Dictionaries and encyclopedias

General

Some overarching collections of creeds and confessions
- *Faith in formulae: a collection of early Christian creeds and creed-related texts.* Ed. Kinzig. 4 vols. Oxford University Press, 2017. “all creeds and creedal formulae of the early Church in Greek and Latin, . . . down to the early Middle Ages. . . . The source texts are taken from the most up-to-date critical editions available and newly found texts have been added. They are accompanied by English translations and . . . introduced individually. . . . The volumes feature useful notes and cross-references” (OUP).

A few works of “comparative symbolics”

Overarching dictionaries and encyclopedias of theology (religion, too)


• *Encyclopedic dictionary of religion*. Ed. Meagher, O'Brien, & Aherne. 3 vols. 1979. REF BR95 .E494. A Catholic dictionary that focuses most on the Christian tradition, not so much religion (or the religions) generally, as its title implies.


Predecessor:


Some dictionaries and encyclopedias of the Reformation and/or Protestantism generally


Some additional period dictionaries and encyclopedias (patristic, medieval, and so forth)

Some regional dictionaries and encyclopedias


• *Encyclopedia of religion in the South.* 2005. See under American Christianity, below.


• *Dictionary of Scottish church history and theology.* 1993. See under Reformed, Presbyterians, below.

A few basic works of reference on Christian spirituality


### A few basic works of reference on Christian liturgy and worship


### A few basic works of reference on Christian ethics

**Denominational**

**Amish**

**Anabaptists.** See also Brethren, Mennonites, etc.

- **GAMEO: Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online**, An online version of the *Mennonite encyclopedia* (ed. Bender et al., 5 vols., REF BX8106 .M37), itself a translation of and expansion on the *Mennonitisches Lexikon* (ed. Hege und Neff, 4 vols., BX8106 .M4 1913), which is being supplied with a fifth, supplementary volume online.

**Anglicans, Episcopalians**


• Wood. Cyclopedic dictionary of ecclesiastical terms according to the use of the Episcopal Church. 1984.


Baptists
• Baptist Confessions, http://www.baptistcenter.net/confessions_page.html

Brethren
• GAMEO: Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online, An online version of the Mennonite encyclopedia (ed. Bender et al., 5 vols., REF BX8106 .M37), itself a translation of and expansion on the Mennonitisches Lexikon (ed. Hege und Neff, 4 vols., BX8106 .M4 1913), which is being supplied with a fifth, supplementary volume online.
• Brethren encyclopedia. 4 vols. 1983-. REF BX7821.2 .B74 1983. A fifth volume may be in the works.
Catholics


- *Decrees of the ecumenical councils: from Nicaea I to Vatican II.* Ed. Tanner et al. 2 vols. 1990. REF BX825.A1990. The critical editions contained in the latest edition of *Conciliorum Oecumenicorum Decreta* (with which pagination is deliberately uniform), faced by inclusive-language English translations. Fuller representations of most of the texts it contains (the decrees of the twenty-one councils Catholics consider ecumenical) than those in the various “creedal” anthologies.


- *New Catholic encyclopedia.* 2nd ed. Ed. Marthaler, et al. 15 vols. 2003. REF BX841.N44 2003. Available online via the King County Library System. Use in conjunction with the first (also there in reference), and with the Catholic encyclopedia of 1913. Valuable for much more than just the study of Roman Catholicism.


• Catholic dictionary of theology: a work projected with the approval of the Catholic hierarchy of England and Wales. 3 vols. to date. 1962-. Summit.


Catholics, Uniate (overarching LCSH: Catholic Church—Oriental rites)

Churches of Christ

Congregationalists

Copts
• The Claremont Coptic Encyclopedia. Incorporates The Coptic encyclopedia ed. Atiya (below), which it also supplements.
• Coptic Orthodox Liturgical Chant and Hymnody.

Free Methodists (see also Holiness movement, Methodism, Wesleyan tradition, etc.)

Fundamentalists

Holiness movement (fill this out; see also Free Methodism, Methodism, Wesleyan tradition, etc.)

**Hutterites**


**Lutherans**


• *Concordia cyclopedia: a handbook of religious information, with special reference to the history, doctrine, work, and usages of the Lutheran church*. Ed. Fuebringer, Engelder, & Kretzmann. 1927.

• *Lutheran cyclopedia*. Ed. Jacobs, Haas, & Zöckler. 1911 (1899).

**Mennonites**


• *GAMEO: Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online*.

• *Lexikon der Mennoniten in Paraguay*. 

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• *Mennonite Bibliography (Mennonite life).*

**Methodists** (see also Free Methodists, Holiness movement, etc.)

• *Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland* (corrects and expands upon the print version of 2000, below).


• *Ashgate Research Companion to World Methodism* (in progress).


• *A to Z of Methodism.* Ed. Yrigoyen & Warrick. 2009.  SPU has the identical (?) *Historical dictionary of Methodism,* below.


Miscellaneous


Orthodoxy (see also, in part, under the Syriac tradition)


Atlases. For example,


Pentecostals/Charismatics (fill this out)


Presbyterians and Reformed


• *Encyclopedia of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, including the northern and southern assemblies*. Ed. Nevin. 1884.

• *Christian Reformed Periodical Index*.

Radical Reformation in general
Restoration Movement


- *Restoration Serials Index.*

Quakers


Salvation Army


Seventh Day Adventists


Syriac tradition


Unitarians and Universalists


- *Dictionary of Unitarian and Universalist Biography.*
Wesleyan tradition (see also Free Methodism, Holiness movement, Methodism, etc.)


American Christianity and/or religion generally


• Who’s who in religion.
• Religious leaders of America. 1999. REF BL2525 .R47.