The Future of Libraries in Theological Education: A Conversation with Chief Academic Officers, Information Technology Officers, and Library Directors

ATLA and The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) are planning to convene a conversation of academic leaders, information technology officers, and librarians to be held as a one-day preconference event on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, ahead of the 2014 ATS/ COA Biennial Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This conversation will be a first step toward understanding the roles of libraries and librarians in theological education as perceived by diverse constituents. Participants will share their



perceptions and create a shared vision for the future theological library—including its contribution to curriculum and to scholarly research—in the changing world of theological education. The results of the conversation will be reported out to a broader audience in a workshop during the ATS/COA Biennial Meeting as well as through official ATLA publication channels.

The conversation will seek to engage as many as ten participating institutions, each contributing a team of three administration members—a library director, an information technology officer, and a chief academic officer. Based on the success of this initial conversation, ATLA and ATS may convene future conversations.

ATLA will cover travel expenses for librarians and other participants who would not otherwise be planning to attend the ATS/COA Biennial Meeting in Pittsburgh.

The application form is now available. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2014.

