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# DENOMINATIONAL GROUP MEETINGS

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## Anglican/Episcopal

Patrick Milas, Jay Blossom, Cindy Derrenbacker, and Andy Lofthus

### PRESENT

- Jay Blossom, In Trust Center for Theological Schools
- Mitze Budde, Virginia Theological Seminary
- Cindy Derrenbacker, Whitley College
- Andy Lofthus, Western Seminary
- Patrick Milas, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Anglican/Episcopal Denominational Group met at 5 pm on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### II. 2019 WORSHIP PLANS

Patrick Milas reported on plans to host worship on Friday, June 14 at Christ Church of Vancouver.

### III. INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL UPDATES

#### **Patrick Milas, Sage Library at New Brunswick Theological Seminary**

The Sage Library celebrates several accomplishments, including: an updated online catalog, updated print serials program, a new Faculty and Alumni Monographs Book Reading/Signing series, a new monthly thematic book display program, an updated social media campaign, and new video tutorials about library services. Sage Library partnered with the NBTS Archives and members of the Reformed Church in

America to host “the Dutch in Two Worlds Revisited: a Rare Books and Manuscripts Exhibition.”

**Jay Blossom, In Trust Center for Theological Schools**

I’m in an unusual position in that I am not at a seminary or educational institution. Instead, I work for an organization that serves about 230 seminaries, theological schools, and related nonprofit organizations, including a relatively small number of Episcopal schools and a large number of schools from other traditions. I am, however, an active Episcopalian and the rector’s warden at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

One of my chief interests with regards to the work of Atla is the relationship between librarians and the boards of their institutions. I realize that, at most schools, there is very little interaction between librarians and boards—unless (as is true in a small number of institutions) the librarian is on the board (e.g., as a faculty representative) or staffs a committee (e.g., the board’s curriculum committee). I fear this may lead board members to not think about the library very much except as a cost center. However, my research for the presentation I did for Atla suggests that many board members are proud of their libraries and see them as crown jewels for the institution, even while they may have little knowledge of what librarians actually do.

I would love to see librarians continue to find ways to show the value of information sciences not only to students but to boards as well. I know that librarians work very hard to get access to students—to show them the value of finding multiple reputable resources, to understand complex databases, to expose them to archives and special collections where the real fun or research often is located. But I think that it would be great if librarians also had some access to boards to show them that libraries are not just buildings that house collections and that librarians are the information specialists that are needed in this age of information-as-a-fire-hose.

**Cindy Derrenbacker, Whitley College**

I have lived half my life in Canada working mostly as a theological librarian (getting a professional start at the largest Anglican seminary in Canada), but most recently as an architecture librarian. In January 2019, I moved to Melbourne, Australia as my husband is the new Dean of Trinity College Theological School—an historic Anglican college

in the southern hemisphere. I am now getting to know one of Atla's partner associations, ANTZLA, in my role as Librarian for Whitley College, a theological school in the Baptist tradition.

**Andy Lofthus, Western Seminary**

I recently joined my library and Atla. However, in August I completed my M.L.S. degree from Emporia State University, and I've now stepped into the role of full librarian at Western Seminary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.