish to include or disagree with, contact me immediately. Please phone me on (08) 278 3177 at work on Tuesday and Thursday or fax me on (08) 278 3417 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm.

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Convenor.

- (1)        200                    Religion  
          200.1-200.9        Standard subdivisions

We agreed with the suggestion of the EPC that the general Christianity section be removed from 200 and incorporated into the 230's.

- (2)        230                    Christianity Christian doctrinal theology  
          230.01-230.09    Standard subdivisions

We agreed that 230 was the more appropriate number for general Christianity and that for the most part, this was compatible with general Christian doctrinal theology.

### Suggestions:

(a) that theology of a particular Biblical book or group of books be classed in 220-229, however, general Biblical theology should remain at 230.

(b) that the philosophy of theology may be more appropriate at 210 or 210.1. Philosophical theology should be classed at 230.01.

(c) that a separate number for feminist theology was appreciated and further division of the number 230.046 for other special theologies eg liberation theology was desired.

*See draft schedule*

- (3) 290 Comparative religions and religions other than Christianity

We agreed that 290 should remain as it is (unused). We also discussed the use of 261.2 numbers for Christianity and [another religion]. We would prefer to see this number relocated to 290 as 261.2 gives extra weighting to the Christian aspect and may infer superiority or predominance of Christianity over other religions.

- (4) 296 Judaism

- Pastoral Care: Some libraries class Jewish Pastoral Care in 296.74, however, this is inadequate.  
- Qumran/Dead Sea Scrolls: It would be better to place all works on Qumran texts in one place rather than at 296.155 and 229.91 (Dead Sea Scrolls in the Old Testament).

- (5) 297 Islam

- 297.14 Laws and decisions (Sharia): The application of laws in Islamic countries is a problem. In an Islamic country, the application of Islamic laws to secular issues is a meaningless concept.

- (6) 266 Missions

- 266.02 Kinds of missions is a less than useful subdivision  
- 266.1 -.9 for specific denominations and sects is also of doubtful use.

- Instead most missiological collections prefer to highlight the country and locality served.
- It is also now preferred to class 20th century material with the history of the country, using 266 for missiology only.

*See draft schedule*

(7) 253 Pastoral theology

There has been enormous growth in the area of pastoral care and counselling. Currently most libraries class pastoral counselling of people/situation counselled in 259 (Activities of the local church) for lack of a better place.

*See draft schedule*

(8) Other areas requiring revision  
-248 Spirituality

248.3 Worship: We disapprove of the move of comprehensive works on worship to this number (18th to 19th). 248.3 should be limited to private worship.

Spirituality is an area of growing importance and needs to be revised along lines more applicable to current attitudes.

-270 Church fathers

Neither 281 nor 270 are satisfactory. Many theological libraries prefer to class the collected works of the Church Fathers at 230 or 230.09015 - 230.09021, with works on specific subjects of theology, with the subject. Most theological colleges, however, would prefer to keep the individual works of particular Church fathers together, therefore 230.09015 would become collected and individual works of Church fathers.

The writings of the Church fathers are theology not history. They are of historical importance but by and large they have not written about history.

## DRAFT SCHEDULE

230 Christianity Christian Doctrinal theology

Class general Biblical theology here.

Class theology of a particular Biblical book or group of books in 220-229.

Class doctrinal controversies in general church history in 273.

*For Christian moral and devotional theology, see 240; Christian social and ecclesiastical theology, 260.*

### SUMMARY

- 230.01-.09 Standard subdivisions  
.1 - 9 Doctrines of specific denominations and sects
- 231 God  
232 Jesus Christ and his family Christology  
233 Humankind  
234 Salvation (Soteriology) and grace  
235 Spiritual beings  
236 Eschatology  
238 Creeds, confessions of faith, covenants, catechisms  
239 Apologetics and polemics
- 230.01 Philosophy of Christianity and Christian theology,  
philosophical theology (formerly 201)  
Class philosophy of theology at 210.
- .014 Language  
.018 Methodology  
230.04 Specific types of Christian theology  
Class theology of specific denominations and sects in  
230.1-230.9
- See Manual at 230.04 vs 230.092, 230.1-230.9*

- .042 Theology of Eastern and Roman Catholic churches  
Class specific schools and systems of theology in 230.046
- .044 Protestant theology  
Specific schools of Protestant theology relocated to 230.046
- .046 Specific schools and systems of theology  
Examples: dispensationalist, evangelical, existentialist, fundamentalist, liberal, liberation, neo-orthodox, process theologies  
Class here specific schools of Protestant theology (formerly 230.044)
- .049 Christian Mythology (formerly 204.5)
- 230.05 Serial publications of Christianity
- 230.06 Organisations of Christianity  
Class the Christian church in 260
- 230.07 Education, research, related topics of Christianity  
Class here Christianity as an academic subject  
Comprehensive works on Christian religious education relocated to 268  
Class Christian religious education under church auspices at other than the university level in 268.
- 230.08 Christianity with respect to kinds of persons
- 230.082 Feminist Theology
- 230.09 Historical, geographical, persons treatment of Christianity and Christian theology  
Observe the table of precedence under 230-280  
Class historical, geographical, persons treatment of the organised Christian church in 270
- 230.09015
- 230.09049 Collected and individual works of the Church fathers and theologians

#### DRAFT SCHEDULE

266 Missions

- 266.1 - 9 Standard Subdivisions
- .1 Philosophy of missions, missiology
- .6 Missions societies, eg Christian Blind Mission
- .9 Historical, geographical, persons treatment of missions. Prefer 274-279 history of the Christian church, and 92 or B for biographies

DRAFT SCHEDULE

253 Pastoral theology

- 253.2 Life and person
  - .21 Clergy spouses and families
  - .23 Counselling of clergy
  - .5 Counselling and spiritual direction
  - .501 Mental and emotional illnesses and disturbances  
Add to base number 253.501 the numbers following 362 in 362.1-362.6 eg, alcoholism 253.501292
  - .502 Relations of the sexes, marriage and family  
Add to base number 253.502 the numbers following 306 in 306.7-306.8, eg homosexuality 253.502276.  
However class premarital and marriage counselling at 253.502282  
Class pastoral care of particular groups, eg aged, ill and bereaved in 259.
  - .53 Spiritual Direction
  - .7 Pastoral methods
  - .72 Telephone counselling
  - .73 Outdoor
  - .76 In homes, visitation
  - .78 Use radio and television

Some details of the outcome of this suggested expansion

- 253.501 Physical, mental and emotional illness and disturbances
  - .5011 Physical illness
    - .501175 Dying and terminal patients
  - .5012 Mental and emotional illness and disturbances

- .50125            Neuroses  
                  Examples: compulsive gambling, depression
- .50129            Substance abuse
- .501292           Alcoholism
- .501293           Narcotics
- .5013            Mental Retardation
- .5014            Physical handicaps
- .5015            Poverty
  
- .502            Relations of the sexes, marriage and family
- .502736           Extramarital relations
- .50276            Sexual orientation
- .50282            Premarital and marriage counselling
- .50287            Intrafamily relationships  
                  Examples: husband-wife, parent-child, sibling relationships  
                  Including generation gap
- .50288            Alteration of family arrangements  
                  Examples: desertion, death
- .50289            Separation and divorce  
                  including the binuclear family, shared custody