

EDITOR'S NOTE

The next World Methodist Conference will be held in Durban, South Africa, August 4-9, 2011. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Council, August 1-3. The World Methodist Historical Society is planning a program for Thursday afternoon, August 4, which will be one among a variety of seminars to be offered. Though still tentative, plans are being made for an informative bus tour starting with lunch and ending with dinner on the Inanda Heritage Route with visits to Methodist Churches and lectures on South African Methodist history. The seminar will be limited to 45 people and registration will be required. Expenses for the bus, meals, and speakers will be covered by the World Methodist Historical Society. Once plans are finalized, information will be available through www.gcqh.org; click on the World Methodist Historical Society link. Information on the Conference can be accessed through www.worldmethodistcouncil.org.

The summer of 2011 will also be marked by the Seventh Historical Convocation, which will be July 21-24, in Oklahoma City. The theme will be "United Methodism in a Land of Many Cultures: Native American and Latino History." The Convocation will begin on Thursday evening with the presentation of the General Commission on Archives and History's Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Kenneth E. Rowe, long-time Methodist librarian at Drew University and a leading scholar and bibliographer on Methodist history. The Convocation will include lectures and visits to Latino and Native American churches. The meetings will be at Oklahoma City University and will be hosted by the Oklahoma Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. The Convocation will include the annual meeting of the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church and will be preceded by the annual meeting of the General Commission on Archives and History. Registration will be available beginning in January.

Four of the Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History in the United States will meet in the spring and summer:

Western Jurisdiction: April 28-May 1, in Phoenix, AZ

Northeastern Jurisdiction: May 3-5, in New Windsor, MD

North Central Jurisdiction: July 11-14, in Winona, MN

Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society: June 28-July 1, in Pineville, KY.

It is a privilege to work with those dedicated to making known the rich heritage of our church.

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