

5. Last but certainly not least, please ensure that your invoices are paid in reasonable time. Even large suppliers these days are feeling the pinch and in most cases, by the time you have received the material, we will have pre-paid the publisher and will be even more out of pocket! This is even more essential when we are talking about periodical invoices. Most periodical publishers do not extend credit even to large suppliers, but expect payment within a very short time after the receipt of the order. As a consequence, large sums of money are sent out on the library's behalf and if there is a substantial delay in the payment of invoices, the supplier can be hit quite hard.

I hope that I have not taken up too much of your time with material which was either too basic or too boring. Again, many thanks for allowing me to participate in your conference, albeit by proxy and I look forward to seeing you all, I hope, when you come to Melbourne for the next ANZTLA conference.

*Deirdre McNally, Area Sales Manager, Southern Australia.*

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## ST BARNABAS' THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

### A GUIDE TO THE LIBRARY

The library was founded in 1965. At that time it largely consisted of the holdings of the former Adelaide Diocesan Library. Since that time, it has grown through bequests, donations and purchases into a collection of approximately 18,000 books and periodicals. The library currently receives 67 different periodicals and church newspapers.

The library exists primarily to meet the information needs of students studying at St Barnabas' College. However, the resources of the library are available to the students of other Adelaide Theological Colleges as well as to Anglican clergy and interested lay people. A registration fee of \$5 is required of people who do not attend St Barnabas' College.

#### The Collection

The collection is a fairly specialised one, covering mainly religion and theology. Its strengths are in theology and Biblical studies, early Church history and spirituality. The library also has good collections in the areas of Christian ethics, pastoral theology and social theology. As the main Anglican library in South Australia, the library specialises in Anglican theology, liturgy and worship, and Anglican Church history.

Although the collection is mostly books, a small number of audio and video cassettes are available for loan.

#### Special Collections

1. *Rare Books*  
The library has a good collection of the works of various 16th and 17th century Anglican Divines. A considerable number of these works are early editions and many are quite rare and valuable. These include a number of volumes published before 1800.
2. *Children and Family Collection*  
In 1986, in response to the growing number of families and children on campus, a special collection of children's books was started. The Friends of St Barnabas' College have been responsible for this small but important part of the library.

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## BASIC RELIGIOUS LIBRARY INFORMATION SOUGHT

This is a call for basic information on scholarly religious libraries world wide. The Scarecrow Press, Meuchen, NJ, USA, has contracted with John F. Harvey to compile and edit a new edition of the World Directory of Theological Libraries. This standard reference work, the leading authority in its field, was originally edited by L. Martin Ruoss and published by Scarecrow in 1968. However, it has been out of print for several years.

The project covers the following types of institutions:

- Seminaries and departments of religion
- Religious organisation administrative offices
- Monasteries, convents, abbeys and priories
- Bible and Christian colleges
- Religious historical and archive societies
- Public library religion departments

The Directory will cover all religious faiths, sects and denominations without exception:

- Christian (including Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic and many others).
- Confucian, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Shinto, Taoist.
- Jewish (Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and Reconstructionist).
- Moslem (including both Sunni and Shiite).