

WELCOME TO OUR THIRD ISSUE OF *THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP*

“**T**hird time’s the charm,” as the saying has it, and we hope you find the contents—ranging from essays by three library directors on the response of theological librarians to the current economic difficulties to a provocative proposal that theological libraries (and their parent institutions) support open access to theological scholarship—relevant and challenging.

Even as *Theological Librarianship* 2 (1) comes to completion, there is some momentum building for the future. For one of our next issues, along with our usual mix of essays, articles, columns and reviews, we are especially eager to receive submissions with a **global** focus, i.e., items relating to theological libraries and librarianship outside of North America. Here are some possible ideas for essays, bibliographic essays, and articles:

- Theological libraries/librarianship in a particular (non-Western) country/region
- Religious/theological collections (including special collections) with a particular (non-Western) focus
- Bibliographic essay on reference sources/monographs useful for the study of global Christianity
- Inter-faith relationships in a non-Western setting and the impact on theological libraries and their parent institutions

The potential list of topics is much longer than this, of course, and we welcome your proposals. Suggest a potential writer, or offer to write yourself! As always, we welcome your comments regarding the journal whether on particular pieces we publish or on the journal overall.

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