INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

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AGENDA

1) Plan follow-up webinar to the eBook publisher's panel (Atla 2023) during 2024/25 academic year
2) Review of last year's questions

3) Ongoing discussion of library needs from publishers

DISCUSSIONS

Planning for possible webinar

Publishers represented in 2023:

- Emmaus Academic/St. Paul Center
- Fortress
- IVPress
- Jewish Publication Society (JPS)
- Westminster John Knox
- Wipf & Stock

Possible publishers to approach for a CEAD eBook Webinar:

- Abingdon Press
- Baker Publishing Group
- Bloomsbury Publishing
- Eerdmans Publishing
- Ignatius Press
- Langham Publishing (Majority World theology)
- Paraclete Press
- Regnum Books, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies
- Wisdom Publications
- Zondervan (a division of Harper/Collins Christian Publishing)

Idea to get vendors/aggregators "in the room":

- Pricing
- Functionality
- Publisher models
- These could include:
    ◦ GOBI/YBP
    ◦ Rialto

- Question: How does "not available in my region" work? Why? And why are prices different?
  - Or aggregators:
    - ProQuest
    - EBSCOhost
    - JSTOR
    - Project Muse

Resources we're using online:

- Bloomsbury Religion North America
- Oxford Bibliographies (for overviews)
- EBAs for various platforms: Brill, DeGruyter

Questions raised:

1) Does the panelist have to be an ebook publisher?
2) How do we respond to our needs as a group?
3) How do we petition to have materials from 1970s-1990s made available as ebooks?
4) Can we negotiate better as a group?
5) Are online overviews better for introductory material?
6) Controlled digital lending for OP titles – what are the policies?
7) Will Internet Archive digitize things for us? We've heard they're really far behind on digitizing materials submitted.
8) Could negotiating be a member service of Atla?
9) Could some of the titles we need be published by Atla Open Press?
10) Should we create a LibGuide for things faculty should as publishers before they publish?
11) Should we invite academic deans, in addition to other librarians, to attend if we do a session on publications?