MISSIONS
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*R.R.016.27/I61. International Christian Literature Documentation Project. 2v. Evanston, IL: ATLA, 1993. Indexes "printed materials (wherever published) that document Christian life and mission in the non-Western world." Indexes 18,635 monographs and pamphlets and 6,774 essays in 1,843 multi-author works. Vol. 1 is subject index and vol. 2 is author-editor and corporate name index. Indicates at least one holding library (of the nine participating libraries) for each entry in the author-editor volumes.

R.R.016.266/M678d. Missionary Research Library. Dictionary Catalog. 17v. New York: G. K. Hall, 1968. A photographic reproduction of the card catalog of one of the major Protestant mission libraries housed at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Not only contains author and subject entries for books in collection, but for each periodical article from the journals held by the library. See vol. 17 for list of journal holdings.


*R.R.266.001/D554. Müller, Karl and others. Dictionary of Mission: Theology, History, Perspectives. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1997. A translation, update, and expansion of a German work published in 1987. Some of the original articles were augmented and/or rewritten and a few new articles were added. Contains 110 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 98 contributors on basic concepts of mission theology. Nine of the articles are on theologies of countries, e.g., African theology, Chinese theology, etc. Contains cross-references.

*R.R.266.003/D554. Corrie, John, ed. Dictionary of Mission Theology: Evangelical Foundations. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2007. Contains 166 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 139 contributors, 60% of whom are Majority World thinkers. Focused on mission theology this volume “aims to highlight and explore the missiological implications of a wide range of Christian doctrines and theologies” and “to explore the theological
dimensions of mission engagement in as many of its aspects as possible.” Articles represent a “contextual view of mission” and “attempt to chart the contours of an evangelical missiology which both has its roots in cherished and recognized evangelical categories and also seeks to move evangelical mission thinking on beyond those categories.” Includes author and subject indexes.

Contains 147 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 116 contributors. Gauged for the non-specialist the focus is “on central themes in the missionary enterprise” with contributions from missiology, history, and anthropology. Some articles “are supplemented by sidebars featuring images and texts that illumine, complement, or otherwise augment the essays.” Includes cross references and an index.

Contains more than 1,400 signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 330 “missionaries, theologians, and educators from a variety of cultural, denominational, and ethnic backgrounds.” Articles cover the theory, practice, theology, and history of missions from an Evangelical perspective. Includes 483 biographical articles. Written on a popular level to ensure access to the non-technical reader. Contains extensive cross references, a six-part master outline of the dictionary, and an index.

Contains 2,400 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 350 authors on those individuals that “made a significant contribution to the advancement of Christian missions.” Has appendices with lists of biographees by time period, by region of service, by major agencies, orders & religious traditions, and by type of work. Also contains lists of women missionaries, martyrs, and non-Western persons. Includes index.

“An electronic database containing the essential biographical facts of African Christian leaders, evangelists, and lay workers chiefly responsible for laying the foundations and advancing the growth of Christian communities in Africa.” “Covers the whole field of African Christianity from earliest times to the present and over the entire continent.”

*Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Christianity.*
“An international undertaking aimed at producing an electronic database containing the essential biographical facts of Chinese and foreign Christian missionaries, church leaders, evangelists, and laity chiefly responsible for laying the foundations and advancing the growth of Chinese Christian communities and their influence in societies around the world. Although the database is widely inclusive of time periods and faith traditions, the distinctive focus of the project will be on the lesser-known Chinese Christians of the modern era.” Administered by the Global China Center, Charlottesville, VA.

Signed articles with bibliographies, by over 200 contributors cover all areas of mission work from 1492 to the year of publication. Includes frequent cross references. Contains many biographical articles.

Contains 1260 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 408 contributors (almost exclusively Asian) on subjects that help describe Asian Christianity. Covers the area to the east of the Roman Empire until the Arab conquest of the 7th century and after that the area from Pakistan to the east. Includes many survey articles on Christianity and religious groups by country, as well as articles on organizations, movements,
and people. An asterisk following a term in an article signifies an article on that subject in the dictionary.

Contains over 1,100 signed articles (with brief bibliographies) by 461 contributors on the “various facets of Christianity and its varied traditions throughout the South Asian region.” Intends to record “the historical presence and cultural contributions of Christianity throughout South Asia.” The topics include events, institutions, places, theological issues & concepts, churches, denominations, texts & treatises, historical developments, contemporary themes, ground-level saints, local pioneers & martyrs of the Faith, Christianity & nation-building, distinctive South Asian expressions of Faith, and models of ecclesiology. An essay on each country “seeks to give an overview of the history and particularly Christian component of that country.” This work is “intended for both non-technical readers in South Asia as well as for the general public worldwide.” Includes cross-references. An index and “Bibliography on Christianity in South Asia” is included at the end of each volume.

A prayer resource for people who want accurate and up-to-date information on “peoples, languages, religions, denominations, spiritual trends and prayer needs” of the world. Contains an alphabetical list of the countries of the world with brief information on their geography, peoples, economy, politics, religion, answers to prayer, and challenges for prayer. There are summary tables and maps on population, population of the world’s major religions, world evangelical population, evangelical growth, and unreached peoples in the back. The “statistical base date is June 2010.”

Purpose is “to provide the reader with ready access to vital and current information about Protestant mission agencies based in the U.S. and Canada that are engaged in overseas ministries.” Main section is alphabetical listing of the agencies containing addresses, email addresses, Web sites, phone numbers, brief statement of focus, number of personnel, and countries of activity. Includes extensive indexes by church tradition, by ministry activity, and countries of activity. Each edition also includes background essays and analyses. A new edition is published every 3 years.

The scope of the book “is meant to be wide-ranging and inclusive of representative bodies from all varieties of Christian faith groups” from around the world. Treats over 1,000 denominations and sects. Some groups are listed that no longer exist including “many sects and groups from the earliest time of Christian history.” The “entries usually give some historical background material and a brief summary of a denomination’s theological standpoint.” Membership data is included for some groups.

The subtitle is “A Comparative Study of Churches and Religions in the Modern World.” Vol. 1 contains a survey of Christianity and religions in 238 countries (2 to 3 pages for each) arranged alphabetically by country. Gives secular data (type of government, demography, ethnolinguistic groups, etc.), table of religious adherents for each country in 2000, and table of adherents for organized churches and denominations in each country in 2000. Vol. 2 contains profiles of the 270 largest of the 10,000 distinct religions worldwide with over 500,000 adherents in 2000; profiles of 12,600 peoples; profiles of 13,500 languages; profiles of 7,000 cities; 3,030 profiles of the major civil divisions in the world’s 238 countries; survey directory of Christianity in the global context; a 12-page (3 columns each page) world bibliography of Christianity and religions; and a topical directory of Christianity, religions, and worldwide ministries. Since 1985 David Barrett has published an “Annual Statistical Table on Global Missions” in the January issue of the International Bulletin of Mission Research (formerly International Bulletin of Missionary Research) to update statistics in the encyclopedia. The data in these volumes and
World Christian Trends, AD 30-AD 2200 has been updated and integrated into the World Christian Database (http://www.worldchristiandatabase.org/wcd), which is accessible with a paid subscription.

"New information from thousands of sources is reviewed" weekly for inclusion in the database.


“Builds on the World Christian Encyclopedia’s country data to produce over all global analysis, description, interpretation, and evaluation on a wide range of topics.” Filled with graphs, tables, diagrams, and lists that deal with such areas as growth of major religions, world evangelization, Christian martyrs, religious adherents, language statistics, races & ethnic groups, distribution of Scripture, expenditures for missions, and unreached peoples.


The statistical data was compiled in 1993. The tables reflect data ranging from 1960 to 1990 and projected to the year 2010 in 5-year increments. The main section is arranged alphabetically by country and gives membership and number of congregations for each denomination. Other tables give the membership for 10 denominational groupings throughout the world and for 6 continents. Data is given separately for non-Trinitarian churches (Jehovah’s Witnesses & Mormons). Contains an index listing all the denominations of the world and the countries in which they are found.


Contains colored graphs and maps of church membership statistics around the world. Tables reflect data from 1960 to 2000 and projected to the year 2010 in 10-year increments. Data is taken from the World Churches Handbook. The main section is arranged alphabetically by country under the following areas: Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania & Australia and presents in colored graphs church membership for the following four broad groups: Roman Catholic, Protestant Non-institutional, Protestant Institutional, and Orthodox. Also includes colored maps indicating the percentage of world population for the following ten groups: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Indigenous, Lutheran, Methodist, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, and Other. There are also colored maps and graphs on statistics concerning missionary activity, non-Christian religions, and social data (e.g., life expectancy, literacy, etc.).


Aims to “present a comprehensive analysis of Christianity in the modern world” through essays and colored maps, tables, charts, and graphs. Examines every Christian denomination under the rubric of 6 major Christian traditions: Anglican, Independent (Christians who choose to disassociate from any other tradition), Marginal (Christians with different, sometimes unorthodox, views on specific Christian doctrines [e.g., Unitarians, Swedenborgians, Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses]), Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic. Arranged in 5 parts. Part I surveys “the world in terms of religious affiliation.” Part II concentrates on the changes which have taken place in membership of the major Christian traditions in the last 100 years. Part III (the core of the Atlas) indicates membership of Christian traditions by continent and region with essays, maps & other graphics. Part IV provides statistics on Christianity and non-Christian religions by peoples & languages and by cities. Part V “examines trends in the sending and receiving of missionaries, on a continent-by-continent basis,” great commission Christians, Christian finance, Bible translation & distribution, print & audiovisual media, and evangelization. A comprehensive essay accompanies the data for each key topic. “The essays identify significant events, indicate important trends, mention important figures, trace developments in spirituality and liturgy, assess social and political influence, explore interaction with culture, art and music, account for the growth and/or contraction of Christianity, and characterize the main Christian movements.” All Christian figures are documented in the World Christian Database (published as a database by Brill); those for non-Christian religions are documented in the World Religion Database (published as a database by Brill).
The Atlas follows the United Nations classification system, which is reproduced on the inside back cover. An interactive CD with presentation software accompanies the Atlas and enables use and manipulation of the data in a group environment. It contains the maps, tables, charts, and graphs, but not the text or analytical essays.


R.R.305.8/E56. Levinson, David, ed. *The Encyclopedia of World Cultures*. 10v. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1991-96. Each volume contains an index with cumulated ethnic name indexes, bibliographies, list of cultures, filmographies & maps. Contains summaries of more than 1500 cultures by nearly 1,000 contributors. Each volume contains an introductory essay, the cultural summaries, maps pinpointing the location of the cultures, a filmography, an ethnonym index of alternate names for cultures, and a glossary of scientific & technical terms. Includes demographic, historical, cultural, linguistic, economic, social, and political information on the culture. Vol. 10 is a cumulative index with a list of cultures by country, ethnonym index, and subject index. Available on CD-ROM. In 2002 a supplement was published containing 100 new or updated articles on the following cultures: those not included in the original set, those which have been strongly affected by recent political events, and those important ones with only short entries in the original set.

R.R.306/E564. Levinson, David, and Melvin Ember. *Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology*. 4v. New York: Henry Holt, 1996. Contains 340 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 310 scholars on the following areas: major sub-fields, frameworks & major concepts, methods of data collection & analysis, specific topics that are the subject of anthropological study, specific theories of human culture and behavior, cultural regions and sub-regions, major recent controversies in cultural anthropology, aspects of the profession, and topics from linguistics, biological anthropology & archaeology of special relevance to cultural anthropology. Vol. 4 contains a list of anthropological periodicals with publication information and an index.

R.R.305.8/N278. Danver, Steven, ed. *Native Peoples of the World: An Encyclopedia of Groups, Cultures, and Contemporary Issues*. 3v. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 2013. Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 169 scholars on the indigenous peoples of six regions of the world: Africa, Central & South America, East Asia & Oceania, Europe, North America, and South Asia & Middle East. The set is divided into 3 parts. Part I profiles approximately 400 native groups arranged alphabetically under the 6 regions; the entries introduce the groups’ cultures, histories, and current status. Part II contains articles on native groups in 77 countries “detailing the groups that live within those nations, the history of those peoples’ interactions with the nations, and current national policies dealing with them.” Part III includes entries on almost 50 issues that affect native groups worldwide. Vol. 3 contains the texts of international documents dealing with indigenous groups, a bibliography (including 27 websites), and an index. Accessible online through EBSCOhost.

R.R.270.82/M678. *World Christianity* series. Monrovia, CA: Missions Advanced Research & Communication Center, 1979-1991. Regional volumes which give a profile of Christianity in each country. Usually contain information about the following: general profile of the country, historical background, socioeconomic conditions, status of Christianity, unreached peoples, national churches, foreign missionaries, Christian activities, and any special needs. Volumes were published on the Middle East, Eastern Asia, South Asia, Central America & the Caribbean, Oceania, Eastern Europe, Southern Africa, and South Central Africa.
Lists of tables of contents of the major theological journals which are concerned with contextualising theology in the Third World. Was published semiannually with indices of authors and keywords.

"A compact, balanced and objective description of the dominant political, economic and social systems of 126 countries of the world." Information is arranged under the following 36 categories: basic fact sheet, location & area, weather, population, ethnic composition, languages, religions, colonial experience, constitution & government, freedom & human rights, civil service, local government, foreign policy, parliament, political parties, economy, budget, finance, agriculture, industry, energy, labor, foreign commerce, transportation & communications, mining, defense, education, legal system, law enforcement, health, food, media & culture, social welfare, glossary, chronology, and bibliography.

Contains addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, web sites, degrees offered, courses offered in the areas of missions and evangelism, and lists of faculty teaching in these areas. Also has separate list of professors of missions and evangelism and their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and their professional specialties.

Articles by and biographical sketches about missionaries of the churches of Christ.

Contains short sketches of the 84 missionaries of the Churches of Christ appearing on a picture produced by Don Carlos Janes in 1933.

A directory of congregations of churches of Christ containing addresses, meeting times, ministers and/or local missionaries, USA contact persons and/or congregations, number of members, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Contains a list of evangelists, missionaries & preachers and their location and addresses and information on support ministries.
Bound copies of reports from missionaries associated with the Churches of Christ are indicated by the symbol M in the card catalog and are shelved in the archives room with the unbound reports which are arranged by country in vertical files. Bound mission reports have subject entries in the card catalog (e.g., Missions - Brazil, Churches of Christ – Brazil).

MISSION DATABASES

*“Researching World Christianity: Doctoral Dissertations on Mission since 1894.”* (http://www.omscibmr.org/dissertations/).

*Mundus Gateway to Missionary Collections in the UK.* [http://www.mundus.ac.uk](http://www.mundus.ac.uk)
A database containing “summary descriptions of more than 400 collections held in over 50 institutions in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.” These materials comprise “the archives of British missionary societies, collections of personal papers, printed matter, photographs, other visual materials and artifacts.” It contains descriptions of each collection with a summary of contents and a facility for freetext searches. Also provides “links to useful web sites in the British Isles, Continental Europe and the wider world.”

*Sources for Research: Missions and World Christianity.* [http://guides.library.yale.edu/missions_resources](http://guides.library.yale.edu/missions_resources)
A specialized Web directory maintained by Yale University Divinity School Library with links to missions websites & online reference resources and major mission and world Christianity archives and repositories.

*The Missiology Homepage.* [http://www.missiology.org](http://www.missiology.org)
Developed and maintained by Gailyn Van Rheenen, professor of missions at Abilene Christian University. Contains a missions dictionary and index of mission bibliographies. Archived on the site are his *Monthly Missiologiical Reflections*, which he began writing in January 2000 and upon request are e-mailed to subscribers.

A website maintained by Bob Waldron soliciting histories of the mission work of the churches of Christ. Entries are sub-arranged by country under 6 regions.

*Joshua Project* [http://www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)
A list of the world’s ethnic people groups including a list of all unreached/least-reached ethnic people groups. Contains statistical profiles and other information on the groups and resources & links for those wishing to reach these people. A ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

“A collaborative commitment to deliver high-quality, relevant, international mission-related information collections.” “The primary purpose . . . is to serve the mission information needs of evangelical Christian leaders by compiling, linking to, and giving access to high quality missions research resources;
integrating and displaying mission data from multiple sources and dates; providing an online platform for mission researchers around the world to distribute their own material; and facilitating online geographic mapping of missions data.” A ministry of Global Mapping International.

World Missions Atlas Project  [http://www.worldmap.org](http://www.worldmap.org)
An attempt to establish an accurate base map of the world on which “will be built a depiction of all the inhabited cities, towns, and villages of the world; collate the most accurate data available for displaying the locations of all known evangelical churches in their habitat locations throughout the world; and integrate correlating data that yields strategic implications.”

MISSION JOURNALS

*Evangelical Missions Quarterly*. 1964-July 2016. Published by Evangelism and Missions Information Service (EMIS) the publishing division of the Billy Graham Center. Launched to represent "the best in evangelical missionary thinking." Includes book reviews. Indexed in the ATLA Religion Database from 1983 on. Full-text of all articles available at https://www.emqonline.com/article/emq_archive. After July 2016 will be available (with subscription) only online. HST library has a complete print run (PER/266/E92).

*International Bulletin of Mission Research*. 1977-

*International Review of Mission*. 1912-

*Missiology*. 1973-
Published quarterly by the American Society of Missiology. Contains articles on history, theology, anthropology, communication theory, religious encounter, ecumenics, and methodology. Each issue contains a section on "Books and Media Resources Received on Missiology," which is an annotated and classified list of new materials published on missions. Includes book reviews. Full-text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1973 on (excludes last 12 months). HST library has a complete print run (PER/266/M677m).