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## METHODISM IN EUROPE

At the turn from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century

The United Methodist Church in Europe  
Historical Conference

Tuesday-Sunday, August 10-15, 2004  
Baltic Mission Center, Tallinn, Estonia

Exciting details of this Conference suggest a rich series of lectures and discussions from the opening Estonian evening to the closing worship Sunday morning with Bishop Heinrich Bolleter of the Central and Southern Europe Area preaching.

Dr. Patrick Streiff of Switzerland, author of a new book entitled *Methodism in Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, will introduce the conference theme Wednesday morning.

Bishop Walter Klaiber of the Germany Area will lead a Bible study each morning on "Mission Today." Most of the conference presentations will be in German with English translation. Several tours are included in the schedule.

Time will be devoted to reports from various areas and countries. Major papers cover a wide variety of topics.

For further information, program and registration form, contact: The Rev. Jorunn Wendel, Ridehusgt.7C, N-1606 Fredrikstad. E-mail: fredrikstad@metodistkirken.no

Registrations should be received by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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### coming next issue . . .

Items you submit promptly upon receipt of this issue of the Bulletin, and a review of a new book: *Frank O. Salisbury, "Painter Laureate"* by Nigel McMurray.

## JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

(being saved and being made perfect)

### IN THE METHODIST TRADITION

Monday, May 24- Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Sarum College, Salisbury, England

This short course is for those interested in exploring the great themes of Wesleyan theology (being saved and becoming holy). The study will include visits to Oxford, Bristol and London. It will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Tim Macquiban and the Rev. Jenny Ellis. He is the Principal at Sarum College, a Methodist minister and historian. He was formerly director of the Wesley and Methodist Studies Center at Oxford. She is a mother of four, a Methodist minister and training and development officer for the Southhampton District. She recently completed an MA degree in Christian Spirituality.

Sarum College is an ecumenical center of Christian learning and spiritual growth with opportunities for groups and individuals to take 'time out' with God in the beautiful surroundings of Salisbury Cathedral Close.

For further information, contact the Hospitality Team, Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE, ENGLAND. Telephone: 01722 424800 E-mail: admin@sarum.ac.uk.

## C. WESLEY CHRISTMAN, JR. DIES

Charles Wesley Christman, Jr., editor of *The Northeastern United Methodist Historical Bulletin* since 1966, died on February 4, 2004. His last issue was this January. After graduation from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, he served twelve churches in the New York Annual Conference before retirement in 1980 and six congregations in retirement. He had served as vice-president and president of the

Northeastern Jurisdiction Association of Methodist Historical Societies. He chaired its predecessor organization and the New York Conference Commission on Archives and History from 1947 to 1976. The new conference archives in White Plains, NY was dedicated and named in his honor in 2002.

Wes was a member of the Hymn Society of America and wrote words for two published hymns sung at his funeral at Trinity UM Church, Hudson, NY, USA. He is survived by three daughters. His wife, Florence, died January 1st, 1992. Memorial gifts may be sent to: The Northeastern Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History % Robert Florian, Treasurer, Route 1, Box 4, Salem, WV 26426.

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### **IDEAS FOR YOU FROM FUTURE HERITAGE SUNDAY THEMES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ...**

Future themes selected by the General Commission on Archives and History for its annual Heritage Sunday of The United Methodist Church offer some creative possibilities for all the Methodist and Wesleyan family in the World Methodist Council in the next few years.

**2004** - 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Barbara Heck, sometimes known as the "mother of American Methodism." (See the announcement in this issue of the joint meeting of the Canadian Methodist Historical Society and The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church in August centering on Barbara Heck.) Who are the significant women in your denomination and in your country or geographical area that deserve recognition?

**2005** - "Celebrating World Methodism" This theme would be appropriate for any of our churches anywhere on the globe.

**2006** - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of full clergy rights for women in American Methodism. What are the historical events associated with women in your area and denomination?

**2007** - 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. All of our member churches of the World Methodist Council are indebted to brother Charles and would be enriched by remembering his music and other contributions to our common heritage.

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### **HISTORICAL LEGISLATION HEADED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN APRIL**

The General Commission on Archives and History has submitted five legislative suggestions for changes in *The Book of Discipline* to the General Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, April 26-May 7, 2004:

- 1) Would remove "if any" in reference to the annual conference commission on archives and history in paragraph 246.5a about the local church historian cooperating with such a body.
- 2) In paragraph 530.1 mandating a commission on archives and history in every jurisdiction.
- 3) In paragraph 606.3 listing the "annual report of the district superintendents, if any" as a required part of the annual conference journal.
- 4) In paragraph 638.1 remove the words "or other structure to provide for these functions and maintain the connectional relationships." This would mandate a commission on archives and history in every annual conference.
- 5) In paragraph 1712.2 adds a new Heritage Landmark: the site of the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society founded in 1869 at the Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, MA.

General Secretary Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., Archivist Dale Patterson, and Librarian Jennifer Woodruff Tait are also petitioning the General Conference to mandate every jurisdictional and annual conference to deposit two **paper** copies of their respective conference journals in the appropriate depositories. They are concerned that electronic copies will not create a permanent

record of the conferences' ministry. (See the articles in our 1st 2003 issue for more details on this significant issue for all our church records.)

The General Council on Ministries is proposing that the date for Heritage Sunday be moved from April to May because it conflicts with Native American Ministries Sunday (and sometimes even Easter). The date in May would move it close to the date we commemorate John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. The present date is April 23, the day in 1968 when The United Methodist Church was created by the union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church, or the Sunday following that date.

The 2005-2008 budget for the Commission on Archives and History probably will be approved as submitted by the General Council of Finance and Administration. It shows a very modest increase that will necessitate the use of reserve funds and a probable decrease in the size of the GCAH staff.

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## COMING EVENTS

### **"Women in Methodism"**

**April 5-8, 2005, at York, England**

This is the next Wesley Historical Society Conference. Inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Himsworth, 22 Broadway Road, Evesham WR11 1BG, England. Note the year!

**The Canadian Methodist Historical Society Will Host The Historical Society, The United Methodist Church, Thursday - Sunday, August 19 - 22, 2004 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.** Focus on Barbara Heck. Friday will feature a bus tour to the Heck Monument and other nearby locations and an evening banquet. Saturday will include an overview of Canadian Methodist History. For further information, contact J. William Lamb, 24 Princess Margaret Boulevard, Toronto M9A 1Z4, Canada. The Rev. Patricia Thompson, president of The Historical Society, will share the final address Sunday afternoon.

**The United Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society Annual Meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, USA, Wednesday - Saturday, July 21 - 24, 2004.** Theme: Wesley in Georgia - Prelude To Aldersgate. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., our general secretary. He will set the stage for Wesley's experience in Georgia. Then participants will walk where John Wesley walked among the oaks of Frederica and on the streets of Savannah as they tour the area.

**Friends of the World Methodist Council Museum Annual Dinner Friday, July 9, 2004** Paul Rader of the Salvation Army will be the speaker. At Lake Junaluska, NC, USA.

**Charles Wesley Society 2004 Annual Meeting Friday-Saturday, October 1 - 2 at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, USA.** Theme: "Charles Wesley and Worship"

We would be delighted to include your future events in upcoming issues of this Bulletin. Please send us the details and include a contact person for further information.

## ART'S ATTIC

This and That from Here and There

Compiled by Ye Olde Editor

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WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NZ)  
SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

"Weaving the Unfinished Mats: Wesley's  
Legacy: Conflict, Confusion and Challenge  
in the South Pacific"

at Crossroads Methodist Church,  
Papakura, South Auckland, New Zealand  
Friday - Monday, January 28 - 31, 2005

The aim of the Conference is to explore the Methodist heritage in the Pacific and its implications for today. The theme of the event will be built around a series of mats that each feature a Pacific location and culture. These mats are: Maori, Pakeha, Tongan, Australian, Samoan, Fijian, Papua, New Guinea Highlands and Solomon Islands.

Some questions to be considered are: Who were the people who brought Methodism to the Pacific and New Zealand? What were their motivations? What impact did Methodism have on peoples, their societies and cultures? What are the challenges facing Methodism in the Pacific today?

Following an optional tour on Friday the opening lecture, *Wesley's Legacy in the South Pacific*, will be shared by Professor Andrew Walls, Edinburgh. The daily sessions will feature the various "mats" and conclude on Monday following lunch with a panel presentation coordinated by the Rev. Dr. Jim Stuart.

For further information including detailed program, housing, costs and registration form, contact: The Rev. Barry Neal, 2 Upland Road, Huia, West Auckland 1250, New Zealand. Phone: 09 811 8054. E.mail: [thehuianeals@clear.net.nz](mailto:thehuianeals@clear.net.nz)

## "WOMEN IN METHODISM"

Conference in York April 5 - 8, 2005

The Wesley Historical Society and the World Methodist Historical Society will sponsor this major conference at York St John College, Lord Mayor's Walk, in the ancient city of York, famous for its splendid cathedral and medieval walls and streets. It was once the Viking capital of England and houses the Jorvik Museum. It is close to the Yorkshire Dales, Bronte Country and the North Yorkshire Moors and coast.

The theme focuses on the place of women in the Methodist movement: devout followers or movers and shakers? What was the contribution of women to the spread of Methodism? How did their influence permeate the movement? This conference will address exciting subversive issues and challenge many widely held assumptions.

Twelve eminent historians of Methodism will contribute papers, including ...

... Dr. Phyllis Mack, professor of history, Rutgers, NJ State University

... Dr. Vicki Tolar Burton, associate professor of English, Oregon State University

... Dr. Paul Chilcote, Asbury Theological Seminary, Florida campus, Orlando.

... The Rev. John Pritchard, former General Secretary, The Methodist Church Overseas Division.

... Dr. Linda Wilson, University of Gloucester

For further information, contact Mrs. Sheila Himsworth, 22 Boardway Road, Evesham, Worcester WR11 1BG, ENGLAND. e.mail: [himsworth@bigfoot.com](mailto:himsworth@bigfoot.com) Accommodations are single study bedrooms with shared facilities at a projected cost of 150-160 pounds for full board.

## **POSITION OPENING**

*General Secretary,*

*General Commission on Archives and History,  
The United Methodist Church*

Anticipated start date: January 1, 2006. Position description and application materials available by writing to: Search Committee, GCAH, P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940-0127 USA. Deadline for applications: February 28, 2005. Election by the General Commission is anticipated in September, 2005.

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## **EUROPEAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE**

"Methodism in Europe at the Turn from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" was the theme of a European Historical Conference held at the Baltic Mission Center in Tallinn, Estonia, August 10-15. Sixty-three participants from fifteen European nations, the USA, and Brazil attended the event sponsored by the European Methodist Historical Commission, the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, and the World Methodist Historical Society.

A focal point of the conference was the recently published work of Patrick Ph. Streiff, *Methodism in Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Tallinn, 2004). In addition to worship, general plenary addresses were offered by Streiff and others, and Bible studies were prepared by Bishop Walter Klaiber. A number of shorter presentations were prepared and delivered by representatives of several European nations.

Challenges to the Methodist presence in Europe by Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, state churches, and Communism were described as important factors in the development of Methodism.

Prior to the convening of the conference several registrants participated in an archives workshop sponsored by the General Commission on Archives and History.

The papers presented in English are being published on the following website:

<http://www.emkts.edu.ee>. Some of these were available in September 2004, while the remainder will be published later in the fall. The papers presented in German will be published in *Studiengemeinschaft fur Geschichte der Emk*, a monograph series of the German historical society of The United Methodist Church. - CY

## **THE WESLEYS IN COLONIAL GEORGIA Elderhostel at St. Simons March 6 - 11, 2005**

The Methodist Center at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island announces this Elderhostel offering an examination of the life of John Wesley emphasizing his work in Georgia from Savannah to St. Simons Island. You will discover where he lived and ministered on a St. Simons tour and spend a day in Savannah to see where he landed and served the new colony. The Rev. R. Harold Higgs of Nashville, TN, 25 years on the staff of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church will lead the study. A second course will explore great hymns of the faith including many written by Charles Wesley, as participants examine hymn texts and join in group singing. The Rev. Ken Fansler and Director Mary Lu Norris of South Carolina will lead this study.

To register call 877-426-8056 (toll free) and give the program # 8165 and dates above.

For further information about this program, contact Cindy Doehring, elderhostel director at Epworth by the Sea, 912-638-8688 or email: [cdoehring@epworthbythesea.org](mailto:cdoehring@epworthbythesea.org).

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## **UNITED METHODIST GCAH RECEIVES FILM PRESERVATION GRANT OF \$12,000**

The General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, located in Madison, NJ, USA, has received a film preservation grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation for \$12,000.

This grant will go toward the preservation of two films in the GCAH film collection, *Worship: A Family's Heritage* and *Far From Alone*. Both

films are from the mid-twentieth century. Both are suffering from deterioration. The project will create for each title a new film master, a copy from which new copies can be printed (called a print master), a patron copy, which can be viewed at the Archives Center, and a DVD version, for even easier patron viewing.

*Worship* is a documentary made in the late 1950's about the nature of worship. It provides a wonderful picture into the nature of mid-twentieth century United Methodist worship practices and beliefs. *Alone* is a movie made by the former Board of Temperance and may well be the last temperance-related film made by the denomination. The film tells the story of a young college athlete pressured to appear on a television program sponsored by a beer company and the support he discovers from friends, parents and coaches in standing up for his convictions.

GCAH has several hundred film and television titles and is beginning a preservation program for these films. For more information, contact Dale Patterson, Archivist-Records Administrator, at GCAH, P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940, USA.

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### **CANADIAN AND AMERICAN HISTORY GROUPS CELEBRATE BARBARA HECK CONTRIBUTION TO METHODISM**

The Canadian Methodist Historical Society and the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church gathered in Kingston, Ontario, Canada in August to honor Barbara Heck on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death in 1804. The group visited her grave and shared in a brief service at the impressive granite monument, as well as visiting other sites significant in her life and early Methodism. In the final session Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Pat Thompson, president of the Historical Society portrayed Barbara Heck in the pulpit of Hay Bay Church.

During the earlier tour, we were offered stones to carry home with historical significance. J. Wm. Lamb, author of the article about Barbara Heck printed below, also prepared the following

statement to help us interpret the stones. It reads:

"The 'Heck house stones' come from the rubble-stone Georgian house erected in 1807 by Jacob Heck (1769-1847), second son of Paul and Barbara Heck. It was located on lot 17 on the bank of the St. Lawrence river in Augusta township, Grenville county, Ontario, Canada.

Previously Samuel Heck, his brother, had lived in a round-log house on that site. Samuel cared for his mother in her final year. She died on August 17, 1804 in Samuel's house - not in the later stone house of Jacob."

We learned that the stone house was dismantled when industry purchased the land along the river and the wood was stored in a barn. Unfortunately a fire destroyed the barn and therefore the house could not be restored on a new location. Thus the gift of stones, now widely scattered.

### **BARBARA RUCKLE HECK**

#### **Mother of New World Methodism**

By Bill Lamb

Barbara Ruckle Heck's name is legendary in Methodist history. She is honored for prodding Philip Embury to start preaching in New York in 1766, which marked the commencement of Methodism in the New World and gained her the title "the mother of Methodism in the New World."

Embury organized a Methodist society according to John Wesley's methods, later known as John Street Church in New York City.

Heck came to prominence a century later when the American Methodist Ladies' Centenary Association commissioned historian Abel Stevens' book, *Women of Methodism*. There, Heck was given equal billing with England's Susanna Wesley.

Born in Ireland in 1734 to parents who had earlier fled the religious persecution of Protestants in the German Palatine, Heck's community was deeply influenced by John Wesley and his preachers, and she converted at age 18. In 1760 she married

Paul Heck and set out with a group of Irish Palatines for the New World, settling in the New York colony.

Under Embury's leadership, the group unsuccessfully attempted to form a linen industry. And what initially started as a temporary stay in the city stretched to six years.

In their new environment, the group lost its zeal for religion, and discouragement and spiritual decay took hold.

But Heck turned out to be the group's spiritual sentinel. While card playing may be an innocent pastime today, for Heck it was the last straw. Finding a group of her companions indulging in the worldly game, she swept the cards from the table and flung them in the fireplace, declaring, "Now look at your idols, there are your gods!" Heck then marched to Embury's house and urged him to preach the saving gospel to the group lest they "all go to hell." Embury countered he had neither a congregation nor a preaching place. "Preach in your own house and to your own company," Heck argued. So Methodism in the New World began its long journey.

Methodist ministry flourished, and within two years a meetinghouse was contemplated. When doubts arose, it was Heck who brought the affirming answer from God, "I, the Lord, will do it."

Soon the Hecks, Emburys and others in their group moved to the Hudson Valley near the Vermont border. But with the outbreak of the American Revolution, the Hecks suffered and eventually moved to Canada. Once again the Hecks were active in establishing a Methodist class.

While Barbara Heck's role may seem small, she was the spark that ignited a great flame. She died in 1804 and, 100 years later, Methodists on both sides of the border erected a 15-foot granite monument over her grave. The inscription read: "Barbara Heck put her brave soul against the rugged possibilities of the future and under God brought into existence American and Canadian

Methodism, and between these her memory will always form a most hallowed link."

- The Rev. Bill Lamb, Toronto, is past president of the Canadian Methodist Historical Society. This article first appeared in the April, 2004 issue of *The Interpreter* and was later distributed at the August meeting in Kingston.

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## NEW BOOK CONTRIBUTES TO HISTORY OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC

Fay Jennings Thompson has written a book on the history of Southern Gospel Music in which she played an important role. With her mother and father, Fay sang for years on radio, TV, records and concerts as the Jennings Trio. In writing her book, she relies on her parents' large trove of memorabilia, recalls the anecdotes they told her, and remembers her own involvement in music from age two into her eighth decade.

Titled *Notes on Shaped Notes*, the history book is subtitled "Remembering ... Some Places, People, and Events in the History of Traditional ... Gospel Music" and was released in December, 2003.

The paperback book is available from the author, 712 General George Patton Road, Nashville, TN 37221-2461, USA for \$12, plus \$3 shipping.

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## B O O K N O T E

**FRANK O. SALISBURY "PAINTER LAUREATE"**

by Nigel McMurray

1st Books Library, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403, USA. 412 pages. 2003. (No price indicated) Phone: (800) 839 - 8640.

The historical community of Methodism knows the name of Frank Salisbury as the painter of over 800 portraits, several of which feature the Wesleys as well as 20<sup>th</sup> century Methodist leaders. But he was also a recorder of historical scenes of pageantry and national import in England and America. He first sailed to the USA in 1925 and made 12 more trips of several months each. He painted in New York Chicago and Washington, the rich and the famous, presidents and businessmen, and their wives and daughters.



The book shows many photos of his work including stained glass. It includes a listing of all his works and where they are located presently.

Chapters one on "Fame" featuring biographical data and six on "Faith" will be of particular interest to church historians. Brought up in "a strict Methodist home," Salisbury's religious works bear their own direct message: an interpretation of the simple truths in the gospels and the prophetic books of the Old Testament.

Salisbury provided illustrations for four books including three religious titles: *The Life of Christ* by Lees (1920), *The Prophets of Israel* (1933) and *The Lord's Prayer* (1937).

He died August 31, 1962.

While the largest collection of Salisbury's works are at the Chicago Historical Society, the largest number of his Methodist-related portraits are in the World Methodist Museum at Lake Junaluska, NC, USA.

The World Museum collection includes *John Wesley, Scholar* (1953). *John Wesley, Founder* (1934) is in Wesley's Chapel, London, and *John Wesley, Evangelist* (1934) is in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. The other portraits at Lake Junaluska include *Charles Wesley, Susanna Wesley, Thomas Coke, and Francis Asbury "The Prophet of the Long Road"*, all done in 1957. Salisbury has also painted the individual leaders of the World Methodist Council in 1955-56: Elmer T. Clark, E. Harold Roberts, E. Benson Perkins, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt and Edwin L. Jones.

The Museum also has one of the two bronze busts of Salisbury produced by G. H. Paulin.

This book is a worthy addition to any collection on Methodist art. The author is a librarian with special interest in stained glass and the history of Methodism. He is the longest serving Heritage Steward at John Wesley's Chapel and House in London.

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We have been alerted to the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley in 2007. Please keep us posted on any plans for observing this event as they develop.

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The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church has announced its 2005 meeting Thursday - Sunday, April 21-24 at First United Methodist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, USA. They will be hosted by the Texas United Methodist Historical Society.

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The Friends of the World Methodist Museum, located at Lake Junaluska, NC, USA have recently announced their successful effort to purchase the entire John Hurst collection of watercolors featuring places in the British Isles that were significant in the life and ministry of John Wesley. The paintings now hang in a two-room gallery at the Museum. The Friends will welcome additional financial support to maintain and insure the collection.

- Art Swarthout, Editor

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