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Editors

This year's bulletin feels especially meaningful for a number of reasons.

Above all, the tribute messages in memory of Melody Mazuk were deeply moving. Her sudden passing has brought great sadness to our community, and the heartfelt reflections from colleagues are a reminder of the lasting impact she had on so many lives and libraries. This issue also marks Henrik's departure from his role as BETH Secretary, and we thank him for his dedicated service to BETH over the years.

In the midst of this sorrow, it was encouraging to read Roman's update on how his library continues its work despite the recent attack on a residential area in Ukraine. It is a powerful testimony to the resilience and commitment of our colleagues.

The two reflections on last year's BETH Conference and this year's 70th Anniversary ABTAPL Conference are engaging, offering insightful perspectives and memorable event highlights.

This issue is also rich with new ideas and emerging developments in theological librarianship, including the growing role of AI in digitisation and research data management by Henrik, alongside thoughtful discussions on ecotheology and sustainability by Seoyoung, and on freedom of information and data protection by Christian.

One contribution that particularly resonates is Guichun's reflection on librarianship as a partnership in God's Kingdom, reminding us that our work extends far beyond collections and services. We participate in a much larger mission that serves the Church and society.

There are many other highlights throughout this volume. Thanks to the dedicated work of Stefano, BETH's archival documents have now been carefully organised, preserving an important part of our shared history. Mareike introduces her library's innovative Green Open Access initiative, while Jaime provides a fascinating introduction to the Bilbao Diocesan Library and its collections.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our contributors, editors, and everyone who has supported the production of this bulletin. We hope you will enjoy reading this year's bulletin as much as we have enjoyed bringing it together.

Hannie, Esther, and Jussi