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123RD ANNUAL MEETING AT ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH (UCC), GREENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was held at Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, PA on October 1986. The meeting of the Society was one in a series of events celebrating the congregation's 125th anniversary.

Two fine papers were presented: one by Mr. Frank B. Stearns on the topic, "Hymn Texts and Poetry of Henry Harbaugh," the other by the Rev. John Bucher on the subject, "Reflections on the History of Penn West Conference." Included with the presentation of Mr. Stearn's paper was the singing by the members gathered of some Harbaugh hymns.

Participants in the meeting enjoyed a delicious lunch served by some ladies of the congregation and a walking tour of the recently renovated church building led by the Pastor, the Reverend Robert K. Nace. They were also interested in the items on display concerning the history of Zion's Reformed Church.

Next year's meeting will take place at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia on October 24, 1987 in connection with the bicentennial of the nation's Constitution. Dr. William Parsons, professor at Ursinus College and the Reverend David Rapp, Pastor of St. John's UCC, Whitehall, PA will present papers.

PRECIOUS COIN RETURNED TO TOHOKU GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

An historic Japanese coin, long held in the Archives, was returned to Tohoku Gakuin University at a banquet held recently in connection with Franklin and Marshall College's Bicentennial Celebration.

The Reverend Dr. Peter M. Schmiechen, President of Lancaster Theological Seminary, presented the coin on behalf of the Historical Society and the Seminary to Dr. Shozo Kadama, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tohoku Gakuin University and host of the banquet.

The coin was one of twelve that had been given to the Reverend William E. Hoy one hundred years ago by a Christian widow, Kami Chika for the support of the Mission School which eventually became Tohoku Gakuin University (North Japan College). Hoy, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary and one of the founders of the school, sent nine of the coins to the Mission Board in the hope that they would be sold to Reformed Church persons to raise more funds for the school. The only one of these coins to survive is this coin formerly on display in the Archives. To replace this coin Tohoku Gakuin University has provided the Archives with a replica.

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PRECIOUS COIN RETURNED (Cont'd. from page 1)

We at the Archives of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society are pleased that this coin, which has such important symbolic value to our friends at Tohoku Gakuin University, has been returned to them.

For the story of this coin and a poem written by William Hoy in honor of the Christian faithfulness of Kami Chika see Not Without A Struggle by C. William Mensendiek.

CENTENNIAL OF JAPANESE MISSION SCHOOLS CELEBRATED IN BIOGRAPHIES OF THEIR FOUNDERS

The 1986 centennial celebration of the founding of Tohoku Gakuin and Miyagi Gakuin in Sendai, Japan was marked by the publication of two biographies written by Dr. C. William Mensendiek, professor of religious studies at Tohoku Gakuin. The first of these is Not without Struggle, the life story of Dr. William E. Hoy, founder of Tohoku Gakuin which has grown from a group of seven students taught in the missionary's home to a university of 14,000 today. Hoy, a Pennsylvania farm boy and a disinherited samurai, Massayoshi Oshikawa were the founders of the school which within ten years included a theological seminary.

These were difficult years with many problems: misunderstandings between Dr. Hoy and the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church, financial inadequacies, and anti-foreign, anti-Christian attitudes of the native Japanese. Through all this, Dr. Hoy came through as "more than conqueror" because of his devotion to the cause of Christ, his determination, his abilities as a teacher, preacher and financial manager and overseer of building projects, his enthusiasms and hopes. After fourteen years in Japan, for health reasons he continued his missionary activities in central China.

The second biography by Dr. Mensendiek is titled A Dream Incarnate. It is the story of Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Poorbaugh of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, who with Mary Ault (later Mrs. William E. Hoy) were the first unmarried women missionaries to be sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church. These women were working in Sendai at the same time as was Dr. Hoy. Miss Poorbaugh became principal of the girls' school. She shared the same difficulties as Hoy, with the additional problem of the Japanese resenting a woman being school principal. She taught for the full seven year term in those days of slow communication with the home base and laid a firm foundation for Miyagi Gakuin.

Each year a group of 20-30 students from Tohoku Gakuin, hosted by Ursinus College, visits the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society where our denomination's connection with their school is explained, and Missionaries' mementos, books and photographs are shown. A return visit to the Japanese university was made last year by our archivist, Mrs. Florence M. Bricker, who joined a group from Franklin and Marshall College in attending festivities in Sendai.

Elizabeth K. Sanders

HENRY HARBAUGH

Henry Harbaugh, a name well known in the German Reformed Church in the mid-nineteenth century is best remembered as the author of the hymn text, "Jesus, I Live to Thee", based upon the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Harbaugh was born in 1817, the tenth of twelve children, in eastern Pennsylvania, and except for visits to Ohio when young, remained in the same area for his entire life. He died in 1867 at age fifty.

Educationally, he was largely self-taught until the time he entered the Reformed Seminary. He served churches in three locations in Pennsylvania: Lewisburg, Lancaster and Lebanon. His tenures were of varying lengths... the longest, 10 years, at First Reformed Church, Lancaster... but all added to Harbaugh's renown as a preacher, teacher and writer. It somehow seemed natural for him to spend the last years of his life at Lancaster Seminary, training young men for the ministry in a more formal way than he had been prepared.

In spite of English being a second language for Harbaugh, he had a staggering literary output, especially in light of his concurrent duties as pastor, husband and father of six children via two marriages and active member of several denominational committees. Some of his writings evolved from sermons to tracks to collections of sermons.

He also served as editor and contributor to a number of periodicals, starting while in seminary and extending to within a few months of his death. The Guardian, essentially a magazine for young people, and The Mercersburg Review flourished under his editorship. Contributions, especially to The Guardian, ranged from lectures to translations of others' writings to poetry. Much of the early poetry was written in "Pennsylvania Dutch"; later English was used exclusively.

An outstanding multi-volume work is Fathers of the Reformed Church, carrying biographies and history side-by-side from the denomination's beginnings in Europe. Harbaugh used the writings of other scholars and properly credited them, yet had to organize the entire project. A translation (published in 1857) of the journals of Michael Schlatter put that 18th century preacher squarely in his position in the Reformed church's growth in the colonies.

In addition to appearing in The Guardian, much of Harbaugh's poetry can be seen in Poems (published 1860) and Hymns and Chants, also from 1860 and compiled for the use of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa., where Harbaugh was the first pastor. Here "Jesus, I Live to Thee" first appeared in print; a friendly debate goes on to this day as to where the poem was written, (Lancaster or Lebanon) and for what occasion.

In the century since his death, at least five Harbaugh texts have appeared in musical setting in hymnals of a number of denominations. Many of his so-called religious poems, or hymns, deserve to be re-introduced, for their thrust, though sometimes couched in a Victorian writing style, are theologically sound even today.

A fascinating personage, Henry Harbaugh personified the Reformed denomination a century ago; his thoughts and ideas remain of interest to this day.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 1986

The Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society met on October 17, 1986, at 7:30 P.M. at Zion's Reformed Church, United Church of Christ, Greenville, Pa. Those in attendance were: David Rapp, Philip Weiss, Myron Wolf, Mark Steiner, Banks Shepherd, Lowell Zuck, Florence Bricker, John Payne, and Frank Snider. Mrs. Arlene Rapp was a visitor.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. John Payne. He recognized the presence of a new member, the Rev. David Rapp and introduced all in attendance. He noted that Mrs. Ceres Henkel has resigned from the Board of Directors. Her husband has recently died. Rev. Martha Kriebel asked not to be nominated again for the Board of Directors. Dr. Rudolf Schade has also resigned. Mr. Owen Fox was unable to attend because of a very busy schedule with business and a Festival at Old First Reformed in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mark Steiner led in the opening prayer. The Minutes were reviewed and received with corrections.

Reports were received from Florence Bricker, Archivist of the Society and for the United Church of Christ and the President, Dr. John Payne. Copies of these reports are attached to the minutes.

The Treasurer, Myron Wolf, presented his report which was adopted. He then presented the Budget for 1987 for discussion and for presentation to the Society in the Annual Meeting. It was moved by Philip Weiss and seconded by David Rapp that the Budget recommendations be accepted and presented to the Society on Saturday. Motion carried. It was noted by David Rapp that there is no insurance item in the budget. It was noted that we have minimum coverage.

The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, President, presented the report from the Southern Chapter. He stated that copies of "The History of Southern Synod" are on sale for \$5.00 per copy. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported on the Eden Archives and the activities in that area. A copy of this report is attached. It was adopted by voice vote. A "Thank you!" was extended to Dr. Zuck for editing the summer issue of the "Newsletter."

Dr. John Payne reported on the meeting of the Historical Council, held at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, on September 18-20. This meeting is described and covered in a paragraph in the President's Report.

It was noted that the 30th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ will be observed and celebrated at General Synod meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25-30, 1987. Mark Steiner offered to assist with this since he lives in Ohio. The theme will be "WE ARE UCC CALLED BY THE SPIRIT". Plans include an Anniversary Dinner on June 28. The Historical Council will have a planning committee to work on the program, historical displays, etc.

Dr. Payne referred to the next to last paragraph in his report concerning plans by the Historical Council to start a "locator file" for items in the several archives of the United Church of Christ. He also mentioned current discussions of

moving the Historical Council as a line item under the Executive Council Budget and placing it in the "Contributions" line item of the UCC Budget.

Plans for future meetings of the Society were discussed. The 1987 Annual Meeting will be at "Old First Reformed Church" in Philadelphia, October 24 and will tie in with the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States. It was noted that there will be a "Conference On the Religious Background of The Constitution" on October 4-7 in Old First Church. There was discussion on how to relate our Society's meeting with the Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Association. A possible schedule might include two papers, lunch, business meeting and walking tours. A Festive Service might be included. It must be determined whether the Philadelphia Association Meeting will be on Saturday, October 24 or on Sunday, October 25. Some possible persons and readers of papers were mentioned but no decisions were made concerning these.

Following refreshments, plans for the Annual meeting in 1988 were discussed. This meeting is to be at Beck's Church, Lexington, N.C. Possible programs were discussed. A program on the "pierced tombstones" unique to the area might be included.

An invitation has been received to hold the 1990 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Mo. to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Evangelical Synod. A motion was made by Philip Weiss and seconded by David Rapp to accept the invitation. Motion carried.

It was noted that we have already accepted an invitation from Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin to hold the 1989 meeting there. The program might concern the history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in that region.

The meeting was adjourned by President Payne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr., Secretary
John Payne, President

MINUTES OF ERHS ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 1986

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was held on October 18, 1986, beginning at 10:00 A.M., at Zion's Reformed Church, United Church of Christ, in Greenville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Payne, President. He welcomed those in attendance and brought greetings. Dr. Payne recognized the pastor of Zion's Church, the Rev. Robert Nace, who welcomed the Society to western Pennsylvania. Rev. Nace recognized Mr. Carl Saul, the Historian and an Elder in Zion's Church. Mr. Saul prepared the historical materials on display concerning Zion's Church. Rev. Nace gave a brief background history on St. Paul's Homes, located in Greenville. This Home began in 1909 as an orphan's home but now has been converted to a Retirement Home and Community.

Dr. Payne pointed out the literature table and that there were items for sale and some free items on the Historical Society.

Mr. Frank B. Stearns, Director of Music at Zion's Reformed Church, presented an interesting and informative paper on Dr. Henry Harbaugh. He distributed a printed selection of poems by Dr. Harbaugh. He concluded his program by playing the historic organ in the Chapel and the group sang three of Dr. Harbaugh's hymns.

Following Mr. Stearns presentation there was a time for comments and questions. It was noted by Rev. Merle Fox that Dr. Harbaugh's "Christmas Service", outlined as No. 561 in the E & R HYMNAL, is used traditionally each year at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa.

Pastor Robert Nace then took the group on a tour of Zion's Church building. He explained the history of the building and the recent renovations and expansions.

A delightful lunch was served in the Church Fellowship Hall by the women of Zion Church.

Following lunch the Rev. John Bucher, pastor of Birmingham UCC, Pittsburgh, presented a paper on "My Reflections On The History of Penn West Conference." He reflected on the twenty-four years of the Conference in a "limited and personal" way. He pointed out that Penn West Conference involves 30 Western counties in Pennsylvania and 2 in Maryland. The Conference was organized in 1962 in First Church, Greensburg. Most of the congregations are rural and divided into 6 associations. He pointed out the trials of the merger and highlighted stewardship problems throughout its history. Pastor Bucher concluded with the impression that things are looking up in the Penn West Conference.

Following this paper there was a brief intermission. There was some additional discussion on Rev. Bucher's paper.

President John Payne called the Business Meeting to order. The opening prayer was led by the Rev. David Rapp.

The Minutes of the October 26, 1985 Meeting in Wernersville, Pennsylvania were read and approved.

The President, Dr. John Payne, presented his Annual Report in written form. He added verbal highlights of his report and noted important events of his year. He had attended the International Calvin Research Congress in Hungary. A motion was made and seconded that his report be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

Dr. Payne introduced two Staff Members of the E and R Archives who were present, Miss Elizabeth Sanders and Mrs. Edna Hafer.

Mrs. Florence Bricker, Archivist, presented her report in written form. Copies of her report and that of the President are attached to these minutes. Mrs. Bricker also gave an oral report on her trip to Japan, a highlight of her year. It was moved and seconded to accept and adopt her report. Motion carried.

The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, President of the Southern Chapter of the E and R Historical Society presented a report of that group. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes. The motion and second to adopt this report carried.

A Report on the Eden Archives, prepared by Dr. Lowell Zuck who had to leave in order to catch a plane, was read by Dr. John Payne. This report was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Myron Wolf, Treasurer. This report was adopted and Mr. Wolf presented the Budget for 1987, totaling \$36,450. It was moved and seconded to adopt the 1987 Budget as presented. This motion carried.

The Rev. Robert Nace presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none and it was moved that nominations be closed and those nominated be elected by acclamation. Those elected were:

President: Dr. John B. Payne
1st Vice President: Dr. Lowell H. Zuck
2nd Vice President: Dr. Philip W. Weiss
Executive Secretary: Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett
Recording Secretary: The Rev. Frank W. Snider, Sr.
Treasurer: Mr. Myron E. Wolf
Archivist: Mrs. Florence M. Bricker
Directors-At-Large:
 Mr. Owen Fox
 The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd
 The Rev. Mary Wenck
 The Rev. Mark Steiner
 The Rev. David H. Rapp
 Mr. Frank B. Stearns

The President asked for New Business. Mrs. Merle Fox asked about the Annual Dues. She also noted that we need to get the Society better known among congregations. Congregations might be encouraged to put the Society in their local budgets.

There being no further business there was a motion for adjournment at 4:20 P.M. The Rev. Dr. Philip Weiss pronounced the traditional German Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank B. Snider, Sr., Secretary
John B. Payne, President

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society has recently assisted other groups with historical celebrations. In April the Society shared in the meeting of the Mercersburg Society at Franklin and Marshall and Lancaster Theological Seminary. In commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of John Williamson Nevin the Society mounted an exhibit of his writings in the archives and I presented a paper on "Nevin's Doctrine of Baptism"

The Society is also assisting with the Schaff Centennial which the American Society of Church History will be holding at Lancaster Theological Seminary in the spring of 1988 by providing materials to scholars who are preparing essays for that event. Professor George Shriver of Georgia Southern College has recently conducted research in our archives for a volume he is publishing on Schaff's life, and professor Hans Guggisberg of Basel, Switzerland will be coming here this fall likewise to study the Schaff manuscripts for a paper to be presented at the Centennial meeting.

The Archives of the Society have also made available resources for books written in connection with the one hundredth anniversaries of two former Reformed Church educational institutions in Sendai, Japan, Tohoku Gakuin University and Miyagi College for Women. The books are "Not Without a Struggle" which concerns the founding of Tohoku Gakuin by William Hoy, missionary graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary and "A Dream Incarnate" which deals with the early years of Miyagi College for Women, both written by Dr. William Mensendiek, currently UCBWM missionary in Sendai. Our archivist, Mrs. Bricker, visited in the Mensendiek home last May as she took part in the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Tohoku Gakuin University.

Florence Bricker and I represented the Society in June at Penn West Conference meeting in Johnstown. We mounted there our large three paneled exhibit with one panel displaying pictures of churches of Penn West Conference. This exhibit seemed to stir considerable interest.

As noted in the minutes of our spring Executive Committee meeting in the Newsletter, the Eden Archives provided material for the outstanding new biography of Reinhold Niebuhr by Richard Fox, a work which I highly recommend to members of the Historical Society.

In August 25-28 your President was pleased to take part in the International Calvin Research Congress held at the beautiful Reformed Academy at Debrecen, Hungary. This meeting celebrated the 450th anniversary of the publication of Calvin's influential work, Institutes of the Christian Religion. More than one hundred persons representing seventeen different countries participated in the Congress. Several excellent papers were presented on different aspects of Calvin's theology and its relation to other Reformers, such as Luther, Bucer, Bullinger, and Erasmus.

Perhaps the most memorable event of the Congress was the opening convocation at which Bishop Dr. Karoly Toth welcomed the Congress participants on behalf of the Hungarian Reformed Church before some two thousand pastors and lay people. Professor Kocsis of Debrecen delivered a paper on the topic, "The Sanctification of Life According to Calvin's 1536 edition of the INSTITUTES." I was deeply moved and uplifted by the anthems of the Debrecen Academy Choir as well as by the hymn singing of the "Great Cloud of Witnesses" that surrounded us participants. We were certainly made aware on that occasion, as on others, that the faith of the Reformed Church in Hungary in spite of, or perhaps because of, its past struggles is alive and strong. Not only was the experience of the Congress itself stimulating and inspiring to me but so were the conversations with Hungarian Reformed professors and pastors. I returned home much better informed about the past and present situation of the Reformed Church in Hungary than I was previously.

Not long after returning from Hungary I attended, along with Florence Bricker, the United Church of Christ Historical Council meeting on September 18-20 at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. We had an excellent meeting which had been planned and ably led by our new chair, Mrs. Ruth Rasche. An unusual feature of the meeting was a reception in the Eden Archives and a dinner attended by over one hundred pastors and lay persons in the St. Louis area. All of us present were inspired by a program of brief presentations on "Great Moments in Our UCC Heritage" by the Reverend Avery Post, President of the United Church of Christ; the Reverend Carol Joyce Brun, Secretary of the United Church of Christ; the Reverend Reuben Koehler, Missouri Conference Minister; the Reverend Martha Ann Baumer, South Illinois Conference Minister; the Reverend Robert G. Hermann, member of the committee which drafted the Statement of Faith; and our own Dr. Lowell Zuck, Professor of church history at Eden Theological Seminary and first vice-President of this Society. It was a most celebrative occasion and one which enabled a large number of interested persons to learn about the work of the Historical Council and to rejoice in the heritage which the Council through the two historical Societies seeks to preserve and pass on.

Perhaps the most important item on the Council's agenda for this meeting was the planning for the Council's participation in General Synod Sixteen at which the United Church of Christ will celebrate its 30th anniversary. We initiated plans for a 30th anniversary dinner, a display and a new program booklet.

Under the leadership of Harold Worthley, archivist and librarian at the Congregational Library in Boston and of Florence Bricker, archivist in Lancaster, the Council plans to start developing a locator file for items in the several archives of the United Church of Christ. The project will limit itself at first to the Congregational Library and the Lancaster and the Eden Archives. The execution of this important project and its extension to include all of the UCC related archives is hampered by a lack of supporting funds. During the course of our meeting the Council experienced some frustration also at the lack of sufficient financial support for other worthy endeavors, the Historical Intelligencer which this year incurred a serious deficit, the UCC Archives Fund to support needed personnel and equipment in the Archives, an Historical Council brochure so that the work of the Council and the two Societies might be more widely known. In spite of this major impediment to our work the council members left St. Louis feeling that much had been accomplished at the meeting which was attended by both President Avery Post and Secretary Carol Brun.

In the next several years we in the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society have unprecedented opportunities to have our work become more widely known as we meet in different strongholds of our Evangelical and Reformed heritage, this year in Penn West Conference at Zion's Reformed Church in Greenville; in October 1987 at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia; in October 1988 at Beck's UCC in Lexington, North Carolina; and in October 1989 at Lakeland College, Wisconsin. Most recently, an invitation has been received to hold our 1990 meeting in the St. Louis area as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Synod. I hope that members of the Society in these regions will take note of these meetings and plan to attend and urge others to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne/President

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

Today I am reporting for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and I also hold the position of acting-archivist for the United Church of Christ. We are located on the second floor of the Philip Schaff Library at 555 West James Street in Lancaster. We say also that at that address are the archives of the United Church of Christ. This is confusing to some people and they think that we have separate areas in which to work. We do not work out of two or more rooms, but only one. Our personnel does the work for both archives although our secretary is the only staff member paid by the United Church of Christ. Why are we so closely related physically and why do we work for both units? It was in 1961 in the early planning for the new library, that when completed, the archives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church would move to the new building because of growing lack of space in the Franklin and Marshall Library. Soon after this the faculty of the Seminary approved a memorandum of the library committee that the archives of the United Church of Christ also be located in the new building.

The offer of the Lancaster Theological Seminary to provide space for the Archives of the Reformed, the Evangelical and Reformed and the United Church of Christ records in the proposed new library was approved by the UCC President Ben Herbster May 5, 1964. A considerable sum of money was contributed by Mrs. Samuel Newman of Waynesboro, PA to the Library Building Campaign to build and equip the present space for the archives and society. A plaque in Room 212 in the library confirms this. The Seminary contributes space, heating, lighting and janitorial services.

When the General Synod in 1965 established the Historical Commission it instructed the Commission to "continue the Archives of the United Church of Christ in Lancaster." It was proper to use the word "continue" for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society had begun the collection of United Church of Christ materials as soon as merger talks had begun. No other library or group had officially undertaken this task.

Let us then consider what we have in the archives. Early in our history we began to keep files on our ministers and prominent people of our Church. That work is continued until we now have 44 drawers making up our Name File and it has proven to be valuable for researchers be they individuals, churches, conferences or others.

We are continuing to build up our "Place File" with information on local churches concerning special services, ordination and anniversary services. But we have only what is sent to us or what we can gather from Conference papers and newspapers. We ask you, we strongly urge you, especially ministers, to send us materials from your church or about yourself. When you visit the archives we don't want you to be disappointed by finding only a slim folder or none at all.

Periodically we receive cartons from Conference offices and national agencies. These are sorted, catalogued and placed in Record Group boxes. We have 250 of these Record Group Boxes holding papers of our church leaders, missionaries, and materials from our camps, conferences, boards and agencies.

Two ranges of shelving were early set aside for placement of the official minutes and publications of all the Conferences and Associations of the UCC. We don't have all of them but we have what is sent to us and we are constantly asking for more.

Many local congregations are placing their old records on "Permanent Deposit" with us. Periodically our church records are microfilmed. A set is kept in the Archives and a certain number of these are loaned out. During the past year 41 of these films were sent out.

Each year we receive publications appropriate for the Archives from Pilgrim Press. These are catalogued and made available to visitors.

Many of these things we have amassed since the merger of 1957. But in addition we have in the archives original manuscripts of sermons, lectures and letters of early Reformed Church leaders, periodicals, publications and catechisms. Church records dating back to 1724 are to be found here. Pictures and memorabilia of early missionaries are on display in glass cases.

But since all of these materials are in one room they can be used as reference materials by anyone of the United Church of Christ who has need of the information. The one collection compliments the other - the one is a continuation of the other. When we receive requests we cannot say, and we do not say, this happened before or that happened after 1957. We give what we have regardless of a time table.

In addition we receive and help researchers who come to the archives. During the first nine months of 1986 there have been 476 visitors. We welcomed 15 tour groups of senior citizens and confirmation classes. Consistories from three local churches have held a monthly meeting in the archives. In August students from Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan made their annual visit.

The daily mail brings requests from persons seeking information about their church or former ministers as they prepare for anniversaries; from college and seminaries who seek information of a theological nature for their students, and some are genealogical questions.

The sorting and preserving of materials received from our churches and official bodies continues to be one of the most important parts of our work.

We prepare exhibits for our Conferences and General Synod meetings and when possible we are present at the exhibits.

We have a staff of one full-time secretary, provided by the Historical Council and four part-time persons. Each one of us has certain assigned duties; no one adheres strictly and selfishly to this policy but we all work to help one another where and when we can. In such an atmosphere much is accomplished in a day as the working hours permit. But so much more could be accomplished if we had additional funds. Another part-time worker would facilitate our processing of materials. Additional movable shelving would ease our space problem. Your archivist can see many ways in which we can grow and improve the archives, and it is the hope of the entire staff that sometime these aspirations will become realities.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. G. H.) Florence Bricker

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter held it's Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 16, 1985 at Mt. Hope United Church of Christ, Whitsett, NC. Dr. Carolyn Byer, Professor of history at Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC presented a paper on the Rev. Dr. George W. Welker, pastor for 51 years of the Guilford Charge (including Mt. Hope) of the Reformed Church and for 45 years as Stated Clerk of the NC Classes of the Reformed Church. He was also a member of the North Carolina General Assembly and a controversial figure against slavery, alcohol and for child care in North Carolina.

Our meeting for this year will be on Saturday, November 15, 1986, at Bethel United Church of Christ near Hickory, NC. Bethel Church recently celebrated the 100th Anniversary of their present church building. This congregation has produced notable church leaders in North Carolina and a missionary, the Rev. Sterling W. Whitener, Sr., who was for 33 years a missionary to China.

Our Archives are housed at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina. Mrs. Jackie Sims, archivist, continues to receive and process materials on churches of Reformed background in North Carolina. We maintain our work under the handicap of diminishing space and with increasing materials. We hope that in its' expansion program Catawba College will consider our needs. However, we have no clear indications as yet that this will happen. There are some duplicate copies of Classis and Synod Minutes and Reports that we must dispose of.

The Southern Chapter plans to sponsor a Bus Tour to the 1987 Meeting of the Society planned for Philadelphia, Pa. We are looking forward to hosting the Annual Meeting of the Society in Davidson County, North Carolina in the fall of 1988.

Respectfully Submitted,

Banks D. Shepherd
President

BOOK NOTE

Our members will be interested in a new book published by our First Vice-President, Dr. Lowell H. Zuck, Socially Responsible Believers, Puritans, Pietists, and Unionists in the History of the United Church of Christ, (United Church Press).

The book seeks to help clarify the unifying theological and social strands within the United Church of Christ, a magnificent but confusing churchly tradition which derives from major European Protestant origins, both Lutheran and Reformed, as well as embodies a free-church English Puritan consciousness which pioneered in establishing American religion and culture.

The book's method is to sketch brief biographies of church leaders who interwove Puritan, Pietist, and Unionist concerns with an outlook representing a stance the authors call "socially responsible believers", those who uniquely combined personal religious convictions with responsible public participation in community affairs.

REPORT OF THE EDEN ARCHIVES

The work of the Eden Archives continues much as in the past, with Mrs. Ahme Quist doing able work in cataloging new and uncataloged materials. One of the recent acquisitions has been the gift of additional materials from a previous President of Eden Seminary, Dr. Samuel D. Press, including valuable letters to and from Reinhold Niebuhr, lecture notes, etc. Mrs. Doris Krueger, Dr. Press' daughter, has given those materials to the Eden Archives.

At a meeting of the Eden Archives Committee on June 10, 1986, chaired by the Rev. Fred Allrich, the request of the Archives for a microfilm-reader-printer was honored by the continuation committee of the former Evangelical Synod. They appropriated a sum of up to \$6,000 to be used for the purchase of a new Minolta RP405E microfilm reader printer, a 5-file metal cabinet, and a step-ladder. The reader-printer has been purchased, installed, and greatly aids researchers who can now avoid further wear on disintegrating original materials.

Eden Seminary and Deaconess Hospital were honored by the fall meeting of the UCC Historical Council, Mrs. Ruth Rasche, chairperson. On Thursday evening, September 18, 1986, over a hundred people participated in a reception at the Archives followed by a dinner nearby, where "Great Moments in Our UCC Heritage" were celebrated with short speeches by Dr. Avery Post, and the Reverends Robert Herrmann, Reuben Koehler, Martha Ann Baumer, Carol Joyce Brun, and Lowell H. Zuck.

Dr. Zuck edited the June 1986 ERHS Newsletter, and is preparing a forthcoming 30th anniversary number for the UCC Historical Council journal, Historical Intel-ligencer. We were happy to include in the Newsletter Mrs. Ahme Quist's helpful "Story of the Eden Archives."

We continue to receive visitors and to answer correspondence, and are pleased with the opportunity to be of service to members of the ERHS and to others interested in the church and our traditions. The interest and support of our brothers and sisters at Lancaster is of special importance to us. We bring warm greetings to the Society from all who have been part of the Evangelical Synod and its successors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell H. Zuck
Archivist

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses -- Operating Account
Year Ending December 31, 1986

		<u>INCOME</u>	
Executive Council -- U.C.C.			\$ 4,200.00
Conferences: Penn West	\$ 100.00		
Central Atlantic	25.00		
South Dakota	20.00		
Wisconsin	200.00		345.00
Associations: Cumberland -- Maine Conference	\$ 20.00		
Susquehanna -- NY Conference	50.00		
Lancaster -- Penn Central Conference	1,500.00		
Genesee Valley -- NY Conference	50.00		1,620.00
Dues Received Through Lancaster			1,935.00
Life Fees			500.00
Historical Council -- Financial Campaign			2,000.00
Interest on Investments			3,690.71
Visitor Fees			438.00
Miscellaneous Income			2,122.51
Miscellaneous contribution			1,500.00
Gifts (not including dues)			
Charlotte W. Boudier	\$ 300.00		
Mazeppa Church, West Milton, PA	50.00		
Frederick S. Weiser	50.00		
Boehm's UCC, Blue Bell, PA	200.00		
Rev. Dr. John B. Frantz Memorial contributions	710.00		
Arcadia Foundation	12,000.00		
D.J. Wetzel Memorial--Mite Socy., 1st UCC, Reading, PA	100.00		
Women's Guild--Church of Apostles, Lancaster, PA	69.00		
Paul Althouse	50.00		
Mrs. Edith C. Steinbright	6,000.00		
St. Andrew's UCC, Lancaster, PA	100.00		
Hebron UCC, Winston-Salem, NC	250.00		
John Weiler--In memory of Rev. Dr. Ralph Weiler	50.00		
1st Reformed Church UCC, Lancaster, PA	141.10		
Others (Less than 50.00 each)	314.71		20,384.81
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$ 38,736.03</u>

		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Lancaster: Salaries	\$ 9,741.31		
Supplies	981.08		
Equipment	1,804.77		
Postage	677.04		
Telephone	891.86		
Miscellaneous	1,834.13		\$ 15,930.19

Eden: Subsidy		\$ 5,340.00
General: Salaries	\$ 4,765.50	
Meetings & Travel	2,233.81	
Printing & Postage	1,537.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>151.98</u>	8,688.29
Historical Council -- Archives		4,387.51
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 34,345.99
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/86		<u>\$ 4,390.04</u>

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Balance Sheet
December 31, 1986

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Interest Checking Account -- Hamilton Bank	\$ 1,747.93
Liquid Reserve Account -- Hamilton Bank	42,486.37
Certificate of Deposit -- Penn Savings	4,402.02
Certificate of Deposit -- Hamilton Bank -- Matured	-0- *
GMC Memorial Endowment -- C/D Hamilton Bank	1,001.00
Wellington Fund -- Book Value	1008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 53,645.32</u>

<u>LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</u>	
Liabilities	-0-
Principal -- 12/31/85	\$ 49,255.28
Plus Surplus for the year ended 12/31/86	<u>4,390.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL	<u>\$ 53,645.32</u>

* We previously had a 5-year 10,000 Certificate of Deposit with Hamilton Bank. Interest rates declined substantially during those 5 years. In conversation with President Payne, it was decided not to renew the C/D. The money was recently transferred to our Liquid Reserve Account. A new investment will be sought to try to generate more income than C/D's are currently producing.

Respectfully submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

Note: Due to the holiday schedule, a check dated in December for a contribution of \$50.00 from First Congregational Church of Montclair, NJ was received by the treasurer after the books were closed for 1986. It will appear in our 1987 receipts. The same is true for a check of \$50.00 received from New York Conference December 31, 1986.

NEWS ABOUT HISTORY FROM NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

Dr. Charles Kennedy has been appointed Conference Historian for the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ.

A seminar for local church and district association historians, archivists, clergy, and other church historians took place at Falls City, Nebraska, on October 19-20, 1986. The title of the seminar was "New Directions in Church History."

Since the lamented closing of Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota, the South Dakota U.C.C. Conference Archives have been moved to Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Besides holding the United Church of Christ Archives, Augustana College now is host also to Archives of the Lutheran Church of America in South Dakota and the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota.

The new chairperson for the Historical Committee of the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ is Betty Gutch, 4108 Birchwood, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

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Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS and CCHS for 1986. Enclosed is my check.

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_____ Student (\$7)	_____ Sustaining (\$30 to \$99)
_____ Sponsor or Life (\$250)	_____ Institutions (\$25)

NAME: _____
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