

Purpose

The purpose of PNAACL is to assist in the establishment and operation of church libraries in the Pacific Northwest. Workshops, Conferences, and chapter meetings are held for promotion and enhancement of church libraries and training library personnel.

PNAACL strives to bring people together who are interested in church libraries in the hopes of making each church library a vital part of the total church program.

Beginnings

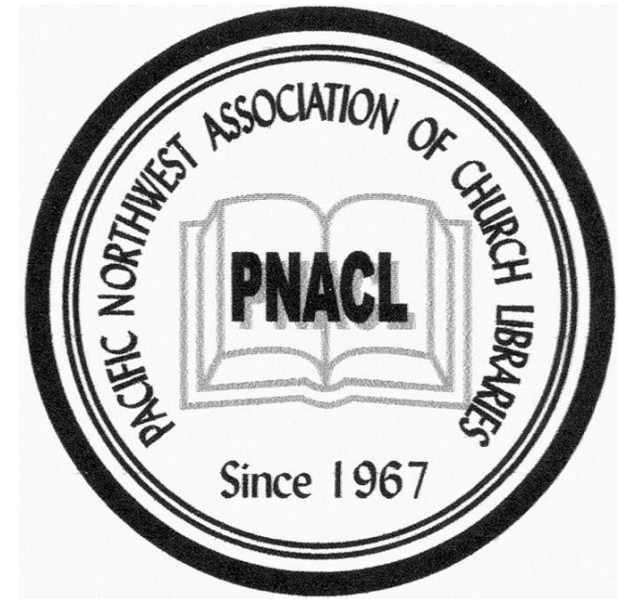
In the spring of 1961, as the result of a proposal made by Betty Groff Hollibaugh of Richland, WA, the first two-day workshop was held on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA.

Following the second annual workshop, Seattle area librarians extended the program to include annual seminars and the more frequent informal round tables.

On June 8, 1967, at the seventh annual workshop held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, the Association adopted a Constitution and Bylaws.

In 1970, clinics were added. Rannie Hanger worked with the interested people of Vancouver, B.C. and Richland, WA to develop the same program regionally. Later, Connie Soth of Beaverton, OR introduced programs in the Portland area; Jackie Pitzell in the Tacoma, WA area; Mrs. Robert Grosklaus in the Vancouver, WA area.

In 1972, the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Washington.



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PNACL is made up of individual chapters located in major population areas. Members affiliate with a chapter or are “members at large” if not living in or near one of the chapter areas.

Chapter meetings are held to conduct chapter business, share library “trials and triumphs” and fellowship. Meetings may include mini workshops, panel discussions, speakers, author visits or field trips.

PNACL holds an annual conference hosted by the various chapters in turn.

The administration of the Association is through the Board of Directors. Each chapter elects one or more representatives to the Board. Association officers are chosen from this Board.

Membership and Privileges

PNACL membership is open to:

- * volunteer and professional librarians
- * library committee members
- * rabbis
- * ministers
- * priests
- * directors of education
- * church school leaders
- * churches
- * synagogues
- * and any others interested in church libraries

Membership includes:

- * Subscription to *The Lamplighter*
- * Voting privilege in all elections
- * Opportunity to hold office and/or serve on a committee
- * Discount for annual conference and workshops

Membership dues are renewed annually on July 1. They include Association dues plus the local chapter dues.

Chapters of PNACL

Chapters are located in the following areas:

Capital City – Salem, OR

Metro-Portland – Portland, OR

Mid-Willamette Valley –

Corvallis/Albany, OR

N Puget Sound – Northwest WA

Seattle – Seattle, WA

S Puget Sound – Olympia/Tacoma, WA

Treasure Valley – Idaho

New chapters may be formed when there is sufficient membership in an area.