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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue includes an important review article of the seven volume series that brings up to date the story begun by Wade Crawford Barclay decades ago. These volumes are critical to a study of the history of missions in The Methodist Protestant Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South, The Methodist Church, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and The United Methodist Church. The review essay offers many suggestions for further inquiry.

The Sixth Historical Convocation will be held July 20-22, 2007, at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. The Convocation is a commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Plenary speakers are Karen Westerfield Tucker, Boston University School of Theology; Timothy Macquiban, principal of Sarum College, Salisbury, England; Dennis Dickerson, Vanderbilt University; and Thomas Albin, Dean of the Upper Room Chapel.

Workshops will be offered on hymnody and worship as well as other topics of interest. A music festival will be held on Friday at 7:30 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., and on Saturday evening, the Distinguished Service Award from the General Commission will be presented to S T Kimbrough, Jr. Sunday morning worship will be at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

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