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Apology:

Due to unforeseen reasons, the current issue is delayed. Any inconvenience caused due to this deeply regretted.

PTLA Conference



Martha Smalley at the PTLA workshop

PTLA is Philippine Theological Librarians Association (PTLA). It is a group of Librarians working in theological seminaries and Bible schools all over the Philippines.

PTLA with the Forum of Asian Theological Librarians (ForATL) in partnership with the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (FTE-SEA) organised a Seminar cum Workshop on **“Theological Library and Archives Management in a Changing Environment** held during **October 26-28, 2009** at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary (PBTs), Baguio City.

Responding to the needs of theological librarians as leaders, mentors, and managers of theological libraries and archives, PTLA invited Mrs. Martha Smalley, an archivist/research services librarian at Yale Divinity School Library, as resource person in this workshop.

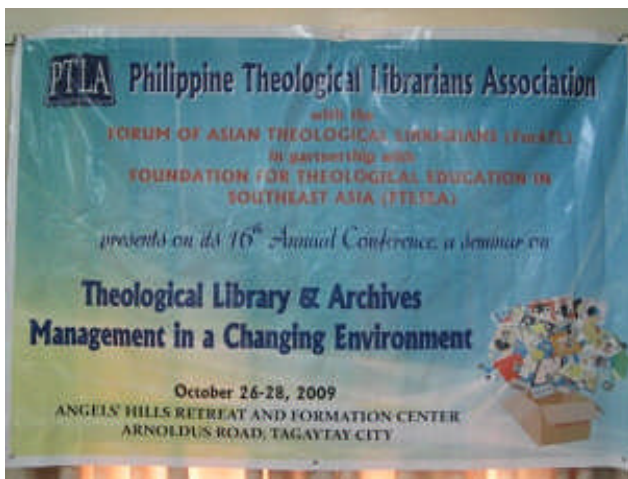
The seminar-workshop aimed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To learn how to establish and maintain an archival program
2. To learn archives organization and management.
3. To provide a venue for fellowship and sharing of experiences concerning the changes and development in theological libraries.
4. To further strengthen the networking, resource-sharing, cooperation and collaboration of theological libraries in the Philippines.

PTLA Conference ... contd

This seminar-workshop was open to all professional and non-professional library personnel working in seminaries, church libraries, and Theological/Christian schools. There were 30 librarians of the Philippine Theological Association from various places of the country attended this workshop. This year, Ms. Martha Smalley, Special Collections Librarian and Curator of the Day Mission Collection of Yale University, was the key note speaker. Given the increasing awareness in the area of archiving, the seminar focused on the theme: "Theological Library and Archive in a Changing Environment."!

Overwhelmed by greater task ahead, the question that challenged the group is the actual commitment from the leaders of the organization to develop and maintain an archival program, including financial and staff support. During this time, participants shared their experiences, goals, and plans in establishing an archive collection in their respective schools.



PTLA Conference Banner



Tour at Adventist International Asian School Library



(L-R) Working committee with the speaker, Beth Pulanco, Cris Bustamante, Martha Smalley, Raquel Cruz, Beth Tubura, Maishel Lumaban



Wow! Very attentive librarians

Congratulations to PTLA. ForATL wishes you a good luck for your future endeavours.

TAIWAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (TTLA)

TTLA objectives are:

- Interlibrary cooperation in the establishment of theological processes, regular exchange activities to promote mutual cooperation.
- To provide the outstanding theological library automation-related assistance and exchange of experiences.
- The transformation of theological colleges for religious training to provide related assistance.
- Develop resources to promote Taiwan's theology and collection.
- Strengthen cooperation with foreign theological institutions, organizations, associations of contacts and exchanges.



Members of TTLA

TTLA was organized in 2002. There are seventeen member libraries now. Mr. Winton Huang of Chinese Lutheran Theological Seminary is chairperson. There are six members serve as board of directors. The TTLA is under member of Taiwan Library Association as a special library sub-group. Theological Library Committee was established in 2008, formerly known as "Taiwan Theological Library Association," There are currently 24 members House.

List of Members in TTLA:

1. Chinese Lutheran Theological Seminary
2. Assemblies of God School of Theology
3. Central Taiwan Theological Seminary
4. Holy Light Theological Seminary
5. Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary
6. Glad Tidings Bible College
7. Logos Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan
8. Taiwan Alliance Theological College
9. Chinese Missionary Theological College
10. Tainan Theological College & Seminary
11. Taiwan Theological College & Seminary
12. Yu-Shan Theological College & Seminary

The main purpose of the association is to help one another, especially to assist those libraries that need to become automation. Interlibrary loan is another way of help one another. There are some libraries join the union indexing of thesis. The association has tried to purchase some online data bases as a group.

There is an annual meeting for all member libraries. The board meets two or three times a year.

A Memoriam



Rev. Karmito

Rev. Karmito was called to be with the Lord on Saturday, 14 August 2010. ForATL deeply mourns the loss of Rev. Karmito, who has served tirelessly. He was convener of ForATL during 1997 to 2006. Karmito had inspired many theological library professionals and was instrumental to many projects of ForATL. Our deep condolences to the family members and relatives at this juncture and be assured of our prayers. ForATL will forever remember the contribution of Karmito for his leadership and participation at various forums on behalf of ForATL.

Announcements

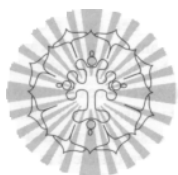
The ICC invites proposals for projects between ATLA institutions/ members and partner institutions abroad that foster international collaboration that is mutually beneficial. Projects might include, but are not limited to, improving the documentation of world Christianity or world religions (collection development, exchanges, archives, etc.), professional development, improving the tools of scholarship, and the like. The proposal deemed to have the most potential impact will be awarded up to \$2000. The recipient will be asked to write a report after the project is completed.

More information can be had from http://www.atla.com/international_collab/grantpage.html

The Publications Committee of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) awards publication grants each year to one or more recipients to aid in the development of a scholarly work that advances some aspect of theological librarianship or provides bibliographic access to a significant body of literature within theological or religious studies. The committee especially encourages proposals from persons undertaking their first major project in this area. The goal of projects proposed should be peer-reviewed publication (e.g., in the ATLA journal, *Theological Librarianship*, or in one of the book series it publishes with Scarecrow Press). ATLA reserves first right of refusal of publication for all projects receiving grants.

More information can be had from http://www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html

ForATL solicits reports and news items, photographs and useful information for future issues.



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