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With renewed anticipation, we are delighted to present the third volume of the BETH Bulletin. This growing open-access publication continues to embody our shared vision of strengthening theological libraries across Europe and beyond through communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Since the launch of our first two editions, the Bulletin has become a meaningful space for reflection, connection, and inspiration. We are especially encouraged by the global reach and engagement the BETH Bulletin has received. The three most-read articles from previous editions have together reached over 1,500 views and downloads. This is clear evidence of the value and resonance of the work shared by our members.

At the heart of this publication is BETH's unwavering commitment to open access. By freely sharing our knowledge, experiences, and skills, we aim to foster a more inclusive and globally connected culture of library scholarship to encourage collaboration, innovation, and mutual support among theological librarians.

In this volume, we continue to celebrate the remarkable dedication of our members. You will find updates from a national association, stories of resilience in a changing climate, pioneering digital projects, and fresh perspectives on the evolving role of theological libraries. We are especially pleased to include the reflection from an early-career professional, as well as the introduction of new editors. The creative spirit is alive once more, with artistic contributions that remind us of the humanity and beauty that libraries so often nurture.

As always, we remain deeply grateful to all who contributed to this edition. Your voices and visions shape not only the Bulletin but the very character of our BETH network. We hope this edition informs, encourages, and inspires you in your work. Together, let us keep learning, building bridges, and bearing witness to the power of libraries to illuminate lives.

With warmest regards,

Hannie and Jussi