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EDITOR'S NOTE

The papers published in this issue were first delivered at a European Historical Conference held in Budapest, Hungary, at the Obuda United Methodist Church, August 10-15, 2010. I am pleased that we can use this double issue of *Methodist History* to ensure these addresses reach a wider audience. Please note that this issue will be the first two numbers of Volume LI, October, 2012, and January, 2013. I am especially grateful that Dr. Kevin Newburg has been tireless and diligent in the preparation of these addresses for publication. As the conference was conducted in English and in German, some of the papers were delivered and written in German requiring translation. Also, the more typical difficulty of transforming a spoken text into a publishable text was encountered. We certainly understand the range of work including well-annotated academic lectures and more personal recollections of persons and events of the conference's time period under study.

The general topic of the conference was "Methodism in Europe after World War II (1945-1964)." The conference was sponsored by the European Methodist Historical Commission with the support of the General Commission on Archives and History under the leadership of Dr. Ulrike Schuler, Professor of Church History, Methodism, and Ecumenics at Reutlingen Seminary in Germany. Such a conference has been held about every five years. The General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church saw this as a good reason to meet with the European Historical Commission and provide for the opportunity for Commission directors to participate in the conference. Thus, for the first time in its history, it held its annual meeting beyond the borders of the United States. This meeting and conference represented an important expression of the Commission's responsibilities to the church in every location and to forge connections throughout the world.

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