God Be With You 'Til We Meet (and eat ... and greet ...) Again! Snapshots from ACL 2013

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By the time you read this article, nearly six months will have gone by since we were all together at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California! Many thanks to the incredible staff there under the direction of our president Frank Quinn for organizing and hosting a world class conference. What a rich time of fellowship we had together! We enjoyed everything from early morning prayer walks to meal times, coffee breaks with chocolate covered strawberries and ice cream, wonderful times of worship led by Robyn, stimulating devotions, and refreshing times of fellowship walking, going to the beach, and hanging out in our rooms across campus. It was nice to debrief the day back in our dorm rooms, and it is always great to start and end the day with prayer.

Much wisdom was gleaned and shared during our conference days through the main plenary lectures (William Badke and Don Perini) and through all the workshops and poster sessions. It is fantastic that the sessions are available through the ACL website so that attendees can check out any sessions they had to miss due to time constraints.
Laughter was also freely shared and enjoyed by all. Some ACL librarians even organized fun adventures on their own to see the sights of San Diego. I enjoyed trips to Old Town San Diego and the Point Loma lighthouse, as well as the Hotel del Coronado. At the Hotel del Coronado I witnessed a work of art on the beach – all 50 states drawn to scale by James Mancuso (librarian, Northeastern Baptist College, Vermont) in just over 10 minutes. Very impressive! The crowds naturally formed to watch our art virtuoso at work. Thanks, Jim, for sharing these talents so freely!

Let me leave you with this encouragement from Hebrews 10:23-25: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Until we meet again, God will hold each one of us in the palm of his hand! ☺