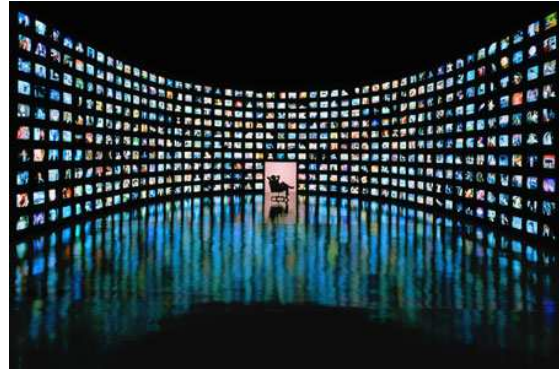


## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is both an honor and a privilege to lead the Massachusetts Bible Society in this bicentennial year. In 1809 I would not have been able to vote, let alone lead the group of 107 esteemed men who founded our Society, and yet it was their dedication not only to the Bible itself but to its careful study and interpretation that would eventually allow both my ordination and my leadership. Now, as we move into our third century as a Society, we remain committed to that same careful study and interpretation of God's word, attentive to the many voices within the text as well as the many voices of interpretation.

Just as those in the early days took to making Bible Society presentations with the stereopticon, so we also are using the technology of our day to reach out with our message and programming. The DVD at the end of this booklet is just one example of that. There you may watch a segment of the Sunday With Liz show on WBZ-TV about MBS that first aired in Sept., 2008, the sermon preached at our bicentennial worship celebration on May 2, 2009, and an introduction to the Massachusetts Bible Society Media Center at Andover Newton.

Our world is undergoing a time of great shifts on many fronts. Thanks to the courageous and bold decisions of those who came before me in selling our historic bookstore and embarking on a period of re-invention, we are now well-positioned to quickly shift our sails with the changing winds. Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we travel these uncharted waters.

The times and methods change, but "the word of the Lord endureth forever." Just as the first colporteurs lived their lives in horse-drawn wagons handing out the Scriptures, The Massachusetts Bible Society remains committed to that word and to the One to whom it points.

Rev. Anne Robertson  
Executive Director