



*The Center* FOR THE STUDY OF  
NEW TESTAMENT *Manuscripts*

# Annual Report |

## 2018

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## From the Director's Desk

**2018 WAS A HALLMARK YEAR** for CSNTM. The big event was our purchase of multispectral imaging equipment. This is advanced imaging technology that unwraps invisible treasures. CSNTM is now digitizing New Testament manuscripts whose text has been scraped off, burned, or deteriorated beyond legibility. With MSI we are at the beginning of a new Renaissance: we are discovering words written centuries ago, buried in plain sight.

I can't tell you how excited we are about this incredible advance in technology and what it will mean for the future of determining the original words of the New Testament.

Ancient copies of Scripture continue to deteriorate—even in the best museums. It's unavoidable. But we can do something about it: preserve them digitally before it's too late. And your partnership with us empowers this mission. You understand the significance of our work and the need. We simply can't thank you enough for preserving, to date, half a million pages of unique, handwritten pages of the New Testament. Only two million pages to go!

More than 250 institutes worldwide have New Testament manuscripts. This year, we are concentrating on both eastern and western Europe—all strategic sites for preservation. Your continuing support enables this painstaking, detailed, and vital work. Time to roll up our sleeves and get the job done—together!



Daniel B. Wallace, PhD  
Executive Director

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## Expeditions

**IN 2018**, we digitized more than 8,000 pages at four locations and began using multispectral imaging to recover text that is invisible to the naked eye.

The year began with an expedition to the **Library of the Hellenic Parliament** in Athens, Greece where we digitized 9 Greek New Testament manuscripts. One of these was a gigantic 478 leaf lectionary (GA Lect 450) measuring 35cm by 28cm. While another (GA 804) contained 262 leaves, approximately the size of an iPhone.

During the summer we digitized some of the most significant manuscripts that we have ever preserved on a whirlwind expedition to three countries.

Our first stop was the **National Centre of Manuscripts** in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. There we digitized Codex Koridethi (GA 038) one of the more significant parchment codices. We also used our multispectral camera to preserve a palimpsest (GA 0240). Now all 5 of the Greek New Testaments in Georgia are digitized.

The expedition continued to Ioannina, Greece where we digitized a 12th century manuscript decorated with stunning silver covers at the city's **Byzantine Museum**.

The final leg was at the **University of Heidelberg** in Germany. We again used multispectral imaging. This time to preserve P40, a fragmentary 3rd century papyrus of Romans which has difficult-to-read text because of its great age.

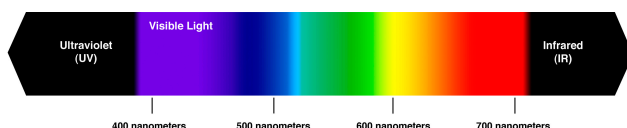
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## Multispectral Imaging

IN MAY, the Center purchased multispectral imaging equipment in order to digitize manuscripts whose text cannot be read with the naked eye. The equipment we purchased from MegaVision digitizes manuscripts at **15 points across the light spectrum**—from ultraviolet to infrared—in order to produce better, more revealing images of manuscripts and the texts they contain.



The result is up to **26 images of a single page**. Since various inks and materials react differently under varying light conditions, we are able to more clearly reveal details on the manuscript page, isolating damaged or overwritten text that has not been seen in centuries.

The Center was able to acquire this amazing equipment because of a generous grant from the **Hillcrest Foundation**, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee, and dozens of other generous donors.



P40 at the University of Heidelberg before and after multispectral imaging.

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## 2018 Financials

### Financial Position as of Dec. 31, 2018

#### Assets

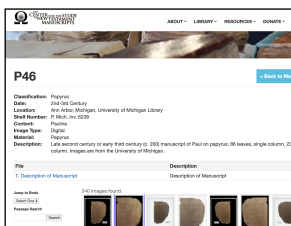
Current & Other Assets	\$184,085.17
Property & Equipment	\$172,221.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$356,306.96</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	\$1,766.49
Net Assets	\$354,540.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$356,306.96</b>

## 2019 Objectives

1. **Complete** a major collaborative research project for a forthcoming publication.
2. **Digitize** manuscripts at multiple European sites while establishing partnerships for projects in 2020 and 2021.
3. **Increase** fundraising activities and streamline expenses to reinforce long-term financial stability.



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