



OADTL Newsletter - June 2019

Dear Site Members,

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the Open Access Digital Theological Library!

We are very glad to hear that many of you are finding OADTL a helpful resource. Rev. Dr. HiRho Park of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church tells us:

"We believe that OADTL is the best online theological library that UMC lay and clergy can use for their theological education."

*HiRho Park, D. Min., Ph. D.
Executive Director of Clergy Lifelong Learning
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Since our site launch almost a year ago, OADTL has had **15,852** unique users from **132** different countries around the world.

We are adding new titles to the site on a daily basis, and we are proud to announce that we currently provide access to

- 194,191 e-books
- 9,829,602 articles
- 5,014 journals

Earlier this year, OCLC (the U.S.-based nonprofit that produces WorldCat) interviewed our director, Dr. Tom Phillips, for an article showcasing OADTL. The article introduces our project to a broad audience and emphasizes the importance of OCLC's WorldShare Management Services and WorldCat Discovery tools in making OADTL work smoothly. You can read the brief article, [Make open content discoverable to share with the world](#), on the OCLC website.

Ways to Help

1. We would like to extend an invitation to all libraries with locally produced open access resources in religion (theses, dissertations, articles, or books) to include these items in OADTL. Whether you already have an institutional repository, are thinking about creating one, or are unsure about how best to share your resources, OADTL can make your institution's academic output discoverable and accessible worldwide. It is free of charge to you, and it helps us expand and strengthen the OADTL collection. Please [contact us](#) if you would like more information.



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2. If you are able to contribute financially, please consider our campaign on Global-Giving, a crowdfunding site for nonprofits. Our month-long campaign [Fund Books for Global Theological Education](#) is now in progress.

3. Please continue to use OADTL and encourage others to use it!
If you have questions or comments, please contact us by email at info@oadtl.org or by using the contact form on the site.

Thank you for helping us make high-quality resources in religious studies freely available worldwide.

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