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WJ Commission on A&H, Jim Walker, Presidents Report, 8-20, 2014

We look forward to Alaska hosting, at summer solace late June 2017, a combined meeting of Historical Society and the WJ Commission on A&H.

On April 9-12, 2015, WJ A&H will be meeting in Colorado Springs, hosted by Rocky Mountain conference. Make flight arrangements into Colorado Springs, Nancy Mead is putting together an interesting tour and program.

Welcome and congratulations to our new General Secretary, Fred Day and Priscilla Pope-Levinson, on her election as the new president of the Historical Society.

WE HAVE HAD OUTSTANDING WJ COMMISSION ON A&H MEETINGS.

2004, Yellowstone conference and Great Falls UM Church hosted interesting days on Lewis and Clark and the frontier preacher, "Brother Mack". Peg McCormack brought to life one of the saints of the Methodist Church, South.

2005, CUP, Mel Finkbeiner, Richland WA, and the PNW conference took us down Lewis and Clark trails and a Camp Meeting and UB Seminary, Huntsville, WA.

2006, Cal-Nevada conference hosted us at the conference center, at First Church, Sacramento, and we experienced Old Sacramento.

2007, Cal Pacific hosted us at Claremont CA. We got to experience Ethnic Churches, led by Cornish Rogers, fine food and tours by our archivist, Betty Clements.

2008, Rocky Mountain hosted at 1st UMC, Denver, Co. We got to experience the excellent archives at Rocky Mountain.

2009, Alaska hosted us at Homer, Alaska. We got to tour our archives with Larry Hayden. We look forward to again experience their gorgeous land.

2010, We had a combined Historical Society and WJ Commission on A & H in Seattle, and experienced Chloe Clark and Nisqually Indian Mission.



2011, we were hosted by Desert South West conference at their archives and visited beautiful early churches of the area.

2012, we were hosted in Salem, OR, by Oregon and Idaho Conferences. It was joy to

have Lila Hill there. We helped our archivists. Some of our Methodist archives had gotten wet. 2013, we were hosted by 1st UMC of Pasadena and Cal Pacific conference. We toured La Plaza UM Church, founded in 1899, and gave a gift in honor of Bob Williams.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP HOST 2018 AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS?

LET US KNOW, Jim Walker, WJ A&H President

Submitted by Lyle Johnston (was Arizona): Here's another installment of interesting church names: from Washington state:

Nooksak Valley; Palabra Viviente in Everett; Snohomish; Conconully; Ephrata; Kahlotas; Snoqualmie; Good Seed in Federal Way; Puyallup; Yelm; Hoquiam; Pe Ell; Satsop; Skamokawa; and Washougal.



Do you remember this? It was designed and made by Joyce W. Plants from Denver.

Coming in the Next Issue:

- ◆ More submissions by our fellow readers
- ◆ Important information of some sort.

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Lyle Johnston gave permission to publish the following update:

Due to wanting to get closer to family, the Johnstons pulled up "stakes" and moved to 3032 Patriot Dr., Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701, (573) 334-5126 effective July 1.

I plan to stay involved in the DSW A & H Commission as a consultant by telephone and other means. I did give the A & H there my Arizona history collection going back to 1859.

I'm involved here as a volunteer with the Cape Girardeau County Archives in Jackson (8 miles north of Cape) Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Their archives building is huge! It is the size of the DSW building in Phoenix!

My latest project is a biography of the late Will Rogers Jr., Will's oldest son. He was a congressman, actor, TV show host, newspaper owner, Indian advocate, Tubac Arizona tourist promoter (where he lived his last 35 years), and Will Rogers Museums trustee for 47 years. I have not found a printer.

That's the latest from Missouri.

Saddlebag Selection of the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church

The Saddlebag Award is presented annually by the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church for the best book on the history of United Methodism, or its predecessors, published in the previous year. The 2013 Award has been given to the Historical Dictionary of Methodism (3rd edition) edited by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. and Susan E. Warrick. It was presented at the recent June 2014 annual meeting of the Society. Yrigoyen is General Secretary Emeritus of the General Commission on Archives and History and a clergy member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

The Saddlebag selection is to achieve a balance between the scholarly and the popular. It is intended to be respectable and readable, serious and accessible. The selection must deal with a significant subject of general interest to United Methodist audiences, that is, related to Methodist history, polity, theology, biography, or similar matters. This book has articles dealing with all of these. The Dictionary was one of eight candidates for the award. The new edition contains more than 700 articles by eighty contributors including Yrigoyen and Warrick.

One hundred articles are new. Previously published articles have been thoroughly revised. The book is 500 pages in length and contains twenty-five illustrations. It also features a time line of Methodist history and a sixty-five page bibliography. The publisher is Scarecrow Press, a subsidiary of Rowman & Littlefield.

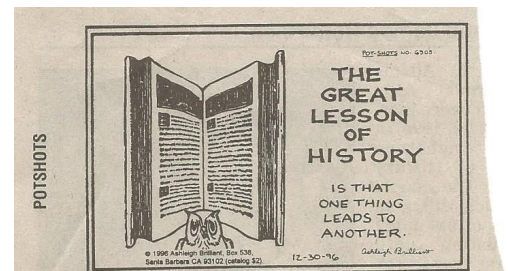
Chuck Yrigoyen

From Bishop Elaine J. W. Stanovsky, The Mountain Sky Episcopal Area The United Methodist Church 303.733.0083:

Last month I was in Manila, Philippines for several meetings. There I learned that the first Protestant Christian worship service in the Philippines was led by US military chaplain George Stull, on August 28, 1898. Rev. Stull was a member of the Montana Annual Conference of the ME Church (now merged into the Yellowstone Annual Conference of the UMC). You can find this and a quote from Rev. Stull on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestantism_in_the_Philippines

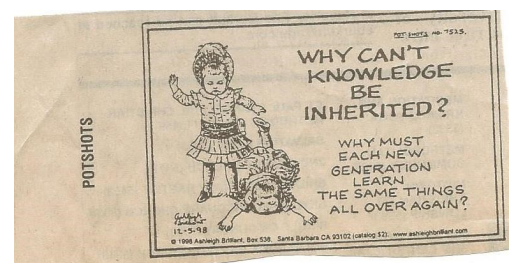
Rocky Mountain Conference and Yellowstone Conference both commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre, which is a tragic piece of the church's history in the West. We did significant education leading up to the event including the following webpages. Later this month video of the presentations at the RMC session will be available. One was by Gary Roberts, the UM researcher working on a 4-year project authorized by the 2012 General Conference and being supported by the GCAH. He was absolutely stunning. He, himself, is a United Methodist from south Georgia.

<http://www.mountainkyumc.org/sand-creek-massacre-journey>
<http://www.rmccumc.org/new/component/content/article/104-2014/421-pilgrimage.html>



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Year and Location and Host Conference of Annual Meeting

1984	Boise, Idaho	Oregon/Idaho
1985	Denver, Colorado	Rocky Mountain
1986	Vancouver, Washington	Pacific Northwest
1987	Scottsdale, Arizona	Desert Southwest
1988	San Diego, California	California Pacific
<u>1989</u>	<u>Salem, Oregon</u>	<u>Pacific Northwest</u>
1990	Juneau/Douglas, Alaska	Alaska Missionary
1991	Woodland, California	California Nevada
1992	Las Vegas, Nevada	California Nevada
1993	Salem, Oregon	Oregon Idaho
1994	Anchorage, Alaska	Alaska Missionary
1995	Phoenix, Arizona	Desert Southwest
1996	Des Moines, Washington	Pacific Northwest
1997	Honolulu, Hawaii	California Pacific
1998	Woodland, California	California Nevada
<u>1999</u>	<u>Meridian/Boise, Idaho</u>	<u>Oregon Idaho</u>
2000	Denver, Colorado	Rocky Mountain
2001	Fairbanks/North Pole, Alaska	Alaska Missionary
2002	Salem, Oregon	Oregon Idaho
2003	Tucson, Arizona	Desert Southwest
2004	Great Falls, Montana	Yellowstone
2005	Richland, Washington	Pacific Northwest
2006	Claremont, California	California Pacific
2007	Sacramento, California	California Nevada
2008	Denver, Colorado	Rocky Mountain
2009	Homer, Alaska	Alaska Missionary
<u>2010</u>	<u>Seattle, Washington</u>	<u>Pacific Northwest</u>
2011	Phoenix, Arizona	Desert Southeast
2012	Salem, Oregon	Oregon Idaho
2013	Pasadena, California	California Pacific
2014	Cancelled, Historical Society meeting at Wofford College suggested	
2015	Colorado Springs	Rocky Mountain
2016	?	California Nevada
2017	Anchorage, Alaska	Alaska UM Conference
2018	?	

Lyman Ellis documented all of the early years, some of which were in the Western Circuit Rider of February 2002, Page 6; and also on the cover of the binder for the Claremont 2006 meeting. This list was updated by Larry Hayden, August 1, 2014.