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OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 117th ANNUAL MEETING

The 117th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, United Church of Christ, will be held at First Plymouth Congregational Church, 20th and D St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on Sunday afternoon, October 12, 1980 at 2:30 o'clock.

First Plymouth is the largest United Church of Christ in Lincoln, located in a residential section of the city and in the same block as the Nebraska Conference House. The senior pastor is Otis E. Young; associate pastor, John Smeltzer; and John Levick, minister of music.

The annual address, "The Ecclesiology of the Prayer Meeting Movement" will be given by the Rev. Henry A. Vieth, pastor of Immanuel Evangelical Church, Fort Morgan, Colorado, a congregation of Volga German background.

The Executive Committee will stay at the Lincoln Hilton, 9th and P Streets, Lincoln. Reservations can be made by calling the toll-free number 800-642-9927.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Saturday, October 11th 7:00 p.m. Meeting of the Executive Committee
Conference House, 2055 E Street

Sunday, October 12th

11:00 a.m. Worship at First Plymouth Congregational Church

12:30 p.m. Luncheon at THE PANTRY, 48th and Normal

2:30 p.m. Convening Prayer. Greetings from the Nebraska Conference
and the First Plymouth Church

3:00 p.m. Report of the Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting

3:30 p.m. The Annual Address

4:30 p.m. Adjournment and Benediction

Note: Those desiring to go to The Pantry for lunch are urged to make reservations with the Rev. I. C. G. Campbell, Conference Archivist, R.R. Box 200 G.G., Weeping Water, Nebraska 68463.

According to a long standing tradition of the Society which was organized in 1863, all those members of local churches (congregations) attending the Annual Meeting are considered voting members of the Society.

George H. Bricker, President/Archivist
Herbert B. Anstaett, Executive Secretary

EDEN ARCHIVES RECEIVES LINOTYPE MACHINE AND PRINTING PRESS

Friday, July 25, Eden Archives received a Linotype machine and job printing press from Emmaus Home, near Marthasville, MO. This is where the original Ministers' Seminary of the Evangelical Synod of the West, forerunner of Eden Seminary, was located.

On this linotype machine, of 1903 vintage, the German type was set for Der Friedensbote, a bi-monthly church newspaper published by the Evangelical Synod of the West. The job press was used for printing miscellaneous items such as cards, office forms, etc., for the seminary and the Synod.

NEW CATALOGER AT LANCASTER ARCHIVES

Mrs. Josephine Royce has been employed as the new part-time cataloger at the Lancaster Archives.

Mrs. Royce recently retired as librarian of York College, York, Pa. She has been a professional librarian for many years.

She assumes the position that was held for many years by Miss Lucile Brackbill who served efficiently and effectively as cataloger until her 89th year when a physical disability made it impossible for her to travel to the archives.

The next issue of the NEWS will carry a tribute to Miss Lucile as she was lovingly known to her colleagues and her many friends in the library world.

OUR MAILING LIST

There are over 1600 names on our mailing list. It is a major task for our small staff to sort and prepare a mailing. Please help us by sending us address changes as soon as they are known.

SEND US YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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INCOME DOWN, EXPENSES UP!

The Society is suffering from inflation the same as all other organizations. Not only has our expenses for supplies and part-time salaries increased, but there has been a substantial decrease in membership contributions.

These facts are reflected in our treasurer's report. Last year, as of July 31 we had to take \$3,000 from our reserve funds for operational expenses. This year, as of July 31, we had to transfer \$7,500 from our reserves to the operational account. We cannot continue this practice for many years.

It was reported at the recent meeting of the Steering Committee of the Historical Council that the Historical Society Appeal for the current year, as of July, resulted in only 160 individual membership contributions and only 82 institutional memberships. This is only half of the contributions we received last year.

Since both the ERHS and the CCHS depend upon the Appeal for operational funds, this may be a very lean year for both Societies.

If you have not made a contribution for 1980 we urge you to do so. You may send your membership contribution to the Historical Council, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016, or the headquarters of either Society.

RECENT CHURCH RECORDS MICROFILMED

During the month of September church records that have been acquired recently by the Society are being microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah.

This work costs us nothing and after it is completed, we receive free of cost a reel of positive film of all records microfilmed.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE

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