

## **DEWEY USERS GROUP**

### **Report of the Conference Workshop**

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The main business of the workshop involved discussing the proposed changes to the DDC 200's schedules - the discussion was lively and fruitful. I have written to Mr Michael Cantion, Decimal Classification Specialist, Library of Congress, with a distillation of our discussion.

The following are extracts from the letter. If you have any comments, please ring, write or fax me. I am available on Tuesday and Wednesday between 10.00am and 3.30pm.

#### **MAJOR CHANGES:-**

1) Relocation of Christianity (200) and 201-209 to other places (mostly 230's).

Most members commended the changes but were concerned about the congestion at 230. Concern was expressed at the numbers for Christian Theological education. We suggest that Higher education (230.0711) could become 230.072.

2) Relocation 291 to 200 and 291.1-9 to 201-209.

Most members felt that this would result in a lot of work for little or no benefit to the users, however, we are happy that this should happen because it makes a lot of sense. New libraries will have a more logical schedule to work from and we would rather the change in DDC 21 than in later editions.

3) Expansion of 259

We are not happy with the schedule changes proposed for 253 and 259. We feel that it would be better to keep 253 as pastoral office and work, removing all care and counselling (253.5). We would also like to see 253 further expanded to cover such things as counselling of clergy, stress, wives, team ministry, use of computers (in 254?), supervised field education, and continuing education (both in 230.07 somewhere?).

As 259 is becoming crowded but should be further expanded, we suggest expanding into the presently unused numbers of 257 and 258 as proposed in the attached draft schedule.

#### OTHER CONCERNS:

##### 1) Australian Aboriginal and Maori religions.

These are currently all in together with Malay, Papuan and other religions deemed "other" (and therefore unimportant) by Dewey. We would like to see both subjects with their own number. Maori religion isn't even mentioned in the index!

##### 2) Missions 266.

This classification is totally unsatisfactory and needs complete overhauling so that it more accurately reflects the current state of thinking in this subject area. Jeanette Little of the Pacific Theological College, Fiji, will write to you on this and other matters.

##### 3) Church Fathers.

As was said previously, placing collected writings of the Church Fathers in 270 and individual writings all over the place is less than satisfactory. A better place would be at 230.09 or better still would be a separate number for Patristic writings.

#### DRAFT SCHEDULE 257-259

- 257 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING, SPIRITUAL  
DIRECTION (formerly 253.5)
- 257.2 Pastoral psychology (formerly 253.52)
- 257.5 Spiritual direction (formerly 253.55)
- 258 PASTORAL CARE OF PARTICULAR KINDS OF  
PEOPLE
- 258.1 Pastoral care of the bereaved (formerly 259.6)
- 258.2 Pastoral care of gifted people
- 258.3 Pastoral care of persons with disabilities, with physical,  
mental illnesses or emotional disturbances (formerly 259.4)
- 258.4 Add to base no 258.3 the numbers following 362 in 362.1-4  
Pastoral care of occupational groups inc Industrial  
chaplaincy.
- 258.5 Pastoral care of persons with economic type problems, eg  
poverty,
- 258.6 Pastoral care of the unemployed
- 258.7 Pastoral care of the family (including marriage, and relation  
of the sexes) (formerly 259.1) (Class here comprehensive  
works of pastoral care of families)
- 258.73 Extra marital relations
- 258.74 Prostitution
- 258.76 Homosexuality (including bisexuality)
- 258.8 Pastoral care of families (class comprehensive works in  
258.7)
- 258.82 Pre-marital counselling
- 258.83 Marriage counselling
- 258.87 Intra-family relations, eg Husband-Wife, Parent-Child incl  
generation gap, sibling relationships
- 258.88 Alteration of family arrangements, eg desertion, death
- 258.89 Separation and divorce
- 258.9 Pastoral care of delinquents and criminals (incl former  
prisoners), Prison chaplaincy (formerly 259.5)
- 259 PASTORAL CARE OF KINDS OF PERSONS  
ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS, SEX

- 259.2 Pastoral care of young people
- 259.22 Children (through to age eleven)
- 259.23 Adolescents (12-17 years)
- 259.24 College/University students
- 259.25 Young adults (18-25 years)
- 259.3 Adults incl midlife crisis, menopause etc
- 259.4 Late Adulthood (formerly 259.3)
- 259.8 Pastoral Care of persons according to sex.
- 259.81 Males
- 259.82 Females

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## 1994 ANZTLA CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE

### ***"LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICALITIES"*** FRIDAY 1ST JULY - MONDAY 4TH 1994

The main theme of next year's conference is library administration. Helen Hayes (Baillieu Librarian, University of Melbourne) will speak on the topic of Quality Services and Angela Bridgeland from the Division of Librarianship, Institute of Education, will tackle Staff Development. There will be an extended panel session looking at both principles and practicalities. As well as the usual sessions there will be the inauguration of denominational sessions, as requested. A special session on serials will be included as part of the traditional practicalities session.

#### VENUE:

The conference will be at Ormond College, one of the residential colleges within the University of Melbourne. Ormond is situated in Parkville, quite