

Welcome to *Theological Librarianship*

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At their very first meeting (June 23-24, 1947), the founding members of the American Theological Library Association expressed their commitment to professional collaboration and to developing tools and programs that would support sustain them in their profession as theological librarians. That initial group of 50 has grown to an association of more than 1,000 individual and institutional members who find common purpose in a wide variety of projects, programs, and tools.

It is a propitious time for the association to launch its own professional journal, building upon the rich heritage of those who founded and nurtured the association and embracing the new technologies and developments in the current digital environment. On behalf of the Association, I extend my thanks to the editorial team for the commitment, creativity, and vision they have brought to this new venture. I am certain that *Theological Librarianship* will quickly become an essential tool for all theological librarians. It is indeed a labor of love from our Association to the profession.

