

# What's What in the Reference Collection

# Church History

## Introduction

This guide is intended to aid those seeking to learn more about church history. It is a listing of many of the reference works that are available for finding information regarding the people, places, events, and movements that have influenced the church throughout the ages.

All works included in this guide are part of the reference collection of the Library at Covenant Theological Seminary. Covenant's call numbers appear to the left of each work.

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## BL – Religions

### Dictionary of American Religious Biography

- REF Henry Warner Bowden. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1977.  
BL *Brief articles on 425 individuals "from all denominations who played a*  
72 *significant role in our nation's past." It emphasizes the wide pluralism of*  
.B68 *American religion and includes bibliographies of material by and about each*  
*individual.*

### Encyclopedia of American Religious History

- REF Edward L. Queen, II, Stephen R. Prothero, and Gardiner H. Shattuck, Jr. 2 vols.  
BL New York: Facts on File, Inc., 1996.  
2525 *Provides more than 700 articles on important people, religious denominations,*  
.Q44 *organizations, sects, significant events and themes, key issues, and movements in*  
1996 *American religious history. Special emphasis is placed on the historical*  
*contributions of African Americans, Native Americans, and women.*

## BR – Christianity

### ➤ BR 60–67 Early Christian Literature

### Ante-Nicene Fathers

- REF Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson, editors. 10 vols. Buffalo, NY: Christian  
BR Literature Publication Co., 1885-97.  
60 *English translations of the writings of the Apostolic Fathers prior to AD 325.*  
.A5 *Volume nine is a bibliographical synopsis (listing of the editions, translations, and*  
*literature on all the works included) and a general index to the set.*

### Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church

- REF Philip Schaff and Henry Wace, editors. 14 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1952-  
BR 63.  
60 *Includes English translations of the most important works of Greek Fathers from*  
.S4 *Eusebius to Photius, and of the Latin Fathers from Ambrose to Gregory the*  
*Great. It lacks a general index, but has subject and scripture indexes in each*  
*volume.*

## Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs

- REF David Bercot, editor. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1998.  
BR *A compilation of excerpts from the ante-Nicene church fathers on more than 700  
66.5 moral, theological, and historical topics. It offers brief definitions of unfamiliar  
.D53 terms and concepts as well as short biographies of the ante-Nicene church fathers.  
1998 Its inclusion of the relevant biblical texts to the topics allows it to serve as a  
topical concordance to the Scriptures as well as a topical index to the writings of  
the ante-Nicene fathers.*

## Dictionary of the Apostolic Church

- REF James Hastings, editor. 2 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1916.  
BR *Covers the history of the Christian church from the ascension of Christ to the end  
66.5 of the first century. As one scholar remarks regarding Hastings' work, "older  
.H4 works of this quality are not to be ignored."<sup>1</sup>*

## BR – Christianity

### ➤ BR 95 General Reference Works on Christianity

## Concise Dictionary of the Christian Tradition

- REF J. D. Douglas, Walter A. Elwell, and Peter Toon. Grand Rapids, MI: Regency  
BR Reference Library, 1989.  
95 *A one-volume reference work of doctrine, liturgy, and history. It contains nearly  
.D67 3500 terms and names from the history, teachings, and liturgy of the church. The  
1989 entries are brief definitions and descriptions for quick reference.*

## New International Dictionary of the Christian Church

- REF J. D. Douglas, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1974.  
BR *This work is modeled after the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church,  
95 some material not found in the Oxford (it includes more material on recent  
.D68 church history as well as American and world-wide church history); nevertheless,  
the NIDCC is less comprehensive than the Oxford. It is perhaps the best one-  
volume reference work for general use in this area.*

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<sup>1</sup> Danker, Frederick W. *Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993), 150.

## **Evangelical Dictionary of Theology**

- REF Walter A. Elwell, editor. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2001  
BR *A one-volume reference work that covers historical theology (including important events and people in church history) as well as systematic and philosophical theology and theological ethics.*  
95  
.E87  
2001

## **Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological & Ecclesiastical Literature**

- REF John McClintock and James Strong. 12 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1981.  
BR *Combines breadth of scope with the detail of a specialized encyclopedia. An excellent work originally published in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century that is still worth exploring. The Cyclopedia covers the Bible (books, manuscripts, themes, issues, etc.), biblical and ecclesiastical geography, biography, theology (doctrines and issues), and ecclesiology.*  
95  
.M35  
1981

## **New Dictionary of Theology**

- REF Sinclair Ferguson and David F. Wright, editors. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1988.  
BR *A one-volume reference that covers historical as well as systematic theology. The articles treat theological themes, thinkers, and movements throughout the history of the church. Students of the Reformed tradition are well served by this work.*  
95  
.N38  
1988

## **New Catholic Encyclopedia**

- REF 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 15 vols. New York: Thomson-Gale, 2003.  
BR *This encyclopedia's breadth of scope makes it an excellent Christian encyclopedia, despite its name. It covers many subjects in addition to all aspects of the Catholic Church. Volume 15 is a 600-page index that is necessary for finding specific topics and also includes the list of abbreviations used in the work. Unfortunately, though just updated with the addition of a number of new articles, many of the articles are unchanged from the previous (1967) edition.*  
95  
.N44  
2003

## **Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church**

- REF F. L. Cross. 3rd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.  
BR *This is the standard one-volume reference work for church history. It contains articles covering a broad range of areas (biographical information, definitions of ecclesiastical terms and customs, as well as places, events, movements, and areas of thought). It is especially useful for patristic, medieval, English, and Anglican topics.*  
95  
.O8  
1997

## **New Schaff—Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge**

- REF Samuel Macauley Jackson, editor. 15 vols. Grand Rapids, Baker, 1977.  
BR *A revision and translation of a late nineteenth-century German work, it is strong  
95 on historical, biographical, ecclesiastical, and theological topics and weakest on  
.S23 Bible. It includes some information on non-Christian religions as well.*  
1977

## **Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects, and Doctrines**

- REF William Smith and Henry Wace, editors. 4 vols. New York: AMS Press, 1984.  
BR *Originally published in the late 19<sup>th</sup>-century, this work covers to about AD 800  
95 and seeks "to supply an adequate account, based upon original authorities, of all  
.S65 persons connected with the history of the church within the period treated  
1984 concerning whom anything is known, of the literature connected with them, and  
the controversies respecting doctrine or discipline in which they were engaged."  
Though old, it is often the only source for information on minor figures.*

## **Westminster Dictionary of Church History**

- REF Jerald C. Brauer, editor. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1971.  
BR *Offers brief articles "concerning the major men, events, facts, and movements in  
95 the history of Christianity" (book jacket). It emphasizes modern church history  
.W496 and the American scene.*

## **B R – C h r i s t i a n i t y**

### **➤ BR 140–1500 Christian History**

## **Chronological & Background Charts of Church History**

- REF Robert C. Walton. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1986.  
BR *The 84 charts provide a summary of key persons, events, dates, and ideas  
146 throughout church history – from ancient to modern European and American.*  
.W33  
1986

## **This Day in Religion**

- REF Ernie Gross. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1990.  
BR *An almanac listing (i.e., it goes through the year day-by-day) of events in church  
149 history. It includes a glossary and an index.*  
.G66  
1990

## **Timeline Charts of the Western Church**

- REF Susan Lynn Peterson. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999.  
BR *The main part of the book contains a year-by-year timeline from 4 BC to 1998 AD and covers four areas of historical development: Theology, doctrine, and beliefs; 149 People/events; Wider culture; and Texts. It also includes three appendices: .P48 Overview charts of church history (a basic timeline); Genealogy charts (for the 1999 creeds, the KJV, modern Bible versions, the western liturgical rite, and the Book of Common Prayer); and Denominational charts. The third section is a detailed index (over 100 pages long).*

## **Encyclopedia of Early Christianity**

- REF Everett Ferguson, editor. 2nd ed. 2 vols. New York: Garland, 1997.  
BR *A comprehensive treatment of the development of Christianity from the life of 162.2 Christ to AD 600. The entries describe persons, places, doctrines, practices, art, .E53 liturgy, heresies, and schisms of the early church. Articles are non-technical and 1997 designed for general readers.*

## **Historical Dictionary of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation**

- REF Hans J. Hillerbrand. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2000.  
BR *Written by the editor of the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation, it is 302.8 intended to serve as a one-volume ready reference. The introduction provides a .H55 broad historical overview, while the dictionary entries present the crucial persons, 2000 places, events, documents, and concepts of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. It also includes a chronology and a bibliography.*

## **Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation**

- REF Hans J. Hillerbrand, editor. 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.  
BR *This work focuses on the entire range of religious and social changes wrought by 302.8 the Reformation, including not only issues of church polity and theology but also .O93 related developments in politics, economics, demographics, art, and literature. 1996 Topical categories of coverage include sites, regions, and polities; historical events; religious groups and movements; ecclesiastical institutions; creeds, confessions, and texts; theology; social history; and popular religion, as well as biographies and Reformation studies.*

## **Dictionary of Christianity in America**

- REF Daniel G. Reid, editor. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1990.  
BR *A thorough treatment of all aspects of American religion, giving "comprehensive  
515 attention to the evangelical tradition in America." The articles include  
.D53 biographies, events, movements, ideas, and denominations and follow an initial  
1990 essay surveying the history of Christianity in America. Predominantly historical in  
focus, but covers some contemporary movements and individuals as well.*

## **Dictionary of Scottish Church History & Theology**

- REF Nigel Cameron, editor Downers Grove, IL, IL: InterVarsity, 1993.  
BR *The place to look for all things Scottish – from the Celtic period to the modern.  
782 This work includes articles on every major Christian group in Scotland (and  
.D43 many minor ones) as well as people, organizations, movements, institutions, areas  
1993 of theology, and areas of dispute.*

## **A Dictionary of Asian Christianity**

- REF Scott W. Sunquist, editor Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2001.  
BR *Produced by Asian scholars and including articles chosen by regional meetings  
1065 and church leaders in Asia, this work presents Christianity from an Asian  
.D52 perspective. It includes articles covering Christianity as it spread east from the  
2001 Roman Empire and then after the Muslim conquest (circa 7<sup>th</sup> century) it focuses  
on the area from Pakistan to Japan and from Mongolia to Indonesia. It includes  
biographical, historical, and theological topics while excluding western  
missionaries and missions societies (unless specifically chosen for their impact in a  
specific region). Five maps covering the geographic regions included in the work  
are included at the end of the Dictionary.*

## BR – Christianity

### ➤ BR 1640-1725 Evangelicalism & Christian Biography

#### **Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism**

- REF Randall Balmer. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002.
- BR  
1640  
.B35  
2002
- This work seeks to cover the American evangelical movement in all its aspects. It includes articles on theologians, preachers, cultural figures, musicians and music groups (including contemporary Christian music), as well as movements, organizations, institutions, denominations, theological terms, and historical events. A good place to find articles on hard to find modern and evangelical issues and people. It must be noted that there are a number of mistakes (e.g., in dates and names) as well as some negative bias in the articles covering certain conservative topics.*

#### **The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography: 1730-1860**

- REF Donald M. Lewis, editor. 2 vols. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 1995
- BR  
1640  
.B53  
1995
- This volume seeks to provide biographical treatment and to indicate the sources for study of figures of historical, literary or religious significance that flourished at any time between 1730 and 1860 and were associated with the evangelical movement in the English-speaking world.*

#### **Handbook of Evangelical Theologians**

- REF Walter A. Elwell, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1993
- BR  
1640  
.H363  
1993
- Long (10-15 pages) essays on 33 theologians “who have played a role in informing and sustaining evangelicalism in the twentieth century, especially the earlier part” (preface). In addition to concise biographies, each essay covers the areas and ideas for which the person is best known and has made the largest impact and seeks to place them in the larger evangelical picture.*

#### **Dictionary of Christian Biography**

- REF Michael Walsh, editor. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2001.
- BR  
1700.2  
.D53  
2001
- A “rapid reference to those men and women of all denominations who have, over the last two millennia, contributed to the life, history and study of Christianity in all its facets, or in whose lives Christianity has been a significant factor” (book jacket). Its coverage ranges from immediately post-New Testament to the recently deceased and has a global perspective, including coverage of Africa, India, and China as well as Eastern Orthodoxy.*

## **Great Leaders of the Christian Church**

- REF John D. Woodbridge, editor. Chicago: Moody, 1988.  
BR *This work covers almost 70 leaders and groups, from the first-century to Francis  
1700.2 Schaeffer and Billy Graham, and includes time charts of the entire span of  
.G74 church history. Each entry contains a brief chronology of the person's life, an  
1988 introduction assessing their place in church history, and an essay relating their  
most important activities, writings, and ideas.*

## **Wycliffe Biographical Dictionary of the Church**

- REF Elgin Moyer. Rev. and enlarged ed. Chicago: Moody, 1982.  
BR *Offers brief information on 2,000 individuals in church history, including  
1700.2 evangelicals and black leaders of the United States and Africa. It also includes a  
.M66 "Chronological Index and Outline of Church History" which lists those from each  
1982 time period that are included in the dictionary. Though there are some errors, this  
work is helpful for information on lesser known evangelicals and fundamentalists  
not listed elsewhere.*

## **Twentieth-Century Dictionary of Christian Biography**

- REF J. D. Douglas, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1995.  
BR *This work covers the lives and works of over 700 men and women covering the  
1700.2 late nineteenth and twentieth century both theologically and geographically. Each  
.T9 biography provides an identifying tag (e.g., "New Testament scholar and  
1995 churchman" for J. Gresham Machen), a brief biographical sketch, an explanation  
of the individual's theological point of view, any major works, and a succinct  
evaluative comment from an evangelical perspective.*

## **Who's Who in Christian History**

- REF J.D. Douglas & Philip W. Comfort, editors. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1992.  
BR *Over 1500 biographical entries on people from the 1<sup>st</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup>  
1700.2 century. Each entry begins with the person's dates and a brief description, e.g., for  
.W47 Francis Schaeffer – "evangelical missionary, philosopher, author, and lecturer."  
1992*

## **Dictionary of Women in Church History**

- REF Mary L. Hammack. Chicago: Moody, 1984.  
BR *Includes nearly 1000 entries on women who have played decisive roles, positive  
1713 and negative, in the development of Christianity throughout its history, from the  
.H33 first through the twentieth century. It covers women from all denominations and  
1984 backgrounds.*

### **Dictionary of Historical Theology**

- REF Trevor A. Hart, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000.  
 BT Covers the key figures, theological movements, and significant texts that have  
 21.2 shaped Christian thought from the early church to the present. The articles treat  
 .D53 the intellectual antecedents and descendants of the figures and movements, as  
 2000 well as their influence on the wider development of the Christian theological  
 tradition.

### **Creeds & Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition**

- REF Jaroslav Pelikan and Valerie Hotchkiss, editors. 4 vols. New Haven, CT: Yale, 2003.  
 BT Brings together more than 225 creeds and confessions spanning the history and  
 990 extent of Christianity. Volume 1 covers the early church, Eastern Orthodoxy, and  
 .C64 medieval western statements; volume 2 covers the Reformation era; volume 3  
 2003 covers the modern era (17<sup>th</sup> century through 1999); and volume 4 is a historical  
 and theological guide to creeds and confessions written by Jaroslav Pelikan.  
 Volume 4 also includes both a comparative doctrinal guide (cross referencing the  
 doctrines of the Nicene Creed to where they are included in the other creeds  
 included in the work) and an ecclesiastical index to the churches, heresies, creeds,  
 confessions, and councils included in the work.  
 Related to this work is the CD-ROM included the original language of all creeds  
 and confessions found in these volumes.

### **Encyclopedia of American Religions: Religious Creeds**

- REF J. Gordon Melton, editor. 2 vols. Detroit: Gale, 1988.  
 BT Contains 450 creedal statements of Christian, Jewish, and other faiths in the  
 990 United States and Canada. Chapter 1 lists ancient creeds, and chapters 2-23  
 .E58 arrange the creeds under broad religious families. For foreign language creeds a  
 1988 contemporary English translation was chosen. It includes some historical notes,  
 but no theological exposition or textual analysis. Indexed by creed/organization  
 name and keyword.

### **Creeds of Christendom**

- REF Philip Schaff. 6th ed. 3 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1931.  
 BT Vols. 1 contains essays on the history of creeds, church by church, with many  
 990 bibliographies. Vols. 2 contains the creeds of the Greek and Latin churches. Vols.  
 .S4 3 includes the creeds of the Evangelical Protestant churches. Each creed is given  
 in its original language with an accompanying English translation. Each volume  
 has an index of subjects.

## B V – Practical Theology

### **Dictionary of Christian Art**

- REF Diane Apostolos-Cappadonna. New York: Continuum, 1994.  
BV *This work seeks to give access to the pictorial tradition that was once the common*  
150 *visual vocabulary of Christians. It “identifies and explains the major signs,*  
.A66 *symbols, figures, and topics that have emerged in the 2,000 years of Christian art*  
1995 *from its earliest beginnings in the house-churches of Asia Minor and the*  
*catacombs of Rome to today.” (book jacket)*

### **The Encyclopedia of Missions: Descriptive, Historical, Biographical, Statistical**

- REF Henry O. Dwight, H. Allen Tupper, and Edwin M. Bliss, editors. New York: Funk  
BV and Wagnalls, 1904.  
2040 *This work covers mission organizations, the countries where missions were*  
.E5 *located, mission stations, missionaries, special topics, etc. This work is of*  
*importance in studying the history of missions. An extensive set of statistical*  
*tables and a general index are included in the appendices.*

### **Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission**

- REF Stephen Neill, Gerald H. Anderson, and John Goodwin, editors. Nashville:  
BV Abingdon, 1971.  
2040 *An international and ecumenical dictionary covering from 1492 to the present. It*  
.N4 *covers all aspects of the extension of the church and its evangelistic work and*  
*includes entries for persons and organizations.*

### **Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions**

- REF Gerald H. Anderson, editor. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1998.  
BV “The names included here compose a virtual Who’s Who in the history of the  
3700 *expansion of Christianity.” This work includes articles on 2,400 people in the*  
.B56 *post-New Testament history of Christianity down to the present, representing*  
1997 *Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant, Pentecostal, independent, and*  
*indigenous churches. The work also includes an index and a page with the*  
*“standard reference works.”*

## **Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching**

- REF William H. Willimon and Richard Lischer, editors. Louisville, KY: Westminster  
BV John Knox, 1995.  
4211.2 *This work consists of several types of entries, two of which are historical in  
.C583 nature. The first type is historical essays on topics related to preaching (e.g.,  
1995 Itinerant and Open-air Preaching) and the second are “biographical studies of  
individuals whose work has deeply influenced the church and its proclamation”  
(preface).*

## **The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality**

- REF Gordon S. Wakefield, editor. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983.  
BV *This work seeks to give access to the whole development and present state of  
4488 spirituality. Much of this is accomplished through articles treating the major  
.W47 figures and movements that have influenced Christian spirituality throughout the  
1983 centuries. Topics covered range from African spirituality to Vatican II (as well as  
feminism, black theology, liberation theology, and the radicalism of the 1960’s)  
and from St. Augustine through Dietrich Bonhoeffer.*

## **B X – C h r i s t i a n D e n o m i n a t i o n s**

### **Historical Dictionary of Ecumenical Christianity**

- REF Ans Joachim van der Bent. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1994.  
BX *This historical dictionary covers the major trends in the 20th century ecumenical  
6.3 movement until today. It deals with developments in the realms of church unity,  
.V36 mission and evangelism, laity, women in church and society, and many other  
1994 ecumenical subjects. It also covers many programs and activities of the World  
Council of Churches since its inception in 1948. The longer articles survey  
important theological themes while short articles provide quick reference on a  
precise question. The bibliography is not exhaustive, but is very helpful for major  
bibliographical information. The dictionary is particularly strong in American  
subjects.*

### **Historical Dictionary of The Orthodox Church**

- REF Michael Prokurat, Alexander Golitzin, and Michael D. Peterson. Lanham, MD:  
BX Scarecrow Press, 1996.  
230 *A desk encyclopedia of the theology and theologians, saints, sinners, places, and  
.P76 events of the Eastern Church. Two millennia are surveyed in over 500 concise  
1996 entries, concentrating primarily on the last 150 years. Includes a detailed 4000-  
year chronology, illustrations, extensive bibliography, and an appendix listing the  
current canonical patriarchs and autocephalous churches.*

## **Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils**

- REF Norman P. Tanner, editor. 2 vols. London: Sheed & Ward, 1990
- BX *Includes the texts (in the original language as well as a facing English translation) of all 21 councils (from Nicaea to Vatican II) regarded by the*
- 825 *Roman Catholic church as ecumenical. Each chapter includes an introduction and bibliography as well as the text of the council.*
- .A1990

## **Historical Dictionary of Catholicism**

- REF William J. Collinge. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1997.
- BX *Provides comprehensive coverage of Catholicism, with emphasis on theology, doctrine, and liturgy. It covers the entire Catholic tradition from the time of Christ, and includes the periods before the division of Christianity into Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant, but the main emphasis is on the development of Latin-rite ceremony in the United States. The volume discusses not only normative Catholicism but also heretical, schismatic, and dissident movements. Appendixes list information on popes, councils, church documents, and prayers. This work also includes a seventy-page bibliography, subdivided by subject, and a chronological chart offering an overview of the history.*
- 945.2
- .C65
- 1997

## **Historical Dictionary of the Baptists**

- REF William H. Brackney. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1999.
- BX *This work, covering Baptists worldwide, provides a one-volume reference to the Baptists. Cross-referenced entries include biographical, geographical, ecclesiastical, theological, and thematic discussions.*
- 6211
- .B73
- 1999

## **Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists**

- REF 5 vols. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1958.
- BX *Treats the history, practices, and worship of the Southern Baptists including articles on organizations, institutions, colleges, newspapers, theology, and important people.*
- 6211
- .E5

## **Historical Dictionary of the Holiness Movement**

- REF William C. Kostlevy, editor. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2001.
- BX *This work traces the origins of the movement and focuses on the founders and shapers of holiness thought and experience. In keeping with the movement's own insistence that personal experience is a primary, though not exclusive, source of theological authority, this volume closely examines the people who shaped and sustained the movement.*
- 7990
- .H6
- H55
- 2001

## B X – C h r i s t i a n D e n o m i n a t i o n s

➤ BX 8901 – 9255 Presbyterianism

### **Dictionary of the Presbyterian & Reformed Tradition in America**

REF D. G. Hart, editor. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1999.  
BX *Expanding upon the Dictionary of Christianity in America, this work covers*  
8909 *the ideas, events, people, movements, practices, institutions, and denominations*  
.D53 *that have made up the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition.*  
1999

### **The History Behind the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod**

REF George P. Hutchinson. Cherry Hill, NJ: Mack Pub. Co., 1974.  
BX *Though its focus is the RPCES, fully half of the work's almost 450 pages is*  
8959 *devoted to a broader careful and accurate survey of American, and especially*  
.A32 *northern, Presbyterianism.*  
H8  
1974

### **The Historical Birth of the Presbyterian Church in America**

REF John Edward Richards. Liberty Hill, SC: The Liberty Press, 1987.  
BX *Tells the story of the birth of the PCA from the perspective of one of the*  
8968.52 *founding fathers.*  
.R53  
1987

### **To God All Praise and Glory**

REF Paul Settle. N.p. : PCA Administrative Committee, 1998.  
BX *A coffee-table style work written by a founding father of the PCA for its 25<sup>th</sup>*  
8968.52 *anniversary. It traces the PCA's history from the beginnings of the movement to*  
.S48 *the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church with a brief look back at the history of*  
1998 *Presbyterianism in general. It gives all the important events and details in a*  
*package that is eminently readable.*

## **The History of the Presbyterian Church in America: The Silver Anniversary Edition**

- REF Frank Joseph Smith. Lawrenceville, GA: Presbyterian Scholars Press, 1999.  
BX *A history of the PCA that deals largely with official denominational documents.*  
8968.52  
.S63  
1999

## **Historical Dictionary of Reformed Churches**

- REF Robert Benedetto, Darrell L. Guder, and Donald K. McKim. Lanham, MD: The Scarecrow Press, 1999.  
BX  
9406 *Includes biographical, historical, and theological articles and covers the Reformed tradition from the Reformation to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, though its focus is the modern world of the Reformed tradition. Though the articles do not have bibliographies, the work concludes with an extensive bibliography of sources on the Reformed tradition – as well as five appendices giving more information on churches, organizations, councils, publishers, etc. connected with the Reformed tradition.*  
.B46  
1999

## **Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith**

- REF Donald McKim, editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1992.  
BX *This work “provides a picture of the major events, persons, and theological understandings of the Reformed Faith... it seeks to provide a circle of knowledge... indicating how events, persons, and concepts have been particularly significant in the Reformed heritage.” (preface)*  
9406  
.E56  
1992

## **C – D – H i s t o r y**

## **Encyclopedia of the Renaissance**

- REF Paul F. Grendler, editor. 6 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1999.  
CB *Extensively illustrated, this set treats the full period of the Renaissance, from 1350 to 1650, encompassing Italy and the rest of Europe in the context of the broader world. The Encyclopedia contains topical entries and biographies on culture, literature, philosophy, religion, economics, politics, science, and the arts, revealing how people both great and humble thought, what they believed, and how they lived.*  
361  
.E52  
1999

## **Religious Leaders of America**

- REF J. Gordon Melton. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Gale Research, 1999.  
CT Provides biographical profiles on more than 1200 American and Canadian  
103 religious figures whose impact on the religious community has occurred since  
.M44 1865. This work covers leaders from all religious traditions (not just Protestant or  
1999 even Christian) up to, and including, those leaders still living. Each entry  
includes a bibliography of works both by and about the person.

## **Chronology of World History: compact edition**

- REF H. E. L. Mellersh. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1995.  
D Covers the history of the world from 10,000 BC to the present. For each year (or  
11 group of years early in history) the key political and military events are included,  
.C48 as well as the themes, facts, and figures of importance in other spheres including  
1995 the arts, science, technology, discovery, philosophy, religion, media, education, and  
recreation.

## **The Timetables of History**

- REF Bernard Grun. New 3<sup>rd</sup> rev ed. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1991.  
D Beginning circa 5000 BC and continuing through 1990 (and going year by year  
11 beginning in AD 501) this work provides data on world happenings in history,  
.G78 politics; literature, theater; religion philosophy, learning; visual arts; music;  
1991 science, technology, growth; and daily life. A good resource for getting the broader  
historical context of any given time or event. An extensive index (approximately  
90 pages) gives additional access to the information.

## **Dictionary of the Middle Ages**

- REF Joseph R. Strayer, editor. 13 vols. New York: Scribner, 1982-89.  
D Intended to be a comprehensive source, it seeks to cover every aspect of medieval  
114 life in Western Europe, Islam, Byzantium, and the Slavic world from AD 500 to  
.D5 1500 and includes illustrations, maps, and bibliographies.  
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## E – History: America

### **Dictionary of American History & supplements**

- REF James Truslow Adams, editor. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 6 vols. + 4 vols. of supplements. New York:  
E Scribner's Sons, 1940.  
174 *In general, consists of clear, compact articles each dealing with a separate and  
.A43 definite aspect of American history. Covers political, economic, social, industrial,  
1942 and cultural history, but omits biography. The supplements bring the coverage up  
through 1995.*

### **Chronology of African American History: From 1492 to the Present**

- REF Alton Hornsby, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Gale Research, 1997.  
E *Covers African American history from 1492 through the present with entries  
185 dealing with agriculture, anthropology, art & architecture, civil rights &  
.H64 discrimination, economics, education, film & theater, labor, literature, media,  
1997 music, politics & law, religion, science & medicine, and sports. In addition to the  
chronological entries, it includes a historical timeline, short biographical sketches  
of prominent African Americans, historical documents, and a subject index.*

## G – Geography

### **Atlas of the Bible and Christianity**

- REF Tim Dowley, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1997.  
G *160 full color maps and 50 photographs are supplemented by numerous charts to  
2230 illustrate the history of the church from Old Testament times through the end of  
.D68 the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Now published as the Baker Atlas of Christian History.*  
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