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OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 112th ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 1975 at Falkner Swamp Church, R.D. 1, Gilbertsville, Pa. We will join with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference in the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the First German Reformed Communion. The program for the day will be as follows:

- 10:30 AM CONVOCAATION - "Growth Through Controversy"  
Dr. John B. Frantz, Professor of History  
Pennsylvania State University
- 11:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE using the PALATINATE LITURGY  
Meditation - Dr. James E. Wagner, Former President  
Evangelical and Reformed Church
- 12 NOON Ringing of the church bell; with signal a Conference-wide Bell  
Ringing, marking the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of  
the First Communion
- 12:30 PM LUNCH - Cost \$2.50
- 1:30 PM 112th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY - Business Meeting and Reports

The program will begin at 2:30 o'clock and will be a  
PILGRIMAGE TO HISTORIC SITES RELATED TO REFORMED ORIGINS

Reservations for lunch are to be made with Falkner Swamp Church before October 1st. Please send your reservations registering the number for lunch and a check for \$2.50 each to the Rev. Gary C. Hauze, R.D. 1, Gilbertsville, Pa. 19525.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND DEDICATION observing the 250th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, October 19th, a Day of Remembrance and Dedication will be held in Helfferich Hall, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

- 4:00 PM HISTORICAL DISPLAYS - CONCERTS - CREATIVE ARTS - CAMPUS TOURS
- 6:00 PM SUPPER BY RESERVATION - Wismer Hall Dining Room - Cost \$3.00  
Limited to 600 guests. For reservations write to Box G,  
620 Main Street, Collegeville, Pa. 19426 and enclose check.
- 6:30 PM CONCERT - Soul Brass of Quakertown, Pa. - Helfferich Hall
- 7:15 PM PROCESSION - Pastors/Presidents from Churches founded before  
1800, Conference Ministers, Officers, Staffs...
- 7:30 PM ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT - "The Years Between ... 1725-1975"  
GREETINGS - Dr. Robert V. Moss, President of the United Church  
of Christ
- 9:00 PM CONCERT - Soul Brass

The events of October 15th and the 19th have been planned by the 250th Anniversary Committee of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference in cooperation with Penn Central, Penn Northeast and Penn West Conferences.

### THE PALATINATE LITURGY

The Communion Service from the Palatinate Liturgy has been adapted for use in our churches by George H. Bricker, President of the Society and published by the four Pennsylvania UCC Conferences and the Society as part of the 250th Anniversary. The Conferences are making distribution to their congregations. Additional copies may be secured from the Society for 5¢ per copy plus postage.

The Palatinate Liturgy was published in 1563 as part of the Palatinate Church Order which included also a constitution for the churches in that section of Germany generally west of the Rhine River known as the Palatinate and a theological statement known as the Heidelberg Catechism. It was this Church Order that established the Reformed Church in Germany under Elector Frederick III of Heidelberg.

When the German Reformed people came to Pennsylvania many of them brought with them German hymnbooks which included the Heidelberg Catechism and all or parts of the Palatinate Liturgy. Although such hymnbooks became quite scarce until Christopher Saur of Germantown, Pa. reprinted the Marburg Reformed Hymnbook, Geistreiche Leider, in 1752, they were used as the guide for the early German Reformed worship, especially when the Holy Communion was celebrated.

The Order for the Holy Communion used by John Philip Boehm in the congregations he established at Falkner Swamp, Skippack, Whitemarsh and other places was most probably the service from the Palatinate Liturgy.

### TENTH GENERAL SYNOD ESTABLISHES AN HISTORICAL COUNCIL

The Tenth General Synod meeting in Minneapolis in July referred to the historical concerns of the denominations several times in their program. Dr. Lowell H. Zuck, who represented the Historical Commission at the meeting, reports that the General Synod took action by a large majority that inserts a new paragraph and caption in the By-Laws of the United Church of Christ Constitution as follows:

#### HISTORICAL COUNCIL

"The Historical Council shall be composed of twelve members, three elected by each of the Historical Societies, Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed, and six at-large appointed by the Executive Council. One third shall be named each biennium for a six year term, to serve until their respective successors are named and qualified, none to serve more than two full terms consecutively. The Executive Council shall name from these members the chairperson. The Council shall meet at the call of the President or the chairperson. It shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and the Executive Council and shall assist the President and the Executive Council in overseeing the three archives, in recommending the amount to be allocated in the contributed budget for the Historical Societies, and in reminding the United Church of Christ of its traditions. The Council shall receive financial support through the Executive Council and staff support as assigned by the President."

The members of the Historical Council will be appointed by the Executive Council at their meeting in October. The present Historical Commission was discharged by the Synod with thanks for their work.

BOOK REVIEW

An interesting historical ecumenical review of all the churches in a given area has been put together under the title CHURCHES ON CAPE COD, by Marion Rawson Vuilleumier. It was published by the William S. Sullwold Publishing Company, Taunton, Mass., in 1974. The cost is \$5.00.

The book forms a model of what may be done elsewhere in the field of church history by briefly covering the history of each of the churches of all denominations in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Mrs. Vuilleumier's comments, while of necessity brief, are cogent and thorough and covers most needed material.

One of the features of the book are excellent line drawings of the meeting houses of most of the congregations discussed. They were drawn by the author's husband, Pierre DuPont Vuilleumier. He has well developed artistic talent fostered during a busy career as a pastor, area minister of the Massachusetts Conference, and most recently as director of its Craigville Conference Center of the Cape.

Of interest to United Church historians is the fact that the book includes histories of eighteen congregations belonging to the Barnstable Association of the United Church of Christ and the Craigville Conference Center. Also discussed are one continuing Congregational Christian Church and six other congregations which at one time or another were related to denominations forming the United Church.

--- Richard H. Taylor, Secretary, Historical Commission

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

The September 1974 issue of the NEWS included a Selected Bibliography on the German Reformed Church. There have been so many requests for it and since the original issue in which it appeared has been exhausted, it is reprinted here. The books listed may be borrowed from the Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603, if they are not available in your local library.

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SOME "FOOT-NOTES" TO THE HISTORY OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U.S.

The Bicentennial historical moments that we have been seeing on TV suggested to the editor that he should try his hand at writing a few episodes in the colonial history of the German Reformed Church.

1. The French invasion of the Palatinate (1688-89) was followed by failing crops and finally "the terrible winter of 1709" which was accompanied by a famine that spread over Germany and France. Then, "the people looked into each other's faces and said: Let us go to America, and if we perish, we perish."

2. In 1709 a body of poor Palatines arrived in England. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel urged the Bishop of London to ordain John Frederick Haeger for special services among the Palatines who were going to a colony in New York. He arrived in New York on June 19, 1710 and ministered to Germans in New York City and those dispersed in the Hudson Valley. In 1712-13 a large number of the Palatines moved to Scholarie and Haeger continued to serve them.

3. The Colony of Germanna, Virginia was established in 1714. About 12 families of German miners from Siegen were brought to Virginia by Governor Alexander Spotswood to establish an ironworks on the Rapidan.

4. The Reverend Samuel Guldin (1664-1746) was forced to leave Germany because of his pietistic teachings and come to Pennsylvania in 1710, settling in the Oley area. He preached in Germantown; visited Conrad Beissel at the Seventh Day Baptist Cloister at Ephrata. He published three books in America, the most important of which was his APOLOGIE, a defense of pietism, published in Philadelphia in 1718.

5. The Reverend John Joachim Zubly (1724-1781) was the most eminent German Reformed pastor in the colonies although he was never a member of the Coetus. He arrived in America in 1744 and served as an evangelist throughout South Carolina and Georgia. He was pastor at Charleston until 1760 and then moved to Savannah. He was well educated and preached in German, English and French. He was a noted author and his works were published by Christopher Saur of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Continental Congress from Georgia. Although he was a defender of the colonists in their struggles, he was accused of British sympathies and banished from Savannah. Had he remained in Congress a few months longer, he would have been a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

6. The Reverend Michael Schlatter (1718-1790), the organizer of the Coetus of Pennsylvania on September 29 - October 2, 1747, recorded only two events in his personal diary for that year; his marriage and his baptism of a free negro and his child in Germantown into the faith of the German Reformed Church. In addition to serving as "Inspector" of German Reformed congregations in the colonies, he was

interested in education and the establishment of charity schools. Opposition to his schools developed and in 1757 he enlisted as a chaplain in the Royal American Infantry. He was nominally a British chaplain as the Revolution began, but his sympathies were with the colonial cause. He was imprisoned and his home sacked by the British and his personal property and papers burned.

#### HISTORIES OF NEWLY FOUNDED CHURCHES SOUGHT

As part of its interest in serving the local Church, the Historical Commission of the United Church of Christ has completed a mailing of packets to all new United Church of Christ churches. The packet encouraged churches to record their early history while it is still fresh in their memories, and offers the services of the Commission to prepare a file for their congregation at the United Church of Christ archives in Lancaster, Pa. It also offered suggestions of methodologies for keeping church records and encouraged the appointment of a local church Historian.

The mailing was sent to 297 new United Church congregations formed or listed since the adoption of the United Church Constitution in 1961. Also included were a few churches started jointly by the CC's and the E&R's before that date, but the list did not include newly merged churches, CC churches joining the UCC since that date, or new starts which have become extinct. This large number of new congregations representing a truly UCC heritage are found in forty states and Puerto Rico. Leading states in the mailing were California (38), Florida (32), Hawaii (16), Illinois (15), New York (15), Maine (13), Colorado (12), Michigan (12), and Ohio (12)

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Income

Executive Council, U.C.C.	\$ 2,500.00
Conferences	600.00
Associations	25.00
Dues Received Through Lancaster	95.00
Historical Commission Finance Campaign	1,314.56
Interest Invements	772.57
Miscellaneous Income	545.70
Memorial Gifts and Other Gifts	11,252.70
	<u>\$ 17,105.53</u>

Expenses

Lancaster -- Salaries and Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,829.41
Lancaster -- Supplies	196.11
Lancaster -- Equipment	315.00
Lancaster -- Postage	7.00
Lancaster - Miscellaneous	67.50
Eden -- Salaries and Payroll Taxes	1,608.94
Eden -- Postage	10.00
General - Salaries and Payroll Taxes	1,525.90
General -- Meetings and Travel	534.05
General -- Printing and Postage	262.42
General -- Miscellaneous	34.61
	<u>\$ 7,390.94</u>

Surplus

\$ 9,714.59

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