To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

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Subject: **Bible Uniform Titles**

ACOC thanks LC for preparing this proposal, and for the considerable research and exploration of options undertaken in order to prepare the proposal. ACOC supports the intention of the proposal to eliminate Christian bias in Bible uniform titles.

We note that implementation of this proposal would require changes to authority files; that the proposed changes affect a discrete group of headings; and that making these changes are not essential for the move to RDA. We would prefer to postpone making these changes (possibly until after RDA is released) to allow more time for discussion and further exploration of options. Nevertheless we have provided some specific comments below.

1. 25.17. General rule
ACOC is concerned that the introduction of alternative uniform titles does not promote collocation, which is the primary purpose of assigning a uniform title. In addition, the non-specific nature of the alternatives (e.g. Hebrew Bible *or* Tanakh) would lead to a lack of consistency, even when the alternative was being applied. Overall, the proposed revisions would be difficult to implement in a shared cataloguing environment.

2. 25.18 Parts of sacred scriptures and additions
3. 25.18A3 Books
4. 25.18A4 Groups of books
5. 25.18A5 Apocrypha
6. 25.18A6-25.18A14
7. 26.4B3
8. 26.4D1

ACOC supports the use of the spelled out forms for the Old and New Testaments instead of abbreviations. In general, ACOC supports treating the Old Testament, New Testament and Apocrypha, as groups of books, and note that this could be extended to other definable groups.

ACOC has received conflicting advice on whether it might be better instead to enter the books or groups of book directly, with the addition of an appropriate qualifier, and we would like this option to be discussed further.

9. 21.37 Sacred scriptures
ACOC supports the inclusion of instructions for the treatment of sacred scriptures entered under personal author. We would prefer that this was treated in the body of the instructions rather than a footnote. Doing so would also allow for a range of examples to be added instead of the single parenthetical example.