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# Guide to the American Theological Library Association Library Development Program Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 81

**CREATOR:** American Theological Library Association

**TITLE:** American Theological Library Association Library Development Program  
Records

**DATES:** 1960-1973

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records include correspondence, reports, and financial records related to the ATLA Library Development Program. The ATLA Library Development Program provided funds to strengthen the book collections of ninety North American theological libraries between 1961 and 1966. The program was directed by Raymond Morris, Librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library and funded by the Sealantic Fund.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.081>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Deposited by the ATLA

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

American Theological Library Association Library Development Program Records (RG 81), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Related Materials

The Library Development Program operated out of the office of Dr. Raymond P. Morris, who was Librarian of the Yale Divinity School at the time, and chairman of the LDP. A *Theological Book List* was compiled by Dr. Morris to assist participating institutions in assessing their book holdings, and a Self-Study Guide was prepared to assist in library evaluation. Additional materials of Morris's relating to this project can be found in the Raymond Philip Morris papers ([RG 80](#)).

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## Biographical / Historical

The primary objective of the Library Development Program of the American Theological Library Association was to strengthen book collections in North American theological libraries by enabling them to increase their book purchases. With the support of The Sealantic Fund, Inc., the Library Development Program provided more than \$1,300,000 in book and related funds to ninety participating institutions during the period 1961 to 1966.

Each institution participating in the Library Development Program was challenged to increase its average annual book budget by as much as \$3,000. Whatever the library spent in excess of its normal budget was matched by funds from The Sealantic Fund. Emphasis was placed on standards of quality and discrimination in book acquisition, as well as on effectiveness in library service. Each library was encouraged to engage in a critical analysis of its own services. In addition, the Library Development Program (LDP) made visitation teams available. The role of these teams was to spend a period of time at an institution and provide outside assessment of the quality of the library facilities and services. A total of sixty-nine institutions were visited by LDP teams.

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Additional information about the procedures and results of the Library Development Program is available in nineteen bulletins issued by its administrative office, contained in Box 1, Folder 1 of the collection.

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## Scope and Contents

Series I contains documents and correspondence which relate to the general operations of the Library Development Program. The bulk of the collection falls in Series II, which is arranged alphabetically by institution. The material for each institution is chronologically arranged within two formats: reports/forms and correspondence. Series III contains correspondence, reports and record books documenting the financial operations of the Library Development Program.

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## Arrangement

- I. Administrative Material
- II. Related to Individual Institutions
- III. Financial Records

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Administrative Material, 1961-1967

b. 1, f. 1	Bulletins	1961-1966
b. 1, f. 2	<i>Theological Book List</i>	
b. 1, f. 3	General Library Development Program Correspondence	1961-1965
b. 1, f. 4	Library Development Program Correspondence between Raymond Morris and Calvin Schmitt	1961-1962
b. 1, f. 5	ATLA Library Development Program sample forms	
b. 1, f. 6	ATLA Library Development Program Executive Report	1963
b. 1, f. 7	ATLA Library Development Program Final Report	1967
b. 1, f. 7A	ATLA Library Development Program - correspondence re. closing the program and assignation of remaining Sealantic grant funds	1967-1976
b. 1, f. 8	Study Documents of Participating Institutions	1961-1963
b. 1, f. 9	Comparison of library expenses before and after involvement in ATLA Library Development Program	1967

## Series II: Related to Individual Institutions, 1960–1969

b. 2, f. 1	Anderson Theological Seminary	1964 - 1967
b. 2, f. 2	Andover-Harvard Theological Library	1962 - 1966
b. 2, f. 3	Andover Newton Theological School: General Correspondence	1961 - 1966
b. 2, f. 4	Andover Newton Theological School: Visitation Correspondence and Report	1961 - 1963
b. 2, f. 5	Asbury Theological Seminary: General Correspondence	1961 - 1967
b. 2, f. 6	Asbury Theological Seminary: Reports	1962 - 1966
b. 2, f. 7	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 2, f. 8	Berkeley Baptist Divinity School	1961 - 1966
b. 2, f. 9	Berkeley Divinity School	1961 - 1966
b. 3, f. 1	Bethany Theological Seminary (formerly Bethany Biblical Seminary)	1962 - 1966
b. 3, f. 2	Bethany Theological Seminary and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary	1966 - 1967
b. 3, f. 3	Bethel Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 3, f. 4	Boston University School of Theology	1961 - 1966
b. 3, f. 5	Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University	1961 - 1966
b. 3, f. 6	California Baptist Theological Seminary	1962 - 1966
b. 3, f. 7	Calvin Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 3, f. 8	Candler School of Theology, Emory University	1961 - 1966
b. 3, f. 9	Central Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 4, f. 1	Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary	1962 - 1966
b. 4, f. 2	Chicago Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 4, f. 3	Chicago University Divinity School	1961 - 1967
b. 4, f. 4	Christian Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 4, f. 5	Church Divinity School of the Pacific	1961 - 1966
b. 4, f. 6	Colgate Rochester Divinity School	1961 - 1967
b. 4, f. 7	Colgate Rochester Divinity School	1968-1969
b. 4, f. 8	College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary): General Correspondence	1961-1966
b. 4, f. 9	College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary): Reports	1961- 1966
b. 4, f. 10	Columbia Theological Seminary	1961-1966
b. 5, f. 1	Concordia Seminary	1963 - 1966

b. 5, f. 2	Crozer Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 5, f. 3	Crozer Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary	1968 - 1969
b. 5, f. 4	Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church	1963 - 1966
b. 5, f. 5	Drake University	1961 - 1966
b. 5, f. 6	Drew Theological School	1962 - 1966
b. 5, f. 7	Dubuque Theological Seminary	1962 - 1967
b. 5, f. 8	Dubuque Theological Seminary	1968 - 1969
b. 5, f. 9	Duke University	1961 - 1967
b. 5, f. 10	Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 6, f. 1	Eden Theological Seminary	1961 - 1969
b. 6, f. 2, 3	Emmanuel College	1961 - 1967
b. 6, f. 4	Emmanuel School of Religion, Milligan College	1968 - 1969
	Emory University, see: Candler School of Theology	
b. 6, f. 5	Episcopal Theological School	1961 - 1969
b. 6, f. 6	Episcopal Theological Seminary of the South-West	1961 - 1967
b. 7, f. 1	Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 7, f. 2	Evangelical Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 7, f. 3	Fuller Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967
b. 7, f. 4, 5	Garrett Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 7, f. 6	General Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 7, f. 7	Golden Gate Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967
b. 8, f. 1	Gordon Divinity School	1963 - 1966
b. 8, f. 2, 3	Goshen College Biblical Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 4	Hamma Divinity School	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 5	Hartford Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 6	Howard University School of Religion	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 7	Illif School of Theology	1961 - 1967
b. 8, f. 8	Interdenominational Theological Center	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 9	Knox College	1961 - 1966
b. 8, f. 10	Lancaster Theological Seminary (see also: Crozer Theological Seminary)	1961 - 1966

Lexington Theological Seminary, see: College of the Bible

b. 9, f. 1	Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 9, f. 2	Luther Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967
b. 9, f. 3	Lutheran School of Theology (formerly Augustana Theological Seminary)	1961 - 1965
b. 9, f. 4	Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago	1964 - 1967
b. 9, f. 5, 6	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg	1961 - 1968
b. 9, f. 7	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia	1961 - 1967
b. 9, f. 8	Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 9, f. 9	McCormick Theological Seminary	1962 - 1967
b. 10, f. 1	McGill University, Faculty of Divinity	1960 - 1967
b. 10, f. 2	McMaster Divinity College	1961 - 1967
b. 10, f. 3	Memphis Theological Seminary	1967 - 1968
b. 10, f. 4	Mennonite Biblical Seminary	1964 - 1966
b. 10, f. 5	Methodist Church, Board of Missions	1966
b. 10, f. 6	Methodist Theological School in Ohio	1963 - 1967
b. 10, f. 7	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	1964 - 1966
	Milligan College, see: Emmanuel School of Religion	
b. 10, f. 8	Moravian Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 10, f. 9	Nashotah House	1961 - 1965
b. 10, f. 10	New Brunswick Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 11, f. 1	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 11, f. 2	New York Theological Seminary (formerly Biblical Seminary in New York)	1960 - 1966
b. 11, f. 3	North Park Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
	Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, see: Bethany Theological Seminary	
b. 11, f. 4	Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 11, f. 5	Oberlin Graduate School of Theology	1961 - 1966
b. 11, f. 6	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary	1964 - 1966
b. 11, f. 7	Pacific School of Religion	1961 - 1968
b. 11, f. 8	Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University	1961 - 1966
b. 11, f. 9	Phillips University, Graduate Seminary	1961 - 1966



b. 12, f. 1	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 12, f. 2	Princeton Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 12, f. 3	St. Paul School of Theology	1963 - 1967
b. 12, f. 4	San Francisco Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 12, f. 5	Seabury-Western Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 12, f. 6	Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1968
b. 12, f. 7	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967
b. 13, f. 1	Southern California School of Theology at Claremont	1961 - 1969
	Southern Methodist University, see: Perkins School of Theology	
b. 13, f. 2	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967
	Texas Christian University, see: Brite Divinity School	
b. 13, f. 3	Union Theological Seminary, New York	1961 - 1966
b. 13, f. 4	Union Theological Seminary, Richmond	1962 - 1966
b. 13, f. 5	United Theological Seminary University of Dubuque (see also: Dubuque Theological Seminary)	1962 - 1966
b. 13, f. 6	University of the South School of Theology	1961 - 1966
b. 13, f. 7	Vanderbilt Divinity School	1961 - 1967
b. 13, f. 8	Virginia Theological Seminary	1962 - 1966
b. 14, f. 1	Wartburg Theological Seminary	1962 - 1967
b. 14, f. 2	Wesley Theological Seminary	1961 - 1966
b. 14, f. 3	Western Theological Seminary	1961 - 1967

**Series III: Financial Records, 1961–1973**

b. 15, f. 1	Receipts and Acknowledgments for ATLA Library Development Program checks	1962 - 1967
b. 15, f. 2	Financial Record Books	1961 - 1973
b. 15, f. 3	Correspondence	1961 - 1973

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Collection development (Libraries) -- United States  
Librarians  
Libraries -- Special collections -- Religion  
Library science -- Societies, etc.  
Theological libraries -- United States

### **Names**

Morris, Raymond P.

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Theological Library Association  
Sealantic Fund, Inc