

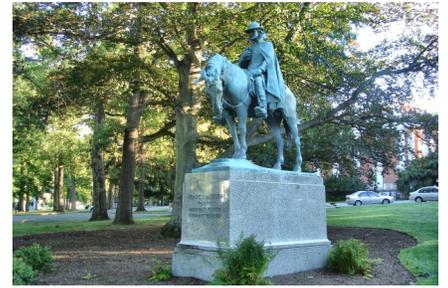
Western Circuit Rider

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Commission on Archives and History

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Promoting the Ministry of Memory

Hello everyone! I am DarEll Weist. I am the newly elected President of the Western Jurisdictional United Methodist Commission of Archives and History. I have been the Chair of the California-Pacific Conference Commission of Archives and History for the last three years and have been on the Conference Commission for the last 7 years. I was delighted to be elected as President of the Western Jurisdictional Commission at the recent meeting of the Jurisdictional Commission in Colorado Springs. I look forward working with all of you as we make **real "THE MINISTRY OF MEMORY OF THE UNITED METHODIST.**

I will be talking with many of the Chairs of the Conference Commissions in our Western Jurisdiction in the next couple of weeks. The question that I will be asking them is: "What are the ways The Jurisdictional Commission can help you do a better job with your Conference Archives?"

This question is a dangerous one since I asked one of local churches, who have their own Archives, that question. Their answer was that they need an online digital archive for the storage of their archival material. Well this is a request which is going to take a bit of research but it is the kind of request which will help us do a better job as United Methodist Archivists. Maybe we do need a dedicated Methodist Archival storage place in the CLOUD.

All of our Annual Conference sessions are just around the corner. Let me make a suggestion for a program. I know Rocky Mountain and Cal-Pac are doing this program. I would urge other Conferences to also do this program too. This is recognizing the Anniversaries of the Elder's and/or Deacon's Ordination of your Clergy with a Certificate signed by the Chair of your Commission and your Resident Bishop. This recognition by the Annual Conference facilitated by your Conference Archives Commission will be gratefully received especially by the Elders who are celebrating their 50th and 60th anniversaries. These retired Clergy have so little contact with the Annual Conference that when the Conference Commission on Archives and History sends them an Anniversary Certificate, they are stunned that Conference knows they are still alive. It is a simple, easy program which lets people know that **Ministry of Memory** is important.



If you have questions or suggestions of how we can help you do a better job with your Archives do not hesitate to email me at dtw4940@gmail.com. I look forward to talking with many of you over the next four years. Put on your calendar now, Alaska June 2017, for the next Western Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History meeting in conjunction with the national Historical Society.

Methodist History, January 2015, Volume LIII Number 2 is now available for reading either in paper copy or at the www.gcah.org website.

The Contents for this issue:

A God-Sent Movement: Methodism, Contraception, and the Protection of the Methodist Family, 1870-1968 by Ashley Boggan

Prophet and Profit: John Wesley, Publishing and the *Arminian Magazine*, by Brian Shetler

“Look to the rock from which you were hewn”
The United Methodist Story in its Heritage Landmarks by GCAH Staff and descriptions of the five 2012 General Conference approved heritage landmarks.

Book Review—*True Christianity, The Doctrine of Dispensations in the Thought of John William Fletcher (1729-1785)* by J. Russell Frazier, 2014, Pickwick Publications.

Norman Vincent Peale was raised as a Methodist and ordained as a Methodist minister in 1922. He changed his religious affiliation to the Reformed Church in America in 1932 and began a 52-year tenure as pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan. He had a radio program “The Art of Living” and under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches moved into the television medium. He was the author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

Coming in the Next Issue:

- ◆ More submissions by our fellow readers
- ◆ Report from the Historical Society Meeting in Illinois.

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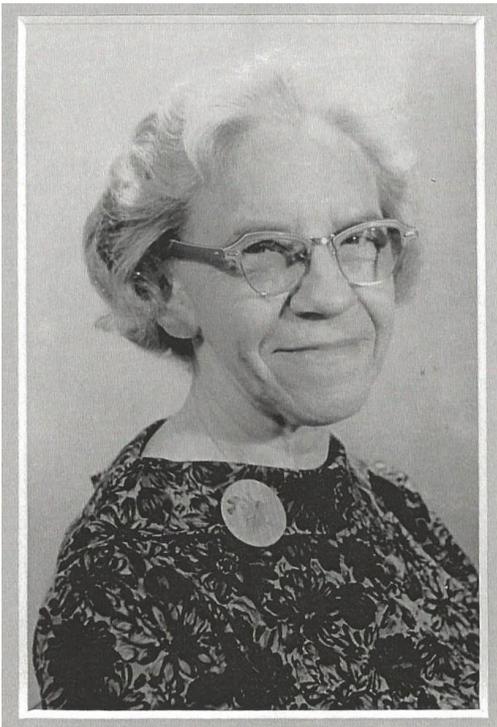
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A History of the Hope, Alaska Methodist Church/Retreat Center

May 2015

Larry Hayden



Bertha McGhee, Founder



This booklet is available upon request.

It will be available as a PDF document on the Alaska United Methodist Conference website should you like to download it directly. www.alaskaumc.org Under "About Us, History tab."

For a hard copy of the booklet contact Larry Hayden at lhaydennjuno@gmail.com

This booklet was funded in part by the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History Roberts Book Fund.

Thank you.

We've A
Story | To Tell



2014 Annual Report to Western Commission on Archives and History April, 2015, Colorado springs

The Rocky Mountain Commission on Archives and History and
The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church

We have encouraged local churches to have a church historian and a committee for the preservation of local church materials and to establish some form of archives to aid in the preservation of documents and artifacts. There has been concern expressed by some local churches that in this digital age that their local churches believe everything can be stored on a flash drive and there is no need for archival space in the church. Information regarding this issue presented by Dale Patterson at a previous jurisdiction meeting was sent to them. We also encourage local churches to go to the General Commission web site for further resources regarding local church archives and preservation of histories and materials.

To encourage and give some support to the writing of local church histories, biographies of people who have influenced the local church and beyond, and for other pertinent historical needs we have two awards: J. Alton Templin Award to assist with the publication of histories and the Hal Knudsen Award to recognize the preservation of local church histories, biographies, monographs that have been published and other historical preservation efforts.

Jim Harris and Dick Vickery organize the recognition of key anniversaries of clergy from the anniversary date of receiving Elders Orders, Deacons Orders, and Service as a Licensed Local Pastor during our Annual Conference sessions.

Laurie Harris at Iliff School of Theology serves as the Archivist for RMC and for Iliff. Jim Harris given many hours of volunteer service in the archives.

Rocky Mountain Conference Commission officers are: Chair-Merlene Barner, Vice-chair-Jim Harris, Secretary- MaryEtta Moore, Treasurer-Nancy Mead.

Respectfully submitted,

Merlene Barner

Commission on Archives and History



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2015 Report to
Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History

Since the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History did not meet in 2014 this report will include our Alaska activities from the Pasadena meeting in 2013 to this Colorado Springs meeting in April 2015.

I provided information and book reviews to the conference newsletter (e-Aurora) promoting the use of the research library. The promotion was started on getting volunteer hospitality workers for the Portland General Conference in 2016. The inquiry was made about having a WJ promotional table at the GC but no response was received; a topic for the business meeting in Colorado will decide if we should pursue the idea.

A database of charter dates for the 28 Alaska churches and institutions was started and hopefully will be complete by end of 2015. This will help us celebrate local church anniversaries. Sitka held its 50th anniversary in April and many previous Sitka pastors from the Pacific-Northwest Conference attended to reminisce. Heritage Sunday was promoted highlighting the topic of immigration. Encouraged each local church to have in their library the Conference Yearbook/Journal for all years of their existence/chartering for their own reference.

I researched and published 2 books relating to Alaska Methodist history: the third and final volume of the Anchor Park UMC and the Hope Church/Retreat Center, both of which were provided to our conference archivist Stephen Yale.

A 12" Christmas totem pole by Rev. David Fison was sent to the Arthur Moore Methodist Museum, Library and Archives in Georgia for their Native American exhibit which was later cancelled.

Another database was produced which showed which church/institution hosted the annual meetings since 1949 so determinations could be made on future sharing of the opportunity. Some churches are too small to handle all the details and costs and the big ones tend to dominate.

I provided to the Alaska leadership team a position paper written by Conference Superintendent Ed Stanton in 1982 contemplating having the Alaska Missionary Conference as a District. Apparently there is a new impetus from Thomas Kemper, General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries, that all three missionary conferences (Red Bird, Oklahoma, Alaska) should be restructured as something different which may be decided at the Portland GC. We expect him to attend the Alaska Conference in 2016 to assess the situation.

I was able to take from the Yearbooks/Journals the information needed by the Salary Equitability Committee to allocate the correct percentage for each pastor in the conference and use as a base for future years.

I continue to put out a bi-monthly Western Circuit Rider newsletter. After the Historical Society meeting in July in Illinois I will earnestly begin the process of making commitments for hosting the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History and the Historical Society in Anchorage in June 2017. I will need your assistance with this effort.



Commission on
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“The Ministry of Memory for the United Methodist Church”

ONGOING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The Commission has had 5 ongoing projects and programs plus the work of our Archivist in 2014-2015.

* We have recognized with a certificate, signed by the Bishop and Chair of the Commission, 43 Elders who are celebrating 60, 50, 35 and 25 years being an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. Hans Holburn is the Patriarch of the Conference and the Keeper of the Bishop's Cane which in the 1880's belonged to Bishop Robert McIntyre. Nancy Grissom Self is the Matriarch of the Conference.

*We have recognized Local Churches with special certificates who are celebrating 150, 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 year anniversaries.

*This year we had our second seminar in Cal-Pac's South District, for Church Secretaries and Church Historians on the retention and disposal of Local Church records. We had 47 attend this year's seminar representing about ½ of the local churches in the South District. We gave them a copy of the GCAH's **Managing Records of the Annual Conference and Local Church** plus two brochures on Church Records Management and Preserving Church Records, which we copied from the Archives at MacMurry College in Illinois. These seminars have been very successful. A copy of the brochures is included in the various Annual Conference Packets. I can send you an electronic word version.

*We are trying to combine the Honored Dead records (prime Genealogy information) for the 23 Annual Conference organizations which are part of the present day California-Pacific Annual Conference. Conference Staff volunteered to do it and then found out how much work it was. So we are looking for a volunteer who knows Excel from the Conference to help us.

*cpdigitalarchives@gmail.org is the Archives and History's email address for the collection of digital Local Church newsletters. We have collected about 2,000 emails from Local Churches and national United Methodist agencies in the last 18 months which will be permanently stored on our 4 Terabyte external server. We have little to no luck getting our Annual Conference Agencies to send material to the Conference Archives. They challenged me to present them with a one page outline of what we want. I have done that and I have included that in the various Annual Conference Packets. I can also send you an electronic word version.

THE WORK OF OUR CONFERENCE ARCHIVIST, Linda Larsen

Our Conference Archivist, Linda Larsen fills her 12 hours a week processing the materials received from closed Local Churches, closed District Offices and other materials which flow into the archives. In addition she had now scanned the Archive's slide collection to be saved digitally on our 4 Terabyte external server, and the slides maybe put up on the Web. In addition, she has been

transferring the video tapes of our Annual Conference sessions to DVD'S to better preserve these recordings. We have discovered that some video tapes already show some deterioration. All of this is done in addition her answering the many requests for pictures and other information requested by Church members and Academic researchers. The Annual Conference and Commission are very lucky to have a skilled Librarian/Archivist like Linda.

DIGITIZATION OF THE HOLDING OF THE CONFERENCE ARCHIVES

The Conference's Insurance Company has requested that we digitize the Conference Archives. In 2014 the Commission approved a strategy for the digitalization of our Conference Archives that proved to be too expensive. We were unable to find additional funds and realized that the plan could not be executed without additional professional staff, so the plan was put on hold. However in 2015 the Commission received a gift of 90 years of Conference Journals and this caused the Commission to revise its digitalization plan.

We will have, by mid-2016, scanned all the Conference Journals from 1875 to 1938 of the Southern California Methodist Episcopal Church (North); the Conference Journals from 1939 to 1968 of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Church; 1968-1976 Southern California-Arizona United Methodist Church; 1976-1985 Pacific and Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Conference Journals from 1985 to 2015 of California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Some of these Journals are bound and are the only copies we have, so these will be professionally scanned. The gift of the 90 years of Journals is extra copies and they can be dismantled and scanned page by page by a volunteer. We are scanning the Journals at 300 dpi and in a PDF Searchable format on an 8620 HP Office jet Pro. The goal for 2016-2017 is to complete the Journals of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) from 1852-1938, the Journals of the various Ethnic Conferences plus the UB, Evangelical Association and EUB Conferences. Some these are handwritten or bound and will need to be professionally scanned. The Reference Librarian from Claremont School of Theology owns a book cradle and he is doing the scanning for \$1.00 a page. For the next two years we have \$8,000 in our budget which we think will allow us to have digital copies of all the Journals from our 23 related Conferences. All the Journals will be saved on our 4 Terabyte external server and put up on the Web at the Annual Conference's Google Books site, www.calpacumc.org/history-journals. This is a restricted site for historical research. If you are interested in using our old Journals, email the Conference Data Manager at data@calpacumc.org for access to the Conference Google Books site. Clergy Service Records, Honored Dead Records and other Genealogical information from the Journals are also being uploaded to our Conference Website Page. We hope in the near future to scan our picture collection. As for the rest of the holdings they will need to wait for a sizable grant and professional staff.

A NEW ANNUAL CONFERENCE HISTORY

In January 2015 the Commission contracted with The Rev. Dr. Paul Mc Cleary to write a Southern California Methodist Conference History 1960-2016. Edward Drewry Jervey wrote the History of Methodism in Southern California 1850 to 1960. This book is available as an eBook and we will send to any who wishes it. Dr. Paul McCleary, former Methodist Missionary, staff at the General Board of Global Ministries and Executive Director of Church World Service is now busy talking with Conference Leaders and writing. He will have a finished book by Annual Conference 2016. The 250-300 page book will be primarily distributed as a free eBook, however we will print about 50-100 copies.

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THE REPORT OF
THE OREGON-IDAHO COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
FOR
THE WESTERN JURISDICTION COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
APRIL 9-12, 2015

The highlight of the year for the Oregon Archives was re-discovering a 1862 diary of David Blaine(e) and two small account books. When and by whom these documents were placed in the archives is unknown. The diary was found during one of the earlier moves of the archives related to water damage. The diary was examined at that time and declared that it must have been an diary from an early circuit rider.

This diary came alive when a new volunteer to the Archives, Laura Arskey, solved the mystery of the author of the diary. Laura is a retired archivist from Washington. Within 2 days she had transcribed enough of the diary to know it was David Blaine's daily diary of 1862. Laura has spent five months, transcribing, researching and writing a document using the diary and the Blaine's letters as the main sources.

David Blaine came from New York in 1853 to the Seattle area. There he built the first church in Seattle and became a important civic leader. He was transferred to Oregon in 1856 and stayed until 1862. The main diary is the record of his ministry in the Willamette Valley. The other documents are records of the Santiam Academy in Lebanon, Oregon and financial information about the pastor's compensation.

Willamette University has scanned the 1862 diary and put it on a jump drive. The scanned material, along with Laura's document will eventually be on Willamette Archives website. Laura is writing an article based on the diary and a short piece to submit for the "Discovery" section of *METHODIST HISTORY*.

The bulk of the volunteers time has been spent in organizing material from closed churches. Seventeen boxes of closed church materials have been delivered to the Archives this year. Storage boxes have been purchased to store material from closed churches and for older documents and journals. A goal is to inventory and organize the Evangelical United Brethern material once we have caught up with the closed churches.

The Oregon-Idaho Commission on Archive and History held a telephone conference in March with members in Idaho and Southern Oregon joining the 7 members in the Archive office in Salem. There was discussion about the shortage of volunteers needed to keep up with requests and with the organization of the Archives. There will be a meeting of the Commission of Archives and History before Annual Conference in June.

The Commission approved the de-accession of a bound copy of a Methodist Church property case, Circuit Court of Ohio, (Swormstedt and Poe) 1852 This was the court case between the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church South as to who owned the church buildings that were once MEC but was being used as MEC South. The bound copy of the court case was placed in the Willamette University Law Library. From researching this book we believe this is the only copy on the west coast. There are copies at the Ohio United Methodist Annual Conference Archives and in other libraries in Ohio and other eastern states.

This year researchers have focused on Japanese Concentration (Internment) Camps. Dr. Dale Soden, history professor, Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington is using material from the Oregon archives on Sherman Burgoyne in his book *Outsiders In A Promised Land: Religious Activists In The History Of The Pacific Northwest*. The book will be published by Oregon State University Press in November. Another researcher is working the Methodist treatment of the Native Americans in Oregon.

We have assisted in baptismal requests, family histories searches and shared copies of the Brewer's paintings with Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont. And we have also accessioned the closed churches material and helped churches with their histories for special days of celebration.

The lighting of the Archive room has been updated with ultra violet filtering window film being placed on all light fixtures in the document storage area.

Shirley Knepp, a Deaconess appointed to the Oregon Archives, attended the Deaconess Convocation at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina in October, 2014. Don and Shirley Knepp and Linda Tewksbury, attended the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archive and History meeting April 9-12, 2015 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Shirley presented the Blain(e) information to the Commission.

The members of the Oregon-Idaho Conference Commission on Archive and History are Nancie Fadeley, chair; Shirley Manning Knepp, Oregon archivist; Linda Tewksbury, Idaho Archivist; Jim Barrick, Charles Wallace, Charles Chase, Don Knepp, Laura Arksey, Stuart Shaw, Nia Fleck, Ina Sims, Tom Glass, Jim Ives and Roberta Ives,

Shirley Manning Knepp
Oregon Archivist/Deaconess

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

Of the United Methodist Church

Archives and History Commission's 2015 Report

I am Jim Lewis and I am the chairperson of the Archives Commission (revjlewis43@gmail.com) Barbara Essen is the President of the Historical Society (beesen@peoplepc.com.).

The Archives Commission maintains the archives of the Annual Conference and works on special celebrations for churches and pastors. We have three locations for the Conference Archives: The University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA; the East Archives at Central United Protestant UMC in Richland, WA; and the West Archives at The Bridge UMC in Tacoma, WA. The archivists include Barbara Weikert at UPS (2602 S Union, Apt. C301, Tacoma, WA 98405) and Bo Bryan at CUP in Richland (prosserumc@centurylink.net). Needed is a person to be the archivist at The Bridge.

Each year at Annual Conference the Archives Commission recognizes churches that are celebrating their 50th, 100th, or 150th, Anniversary. This year we will recognize Manson UMC for 100 years and Auburn UMC for 150 years.

We also recognize pastors who have been ordained elders for 50 or 60 years. Rev. Bo Bryan pastor at Prosser UMC expects to recognize one pastor for 60 years and six pastors for 50 years since their ordination.

We still look forward to recognizing the early 1841 Nisqually Methodist Mission site in present day DuPont sometime in the future. We are working with a local committee there to help secure an appropriate site to recognize the importance to the local area, to the State of Washington, and to our Methodist heritage.

The Historical Society works with historians and sells books at Annual Conference each year such as An Itinerant's Career the memoirs of the Rev. David G. LeSourd a missionary in Western Washington and There Were Giants

book by Maurice Helland on “Father Wilbur” an early Methodist missionary in Western Oregon and Eastern Washington. In the future, we hope to have a research project which will eventually be an update of our Methodism in the Northwest by Earl Howell.

The Historical Society holds its annual meeting at Annual Conference. Last year our Annual Conference met at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup and our speaker was from the Ezra Meeker Mansion.

Two other interesting projects in the near future include the current national dialogue about how to train archivists and also local church historians to maintain records and write their own church history. How we can best to this is yet to be decided. The other project relates to helping local congregations look at their history to determine when they began as a faith community. Some churches use the beginning of the church school, some the first worship service, others the appointment of a circuit rider or first appointed pastor, and others the date they were incorporated. Usually using the date of incorporation is much later than the actual beginning of that congregation. I wonder how other Annual Conferences establish the historic beginning of a local church and who sets that time? Let us be in dialogue about this.

Rev. Dr. James D. Lewis

The Eighth Historical Convocation

Monday, July 20 - Thursday, July 23, 2015

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Evanston, Illinois

The Eighth Historical Convocation is a joint meeting of the General Commission on Archives and History, The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church, the North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, and the Commission on Archives and History of The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church

Theme—"Diversity: It's Complicated"

(United Methodism has always been diverse and has had a complicated relationship with that diversity.)

(The General Commission on Archives and History will hold its annual meeting from Saturday, July 18 through Monday July 20. This schedule begins with the arrival of HSUMC, NCJCAH, and CAHNIC on Monday, July 20)

Monday, July 20

Travel day for Historical Society and Jurisdictional Commission

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Board meeting
(Dinner on your own)

7 p.m. Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (G-ETS):
Opening with greetings from area Bishop and G-ETS President and entertainment

Return to Hotel

Tuesday, July 21

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: President's Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Priscilla Pope Levison of Seattle Pacific University

Noon Room 205 and grounds (including lake front) Lunch

1 p.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. M. Rene Johnson of Michigan on Native American Methodist preachers in the upper Midwest.

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

6 p.m. Banquet at Evanston First United Methodist Church (catered by Tre Kronor Swedish Restaurant of Chicago) with HSUMC awards (Ministry of Memory, Saddlebag Selection), a brief presentation on the ministry of First Church, and perhaps a facility tour with emphasis on the Church's new Archives Room.

Return to Hotel

Wednesday, July 22 Tour Day

The Tour Day will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Frances Willard House and Museum in Evanston. At 8:45 a.m. we will board buses to drive by several sites significant to United Methodist history on the Northside of Chicago. We will have lunch, a tour, and a brief program at First United Methodist Church, Chicago (the Chicago Temple). In the afternoon, we will drive by Southside sites and stop at the new National Park Service Pullman Neighborhood location (including Greenstone United Methodist Church). We will finish the day with dinner at St. Mark United Methodist Church (formerly of the Lexington Conference, Central Jurisdiction).

At 7 p.m. at St. Mark, we will have a lecture by Dr. William (Bobby) McClain on the Central Jurisdiction.

Return to Hotel

Thursday, July 23

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. Jaeyeon Lucy Chung, Director of the United Library at G-ETS on the archival implications of the theme of the event.

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (HSUMC with Jurisdiction and other participants attending)

Adjourn with lunch

Registration

Accommodations:

The preferred accommodations for both the General Commission and the Historical Society/Jurisdiction Commission will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The Hilton is in downtown Evanston, less than half a mile from Garrett-ETS (there will be a shuttle service), and convenient to the shopping and dining of a major metropolitan area. The cost will be somewhat higher than is traditional, particularly for the Jurisdiction, but the facilities are first rate, with king-size or two double beds, private bathroom, individual temperature controls and accessibility. The cost is \$149 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy (having a roommate

will save you 50%). There is a \$10.00 surcharge for additional persons per room.

Those attending should make their own reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-847-475-6400, toll free at 1-877-STAY-HGI, or online at www.evanston.hgi.com. Request the HSUMC ANNUAL MEETING block. A group booking code will be provided for those registering on line. The group booking code is HSUMC. The **deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, June 19, 2015. However, the latest date to adjust the number of rooms without charge to HSUMC is May 22, 2015.** *The earlier you reserve, the better. If you need to reserve between May 22 and June 19, please let me know at the number or e-mail below, so that we do not release your room.*

For those who are driving, there is a parking garage contiguous to the hotel, with parking for guests (cost \$13 per day). For those who are flying, O'Hare International Airport is the most convenient destination. Transportation from O'Hare will be provided by the host conference both for arrival and departure. Include requests for transportation on the registration form for the Convocation. Limited parking is available on campus. If you wish or need to drive to G-ETS, please indicate under "travel plans" on the registration form.

If you have special dietary, accessibility, or other needs, if you need suggestions for other accommodations, or if you have any other questions or concerns about accommodations, please contact Dan Swinson directly: Daniel Swinson, Vice President, HSUMC, and coordinator of local arrangements for the Northern Illinois Conference, e-mail: djswinson@wowway.com or t.methodist@sbcglobal.net; cell phone: 847-772-6915.

Add on Tour Opportunity

In addition, there will be an "add-on" opportunity to visit the newly recognized Helenor Davisson Historic Sites in northern Indiana. Rev. Davisson, a Methodist Protestant, was the first woman ordained a deacon in the UM tradition (see the home page of the General Commission on Archives and History or the Fall 2014 issue of *Historian's Digest*). On Friday, July 24, the tour group will meet at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 107 E. Angelica St. Rensselaer, IN, at 11:00 AM Central time. Trinity is some 90 miles (two to three hours' drive) from Evanston. After an introduction, the tour will proceed to Helenor's grave site and two of the sites used by the Methodist Protestants for worship (Rosebud schoolhouse and a former MP church). Lunch will be served in the former church (now a museum) at a modest cost, followed in the afternoon by a visit to the Alter stone house in which Helenor was ordained in 1866 and the Rev. John Alter grave near Remington. Cars and drivers will be available, or you may drive your own vehicle. No charge for this event. For further information, please contact Richard Stowe at rastowe@mstar.net or 765-759-9321.

Eighth Historical Convocation Program Registration

(Please fill out separate form for each attendee)

Name (Please print): _____

(as you wish it to appear on your name tag and registration list)

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Conference _____

Travel plans:

Special needs or requests:

Event Costs

Registration, all activities (program costs, banquet, tour day, lunches, snacks, etc.)	\$175.00	\$_____
Registration minus Wednesday tour day	\$135.00	\$_____
Registration minus Tuesday banquet	\$135.00	\$_____
Registration, minus tour day and banquet	\$ 85.00	\$_____
Tuesday Banquet only	\$ 45.00	\$_____
Wednesday Tour Day only	\$ 45.00	\$_____
Commuter rate per day (lunches, snacks, staff)	\$ 42.00	\$_____
Total		\$_____

Make Checks Payable to: The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church (NICUMC)

Send Registration and Payments to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 West Golf Road, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056, attn. Dan Swinson. Questions, contact Dan Swinson at djswinson@wowway.com, or 847-772-6915.

Report from the Annual Meeting of the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History in Colorado Springs, Colorado April 9-12, 2015.

Highlights:

The Commission will now meet every other year. Next one therefore will be in 2017 in Anchorage, Alaska; then in 2019 in the Yellowstone Conference.

Because there would be no meeting in 2016, elections were held with the following results: President: The Rev. Dr. DarEll Weist; Vice President: Larry Hayden; Secretary: Marge Benham; Treasurer: The Rev. Dr. Jim Lewis; Newsletter Editors: Don and Shirley Knepp.

Secretary Rev. Merlene Barner will be providing official minutes of the meeting for approval at the next meeting. What follows are notes and photos taken by your newsletter editor, Larry Hayden.

Most if not all of the attendees were lodged at the La Quinta Inn which was about 4 miles east from the main meeting location at Calvary United Methodist Church, where they have high security and a large childcare program during the week-days.



This was the entrance we used



On Thursday evening a dinner was provided; Calvary pastor Rev. David Amrie welcomed the attendees; some business took place and then there was a wonderful presentation by The Legendary Ladies, a Women's Historical Performance Organization based in Golden, Colorado.



The bell tower with a view of Pike's Peak



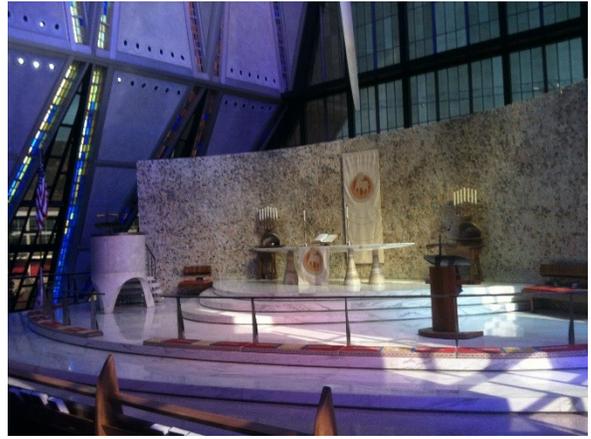
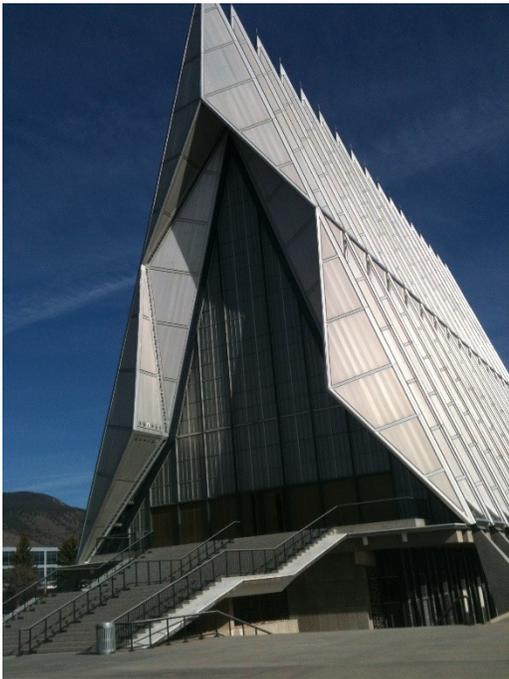


Friday

Friday was tour day. Most attendees rode in a beautiful and comfortable charter bus by Rambling Express.



First stop was at the Air Force Academy and exploration of the Barry Goldwater Visitor Center and the Chapel. The upstairs portion of the chapel is the largest service area for the Protestant program; downstairs is a Catholic chapel about half the size of the Protestant; and the Jewish and Buddhist chapels share the other half space. All were beautifully meditative.

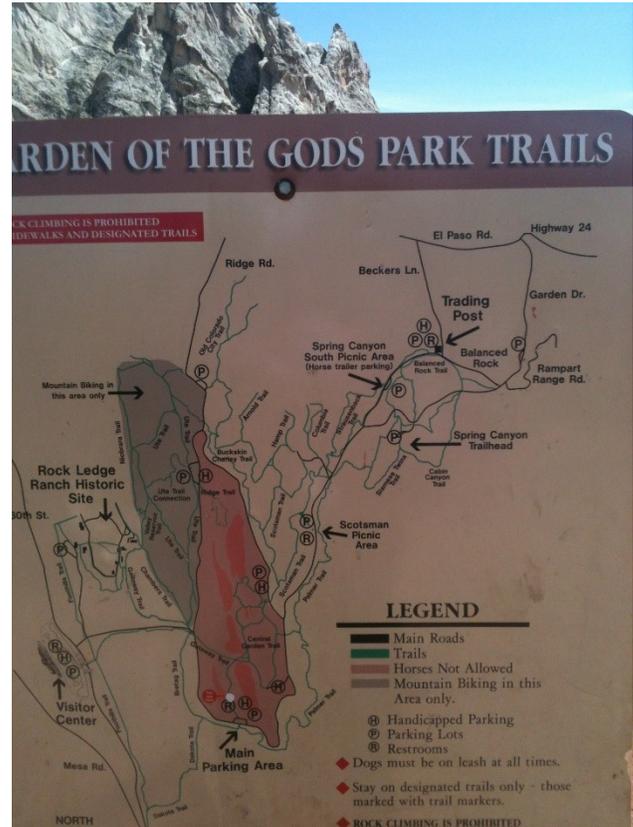




Then it was off to Palmer Lake and Pinecrest Camp. Dan Edwards talked about and showed a PowerPoint visual about the history of the area from the 1880s until the 1970s. These were the Chautauqua Years. Rev. Nancy Mead added a fascinating perspective on the place.



Garden of the Gods was next on the tour. This was a dedicated park area with many trails that twisted around outcrops of rock. Some areas of these rocks were great for climbers. Falcons are nesting in other areas. There were many interesting kinds of flora.



We ended the tour portion of the day at The Castle at Glen Eyrie. Glen Eyrie is an English Tudor-style castle built by the railroad magnet General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs and was a social centerpiece for the newly developing community of Colorado Springs. The most

recent owners of the Conference, Retreat, Bed and Breakfast property is The Navigators, a worldwide Christian para-church organization headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Its purpose is the discipling of Christians with a particular emphasis on enabling them to share their faith with others.



More information about these places can be found by doing internet searches on your computer or hard copies in the library.

www.pinecresteventcenter.com;
www.legendaryladies.org; www.navigators.org;
www.gardenofgods.com; www.usafa.af.mil;
www.gleneyrie.org; www.calvary-umc.org.

Dinner Friday evening was served at First United Methodist Church in downtown Colorado Springs. Besides the fabulous library and archive room, the church is downtown and therefore has to have armed security guards as part of their budget. Brenda Hawley and Gretchen Lloyd both spoke. The history of the church was given. The church was founded in 1871 and was the first Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. As it grew, the church needed to move to three different sites. The current site is on Nevada Avenue and the building was built in 1939 and has been expanded and remodeled three times. The building style is Romanesque Revival. The church has a broad outreach ministry, as well as varied compassionate ministries. In the mountains the John Wesley Ranch/Camp is used for many children's and youth activities. We toured the church and saw the magnificent organ in the sanctuary and the two Tiffany windows, one in the sanctuary and one in the chapel. The reason they are unique is that Tiffany glass is chipped rather than stained, therefore they have bars of metal at points to catch the chips if they start to fall.



Saturday was business day. After devotions by MaryEtta Moore, Dale Patterson presented a workshop dealing with why history matters. History is entertainment, inspiration. We can learn from our mistakes. History can provide ones identity. History provides our need to know. We are the vehicle to excite church membership. We can use books, displays and create scrapbooks. We can celebrate events. We can promote Heritage Sunday. We should focus on one topic at a time. We could self-write a blog to document history with text, music, photos, and videos and should be done on a consistent basis like for a year at least. Popular blogs are on Word-Press, Blogger and Tumblr. Dale suggested other techniques about a blog and urged users to keep things on the blog brief.



MaryEtta



Dale

After the break, General Secretary Fred Day presented his report on the General Commission activities.

This WJ meeting was his first Commission meeting in his 9 months in office and he was pleased by the presentations and conference reports (provided elsewhere in this newsletter-(minus Cal-Nev and Yellowstone)). He cited the Book of Discipline mission as Preserve and Promote and these he will facilitate. The General Commission plans to use social media more in the time ahead. The GC advocates for historic sites and landmarks; and provides grants and awards. He referred to Isaiah 51:1.

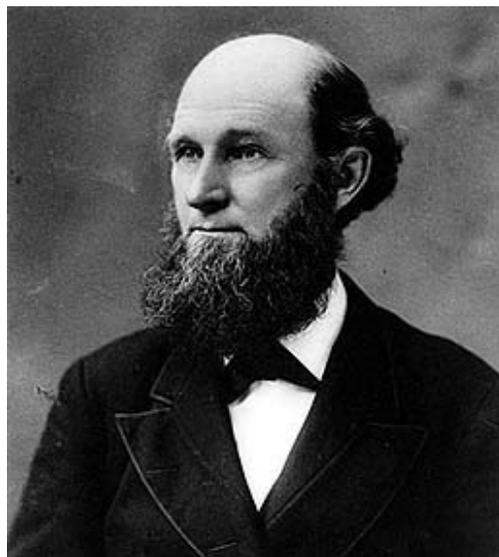


Shirley Knepp from the Oregon Idaho Conference read some excerpts from the diary journal of David Blaine and made relevant comments. The following and the photo comes from www.HistoryLink.org

Blaine, David (1824-1900) and Catharine Paine Blaine (1829-1908)
 HistoryLink.org Essay 1447
 David Blaine and Catharine Paine Blaine came to Seattle from Seneca Falls, New York, the site of America's first women's rights convention, in which Catharine Paine participated. The Blaines were Methodist missionaries who arrived in Seattle in 1853 via the Isthmus of Panama sea route. David founded Seattle's first church,

called the "Little White Church," and Catharine became Seattle's first teacher and school administrator. After the January 1856 Battle of Seattle (a conflict with Indians), the Blaines left for missionary duty in Portland. They returned to Seattle in retirement in 1882. He was active in the Seattle area starting in 1853.

A paper is being written relaying his story. One was previously done by Richard Seiber in the April 1963 edition of *Methodist History*.



Reverend David E. Blaine (1824-1900), 1875
 Photo by Asahel Curtis, Courtesy UW Special Collections (Neg. CUR1223)

The Rev. Jim Campbell spoke for half an hour about the importance of Methodist history in the area. Retired Pastor Campbell recently published the book "The Chair" which was featured in the January-February 2015 issue of *The Western Circuit Rider*. He has lived in Beulah, Colorado for some time and did a history on the Beulah United Methodist Church. He talked about the relationships with the Yute Indians and Women on the frontier. He mentioned how the Denver South Conference was created. Many people came to the Colorado area who had tuberculosis who thought the environment would help them cope with the illness. He talked about how the Deaconess' gave money to build a sanatorium and helped establish the National Deaconess School of Nursing. Wikipedia writes in part: "**America the Beautiful**" is an American patriotic song. The lyrics were written by Katharine Lee Bates, and the music was composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward. Bates originally wrote the words as a poem, "Pikes Peak", first published in the Fourth of July edition of the church periodical *The Congregationalist* in 1895. Jim mentioned we should all be proud of this musical creation in our midst.



The Archivist, Audit, and Resolution Committees then did their business.

A summary of business decisions: Minutes from the Pasadena meeting April 11-14, 2013 were approved; Audit Committee needs to finish up some research, a \$200 expenditure to publish a history of the Hope, Alaska Methodist Church was approved; the Treasurer's Report indicated a general fund balance of \$7,199.28 and a Robert's Book Fund balance of \$723.83; a reimbursement for expenses to officers attending the meeting was raised from \$50 to \$100; we decided to meet every other year; and we elected officers. Thanks was given to outgoing officers and especially President Jim Walker for his enthusiasm and dedication.



Dinner was served and a program of a short video entitled "Pilgrimage to the Sand Lake Massacre National Historic Site" then followed.

Sunday a few attendees participated in the praise worship service at Calvary.