Indian Mission in Newtown, Oklahoma (1937)
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EDITOR’S NOTE

I am pleased that this issue of *Methodist History* includes the three major addresses from the Seventh Historical Convocation of The United Methodist Church held on the campus of Oklahoma City University, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and hosted by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Oklahoma Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History. The focus of the convocation was on Native American and Latino/Hispanic Methodist history. The General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, is committed to supporting the writing and research in the history of racial/ethnic groups. The Commission provides a $3,000 grant each to year to assist in such research.

Several other aspects of the convocation need to be highlighted. The opening of the convocation coincided with the conclusion of the annual meeting of the General Commission and the Distinguished Service Award presentation to Dr. Kenneth E. Rowe, Methodist librarian emeritus at Drew University and instrumental in establishing the archives at Drew about 30 years ago. The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church held its annual meeting with the minutes included in this issue. One dinner was at Hillcrest-Fuente De Vida UMC followed by a video and presentation by Bishop Joel Martinez reporting on the work of the Latino Oral History Project. Bishop Martinez has conducted over 80 interviews of persons key to the life of the Hispanic Church and the beginnings of MARCHA. This issue includes a shortened version of his address at the annual meeting of MARCHA about the years of its creation. Another dinner was hosted by the Salt Creek UMC, a Native American congregation which was followed by a program of music by the congregation. Before arriving at Salt Creek, participants visited the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center and the Seminole Nation Museum. A traditional farewell ceremony closed a wonderful evening of fellowship. Bishop Robert Hayes of the Oklahoma Area concluded the convocation with morning worship. The gracious hospitality of the local arrangements committee was greatly appreciated.

**Dates for Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History in 2012:**

- **Western:** April 12-15, Salem, Oregon.
- **Northeastern:** May 14-15, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; jointly with the Historical Society of The UMC.
- **North Central:** July 9-12, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **Southeastern:** July 9-12, Nashville, Tennessee; jointly with the jurisdictional historical society.
- **South Central Training Event for Archivists:** August 1-3, Albuquerque, New Mexico.