REPORTS ON POST CONFERENCE PROJECT MEETINGS

Biblical Studies and Mission (BISAM)

The post conference workshop focused on the gospel of Mark and sought to analyze it in terms of the impact of the church's mission on the formation of the NT and of the inherent dialectic between the Bible and our contemporary theology of mission. The discussion went through issues of method, the place of Mark as a "mission book" and specific elements of Mark's mission theology.

Also discussed in the workshop was the future of BISAM. It was agreed that BISAM should remain a permanent workshop. It would create a forum for sharing experience and resources in terms of various approaches to interpreting the Bible. Members were committed to forming a core group of the workshop. However, the need was felt to publish in Mission Studies a clarification of the goal and function of the project for the benefit of those who were not familiar with it.

Justin Ukpong

Documentation, Archives and Bibliography (DAB)

Monday Afternoon 3:00 Session

Workshop participants briefly introduced themselves and their interests/concerns as follows:

K. Goh - concern about documenting the history of mission in Malaysia because an anti-Christian rewriting of national history is going on
L. Lagerwerf - IIMO, Leiden, interested in computers and the DAB thesaurus; editor of Exchange
C. Smith - formerly involved with the IRM index; now representing the interests of Pew Trusts
K. Bediako - the agenda of the Akrofi-Christaller Center in Ghana is documentation, research, and continuing education
J. Thompson - INTERACT connection; historical interests including photos, some interest in computers
S. Hedenskog - Swedish historian, documentation for missionary societies and coordinator of archival project in Nordic cultures
J. Lounela - Finnish; research on Finns in development in Kenya, used government archives a lot
E. Lapointe - needs documentation for teaching in Canada and also in archives in Lesotho
K. Koschorke - Asian Christian history
J. Bollier - formerly Yale librarian, now ATLA Director of Development
M. Conway - representing IAMS Executive
J. Patmury - UTC Bangalore library and archives; interested in computerization
A. Davidson - 19th century mission history in Asia and Melanesia; building resources on New Zealand history
J. Garrett - Pacific Theological College in Fiji; writing on Pacific church history; collecting on Pacific islanders who have worked as missionaries; interested in computerization
C. Engler - Maryknoll; consultant on computer use by mission societies, including Chinese/English computer programs
J. Kroeger - Maryknoll; theologian of mission; wants to be informed on computers as an executive council member
G. Kings - library and archives for Bishop Gitari in Kenya, including tapes (transcribed and translated) of the testimonies of Kenyan converts; now at Cambridge and unearthing many treasures in cupboards there
N. Thomas - United Theological Seminary; book adviser for Missiology and working on an annotated list of 10,000 mission books; interest in DAB
J. Levesque - building CEDIM since 1980 (see explanation below)
E. Bernard - missiological and documentation work with CEDIM
J. Woods - former librarian for CMS in London; interested in thesaurus
B. Sharpe - read church history and mission history and has worked in British libraries
J. Murray - history of women in mission in Africa (bibliography interests)

After the welcome and introductions of the participants listed above, DAB chairman, John Roxborogh, briefly explained the proposed structure for leadership of the DAB work until the next IAMS conference. The five member executive committee as follows was moved by Eugene Lapointe, seconded by Joseph Patmury and approved by voice vote:

Chairman: John Roxborogh
Secretary: Stan Nussbaum
               Edith Bernard
               Kwame Bediako
               Andrew Kirk/Martin Conway