

## **LIBRARY CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE ADELAIDE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY**

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The Adelaide College of Divinity is a consortium of three colleges - Parkin-Wesley (Uniting), St Barnabas (Anglican) and St Francis Xavier (Catholic). Each College has its own library. Individually these libraries are not large (15,000 - 20,000 volumes each), but when taken as a whole, the range of monographs and periodicals and coverage of subject areas is quite good.

### **Informal Co-operation**

For many years we have, as members of ANZTLA SA, endeavoured to co-operate with each other and other theological libraries in SA, particularly in the area of periodical subscriptions. Whether or not a particular journal is held by another ACD library is taken into account before deciding to initiate or cancel a periodical subscription. This policy also applies to expensive monographs and reference works, particularly in areas not directly covered by ACD courses.

### **Formal co-operation**

Since 1992, the ACD libraries have supplied a joint library card. For a fee of \$20, students are granted borrowing rights at all three libraries. The funds thus generated are distributed to each college and used to offset costs associated with overdue books etc. Parkin-Wesley College library has decided to use some of these funds to replace lost or stolen books.

In the not too distant future, the libraries of the three colleges are likely to be merged to form the ACD library. This would coincide with the move of the three colleges onto a common teaching campus. This would mean enormous changes and enable the complete rationalisation of the three collections.

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