



TEAMWORK

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY

50TH ANNIVERSARY
SEPTLA FALL MEETING AT
EVANGELICAL SEMINARY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

The fall 2014 meeting, commemorating the 50th anniversary of SEPTLA, will be held on Friday, November 7 at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA.

We are celebrating the way we did the 25th anniversary in 1989 with a formal luncheon. The cost will be \$10 per person. Several members who attended the 25th anniversary luncheon will be with us to talk about SEPTLA's rich history.

Directions: <http://evangelical.edu/become-a-student/directions/>

Parking: You can park in the student parking area, the lot behind the library, or on Park Avenue in front of the Seminary. If closer parking is needed the faculty parking lot, located right next to the Commons, is available.

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:45 Registration and Refreshments
Commons (ground floor of Christ Hall)
- 9:45-10:45 Interest Groups
Locations TBD
- 10:50-11:50 Business Meeting
Commons
- 12:00-1:00 Golden Anniversary Luncheon
Meier Room, StoneRidge—Poplar Run
- 1:00-2:00 SEPTLA History Panel
- 2:00-3:00 Biblical Archaeology Museum Tour



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SEPTLA – A Golden Anniversary

2014 marks the Golden Anniversary of SEPTLA. We will be celebrating with your predecessors in the Association at an anniversary luncheon during the Fall 2014 meeting at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, but to take us back to the beginning of SEPTLA I would like to quote extensively from the address given by Donald Matthews at the Silver Anniversary Luncheon in Feb. 1989 and a review of SEPTLA co-operative efforts compiled by David Wartluft in 1991.

According to Matthews, the founding motivation for SEPTLA was the question, "What can we do cooperatively that we could not do individually?" That remains our reason for being today, although how we help each other has changed. The librarians of four Philadelphia theological seminaries (Westminster, Philadelphia Lutheran, Eastern Baptist and St. Charles) began meeting semi-annually in afternoon business sessions in 1964. By 1968 the group had officers and was compiling a checklist of the libraries' combined periodical subscriptions to identify gaps in local holdings. The first recorded agreement was for each library to commit \$300.00 from its regular budget to purchase periodicals not held by another participating library. Soon, the members agreed to use \$200.00 of each library's regular budget to fill in gaps in monographic series.

Beginning in 1970 additional libraries outside of Philadelphia were added to the membership (Lancaster, Gettysburg, Moravian, etc.). TEAMWORK was first published in 1970 also. Several early projects that consumed much time and effort, like the Union List of Serials, co-operative purchase of all titles included in Scholar's Choice bibliographies, and Religion Index Two, union card catalogs, and the Expensive Purchases Clearinghouse, have been abandoned due to changes in technology. Other co-operative initiatives, like reciprocal borrowing agreements first formalized in 1973, TEAMWORK, the SEPTLA Directory, and the SEPTLA Brochure, remain in altered formats. And new ventures in continuing education and staff development have become more important. Fellowship over lunch at meetings began in 1973, and sharing of institutional news began in 1980. SEPTLA became the first regional affiliate of ATLA in 1977.

Quoting Matthews, "It seems to me that two factors have contributed to the success of this enterprise we call SEPTLA. The first is a willingness to expose ignorance. Many have come to meetings with questions and problems. There has consistently been an openness, a sense of trust, an absence of defensiveness, anyone can safely ask a question here. And the remarkable thing is that there has been an enormous reservoir of information available in this group. ... A second factor is a devotion to the church catholic. There is a wide spectrum of theology, denominational affiliation, religious practice embodied in this group. Yet one of the cohesive elements is a dedication to libraries, to theological education, and to our Lord."

~Terry Heisey, Evangelical Seminary

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association
Fall Meeting - November 7, 2014
Evangelical Seminary
Business Agenda 10:50 P.M. to 11:50 P.M.

- I. Welcome
- II. Treasurer's report
- III. Reports from Interest Groups
 - Cataloging
 - Research Services
 - Continuing Education
- IV. Vote on Bylaws (see page 8)
- V. Elections
 - President: Jenifer Gundry of Princeton Theological Seminary is willing to run
 - Secretary: currently no one is running, please email Laura (lsaloiye@cairn.edu) if you would like to run
- VI. Next Meeting: Westminster Theological Seminary, Friday, April 10, 2015

MINUTES
SEPTLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
Conference Call

Present: Laura Saloiye, Cairn; Marsha Blake, Westminster; Bonnie Falla, Moravian; Karla Grafton, Westminster; Terry Heisey, Evangelical; James Humble, St. Charles; and, Karl Krueger, Lutheran (Philadelphia).

I. Date and Location of Fall Meeting:

- Terry Heisey confirmed Evangelical Seminary would host (November 7, 2014)

II. Interest Groups Update:

- Cataloger's Interest Group: Terry was unsure what the Cataloger's Group would be talking about.
- Reference Interest Group: Co-Chairs, Gerry Lincoln and Jim Humble plan to address the library's role in assessment practices.
- Continuing Education Committee: Karla Grafton, speaking for the Committee, began with the idea of forming a discussion around Evangelical's archaeology museum. Laura inquired about the possibility of B. Bohleke's speaking about Lutheran Gettysburg Seminary's Civil War museum, but Karl Krueger pointed out that Karla also put forth another idea, that SEPTLA invite librarians from other institutions to join us for a meeting. Terry suggested getting some retired SEPTLA members together to talk about the history of SEPTLA. A discussion of the names of people to join the panel and how to coordinate them followed. Terry agreed to ask Hal Scanlan and David McClain; Gerry, Richard Berg and Clint Bentz; and Jim, Cait Kokolus. This led to a discussion as to whether we should provide lunch and travel expenses for our guests. (The answer was yes on both counts.)

III. Elections:

- Chris Schwartz's name was put forth as the new Chair of the Cataloger's Interest Group, since Terry is stepping down.
- There was a discussion about who would fill the position of President, since no one had come forward at the spring meeting to run. Laura said that Jenifer Gundry had offered to run unopposed.
- For the position of Secretary, the name of Russ Buchanan (Reformed Episcopal) was put forward.
- Since an additional member for the Continuing Education Committee was needed, Chelsea Post from St. Charles was volunteered.

IV. Documents to Edit:

- Laura said that this year the SEPTLA Executive Committee is supposed to review the Consortium's Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement.
- A discussion followed about the need for fuller representation of membership at the general meetings. The possibility of "travel grants" for SEPTLA members who find it difficult to get to far-off institutions was broached. The dates of April 17th or 24th were put forth as possibilities for the spring meeting at Westminster.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Humble, St. Charles Seminary

SEPTLA SPRING MEETING

Thursday, April 23, 2014

St. Charles Seminary

Attending:

Laura Saloiye Melvin Hartwick	Cairn University
Jim Sauer	Eastern University/Palmer Theological Seminary
Terry Heisey	Evangelical School of Theology
Gerald Lincoln	Lancaster Bible College
Janet Ohlers Bonnie Falla	Moravian Theological Seminary
Lynn Berg Chris Brennan	New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Julie Dawson Virginia Dearborn Jenifer Gundry Christine Schwartz	Princeton Theological Seminary
Russ Buchanan	Reformed Episcopal Seminary
James Humble Chelsea Post	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Sergei Arhipov	St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary
Marsha Blake Donna Campbell Sandy Finlayson Karla Grafton	Westminster Theological Seminary

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association

Spring Meeting – April 23, 2014

St. Charles Seminary

Business Meeting

I. **Welcome** – Laura Saloije, president, welcomed everyone and thanked St. Charles Seminary for hosting the SEPTLA meeting.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

- A. Checking Balance: \$4,529.85
- B. Money Market Balance: \$5,566.44
- C. Balance: \$10,096.29

III. **Vote on Bylaws**

A. 4.5 revised to read: In the event of a tie, candidates will come forward for a brief question and answer time. After the question and answer time, a re-vote will occur. In the event of another tie, a re-vote will be taken until there is a simple majority winner.

B. 6.7.1 revised to read: The Archivist shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

C. 6.8.1 revised to read: The Chair of the Continuing Education Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

D. 6.8.2 revised to read: The Chair of the Continuing Education Committee shall be responsible for leading the Continuing Education Committee meetings.

E. 6.8.3 revised to read: The Chair of the Continuing Education Committee is responsible for the submission of grant requests to subsidize continuing education.

F. 9.4 revised to read: The Continuing Education Committee shall consist of a Chair and three individuals; the Chair may recommend individuals to the Executive Committee for appointment to the Continuing Education Committee. The responsibilities of the committee shall be to promote the educational development of SEPTLA by organizing afternoon workshops at each plenary meeting and a biannual full day workshop.

Karla moved and Virginia seconded a motion to accept the changes in the SEPTLA Bylaws. Motion passed.

We were reminded to update our Staff Directories on the SEPTLA web site (SEPTLA.org)

IV. **Elections**

A. No one agreed to be nominated for President.

B. No one agreed to be nominated for Secretary.

C. Sandy moved and Jen seconded a motion to re-elect Karl Krueger to a second term of four years as Treasurer. Motion carried. Thank you, Karl!

Our fall meeting will be at Evangelical Seminary. Date to be announced.

V. Institutional News and update on online education at each institution:

Cairn University: Cairn recently went through a university-wide realignment and the library lost one full time employee. The Library just purchased Credo's Information Literacy Course Module (ILCM). Distance Education is common and hybrid courses are prominent. Online courses are offered worldwide. Course reserves are mounted by faculty on Moodle.

Eastern University/Palmer Seminary: Jim reported they are in search of a dean. Need for more students, more "tech" within faculty. There is an "Open Seminary" online degree. They are looking to move back into the city (Philadelphia).

Evangelical Seminary: Terry reported they have "hybrid" courses, but none totally online. Still no e-reserves. Had hoped for PDA e-resources, but prices are prohibitive for the institution. He put his IL class online (the contents) and does a "flipped" classroom with it.

Lancaster Bible College: Gerald reported they are moving back into their new building now that repairs from the devastating flood (burst water pipes) this past winter are completed. \$1.5 million loss, including one-fourth of periodicals lost. They have hired two faculty from Calvary Baptist, which is closing. They have had online education for five years; every class has a resources page; hybrid classes, programs in other states.

Lutheran at Philadelphia: Karl reported that their president of fifteen years has stepped down. Every course has an online component. Faculty use Moodle for e-reserves in every department. Some classes are completely online. Camtasia tapes lectures; steep learning curve.

Moravian College & Theological Seminary: Bonnie introduced Janet Ohles, the new Reeves Library director at Moravian. Bonnie reported that the Seminary has no courses completely online, but some that use a webcam to bring distant students into a class. The library does not do e-reserves, but the faculty use BlackBoard to post documents.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary: Chris Brennan reported that NBTS has sold a large portion of its property. A portion of the proceeds is being used to build a new classroom and administration building, which is projected to be ready for occupancy by this July. NBTS jumped into distance learning last July (2013) by hiring a consultant to help them for a two-year period with the process of designing hybrid courses, receiving training, and guiding them through the ATS approval process for offering online courses, which is expected to happen by Winter 2015. Only a few courses have been offered online at this point, although not including video content yet. The library currently supports online learning by uploading scanned articles for reserve into the course management system, mailing books to students, referring students to academic libraries in their area, and providing access to EBSCO databases and e-books available through Oxford Scholarship Online.

Princeton Theological Seminary: Julie and Chris reported that the support staff was reduced last fall. A shelf-ready books program has been instituted with cataloging and physical processing outsourced. The North Wing (previously called Luce Library) renovations are nearly complete. Although they have invested heavily in digital library development, they have no online academic courses. Continuing education has some. They expect the online (distance learning) courses are 2-4 years down the line.

Reformed Episcopal Seminary: Russ reported that they received ATS accreditation. They are moving into some new space. Jonathan Riches is now Academic Dean.

St. Charles Seminary: Jim reported they may sell part of campus property near City Line Ave. They have no online courses because the Seminary is a community of learning with everyone living there. They may see some new software to help with teacher/student communication.

St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary: Sergei reported their Dean has retired due to illness. New Dean is discussing online classes, but pastoral formation is done in community. They have one librarian, 5 student assistants, and two volunteers. A self-study is coming up for the 2016 visit from ATS.

Valley Forge Christian College: Debbi reported they have a staff of two plus 13 student assistants. The College is celebrating its 75th anniversary which has involved much archival work. The school recently acquired the former National Christian Conference Center. It has been renamed The Conference Center at Valley Forge. All graduate programs and summer sessions are online. Library can no longer teach IL classes due to staff cuts.

Westminster Theological Seminary: Sandy reported that since Grace Mullin retired, Marsha is the Assistant Librarian and Karla is the Archivist. ATS visit is over. They think all went well but do not have the official report yet. The Seminary is piloting a few courses with a video component. Online orientation is in its early stages.

It was announced that Dan LaValla has left Biblical Theological Seminary for a new job opportunity. We regret we did not have an opportunity to say farewell.

Our program day began at 9:30am. Dr. Carisse Mickey Berryhill, associate Dean for Digital Initiatives, Special Collections, and University Archives at Abilene Christian University was our speaker. Dr. Berryhill is well-known among ATLA members for teaching the popular online University of Illinois course, "Introduction to Theological Librarianship," for which she has received the WISE Excellence in Online Education Teaching award three times in the nine years she has been teaching the course. She discussed the role of the librarian in the formation of theological students, including how to create a successful online learning environment by partnering with classroom faculty.

After lunch, she joined a panel of SEPTLA members (Lynn Berg and Donna Campbell) to address ways in which library personnel and services can support online theological education. (from SEPTLA web site and TeamWork).

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Falla, SEPTLA secretary

SEPTLA COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

Throughout its quarter century of existence the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association, a name it gave itself after nearly a decade of totally informal operation (originally constituted by four Philadelphia theological libraries, Westminster, Philadelphia Lutheran, Eastern Baptist and St. Charles, or more correctly, by their librarians), has operated primarily on the good will of its cooperating librarians. There is an enviable record of cooperation, but there is little in the form of agreements.

PERIODICALS HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT

Among the very first endeavors was the commitment of \$300 annually from each library's acquisitions budget to rounding out back runs of periodicals for which the four librarians had agreed to hold (each library responsible for particular titles from a joint list) and make these resources available to the other cooperating institutions.

SEPTLA PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

By 1970 the group of libraries had expanded to include also Lancaster Gettysburg, Mary Immaculate, Moravian, and Philadelphia Divinity School. In 1972 Princeton Seminary became a participant. In 1973 Presbyterian Historical Society, Baptist Bible School of Theology (Clarks Summit), Biblical School of Theology (Hatfield), and the Evangelical Congregational School of Theology (Myerstown) became participants. New Brunswick and Calvary Baptist became participants in 1976.

Various other institutions sent representative over the years, primarily the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Bryn Mawr College, Manna Bible Institute, the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Reformed Episcopal Seminary (now the Philadelphia Theological Seminary). This latter institution became a regular participant in 1977.

Dropsie College which evolved into the Annenberg Research Institute became a participant in April 1983.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Seminary began its participation in SEPTLA during the 1987-88 academic year, having been accepted as a full participant in 1988.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGING COOPERATIVELY

In April 1972 Charles Willard, Librarian of Princeton Seminary, presented a "Proposal for a cooperative Acquisition and Cataloging Project among Theological Libraries." After serious consideration it was determined by the SEPTLA members, that the proposed program which would have provided an estimated 500 titles of the most important religious publishing annually to participating libraries fully cataloged was not easily workable, and the project was never instituted. [The proposal can be consulted in the SEPTLA archives.]

ARCHIVES

The SEPTLA archives were constituted at the October 1985 meeting. Eileert Kearney of St. Charles seminary offered to prepare the original compilation and organization, and Philadelphia Lutheran offered to house them in the Lutheran Archives center at Philadelphia which is housed in the Krauth Memorial Library. Since 1987 all archival materials are to be sent directly to the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary.

BROCHURE

Data gathering for a brochure was undertaken at the October 1981 meeting although the first brochure was not printed until late 1982. The project has continued thereafter with each institution contributing to the printing cost in relation to the number of brochures claimed.

CATALOG CARD PROJECTS

With the 1974-75 year two bilateral projects to share main entry cards of newly added materials were begun between Eastern Baptist and St. Charles seminaries and between Westminster and Philadelphia Lutheran seminaries. The intent was to make library patrons in the neighboring school more aware of area resources. The threat of the closing of the Pennsylvania Union Catalog was a precipitating factor, and it closed at the end of 1975. Within the year the sharing involved all four institutions. Once all four institutions were participants in OCLC it was mutually agreed that the cost of producing additional cards for the other institutions was not warranted now that location information was available online, and the procedure ceased.

DIRECTORY OF SEPTLA INSTITUTIONS

A Directory of SEPTLA library staff members was first published in *TEAMWORK* in 1973, and thereafter it was spun off as a separate directory updated annually. Individual institutions taking responsibility for holding new periodicals or serial titles were reported through *TEAMWORK*.

ECUMENICAL DOCUMENTS

Dr. Bricker of Lancaster Seminary reported to SEPTLA shortly after this seminary became a participant that the microfilms of all ecumenical documents supplied through the Ecumenical Research Agency (A. T. DeGroot founder and director) have been purchased by Lancaster and are available to SEPTLA libraries. These films include the World Council of Churches official numbered publications, ecumenical periodicals, and other sources.

ELECTIONS

Elections of a Chair and Secretary for SEPTLA have always been held at the Spring meeting. Terms of office have varied. At times there have been annual elections; at others elections have been for a biennial term.

ENGLISH RECUSANT LITERATURE

St. Charles Seminary purchased a commercially distributed collection of English Recusant Literature, 1558-1640, and announced its availability to the SEPTLA community. The bibliography of titles included in the collection was published as an appendix to *TEAMWORK* in the February 1971 issue (Vol. 1, #2) to further publicize the availability of this material.

EXPENSIVE PURCHASES CLEARINGHOUSE

After reporting expensive purchases in *TEAMWORK* for several years, SEPTLA lodged recording and dissemination of expensive purchases with one member library. Originally (February 1977) purchases costing more than \$50.00 were recommended for reportage. This was more recently increased to \$100.00.

INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

In the December 1972 issue (Vol.2, #4) of *TEAMWORK* appears the first report of any agreement beyond "gentlemen's agreements" among the librarians. The Presidents of Westminster and Philadelphia Lutheran seminaries ratified an agreement proposed to them by their librarians specifying the following:

- (1) To continue the full mutual borrowing privileges for the faculties and all students under the rules of the lending library, upon presentation of appropriate identification by the borrower;
- (2) To engage in cooperative purchasing for mutual advantage;
- (3) To provide bibliographic services among library staffs.

These three particular endeavors had been in operation for ten years, but now they were given official sanction by the parent institutions through endorsement by Presidents, Deans, Faculties or Boards of Directors (as deemed appropriate by the local librarian). The librarians hoped that such an agreement would not be exclusively between these schools but serve as a prototype for any or all schools in the area to formalize reciprocal relationships. By June 1973 it was reported that administrations at Eastern Baptist, Philadelphia Divinity School, and St. Charles seminaries had also officially subscribed to the agreement making it effective among five institutions. [A June 5, 1973 letter certifying this development and adding Gettysburg Lutheran is among materials in the SEPTLA archives.]

In the February 1979 meeting it was reported that the Philadelphia Divinity School has ceased to exist but the following institutions have taken official action to become a part of the agreement: Gettysburg Lutheran, Moravian and Biblical seminaries. The following "will take measures to endorse the agreement": Mary Immaculate, New Brunswick and Calvary Baptist School of Theology.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICY STATEMENT

The draft of the policy statement was adopted at the October 1980 meeting of SEPTLA.

MONOGRAPHS-IN-SERIES PROJECT

Five institutions had submitted lists of their monographs in series for compilation of a union list and with the intent of doling out responsibility among the various schools for individual series titles. In 1973 each participating library agreed to use at least \$300 of its annual acquisitions budget for developing holdings (current and backrun) in the monographic series for which they had taken responsibility. This amount was transferred from the previous commitment for periodical holdings since it was assumed that most of the backruns had been completed insofar as materials were available. A special meeting was called in April 1974 for participating libraries to allot responsibility for important monographs-in-series among the various schools. Agreements by eight libraries for maintaining particular monographic series as a commitment to SEPTLA libraries was published in the November 1974 issue of *TEAMWORK* (Vol. 4, #2-4, pp.3-10).

In 1977 Dr. Bricker reported that the union catalog of monographs-in-series had grown to 58 catalog drawers with 22,780 entries representing 3,375 series titles. 125 page mimeographed document titled *Titles of Monographic Series entered in the Union Catalog at Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, April, 1977* was distributed to SEPTLA institutions. A committee was constituted to review this list, bearing in mind that 250 titles had already had commitments from SEPTLA libraries, with the intent to select additional series titles deemed desirable by at least three SEPTLA libraries preliminary to additional commitments.

The April 1979 Minutes of SEPTLA record that institutions are reminded that should they wish to discontinue a monographic series title for which they assumed responsibility, it needs to be approved by the other SEPTLA members.

After repeated reports that the union catalog at Lancaster is seldom used members voted at the February 1983 meeting to stop contributing to the catalog and authorized Lancaster Seminary to dispose of the catalog as it deems proper. At that same meeting after further discussion the members voted to discontinue the Monograph-in-Series agreement.

PHOTOCOPYING AND SHARING

Returning to periodical resources, the minutes of the Oct. 17, 1972 meeting note:

Procedures for sharing periodicals were reviewed. We are committed to sending periodicals on inter-library loan except where age or condition prohibits mailing. Articles of a few pages should be photocopied without charge and mailed when requested by a member library.

Increasing use of photocopy for interlibrary loans was studied in 1976 with the following result. "It was decided that each institution, with the exception of Princeton (because of the larger volume of requests) would extend institutional courtesy to other member libraries of SEPTLA, making no charge for photocopies. They will continue to charge their own students the normal fee. They will keep a record of interlibrary photocopy requests for the period of July 1 through December 31, 1976, and the results of the survey will be reported at the Winter 1977 meeting." Further checking during subsequent years yielded the response that the level of requests was not a burden on any of the participating libraries, and the practice continues in force.

RELIGION INDEX TWO

Checking area holdings of RIT began following the February 1978 meeting and has continued with distribution of location lists by the compiler at various intervals.

SCHOLAR'S CHOICE PROJECT

SEPTLA libraries were checking all titles reviewed in *Scholar's Choice* to be certain all titles were held somewhere among the cooperating libraries. Gettysburg Lutheran then placed orders for all titles not held by any library and various seminaries purchased titles so that full coverage was achieved. (Thereafter *Scholar's Choice* changed its editorial policy, and the group agreed at the October 1980 meeting that some titles were of such little relevance to the programs of SEPTLA libraries that full coverage would no longer be attempted.) The entire project was officially terminated at the February 1982 meeting.

SEPTLA FIRST ATLA CHAPTER

Also in 1970 the group began to seek recognition as a chapter of ATLA. The effort came to fruition when at its June 1977 Board meeting the American Theological Library Association recognized SEPTLA as its first chapter.

TEAMWORK NEWSLETTER

TEAMWORK was also inaugurated in 1970. It was begun as a vehicle to provide a current clearinghouse for recent activities and acquisitions among the participating libraries. Secondly, it was the official vehicle for disseminating the minutes of SEPTLA meetings. Publication languished when the original editor David Wartluft assumed the directorate of his library and shortly thereafter endured a bout with cancer. After several efforts to revive the newsletter a new series was instituted in October 1985 under the editorial guidance of J. Thomas Minor of Reeves Library, Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

UNION LISTS OF PERIODICALS

A fourth edition of the periodicals union list (then called *Check List of Periodicals*) containing some 1700 entries (up from 800 in the previous edition) was published in 1970 under the leadership of Father John Shellem of St. Charles Seminary. In 1973 maintenance of the union list of periodicals came under the domain of Donald Matthews at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. A computer-produced edition designated as "Key Edition" was distributed in 1977 listing some 2900 titles with more than 6900 holdings reports. Interim updates were published in *TENIWORK*. A "Second Key Edition" appeared in 1981 and a "Third Key Edition" in 1986. For a new edition Robert Kepple was requested to write software for a union list module and by October 1986 fourteen institutions had sent \$100 each to cover the projected costs. Due to changes in technological developments the module was not written, but when OCLC made available a union listing capable of including holdings of non-OCLC institutions SEPTLA members determined to pursue this option. In May 1990 all members present voted unanimously to move in this direction and named Lorena Boylan of St. Charles Seminary to head the effort. [At that time seven SEPTLA libraries were full participants in OCLC with Princeton tape loading holdings also.] The \$1400 collected by Gettysburg for programming was transmitted to St. Charles to help defray profiling and other costs at the inception of the project. At the February 1990 meeting members voted to reapply \$350 from the Union List of Serials money to cover the consultant's fee for investigating a CD-ROM union catalog (in addition to the ATS grant). SEPTLA libraries were also invoiced an additional \$150.00 each for full financing to cover OCLC and PALINET costs for the union list of serials to become operational.

SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE DELIBERATIONS NOT LEADING TO AGREEMENTS

Review of AACR2, its implications for local catalogs (1980).

Review of revised accreditation standards of ATS, with a response sent to ATS by SEPTLA (1984).

Review of *Project 2000* survey and document~ (1982).

Consideration of ATLA Preservation Microfilming Program, including a survey of SEPTLA's level of participation among the various libraries (1984-85). Participation of SEPTLA as a cooperative group to purchase the entire corpus was investigated but not adopted.

Funded by a grant from the Association of Theological Schools, Presidents and Deans were invited for a day-long meeting with SEPTLA librarians to consider issues of cooperative librarianship in spring of 1988. A projected vehicle for continuing dialogue among major institutional administrators regarding library issues was not achieved. But a subsequent small ATS grant aided in defraying expenses of the CD-ROM study noted below.

Investigation of a CD-ROM union catalog among SEPTLA members was pursued by engaging a consultant Linda Bills to review options and make recommendations. She presented her recommendations to the February 1990 meeting. External funding would be necessary to achieve this goal, and to date interested foundations have not been identified.

Compiled by David J. Wartluft
February 28, 1991

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