

**MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 & THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014
WOFFORD COLLEGE
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Historical Society was convened Wednesday, June 25, at 6:30 pm for dinner and presentation of the Ministry of Memory Award and Saddlebag Award.

Patty B. Russell was the recipient of the Ministry of Memory award in absentia. Carlton Casey from Virginia accepted the award for Patty.

There were eight entries for the 2014 Saddlebag Selection award. They included:

Adams, Elaine Parker, *The Reverend Peter W. Clark: Sweet Preacher and Steadfast Reformer* (Bloomington, IN: West Bow Press, 2013).

Chilcote, Paul W. and Kenneth J. Collins, *Doctrinal and Controversial Treatises II: The Works of John Wesley, Vol.13* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).

Collins, Kenneth J. and Vickers, Jason E. ed., *The Sermons of John Wesley: A Collection for the Christian Journey* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).

Dunn, Durwood, *The Civil War in Southern Appalachian Methodism* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2013).

Moore, Mary Elizabeth Mullino, ed., *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery and Reconstruction of the Wesleyan Heritage* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).

Rogal, Samuel J., ed., *A New and Critical Edition of George Osborn's the Poetical Works of John and Charles Wesley (1868-1872) with the Addition of notes, Annotations, Biographical and Background Information*, 13 Volumes in 21 books (Lewiston, NY; Queenston, Ontario; Lampeter, Wales: Edwin Mellen Press, 2009-2013).

Vickers, John A., *The Letters of Dr. Thomas Coke* (Nashville: Kingswood Press, 2013).

Yrigoyen, Charles Jr. and Susan E. Warrick, ed., *Historical Dictionary of Methodism, 3rd ed.* (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2013).

Historical Dictionary of Methodism, 3rd ed. was chosen to receive the

Saddlebag Selection Award. Charles Yrigoyen and Susan E. Warrick, as well as Scarecrow Press, were not available to accept the award.

Dr. John M. Bullard talked on “Moravians and Methodist: The Love Feast.” We sang two Moravian songs, “Christ, the Life of All the Living” and “Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord.”

The meeting was recessed until 8:30 am, Thursday, June 26.

The Historical Society was reconvened Thursday, June 26, at 8:30 am. We reviewed what had taken place at the 10:15 am Executive Board meeting on Wednesday.

Dan started with a “Popcorn Prayer” We then returned to our board discussion regarding Guidelines for Groups Hosting HSUMC Annual Meetings. A motion was made and passed that we add a release for photographs to the Guidelines.

Under the registration materials we will add a pamphlet to be provided by HSUMC, and provide a CEU of 1 unit from the General Commission. We also discussed the need for contact information on how to handle health issues, falls, etc. Pat Thompson has the Guidelines on her computer and she will make these corrections and additions to that form.

Secretary’s Report:

The report was approved as printed in the January, 2013, issue of *Methodist History*.

Treasurer’s Report/ Proposed Budget:

The report was passed out with the proposed budget on the reverse. There was some discussion about changes made in the way of reporting. A motion was brought from the board to accept the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 year. The budget was passed. Pat Thompson was reconfirmed as the editor of the *Historian’s Digest*.

Membership Secretary’s Report:

Priscilla Pope-Levison will send out a letter to all who have not paid their dues. The membership secretary’s report was received with 16 life members. There were only 6 new memberships this year. Membership is open all the time, but runs in quarters. All were encouraged to join if they are not members.

New Officers:

President: Priscilla Pope-Levison

Returning officers:

Vice- President: Daniel Swinson
Secretary: Barbara Essen
Treasure: Kerri Shoemaker
Membership Secretary: Marge Benham

Other Board members:

General Secretary of GCAH: Fred Day
GCAH Representative: Linda Schramm
Historian’s Digest Editor: Pat Thompson
Members of the Program Committee

Program Committee:

Members-at-Large serve as the Program Committee: The board recommends Joyce E. Plyler to take Priscilla Pope Levinson's place on this board. Other members are Phil Lawton, and Dan Flores, serving for one more year of a two year term. Chris Shoemaker also continues on the committee and Dan Swinson as Vice President serves as the chair.

Ministry of Memory Award:

John Baughman will be the 2015 recipient of the Ministry of Memory Award once confirmation is received from the body that nominated him. Otherwise the award will go to Richard Chrisman. Pat Thompson so moved and it passed.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dan Swinson then announced the upcoming meetings as follows:

2015: North Central Jurisdiction and Eighth Historical Convocation in Chicago area, July 20-23. The meeting is to take place in Evanston, Illinois, at Garrett-Evangelical Theological School.

2016: We will meet with the Northeastern Jurisdiction in the Dover, Delaware area. This will be the anniversary of the Course of Study which started in 1816 in Baltimore. The dates are May 23-26. It will take place after their annual conference and before the Belmont Stakes.

2017: We will meet in Alaska with the Western Jurisdiction. Larry Hayden is working on this. We are trying to work around annual conference scheduling to be able to meet in June. They are open for us to have a major say in the planning of this meeting.

2018: We will be meeting in the South Central Jurisdiction, possibly at St. Louis, Missouri, in July.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Essen, Secretary

The Eighth Historical Convocation

Monday, July 20 – Thursday, July 23, 2015
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Evanston, Illinois

The Eighth Historical Convocation is a joint meeting of the General Commission on Archives and History, The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church, the North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, and the Commission on Archives and History of The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church

Theme—“Diversity: It’s Complicated”

United Methodism has always been diverse and has had a complicated relationship with that diversity.

The General Commission on Archives and History will hold its annual meeting from Saturday, July 18 through Monday, July 20. This schedule begins with the arrival of HSUMC, NCJCAH, and CAHNIC on Monday, July 20.

Monday, July 20

Travel day for Historical Society and Jurisdictional Commission

1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Board meeting

(Dinner on your own)

7 p.m., Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (G-ETS): Opening with greetings from area Bishop and G-ETS President and entertainment

Return to Hotel

Tuesday, July 21

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m., Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

10:15 a.m., Break

10:30 a.m., Room 205 G-ETS: President’s Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Priscilla Pope Levison of Seattle Pacific University

Noon, Room 205 and grounds (including lake front), Lunch

1 p.m., Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. M. Rene Johnson of Michigan on Native American Methodist preachers in the upper Midwest.

2:15 p.m., Break

2:30 p.m., Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

6 p.m., Banquet at Evanston First United Methodist Church (catered by Tre Kronor Swedish Restaurant of Chicago), with HSUMC awards (Ministry of Memory, Saddlebag Selection); a brief presentation on the ministry of First Church; and perhaps a facility tour with emphasis on the Church's new Archives Room.

Return to Hotel

Wednesday, July 22 Tour Day

The Tour Day will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Frances Willard House and Museum in Evanston. At 8:45 a.m. we will board buses to drive by several sites significant to United Methodist history on the Northside of Chicago. We will have lunch, a tour, and a brief program at First United Methodist Church, Chicago (the Chicago Temple). In the afternoon, we will drive by Southside sites and stop at the new National Park Service Pullman Neighborhood location (including Greenstone United Methodist Church). We will finish the day with dinner at St. Mark United Methodist Church (formerly of the Lexington Conference, Central Jurisdiction).

At 7 p.m. at St. Mark, we will have a lecture by Dr. William (Bobby) McClain on the Central Jurisdiction.

Return to Hotel

Thursday, July 23

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m., Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. Jaeyeon Lucy Chung, Director of the United Library at G-ETS on the archival implications of the theme of the event.

10 a.m., Break

10:15 a.m., Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (HSUMC with Jurisdiction and other participants attending)

Adjourn with lunch

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Accommodations

The preferred accommodations for both the General Commission and the Historical Society/Jurisdiction Commission will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The Hilton is in downtown Evanston, less than half a mile from Garrett-ETS (there will be a shuttle service), and convenient to the shopping and dining of a major metropolitan area. The cost will be somewhat higher than is traditional, particularly for the Jurisdiction, but the facilities are first-rate, with king size or two double beds, private bathroom, individual temperature controls and accessibility. The cost is \$149 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy (having a roommate will save you 50%). There is a \$10.00 surcharge for additional persons per room.

Those attending should make their own reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-847-475-6400, toll free at 1-877-STAY-HGI, or online at www.evanston.hgi.com. Request the HSUMC ANNUAL MEETING block. A group booking code will be provided for those registering on line. The **deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, June 19, 2015**. *However, the latest date to adjust the number of rooms without charge to HSUMC is May 22, 2015. The earlier you reserve, the better. If you need to reserve between May 22 and June 19, please let me know at the number or e-mail below, so that we do not release your room.*

For those who are driving, there is a parking garage contiguous to the hotel, with parking for guests (\$13 per day). For those who are flying, O'Hare International Airport is the most convenient destination. Transportation from O'Hare will be provided by the host conference both for arrival and departure. Include requests for transportation on the registration form for the Convocation. Limited parking is available on campus. If you wish or need to drive to G-ETS, please indicate under "travel plans" on the registration form.

If you have special dietary, accessibility, or other needs, if you need suggestions for other accommodations, or if you have any other questions or concerns about accommodations, please contact Dan Swinson directly: Daniel Swinson, Vice President, HSUMC, and coordinator of local arrangements for the Northern Illinois Conference, e-mail: djswinson@wowway.com or t.methodist@sbcglobal.net; cell phone: 847-772-6915.

Additional Tour Opportunity

There will be an "add-on" opportunity to visit the newly-recognized Helenor Davisson Historic Sites in northern Indiana. Rev. Davisson, a Methodist Protestant, was the first woman ordained a deacon in the UM tradition (see www.gcch.org or the Fall, 2014, issue of *Historian's Digest*).

On Friday, July 24, the tour group will meet at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 107 E. Angelica St. Rensselaer, IN, at 11:00 AM Central time. Trinity is some 90 miles (two to three hours' drive) from Evanston. After an introduction, the tour will proceed to Helenor's grave site and two of the sites used by the Methodist Protestants for worship (Rosebud schoolhouse and a former MP church).

Lunch will be served in the former church (now a museum) at a modest cost, followed in the afternoon by a visit to the Alter stone house in which Helenor was ordained in 1866 and the Rev. John Alter grave near Remington.

Cars and drivers will be available, or you may drive your own vehicle. No charge for this event. For further information, please contact Richard Stowe at rastowe@mstar.net or 765-759-9321.

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Registration

(Please fill out separate form for each attendee)

Name (Please print) _____
(as you wish it to appear on your name tag and registration list)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Conference _____

Travel plans:

Special needs or requests:

Event Costs

Registration, all activities <small>(program costs, banquet, tour day, lunches, snacks, etc.)</small>	\$175.00	\$ _____
Registration minus Wednesday tour day	\$135.00	\$ _____
Registration minus Tuesday banquet	\$135.00	\$ _____
Registration, minus tour day and banquet	\$85.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Banquet only	\$45.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Tour Day only	\$45.00	\$ _____
Commuter rate per day <small>(lunches, snacks, staff)</small>	\$42.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church (NICUMC).

Send Registration and Payments to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 West Golf Road, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056, attn. Dan Swinson. Questions, contact Dan Swinson at djswinson@wowway.com, or 847-772-6915.

"Look to the rock from which you were hewn..."

(Isaiah 51:1, NRSV)



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