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The President's Corner

A word from our President Cornish Rogers:
Our recent meeting in Seattle brought to mind the movie: "Sleepless in Seattle." We were treated to such an array of interesting presentations and events that no one "slept" through any of them!

Welcome to the new Western Circuit Rider.

This edition is dedicated to the memory of our former editor, Lyman Ellis. I also want to acknowledge the work of his co editor and wife, Evelyn Ellis. My name is MaryEtta Moore and it is with great humility that I take over as the editor, knowing that no one can take the place of Lyman and Evelyn.

Our thoughts are still with Evelyn in the death of Lyman. His death was a great loss for the Western Jurisdiction.

We are hoping to send as many of the Circuit Rider through email to save postage. If you know of someone who needs to have it send through the Post Office please let me know.

Let me introduce myself to our readers. I am a retired UM Deacon, living in Greeley, CO with my husband Joe and our Boxer, Bogie. Like many of you I was a church volunteer for years while our family lived in Illinois and Minnesota. When we moved to Loveland, Co the church we joined needed a Christian Educator director and I applied. I became a Diaconal Minister in 1983, and a Full Deacon in 1997. My BA and MA are from Colorado State University My seminary work was done at Iliff and St. Paul Schools of Theology.

In addition to our dog, Joe and I have four grown children, nine living grandchildren, and six great grandchildren with another one on the way.

Meeting in conjunction with the United Methodist Historical Society's Annual Meeting at Seattle Pacific University, July 19-23, we were regaled with a smorgasbord of information and insights into the history of Methodism in the Northwest, through lectures and dramatic reenactments, we learned of the substantial impact Methodist persons and institutions made on the religious and civic life of the Northwest.

In addition, we enjoyed a boat ride on Puget Sound to an island at which Native Americans provided a delicious Salmon Dinner as well as a tribal dance performance for us. A bus ride to historical sites, including The University of Puget Sound, rounded out a great learning and entertaining experience. A stirring Eucharist presided over by retired Bishop Jack Tuell, assisted by Rev. Marion Kline, Rev. Dr. Leslie Ann Knight, and Cindy Akana, capped the event.



Rev. Kline

We have Jim Walker, ably assisted by Barbara Essen, to thank for a wonderful "sleepless" annual meeting!

Bill Stead, President of Our Desert=Southwest Conference Commission, through Alice Van Wey, has invited us to meet in Phoenix next year, April 28-May 1. Save the date."

A note from Evalyn Ellis to Jim Walker:

"Thank you for remembering Lyman and me with prayers. During the History Meeting, I'll be traveling to Teton National Park with my daughter and granddaughter.

Greet our old friends for me(us).

Love, Evalyn"

William Roberts' Publication Fund

William Roberts was a missionary in the Pacific Northwest way back when. In 2004 about 200 books were published about his life. Contributions of money came from individuals as well as at least 3 conferences. A few copies are still available for purchase from the PNW Conference.

Surplus revenue from the sale of this book were donated to the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History and were placed there for the benefit of helping publish other Methodist-history-related projects. The balance as of October 2010 Is \$1,227.38.

The WJCAH Executive Committee would be pleased to consider your proposal on how to spend some of that funding with your written request There is no time deadline as long as any money

remains. Once It is gone, it's gone.

Send your proposal to Dr. Cornish Rogers at CRogers@CSf.edu or Rev. Jim Walker at jkdwalk01@aol.com.

We look forward in great anticipation to what may yet be written about our denominations history in the great Western Jurisdiction.

Larry Hayden, WJCAH Treasurer

2010 GCAH Meeting Report By Marge Benham

The General Commission on Archives and History held its 2010 annual meeting jointly with the 4th Conference of the European Historical Commission August 10-15 in Budapest, Hungary at the Obuda United Methodist Church. 24 GCAH members and 9 spouses attended the meeting (29 were from the United States, one from Mozambique, I from Norway, and 2 from the Philippines). The Europeans welcomed us very warmly.

Thirteen other countries were represented at the Conference, including Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Estonia, Macedonia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia.

The theme of the conference was "Methodism in Europe after World War II, 1945-1965. Many interesting presentations were given either in English or in German. Interpreters were on hand to make sure all could be understood by everyone. We sang hymns from the recently published European Methodist Songbook, *Singing Grace/ Von Der Gnade Singen*. This songbook contains both familiar and unfamiliar hymns with multiple translations. Can you imagine "O For a Thousand Tongues" sung in fifteen or sixteen languages all at the same time? It was very inspiring!

Besides the presentations, we visited a United Methodist Church property in Budakeszi, Hungary

outside of Budapest. We enjoyed a Hungarian Night" presentation which included a Hungarian Methodist Church choir (from outside Budapest) sang many beautiful songs acapella. After the performances and speakers, a traditional Hungarian dinner, including authentic Hungarian goulash, was served on the back patio of the church.

The next annual General Commission on Archives and History meeting will be a Historical Convocation held jointly with the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 19-23, 2011.

Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History Annual Meeting Minutes

Hosted National Historical Society of The United Methodist Church

July 19-22, 2010

Seattle Pacific University

Monday, 19 July—4 p. m.

Chair, Cornish Rogers called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for being there and opened with prayer. Secretary, Mary Etta Moore, passed around a sign up sheet. Introductions were made by all present followed by **Roll Call by Annual Conferences WJCAH Board Members**

1. Alaska: Larry Hayden, Phyllis Sullivan
- 2 California-Nevada: Sargent Wright
- 3 California-Pacific: Cornish Rogers, Betty Clements, Al Wright
- 4 Desert-Southwest: Alice Van Wey
5. Pacific-Northwest: James Walker, David Walker, Barbara Weikert, Barbara Essen, Beau Brian Jr., Richard Seiber
- 6 Oregon-Idaho: Shirley Knepp
- 7 Rocky Mountain: Marge Benham, Mary Etta Moore, Merlene Barner
- 8 Yellowstone: Absent
- 9 General Secretary of Archives and History, Bob Williams and General and General Commission Archivist, Dale Patterson

Also in attendance: Jim Lewis, PNW, Chuck Benham RM, Jim Van Wey DSW, Clements Cal Pac, Peg McCormick, Katheryn Walker.

Sub-Committee Assignments

Chair, Cornish Rogers appointed these committees:

Audit: Al Wright, Larry Hayden

Budget: Jim Walker, Merlene Barner, Larry Hayden, Alice Van Wey

Nominations: Marge Benham, Chair, Jim Walker

Resolutions: Mary Etta Moore, David Walker, DarEll Weist, Jim Lewis

Archivist: Shirley Knepp, Betty Clements, Marge Benham, Sargent Wright

Other Business

At the 2009 meeting of the WJCAH a motion was passed to use the Roberts Book Fund to support publication related to the history and the heritage of United Methodism in the Western Jurisdiction.

Shirley Knepp clarified that the fund was not a fund of the Western Jurisdiction, but of Oregon-Idaho for publishing, thus, the 2009 motion was out-of-order and invalid.

Cornish charged the Budget Committee to look into setting an amount for reimbursement to WJCAH Board Members for meeting attendance.

Meeting was adjourned.

Thursday, 22 July

Chair, Cornish Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. and opened with prayer. Mary Etta Moore gave a Tribute to Lyman Ellis who served on the WJCAH for many years and was the Editor for the Newsletter and videographer for the meetings. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of Lyman. We also recognized Evalyn Ellis for her service to WJCAH, as well.

Mary Etta asked everyone to turn in their name, address, phone number and email address, so we would have the correct information.

Minutes: She read the 2009 minutes. The Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer: Larry Hayden passed out the Treasurer's Report. Al Wright moved we accept the Treasurer's Report, Merlene seconded. Motion passed with thanks to Larry and commendation for his diligent work.

GCAH General Secretary Report Bob Williams reported that the GCAH Annual Meeting would be in

Hungary , in August. It will be hosted by the European Historical Conference and is the first time the Board has met outside of the U.S. since WWII. His report was received.

Reports of Sub-committees:

Audit: Al Wright validated books, bank records, receipts and expense vouchers. All were in good order. DarEll moved and Shirley seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

2011 Budget: Larry Hayden presented the report: \$1400 income

Travel	\$900
Conference Calls	\$100
Newsletter	300
Postage	50
Misc.	30
Awards	20
Total	\$1400

Al Wright moved approval of the 2011 Budget and Merlene seconded, motion passed.

Larry said there will be \$50 for members of WJCAH on request towards expenses for attending the Annual Meeting. He will have a form next year for that request. List of members who should get reimbursement, when funds are sufficient can be found in the 2008 Discipline.

Nominations:Marge Benham presented the report:

Newsletter Editor—Mary Etta Moore RMC,
Secretary—Merlene Barner RMC

Jim Walker seconded, Motion Passed

Conference Commission Reports were presented

Mary Etta said that due to the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter two times a year she would like to email the newsletter to most of the WJCAH members. Please send her the names, email address, and regular mailing addresses to her, mvaem@comcast.net of your Conference Commission Members.

The newsletter will have news of the WJCAH and upcoming events, historical articles.

Archivist Meeting

Betty Clements reported Task from Chair, Cornish: to collect and share current information of each annual conference archives, their locations, name of archivist,

and contact information. Marge Benham will begin this project in the fall.

Barbara Essen moved that the WJCAH have an Archivist Interest Group with a designated time for their gathering at our annual meeting and that they form an email group to share archive issues and problems and make a report at the annual meeting. Marge seconded. Motion passed.

2011 Annual Meeting Invitation

Alice Van Wey, on behalf of the Desert Southwest Commission, invited the WJCAH to meet in Phoenix, AZ from April 28-May 1. Kevin Hall moved acceptance of the invitation, Marge seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion on 2012 location. **Cornish Rogers and Dick Seiber** will contact Yellowstone Conference to see if they are willing to host the meeting.

Oregon-Idaho would like to know, as soon as possible because they would be next in line to host in 2012 if Yellowstone cannot host.

Cornish commended Jim Walker for organizing a great conference.

Barbara Essen thanked Dick Seiber for his involvement, as the UM connection, on the planning and Installment of the Chloe Clark Willson statue.

Resolution Committee Report:

Be it resolved that the WJCAH gives a vote of appreciation and thanks to James Walker and his committee for all their planning for this conference. The committee members were Bo Bryan, Barbara Essen, Kevin Hall, Marian Kline, Leslie Ann Knight, Catherine McCormick, Peg McCormick, Richard Seiber, Marji Tuell, Bishop Jack Tuell, David Walker, Kathy Walker, and Barbara Weikert.

Be it resolved that on behalf of the WJCAH resolution committee thanks Bishop Jack Tuell, Rev. Marion Kline, Rev. Dr. Leslie Ann Knight and Cindy Akana for the Wednesday Worship and Communion Service.

Be it resolved that the WJCAH members wish to express their appreciation for the leadership of Rev. Cornish Rogers, Chair of WJCAH.

Adjourned DarEll Weist moved the 2010 Meeting of the WJCAH be adjourned, Merlene seconded.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Etta Moore and Merlene Barner

Save these dates!

You are invited

**To the annual meeting of
the Western Jurisdiction on
Archives & History.**

**When: Thursday, April 28,
2011 –Sunday, May, 1, 2011**

Where: Phoenix, Arizona

**Phoenix, AZ, The Valley of
Sun, in the spring promises
to be a warm, inviting place
where conference members
will be visiting historic
churches, and attending
archival workshops.**

**We will be staying at the
Homewood Suites, located
near Sky Harbor Airport and
the Desert Southwest
Conference Center.**