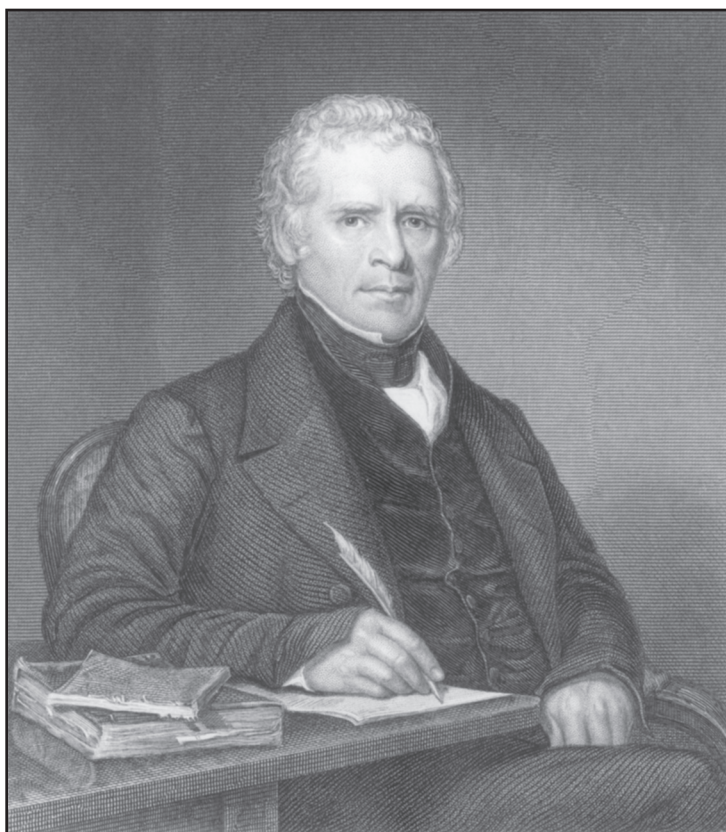


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EDITOR'S NOTE

Several awards and grants are offered each year by the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church. The Asian, African, Hispanic, and Native American History Research Grant, up to \$3000, is intended for research in the history and heritage of ethnic/racial groups in the United Methodist tradition. Part of the award goes to Dr. Elizabeth A. Georgian, who recently earned a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware. Her work on African Americans in early American Methodist history deals with the democratization in the Early Republic and the rise of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A grant was also made to Mark Dixon, a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, for the transcription of correspondence and diaries from Peter Böhler and his assistant George Schullius, all of which were written during or immediately prior to their missionary activities in the slave mission field of South Carolina. A third grant was made to the African American Museum of Southern New Jersey for work on the papers of Bishop Noah Moore.

The World Is My Parish Grant of up to \$3000 is intended to encourage research into the development of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents in conferences not in the United States. In 2012, this grant will assist in the organization and cataloging of the collection of pamphlets and documents collected by the late Bishop Ole Borgen, housed in the headquarters building of the Norway Annual Conference, by covering the travel expenses of the Methodist librarian of Drew University, Dr. Christopher Anderson. He has spent a week assisting the archivist of the Norway Conference in this work. A second grant has been awarded to James Ault Productions for two films entitled "African Christianity Rising."

The Josephine Forman Scholarship of \$10,000 is awarded to a person of color pursuing graduate work in archival studies. The recipient for the 2012-2013 academic year is Nathasha Alvarez, who is pursuing an M.S. in Library and Information Sciences at Long Island University and a M.A. in History, Public History and Archives from New York University.

The Women in United Methodist History Research Grant supports research projects relating specifically to the history of women in The United Methodist Church or its antecedents; and the Women in United Methodist History Writing Award is a \$500 prize for an original manuscript on the history of women in The United Methodist Church or its antecedents. These were not awarded in 2012.

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