The General Commission on Archives and History held its first Annual Meeting of the new quadrennium on September 21-23, 1984 at the Archives and History Center of The United Methodist Church, Madison, New Jersey.

The following members have been elected for 1985-1988:

Bishop Neil L. Irons, President
Eunice J. Mathews, Vice-President
Thelma Boeder, Secretary
Marilyn Martin
Millard Mead
Jim Morris
Annette F. Nall
Darrell Reeck
Faith Richardson
Richard A. Seiber
Robert W. Sledge
J. Warren Smith
Norman W. Spellmann
Larry E. Tise
Virginia L. Whitworth
Stephen E. Yale

Much of the business concerned the organization of the General Commission for the quadrennium. The Commission received reports on the functions and accomplishments of the staff.

Among the major items reported and discussed were:

(1) The publication of a bibliography on the Black heritage in United Methodism (copies were distributed and are available from the General Commission).

(2) The retirement of Louise L. Queen as Assistant General Secretary on December 31, 1984. Mrs. Queen was unanimously elected Assistant General Secretary Emeritus.

(3) Plans for workshops on women's history and archival skills to be held in the summer of 1985.
(4) A series of ethnic history consultations to be held in the fall of 1984


(6) It was decided to review Disciplinary legislation regarding the Commission's archival responsibilities and to prepare to make the appropriate recommendations for revision at the 1988 General Conference.

(7) A filing guide for local church archives is to be prepared.

(8) The theme for the 1986 Heritage Sunday celebration was set: "Our Heritage Alive in Our People."

(9) A Shrines and Landmarks workshop will be held during the quadrennium.

(10) The possibility of resuming the Jesse Lee Prize.

(11) Improving the content and the number of subscribers to *Methodist History* (there was approximately a 20% increase in subscriptions during the past year).

(12) A manual for Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History will be published before January 1, 1985.

The General Commission meeting dates were set as follows: September 20-22, 1985; September 19-21, 1986; September 18-20, 1987.