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Mark Your Calendars!

Winter Meeting
February 15, 2007
Westminster
Theological Seminary
Philadelphia, PA

Spring Meeting
May 2007
All Day Workshop
on Copyright
Location to Be
Announced

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Joint SEPTLA/NYATLA Fall Meeting at Princeton Theological Seminary

Parking: The parking lot is across the street behind the Libraries. Parking permits will be available at Erdman Hall when you arrive

Directions to PTS: <http://www.ptsem.edu/CE/planningyourstay2004.pdf>
RSVP by Friday, October 19, 2007 to: christine.schwartz@ptsem.edu

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee and Refreshments – Erdman Hall

9:30 – 10:50 Interest Groups

9:30 – 10:50 Catalogers Interest Group – Erdman Art Studio

Topics:

1. ALCTS 50th anniversary president's program featured Peter Morville speaking on "Ambient Findability : Librarians, Libraries and the Internet of Things" powerpoint available at: <http://semanticstudios.com/alcts.pdf>
2. "Technical Services 2.0: Using Social Software for Collaboration" report at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/alcts/alctspubs/alctsnewsletter/v18n4/ac07rpts/07ce/ac07ce.htm#16a>
3. Chris Schwartz will discuss recent highlights from her blog, "Cataloging Futures" <http://www.catalogingfutures.com/>
4. If time permits, there will be a brief discussion of possible workshop or conference program ideas

9:30 – 10:05 I.T. Interest Group – Cooper Conference Room

Topics: Jeff Broderick will be presenting:

1. His research and the development of his new web site on American Clergy.
2. "Remote Access: What It Is And What It Means For Your Library."

10:15 – 10:50 Reference Interest Group – Cooper Conference Room

Topics: Jerry Lincoln will be presenting two standardized tests on Information Literacy:

1. Project Sails from Kent State
2. iSkills from ETS in the Reference interest group.

**11:00-11:50 SEPTLA Business Meeting – Cooper Conference Room;
NYATLA Business Meeting – Erdman Art Studio**

12:00-1:00 Lunch – Mackay Campus Center

1:15-3:15 Afternoon Session — Cooper Conference Room

1. PTS Library Director, Steve Crocco, will make a presentation on his vision for the Princeton Seminary Libraries. That vision, entitled "A Theological Library for the World," will be the basis for the Seminary's plans to renovate Speer Library or create a new library building in its place. An architect has recently been hired to begin to implement this vision. A copy is available online at <http://www.ptsem.edu/news/librarydocument.php>.
2. Clifford B. Anderson, Curator of Special Collections at Princeton Theological Seminary, will present an overview of the digital projects undertaken in Special Collections from 2000 to 2007. He will reflect on the challenges and the opportunities that the staff of Special Collections encountered when developing its digital collections. He will also introduce the Seminary Library's next-generation platform for storing, querying, and deploying digital content to patrons.

President's Message

With the 2007 ATLA Annual Conference successfully completed in June, it is time to again focus on how SEPTLA can best serve our member institutions and their constituents. This coming year, we are planning to enhance our Website and bring it up to date in its presentation style and functionality. Traditionally, the Website has been relatively static and has provided basic information about our organization, its member institutions, and upcoming and recently past events. It is in our best interest to begin planning how to develop the Website so that it becomes a resource that facilitates increased cooperation among our members and helps us reduce duplication of effort. Thus, as we consider the functionality and purpose of the Website; we need to ask ourselves how our Website can serve: (a) SEPTLA as an organization, (b) SEPTLA's member institutions and their customers, (c) individuals within SEPTLA, and (d) others outside of our immediate communities.

Another important issue that our organization needs to address this year is the value of participation. Traditionally, our Continuing Education Committee and interest groups have been a great source of professional development and a strong draw to our membership meetings. With our organization evolving and membership maturing, there are many new opportunities available within SEPTLA. It is important for individuals to increase their involvement by bringing their professional creativity to the table. There are several ways this can be done: (a) conduct a presentation during an interest group session, (b) volunteer to conduct one of our afternoon workshops, (c) volunteer to chair one of our interest groups, (d) volunteer to fill one of the vacancies on the Continuing Education Committee, or (e) run for an elected position on the Executive Committee. With the rate of change in our profession, it is essential that SEPTLA remain dynamic through full participation of the membership.

For the second time this year, we find ourselves grieving the loss of a beloved colleague. On July 9, 2007 Reverend David Wartluft, DD. unexpectedly died from surgical complications. He was a man who cared deeply about people, ministry, and theological librarianship. He served the Lutheran Church as a chaplain, pastor, and teacher, and librarian. David worked for Krauth Memorial Library at The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia from 1969 until 2002. From 1969 through 1977, he worked as a reference librarian, cataloger, and assistant librarian. In 1977, he was promoted to the position of library director and faculty member, positions he held until his retirement.

While he had a quiet presence, David was a visionary leader who leaves a strong legacy in theological librarianship. He was one of SEPTLA's founding members and served in several official and unofficial capacities including president; and was our archivist for several years until his retirement in 2002. In addition, David served the American Theological Library Association as executive secretary for 10 years, a member of their board of directors, member of their advisory committee, development officer and more.

It is only fitting that many of us were able to see David in June, during the 2007 ATLA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, due to the visionary impact of his 1996 paper titled, "Optimum Library Service in a Cluster Context." This paper generated the development of the Eastern Cluster Lutheran Library, to which Dr. Karl Krueger gave tribute during the conference in his paper, "One Library Under Three Roofs: The Exciting Sequel." David truly lived a life that was dedicated to serving those around him for the sake of His Lord and Savior.

—Daniel LaValla, President
Biblical Theological Seminary

President's Commendations and Synopsis for the 2007 ATLA Annual Conference

It is hard to believe that the 2007 ATLA Annual Conference is already three months behind us. Since this is our first issue of Teamwork since then, I want to take this time to formally congratulate all of you for the great effort SEPTLA members exerted as a cohesive team in planning this year's conference. Every member institution of SEPTLA had staff members who were involved in helping to plan and organize this event.

You should be proud of the results that came out of two years worth of effort! Here are just a few stats we received in August from Barbara Kemmis, ATLA's Director of Member Services. First, this is the largest ATLA conference on record outside of the special 60th Anniversary Celebration that was sponsored by ATLA in Chicago last year; with 316 registered attendees, 56 first time attendees, and over 400 total participants, including vendors and ATLA staff, this was the second largest Annual Conference in ATLA's history. We should also be proud of the fact that SEPTLA fulfilled all of the local host responsibilities, helping this to be the most profitable Annual Conference to date. Further, 92% of participants rated the overall conference as excellent or good and 93% of attendees rated their experience with SEPTLA local hosts as excellent or good.

The staff of ATLA, Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services; Sara Corkery Communications Specialist; and Timothy Smith, Membership Associate/Exhibits Coordinator were quick to respond to our requests and questions and excellent in helping us plan and organize this event.

Also, Steve Crocco and Melody Mazuk did an excellent job negotiating and securing the conference facilities and hotel rates and identifying facilities for the Opening Banquet; and Sandy Finlayson did a fine job selecting and arranging the Closing Reception's entertainment. Thanks to everyone who stuffed tote bags and to George Coon who helped me transport them to the Doubletree Hotel; and to Stephanie Kaceli who created the Dining, Parking, and Worship Guides; and all the SEPTLA members who volunteered at the Local Host Table to help attendees feel comfortable in Philadelphia.

Another point that was highlighted by Ms. Kemmis and attendees was the quality and number of hosted excursions offered this year. Congratulations to Ken Henke, host of the Walking Tour of Old Philadelphia; Terry Heisey, host of the Historic Churches of Philadelphia Walking Tour Nancy Adams, host of the Bartram's Garden excursion and the Reading Terminal Market luncheon; Daniel LaValla, host of Take Me Out to the Ball Game and An Evening of Dinner and Jazz at Chris' Jazz Café; Lynn Berg, host of the Philadelphia Museum of Art Excursion; Jeron Frame, host of An Evening at World Cafe Live; and Debbie Stern, host of Excursion to Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

We should also note that SEPTLA was represented well among Roundtables, Paper and Panel Presenters during the main conference sessions. Among them were:

Clifford B. Anderson, Curator of Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries
Christine Schwartz, Head Cataloger, Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries, "From Manuscripts to Megabytes: How Princeton Seminary Is Producing a Digital Edition of the Abraham Kuyper Archives"

Bonnie Falla, Reference/Public Services Librarian, Reeves Library, Moravian College & Theological Seminary, "Practical Strategies for Securing Faculty Collaboration in Information Literacy Instruction"

Beth Fuchs, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian, Reeves Library, Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary, Digitization Wrap-up Panel

Cait Kokolus, Director of Library Services, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Library, "St. Charles Library Construction"

Karl Krueger, Library Director & Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Krauth Memorial Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, "One Library Under Three Roofs: The Exciting Sequel"

Melody Mazuk, Library Director and Professor of Theological Bibliography, Austen K. deBlois Library, Palmer Theological Seminary, "A Kindly Welcome; or, Looking Forward to an ATS Visit."

Finally, I want to end by emphasizing that Cait Kokolus and Marsha Blake deserve a special thank-you for the hundreds of hours they contributed to this event. Cait did an excellent job hosting the Conference's final day's events and Closing Banquet at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and facilitating communication between the SEPTLA Local Host Committee and ATLA. Marsha coordinated the menu and catering for the Opening Reception; coordinated the Local Host Table; and she wrote, directed, and produced "Mr. Franklin Starts a Library: or, Some Advice from an Original American Sage on Wise Practices Concerning Running an Establishment for the Lending of Books." We must also commend the performances of Jeff Broderick, our own Ben Franklin and his unruly chorus who performed so well for Marsha and the audience at the Opening Banquet.

ATLA Conference Expenses

1. ATLA Convention Expenses (paid in full):

- Historical Society of Pennsylvania, for opening reception: \$2750
- Casual Catering, for opening reception: \$4467.50
- American Historical Theatre, entertainment for opening reception: \$475
- ATLA, for tote bags: \$1018.01
- Jeff Brodrick, for rental of Ben Franklin costume for opening reception: \$47.70
- Biblical Seminary Library, refreshments for meeting preparing for convention: \$232.85
- George Coon, for photocopying Local Host Table handouts: \$19.26
- **Total Expenses: \$9010.32**

2. ATLA Convention Sponsorship Money Received:

- Storage Concepts, Inc.: \$1500 for Tote bags
- Blackwell Book Services: \$500 for opening reception
- Dan Haverkamp: \$500 for opening reception
- Midwest Library Services: \$150 for opening reception
- Thank-You Gift from ATLA: \$250
- Cash from SEPTLA Tokens: \$33
- **Total : \$2933.00**

3. Total SEPTLA Expense = Difference between ATLA expenses and sponsorship: \$6077.32

While personal thank-you letters were sent to the following individual sponsors and donors, SEPTLA would again like to publicly thank:

- Cliff Fuller, President, Storage Concepts, Inc. for sponsoring the conference tote bags,
- Blackwell Book Services, Midwest Library Services, and Dan Haverkamp for sponsoring the opening reception.

—Daniel LaValla, President

MINUTES

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Biblical Theological Seminary

August 23, 2007

Attending: Dan LaValla, President; Marsha Blake, Past President; Sandy Finlayson, Secretary; Karl Krueger, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee; Jeff Brodrick, IT Interest Group Chair; Jerry Lincoln, Reference Interest Group Chair; and Clesha Staten, Webmaster.

I. Finalize Executive Committee Appointments:

The Executive Committee appointed: (a) Dr. Karl Krueger, Director, Library Director & Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Krauth Memorial Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and (b) Clesha Staten, Web Administrator, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary as the new Webmaster.

II. Reports:

A. **Secretary:** Sandy has the minutes from the spring membership meeting held at Biblical Theological Seminary in June. He will submit them via email to Stephanie Kaceli, Editor of *Teamwork*.

B. **Treasurer:** Dan LaValla presented the treasurer's report which was submitted to him in advance via email by Debbie Stern who was unable to personally attend the meeting:

1. Current checking account balance: \$522.23

2. Current savings account balance: \$2567.81

3. ATLA Convention Expenses, all paid:

- Historical Society of Pennsylvania, for opening reception: \$2750
- Casual Catering, for opening reception: \$4467.50
- American Historical Theatre, entertainment for opening reception: \$475
- ATLA, for tote bags: \$1018.01
- Jeff Brodrick, for rental of Ben Franklin costume for opening reception: \$47.70
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Total: \$9010.32

4. ATLA Convention Sponsorship Money Received:

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- Dan Haverkamp: \$500 for opening reception
- Midwest Library Services: \$150 for opening reception
- ATLA Thank-You Gift: \$250
- Cash from SEPTLA Tokens: \$33

Total: \$2933

5. Difference between ATLA expenses and sponsorship: \$6077.32

6. Other expenses since the last treasurer's report:

- o. Gift for retired SEPTLA member: \$15.96
- p. New SEPTLA bookmarks: \$185.00

- C. Continuing Education Committee:** Todd Wilmot's resignation from the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee was sudden and came shortly after the spring Membership Meeting in June. Since Karl Krueger was just appointed at the beginning of this meeting, the Executive Committee members provided Karl with an update on the Committee's current projects. Karl will follow-up with the report he received from the Executive Committee and firm up the following information for a complete report at the fall membership meeting at Princeton Theological Seminary:
- Finalize the topic and speakers from Princeton Theological Seminary who will be presenting the afternoon workshop on digitization at the fall meeting.
 - He will follow up with initial contact Todd Wilmot made with the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland for the full-day workshop on "copyright" scheduled for the spring 2008 membership meeting.
 - Apply for an ATLA Continuing Education Grant to help fund the full-day workshop on copyright.
 - Attempt to finalize a topic and speaker for the afternoon workshop of the 2008 winter meeting at Westminster Theological Seminary
- D. Cataloger's Interest Group:** There was nothing to report as Jonathan Riches was unable to attend. Dan LaValla will contact either Jonathan Riches or Lois Reibach to obtain fall's membership meeting schedule for speakers and topics in the Cataloger's Interest Group.
- E. I.T. Interest Group:** Jeff Broderick reported that for the fall meeting, he will be presenting his research and the development of his new web site on American Clergy; and a fuller discussion on "Remote Access: What It Is And What It Means For Your Library."
- F. Reference Interest Group:** Gerald Lincoln reported that for the fall meeting he will be reviewing two standardized tests to assess Information Literacy: (a) Project Sails from Kent State and (b) iSkills from ETS in the Reference interest group.

III. New Business:

- A.** It was decided that \$100.00 will be donated to the Dave Wartluft Memorial Fund at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia to honor the memory and service Dave dedicated to SEPTLA throughout his career.
- B.** Catherine Wilt, Executive Director, PALINET joined the meeting from 10:30 until 11:20 to discuss current and future initiatives PALINET is addressing with respect to standards and consortia across Pennsylvania in order to reduce duplication of effort and increase cooperation among libraries in Pennsylvania (e.g., metadata harvesting standards, development and standards of digital collections, archiving, issues related to outsourcing, etc.) SEPTLA and its institutional members will need to strategize how we can actively participate in these statewide initiatives that will coordinate efforts with other consortia in Pennsylvania.
- C. SEPTLA Website:** A conference call with Chris Beldan was conducted to discuss the transition of the Webmaster responsibilities from Chris to Clesha and highlight the issues that will need to be addressed for updating, managing, and archiving the SEPTLA Website. Marsha Blake and Sandy Finlayson will review past minutes published in back issues of Teamwork to collate the revised Bylaws elected by SEPTLA membership and submit them to Clesha who will update the By-laws on our Website. We will need to discuss with the membership how we should manage updating information on the SEPTLA Website for the Staff Directory and Libraries pages. Clesha will create a prototype to present at the fall membership meeting to model the new look and other features we might add to the SEPTLA Website. One major question that the membership needs to address is what we want for the Website with respect to functionality and purpose. Traditionally, the Website has been relatively static and has provided basic information about our organization. Will this be the continued focus or does the membership want other functionality and purposes fulfilled?

- D. In response to recent requests for membership into SEPTLA by institutions that do not have physical libraries in Pennsylvania, The Executive Committee reviewed membership criteria for application and continued involvement. A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to clarifying our bylaws so that the requirement for having physical library facilities available within our region is clear in the digital age. Also, there is concern about member institutions fulfilling their agreements with respect to continued involvement in SEPTLA operations and functions, and sufficient hours of operation and collection size so that students from SEPTLA institutions have a realistic opportunity to use other member's facilities. The challenge identified in the Executive Committee's discussion is encouraging involvement that does not over-tax member libraries with limited resources and staffing challenges while simultaneously optimizing cooperation and sharing of resources for all member institutions. Marsha Blake and Sandy Finlayson will submit written proposals for recommended revisions to the SEPTLA Bylaws to clarify membership criteria and continued participation for review at the 2008 winter Executive Committee meeting, which will then be submitted to the membership for review and discussion during the 2008 winter membership meeting followed up by a vote of the proposed revisions at the 2008 spring meeting.
- E. The Executive Committee appointed Jocelyn Abel, Head of Technical Services, Lancaster Bible College as our new archivist.

IV. ATLA Conference Recap & Review of Feedback

The Executive Committee discussed the finances and the survey results that were gathered from the ATLA conference attendees. Dan LaValla will submit a written summary report highlighting these issues for publication in the fall 2007 issue of *Teamwork*.

V. Next Meetings

1. Fall 2007: October 26, 2007 at Princeton Theological Seminary
2. Winter 2008: February 15, 2007 at Westminster Theological Seminary
3. Spring 2008: Date and place to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaValla
Biblical Theological Seminary

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
Fall Meeting - October 26, 2007
Princeton Theological Seminary
Business Meeting Agenda
11:00 –11:50

I. Reports:

1. President's announcement and introduction of Executive Committee Appointees:
 - Chair of the Continuing Education Committee - Dr. Karl Krueger, Director, Library Director & Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Krauth Memorial Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
 - Webmaster – Clesha Staten , Web Administrator, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
 - Jocelyn Abel, Head of Technical Services, Lancaster Bible College as our new archivist.
2. Secretary: Sandy Finlayson
 - Bylaws updated and posted online to reflect changes elected by membership.
3. Treasurer's report: Debbie Stern
 - Current Accounts Balances
 - Final ATLA conference expense summary report
 - Reminder of Dues
4. Continuing Education Committee: Karl Krueger
 - Upcoming meeting topics,
 - Update on Spring 2008 Workshop and request for host institution
 - Recruitment of new committee members
5. I.T. Interest Group: Jeff Brodrick
 - Meeting Report
 - Archiving SEPTLA Website and Historical Records
6. Cataloger's Interest Group: Lois Reibach/Jonathan Riches
7. Reference Interest Group: Gerald Lincoln

II. New Business:

1. ATLA 2007 Annual Conference: Synopsis and Commendations
2. Updates to SEPTLA Website this year:
 - Continued Updates needed for SEPTLA Staff Directory Page,
 - Email links on Web site with protection from Web crawlers/robots,
 - Webmaster Baker – or other free open source software to provide secure access for direct updating & editing of text, and
 - Functionality and Purpose of the Website – What do we want?
3. Participating in PALINET Initiatives to increase cooperation with other consortia in Pennsylvania and reduce duplication of effort.
4. Membership Updates:
 - A memorial gift to the David Wartluft Library Fund was donated to Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.
 - SEPTLA membership qualifications and requirements
5. Proposal of New Interest Group: Library Directors

III. Next Meetings

1. Winter 2008 – Westminster Theological Seminary
2. Spring 2008 - Any volunteers to host our full-day workshop on Copyright?

IV. Institutional News

SEPTLA Spring Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2007

Biblical Theological Seminary

Attending

Jeff Brodrick David McClain Janet McClain Joshua Michael	Baptist Bible College & Seminary
Daniel LaValla Susan Taylor	Biblical Theological Seminary
George Coon	Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary
Terry Heisey	Evangelical School of Theology
Chris Belden Dick Berg	Lancaster Theological Seminary
B. Bohleke Karl Krueger Susann Posey Lois Reibach	Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries
Terry Heisey	Evangelical Theological Seminary
Chris Beldan Dick Berg	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Rita Berk	Moravian Theological Seminary
Lyn Berg	New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Nancy Adams Melody Mazuk	Palmer Theological Seminary
Nang Tsin Lahtaw Laura Saloiye	Philadelphia Biblical University
Julie Dawson Christine Schwartz Kate Skrebutenas	Princeton Theological Seminary
Debbie Stern	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Jim Humble Cait Kokolus Todd Wilmot	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Marsha Blake Sandy Finlayson Melvin R. Hartwick	Westminster Theological Seminary

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
Spring Meeting
May 16, 2006
Biblical Theological Seminary
Business Meeting

I. Reports:

1. Secretary: Sandy Finlayson

Sandy requested that SEPTLA members send him institutional news via email.

2. Treasurer: Debbie Stern

1. Current checking account balance: \$5868
2. Current savings account balance: \$2565
3. ATLA Convention Expenses:
 - a. Historical Society of Phila, for opening reception: \$2750, ½ of which has been paid
 - b. Casual Catering, for opening reception: \$4467.50, ½ of which has been paid
 - c. American Historical Theatre, entertainment for opening reception: \$475, ½ of which has been paid
 - d. Tote bags: approximately \$1000, not yet paid
 - e. Ben Franklin costume, for opening reception: approx. \$100, not yet paidTotal: \$8792.50
4. ATLA Convention Sponsorship Money Received
 - f. Storage Concepts: \$1500 for Tote bags
 - g. Blackwells: \$1000 for opening reception
 - h. Midwest Library Services: \$150 for opening receptionTotal: \$2650
5. Difference between ATLA expenses and sponsorship: \$6142.50
6. Anticipated checking acct. balance once we pay for all of the ATLA expenses: approx. \$900
7. Other expenses since the last treasurer's report: Gifts, cards, memorial donation for members: \$157.38

3. Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee are working on a program on digitization which will be held at Princeton in October.

II. New Business:

1. Election of Officers:

Dan Lavalla was acclaimed as President for another term
2. The Newly Designed SEPTLA logo was unveiled.
3. It was agreed that the website needs a new look and the Executive will look into the selection of a new webmaster.

4. ATLA 2007 Conference Update

- The Reception is ready to go with the caterer selected and a skit written.
- The Banquet at St. Charles is also ready to go
- People are still needed for the Local Host Table. Please let Marsha Blake know, if you are able to help and we will post the list of needed times on the SEPTLA website.
- People are still needed to lead groups to local restaurants. Nancy Adams is coordinating this.

III. Next Meetings

1. October 2007 at Princeton.

IV. Institutional News

Lancaster Theological Seminary:

Bryce Rich, an LTS student, has stepped down to part-time student status and taken on a two-year stint as full-time Circulation and Acquisitions Assistant. He brings a love of academics and strong IT background to the position. Along with other duties, he will be re-writing our in-house acquisitions system and providing documentation.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia:

The library received a new public copier and the students are pleased. New features are coin operation, and the ability to easily copy on both sides of a page.

The back run periodicals collection moved from a dimly lit, moldy room with falling-down ceiling into an airy, well-lit space. In order to accommodate the move, little-used titles were moved into storage.

The dean will reach the end of his term next year, and the faculty has started meeting to determine how to choose the next dean.

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College:

a) RRC has appointed a new full-time professor of Bible for the fall, Dr. Elsie Stern, currently working at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies.

b) RRC is launching the public phase of a new comprehensive development campaign, the first in the College's 38-year history. More than 50 percent of its \$50 million goal has already been met. Funds will be used to support scholarships, faculty development, endowed chairs, operating expenses, curriculum enrichment, innovative approaches to teaching, student recruitment, internships and trailblazing programs.

Funds also will be used to support initiatives at RRC's three centers of excellence-The Center for Jewish Ethics; Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism; and Kolot: The Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies.

Philadelphia Biblical University:

Effective July 2007, Media Services will move under the I.T. Department rather than the Library. The space occupied by Media Services, a large portion of the 2nd floor offices, will be available to the Library by December 2007. The Library staff is currently looking at how to renovate the 2nd floor offices to take advantage of this much needed space.

The University is renovating the faculty offices in the Education wing. This area had been converted into office space after the opening of the Biblical Learning Center. The project will be completed before the start of the Fall semester.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary:

The Seminary started the 2007-8 academic year with three new faculty members in the Scripture Department. Over the summer, it refurbished the first chapel on campus, Immaculate Conception Chapel, built in 1866. The library hired Juan De Jesus as an evening circulation librarian.

Westminster Theological Seminary

WTS is in the process of implementing a new integrated library system. It is hoped that Circulation and Cataloging will be up by the beginning of August 2007 and that Acquisitions and Serials will follow in the fall.