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125TH ANNUAL MEETING AT BECK'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, LEXINGTON, N.C.

At its Annual Meeting at Beck's United Church of Christ, in Lexington, North Carolina on October 15, 1988 the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, while celebrating its own 125th anniversary, recognized and honored the two hundredth anniversaries of three area churches, Beck's UCC (1987), Beulah UCC (1989) and Bethany UCC (1989). An outstanding program was prepared for this festive occasion by the Reverend Banks Shepherd, President of the Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and his committee. Two most interesting lectures were presented: "Gothic and Baroque Gravestones in Davidson County, N. C.," with slide illustrations, by Mr. Bradford Rauschenberg, Director of Research at the Museum of Early Decorative Arts at Old Salem, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and "Early Reformed Pastors in North and South Carolina in the Colonial Period" by Dr. Larry Philip Leonard, who works in the National Art Gallery in Washington D.C.

Before the luncheon of delicious Southern barbecue which was graciously served by the host church, there was a tour of the historic cemetery of Beck's Church.

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UCC HISTORICAL COUNCIL MEETS AT ARCHIVES

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society acted as host to a meeting of the UCC Historical Council in the UCC Archives in Philip Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA., September 22-24, 1988. The highlight of the meeting was a banquet on September 22 in the Dietz Refectory to which local pastors and lay persons were invited. Over one hundred persons heard the President of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Avery D. Post stress that the value of the UCC Archives is the value of story. When a person begins to "get along in years," he or she begins to value the family story. Similarly, he said, "when the UCC grows up, we will, I hope, embrace a full commitment to a fully equipped, fully staffed archives." He reported that the Council of Instrumentality Executives had already recommended that a significant sum of money be appropriated in the 1990 and 1991 budgets for a full-time UCC Archivist, but he said more needs to be done.

Dr. Post was one of four speakers on the theme, "Lifting Up the UCC Archives." The others were the Rev. Ms. Carol Joyce Brun, Secretary of the United Church of Christ; the Rev. Mr.

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At the luncheon Dr. John Payne made some remarks concerning the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. In recognition of her eight years of faithful service as Archivist, Dr. Payne presented to Mrs. Florence Bricker a framed fraktur with the Reformed Church escutcheon painted on it and the words, "Florence M. Bricker, Archivist, 1981-1988, In Gratitude and Affection, Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, October 15, 1988."

In the beautiful fall afternoon there was a tour of the other churches celebrating anniversaries, Beulah United Church of Christ, Bethany United Church of Christ, where the group was serenaded by a local Moravian band and where delicious refreshments were served, and Emanuel United Church of Christ which was celebrating its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary in 1988.

More than sixty persons attending the meeting enjoyed a delightfully rich day.

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Lyle J. Weible, President of Penn Central Conference; and the Rev. Mr. Donald Overlock, Conference Minister, Penn Northeast Conference. All three made inspiring presentations.

Dr. Post presented a bronze plaque to Mrs. Florence M. Bricker with appropriate words of affection and appreciation for her work as UCC Archivist. The plaque was inscribed with the words, "The UCC Historical Council gratefully recognizes Florence M. Bricker for her years of dedicated service as Archivist of the United Church of Christ." Mrs. Bricker responded with a stirring speech of her own.

At its meeting the Historical Council discussed such matters as the present status of the UCC Archives Fund, the oral history project, plans for the participation of the Historical Council in General Synod Seventeen, the prospect of a full-time archivist in 1990, and the need for an interim archivist in 1989.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT LAKELAND COLLEGE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 13-14, 1989

The 126th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will be held October 13-14, 1989 at Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Conference Historical Committee has planned an outstanding program. On Friday evening there will be a banquet featuring Professor Louis H. Gunnemann as speaker. Professor Gunnemann, who until recently taught at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota, is one of the editors of Prism, a theological forum for the United Church of Christ and is the author of The Shaping of the United Church of Christ. On Saturday two lectures are planned, one by Professor Reinhard Ulrich of Lakeland College, and the other by Professor Robert Kingdom of the University of Wisconsin, an internationally known authority on Calvin and French Calvinism. We look forward to what should be a most stimulating and enriching weekend at Lakeland College. All persons are cordially invited. There will be more details on the meeting in the summer newsletter. Persons wanting more information now should contact the Rev. James D. Mohr, Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, 342 Scott Street, Ripon, WI 54971, (414) 748-2544.

FLORENCE BRICKER RETIRES

After eight years of service as the Archivist of the United Church of Christ as well as the Archivist of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Florence M. Bricker retired at the end of 1988. Before that she had served as assistant archivist for ten years under her husband, Dr. George H. Bricker.

"I had worked with George for ten years. I knew his ways, and I also knew the background and history of the church pretty well. All I could do was try. I knew I would grow with it and learn from it." Open to growth and ready to take on the challenge of a new task even at the age of 69, Florence Bricker moved in to her new post with enthusiasm and love for the rich resources held by the Archives. "I was always a history buff," she said, "and this has been a great satisfaction--that people are turning to us in the Archives more and more with church-related questions" When people do come with their questions to Mrs. Bricker, they are received with graciousness and patience and a concern to find the precise answer to their inquiry.

A native of Shiremanstown, Florence attended Dickinson College while her high school sweetheart, George Bricker attended Franklin and Marshall College. In the light of their future interests, it is not surprising that they both majored in history. After George graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1936, they were married and began their first pastorate at St. John's Reformed Church in Johnstown. After eight years they moved to Waynesboro, where George was pastor of Trinity-Salem Parish, and then in 1953 to St. Peter's in Lancaster.

During the course of these years in parish work Mrs. Bricker not only shared with her husband in the ministry to these congregations, but also held several local, regional and national leadership responsibilities. She was secretary and later president of the Harbaugh Regional Women's Guild (an area embracing Chambersburg, Carlisle and Mechanicsburg); president of the Lancaster Synodical Women's Guild; third vice president of the national UCC Women's Guild; and vice moderator of Penn Central Conference. She also served as moderator and elder at St. Peter's UCC, Lancaster, and recently completed a three-year term as elder at St. Andrew's UCC, Lancaster.

In 1957 Mrs. Bricker experienced another change in her life when her husband accepted the position of director of library services and professor of theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary. His responsibilities expanded in 1967 when he took on the job of UCC Archivist after a specially designated area of the newly built Philip Schaff Library was set aside by the seminary and officially established as the Archives of the United Church of Christ by the denomination. As in the parish, so in the seminary and archives, Florence shared intimately in the life and work of her husband, joining him in the archives as his assistant in 1971.

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During all these many years as wife of a parish pastor and a seminary professor, as a leader in the church and worker in the archives, Mrs. Bricker has seen many changes in the church. "It has grown in numbers," she said, especially after the merger in 1957 of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the present United Church of Christ. "It's more aware of social issues....Women have taken a greater place in the church, both as elected officials and as pastors themselves. In my days as a pastor's wife, you didn't work outside the home. You were like a partner to him in his ministry. While that holds true in some cases today, it certainly isn't the rule of thumb, because women have their own vocations."

As for changes in the Archives during the last eighteen years, she said, "We have more people interested in genealogy than ever before. It seems to have started with Roots (the book by Alex Haley). We're not a genealogical society, but still they come. We do not have census records, wills and statistics in the Archives--for that they have to go elsewhere--but many times what they're looking for does not appear in the courthouse. Church records are the only thing they have to rely on--records of baptism, marriages and funerals, for example. Our church records go back to the early 1700's"

But all these changes she has experienced in the church, Archives and her own life do not upset Mrs. Bricker, for she is herself most open to change. An attitude of venturesomeness and adaptability has been one of her characteristics that has most impressed her friends and neighbors. She has shown herself open both to new ideas and to new experiences. Three years after her husband's death she made a trip to Israel and Egypt where she had to climb steep steps and rocky hillsides and in 1986 she traveled to Japan where she represented the Archives in the centennial celebration of the founding of Tohoku Gakuin University which was established by William Hoy, missionary of the Reformed Church, along with the Japanese evangelist, Oshikawa Masayoshi.

After her retirement, Mrs. Bricker says, besides going through her own "archives at home, she will "perhaps do some volunteer work and take part more in church and community affairs that I haven't been able to because of my regular hours of work." She will also be freer to visit her son, Harvey, professor of archaeology at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., and her daughter, Helen Smith, elementary school teacher in Falls Church, Va. "And, if any trips come along that I'm interested in. I expect to do that too! At any rate, I won't just sit back in a rocking chair."

Adapted from an article in the Lancaster Theological Seminary Bulletin, Fall/
Winter 1988-89

FRANCIS DAUGHERTY TO SERVE AS INTERIM ARCHIVIST

The Rev. Francis R. Daugherty has been appointed to serve as Interim Archivist for the year 1989 until the newly established position of fulltime UCC Archivist becomes a reality in 1990. "Frank," as he is called by those who know him, is well equipped by training and experience for this position. He has degrees from Ursinus College and Lancaster Theological Seminary and did further graduate work at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., Temple University School of Theology and Drexel University's School of Library Science in Philadelphia. After serving in the parish ministry for fifteen years, he became in 1960 Assistant Librarian in charge of technical services at Lancaster Theological Seminary serving alongside Dr. George H. Bricker, the Librarian, until 1980. During those years he held interim pastorates in fifteen churches in Lancaster and York counties. In April, 1980 he became the pastor of Willow Street United Church of Christ. Since retiring from that position in 1983, he has served as the supply pastor of Conestoga United Church of Christ. In July, 1987 he took on the new challenge of cataloger in the Archives. Thus, Mr. Daugherty is quite familiar with the church as well as with library and archival work. We are very pleased that a person of Mr. Daugherty's caliber will be directing the work of the Archives in this interim period.

SOCIETY PURCHASES NEVIN AND SCHAFF BOOKS

Together with the Mercersburg Society the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society has purchased from Pickwick Press a large number of copies of the following two books; Reformed and Catholic: Selected Historical and Theological Writings of Philip Schaff, edited by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. and George H. Bricker, and Catholic and Reformed: Selected Theological Writings of John Williamson Nevin, edited by Charles Yrigoyen and George H. Bricker. If they had not been purchased, they would have been destroyed since the press has gone out of business. The books originally cost respectively \$15.75 and \$12.95. They are now available for purchase from the E & R Historical Society for \$8.00 each or both for \$15.00 plus a \$1.00 charge for mailing. Orders may be sent to: The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, 555 W. James St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

MINUTES OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 1988

The 125th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was held on October 15, 1988 at Beck's United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina. Registration began at 9 A.M. with members of Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville, N.C. serving as registrars. Beck's Church provided coffee and other refreshments during the registration period.

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The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd presided at the opening session. He greeted the sixty plus persons gathered and recognized the Rev. Dr. John Payne, President of the E and R Historical Society to introduce guests and members of the Board of Directors. The Rev. Bobby R. Bonds, pastor of Beck's Church, brought words of welcome and greetings from Beck's. He noted that Beck's Church was concluding its celebration of its 200th Anniversary with this meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Cheek, Associate Conference Minister for the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, brought greetings from the Association and the Conference. Mrs. Connie Leonard, a member of Beck's Church, played the piano for the singing of hymns and the Rev. Banks Shepherd read scriptures and lead in prayer.

The Rev. Banks Shepherd presented Mr. Bradford Rauschenberg of the Museum of Southern Decorative Arts in Old Salem, Winston-Salem, N.C. who presented a slide lecture on "Gothic and Baroque Gravestones in Davidson County, N.C." Following the presentation there was a time for questions and answers.

Following a brief break the Rev. Shepherd recognized Mrs. Jacqueline Sims, Archivist for the Southern Chapter Archives at Catawba College., Salisbury, N.C. The Rev. Frank Snider introduced Dr. Larry Phillip Leonard, who works in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. Dr. Leonard presented a paper entitled, "Early Reformed Pastors in N.C." Some discussion and questions followed this presentation. At 12:00 the group adjourned to tour the historic Beck's Church Cemetery.

Lunch was served by the host church in their Fellowship Building at 12:30 P.M. Dr. Payne made some remarks at the luncheon concerning the 125th Anniversary of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. On behalf of the Society Dr. Payne presented to Mrs. Florence Bricker a fraktur honoring her eight years of faithful service as Archivist.

The Business Meeting for the Annual Meeting began at 2:05 P.M. in the basement of Beck's Church. Dr. John Payne presided and Rev. David Rapp lead the opening prayer.

The Rev. Frank Snider, Secretary, pointed out that the Minutes of the 124th Annual Meeting on October 24, 1987 in Philadelphia, PA, had been distributed in the Winter Newsletter to all members. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried.

The president, Dr. John Payne distributed printed copies of his annual report. He noted the need for new staff members and additional space in The Archives at Lancaster. A motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted and the motion was approved.

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The Archivist, Mrs. Florence Bricker, presented copies of her report which was adopted with much appreciation for this and every report that she has submitted. She is commended for the fine work that she had done.

The report of the Southern Chapter was presented with printed copies for all by the Rev. Banks D. Shepherd. Rev. Shepherd recognized for some comments Mrs. Jackie Sims, Archivist for the Southern Chapter. The report was adopted after a motion and a second and a voice vote.

Dr. Lowell Zuck made the report from the Eden Archives. He made oral comments and some expansion on the printed report that he had submitted to the Board of Directors. After a motion and a second, it was voted to adopt this report as presented. A copy is attached to the minutes.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Myron Wolf, Dr. John Payne presented and distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. This report was adopted. Dr. Payne also presented the proposed Budget for 1989 as submitted by Mr. Wolf and the Board of Directors. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the proposed Budget as presented.

The Rev. Raymond Craven, a retired United Church of Christ pastor from Winston-Salem, NC., reported for the nominating committee. The committee submitted the following nominees:

President -	Dr. John B. Payne
1st Vice-President -	Dr. Lowell H. Zuck
2nd Vice-President -	Dr. Philip W. Weiss
Recording Secretary -	Rev. Frank W. Snider, Sr.
Treasurer -	Mr. Myron E. Wolf
Archivist -	Mr. Francis R. Daugherty
Directors-at-large -	Mr. Owen Fox, The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, The Rev. Mary Hutchens, The Rev. Mark Steiner, The Rev. David H. Rapp, Mr. Frank B. Stearns, The Rev. James D. Mohr

Future annual meetings of the Society were announced as follows:
1989 - Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin (October 14, 1989)
1990 - St. Louis, Missouri (October 12, 1990)

A motion was made and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted and that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

The traditional German benediction was pronounced by Dr. Philip Weiss. Two vans and several cars formed a procession for the afternoon tour.

The first stop was at Beulah United Church of Christ, which is celebrating it's 200th Anniversary this year. The second stop was at Bethany United

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Church of Christ, near Winston-Salem, where the group was entertained by a Moravian Band from nearby Hopewell and Advent Moravian Churches. Refreshments were served in the church basement by the ladies of Bethany Church. Bethany Church, with the Rev. Banks Shepherd, Pastor will observe their 200th Anniversary in 1989. The last stop on the tour was at Emanuel United Church of Christ, near Thomasville, where Mrs. Clara Hedrick showed some of their historical materials and led a tour of the historic cemetery. Emanuel Church is celebrating it's 175th Anniversary this year. This was the last event of a full day for the 125th Annual Meeting of the E and R Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr.
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 14, 1988

The Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society met on Friday night, October 14, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. at the Piedmont Center of the United Church Retirement Home, Thomasville, N.C. A delicious dinner had been served by the members of the Piedmont Center prior to the meeting.

Those present for this meeting were: Rev. James Mohr, Dr. Philip Weiss, Rev. David Rapp, Mr. Owen Fox, Dr. John B. Payne, Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, Dr. Lowell Zuck, Mrs. Florence Bricker. Rev. Mary Hutchens, Rev. Frank W. Snider, and Rev. Mark Steiner.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. John B. Payne who led in the opening prayer.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on April 14, 1988 in Lancaster, PA. were adopted as circulated in the "Newsletter" after a motion and second to that effect.

Dr. John B. Payne distributed printed copies of his annual report. He then highlighted some of the items contained in the report. He noted the good meeting of the Historical Council of The United Church of Christ which had been held in Lancaster, PA. on September 22-24. He reported that the Historical Council will have an exhibit at the 1989 General Synod Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on June 29-July 4, 1989. He pointed out that the Council has reason to hope that the Church will find a full time UCC Archivist beginning in 1990. There were some concerns about securing an interim Archivist for 1989. It was moved, seconded and voted to receive the President's Report for presentation to the Annual meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Mrs. Florence Bricker, Archivist, presented her report in printed form which she did not read. She pointed out some highlights and made some additional comments. She reported that a section of movable shelving had been installed in the archives on Wednesday of that week. Mrs. Bricker noted that even though she is retiring she will continue to work on the project of revising and bringing up to date the booklet, "Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical And Reformed Historical Society." This will bring her back to the Archives from time to time. She noted that the cost of the printing of this revision may be about \$3,000. Funding will be needed for this project. She also informed the group that Mrs. Connie Witmer Secretary at the Archives, will take maternity leave at the end of the year, and Kathy Witmer, Mrs. Witmer's sister will take her place in her absence. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the report as presented.

Mr. Myron Wolf, Treasurer of the Society was not able to attend the meeting. In his absence, the President, Dr. John Payne, presented in printed form Mr. Wolf's report. Dr. Payne noted that, although this is a favorable report, there is a need for continued support of the Society financially. He also pointed out that the cost of the new shelving, \$6,000, is yet to be paid from the funds available for the year. It was moved, seconded, and voted to adopt the report as presented.

The Rev. Banks Shepherd presented the report of the Southern Chapter of the Society. This was presented in printed form. Rev. Shepherd noted that there will be some changes in the agenda for the Annual Meeting the next day. He and Dr. Payne will work out details for the Luncheon Meeting of the Society at the Annual meeting following the Board Meeting.

The report of the Eden Archives was presented by Dr. Lowell Zuck. He highlighted some of the items in the report which was in printed form. He also referred to the 1990 Annual Meeting that is to be in St. Louis. Plans now include a Friday and Saturday celebration that will include a banquet. The Historical Council is also being invited to meet at the same time. The logistics of such a meeting were discussed. Dr. Zuck reported that the group in St. Louis is eager to have the Society meet there. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion carried.

Plans for the 1989 meeting at Lakeland College in Wisconsin were discussed. The dates for this meeting will be October 14, 1989. The Rev. James Mohr outlined plans that the group in Wisconsin have been making. The Board of Directors will meet on Friday night, October 13 with the Annual Meeting the next day. Tentative plans call for two papers, one by Professor Reinhardt Ulrich and another by Professor Robert Kingdon. Rev. Mohr noted that this is a area known for "Bratwurst and Milk". He added that in Wisconsin "you're among friends." The Rev. Lou Grossen will be the contact person at Lakeland College. Barefoot Bay on Elkhart Lake was suggested as the place to stay. Spots of scenic interest were mentioned.

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It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Philadelphia, PA at Old First Reformed Church on April 11, 1989 beginning with lunch at 12 noon and meeting from 1 to 3:30 P.M. in the afternoon.

The proposed Budget for 1989, prepared by a committee consisting of Dr. John Payne, Mrs. Florence Bricker, and Mr. Myron Wolf, was presented by Dr. John Payne. The Board looked at the proposals item by item and the proposed income also. It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Budget for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Payne reported that the Pickwick Press in Pittsburgh has about 1,500 copies of the "Nevin And Schaff" books and is about to destroy them. They will sell them for \$2.00 per copy. A motion was made and seconded to purchase, in conjunction with the "Mercersburg Society," \$1,000 worth of the books to be distributed and sold from our Archives.

Dr. Payne reported on the Historical Council "Oral History Project", explaining that persons with considerable knowledge of the History of the United Church of Christ, are being interviewed on audio-cassettes.

A motion was made and seconded and voted to make Dr. Herbert Anstaett the Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr.,
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and I as President have had a busy and eventful year. In the spring the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society shared in the Centennial Meeting of the American Society of Church History held at Lancaster Theological Seminary, April 14-16, 1988. The ASCH was founded by Philip Schaff, former professor at the seminary from 1844 to 1863 when it was located at Mercersburg. Two members of the Society read papers: Dr. John B. Frantz, "Origins of German Methodism," and Dr. John B. Payne, "Schaff and Nevin: Colleagues at Mercersburg." The ERHS mounted a display of Schaff manuscripts, books and memorabilia which may still be seen.

In late April I represented the Society at the Annual Meeting of the Society for German-American Studies at Millersville University, PA where I read a paper, "Nevin and Schaff: Co-promoters of Anglo-Germanism."

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August 30-September 1 I attended a most interesting congress on the History of Exegesis in the Sixteenth Century in Geneva, Switzerland and where I read another paper, "Erasmus, Zwingli, and Bullinger on the Exegesis of Matt. 11:28-30," a capital text for exegetes in the period of the Reformation.

The Society acted as host to a meeting of the UCC Historical Council in the archives of the Philip Schaff at Lancaster Theological Seminary September 22-24. On Thursday evening September 22 the Council held a banquet at the Dietz Refectory of the seminary to which local pastors and layperson were invited. Over one hundred persons heard the President of the United Church of Christ, Avery Post along with the Secretary of the Church, Carol Brun speak on the theme, "Lifting Up the UCC Archives." They were joined by Lyle Weible, President of Penn Central Conference and Donald Overlock, Penn Northeast Conference Minister who likewise gave stirring presentations on the theme. The highlight of the evening was the honoring of our retiring archivist, Florence Bricker for her many years of faithful service to the Church by the presentation of a bronze plaque inscribed with the words, "The UCC Historical Council gratefully recognizes Florence M. Bricker for her years of dedicated service as Archivist of the United Church of Christ." President Post made the presentation with appropriate words of appreciation and affection to which Mrs. Bricker responded with a splendid speech of her own. At the same banquet the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was honored on it's 125th anniversary by the presentation of a certificate of recognition by the President Avery Post to the President of the Society, John Payne. It was a most festive occasion enjoyed by all.

The Historical Council at it's meeting took up such matters as the present status of the UCC Archives Fund, the oral history project, and plans for the participation of the Historical Council in General Synod Seventeen. It heard from Avery Post the official word that the Council of Instrumentality Executives has recommended that \$40,000 be appropriated for the employment of a fulltime archivist in 1990. There was discussion as to what kind of interim arrangement can be made for 1989.

For the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society this has been a year of painful changes and prospects of change in personnel. Dr. Herbert Anstaett, after performing faithful service as Curator of the Archives, then Executive Secretary of the Society for forty-six years, has had to retire for reasons of health. As we celebrate at this meeting the loyal and splendid work of our Archivist, Florence Bricker, we are nevertheless saddened by the prospect of her retirement after so many years of excellent service first as Assistant Archivist, 1971-1981 and then as Archivist, from 1981 till now. We shall miss her gracious presence in the Archives.

We are pleased that the Council of Instrumentality Executives has recommended that a fulltime Archivist be hired in 1990. That is very good news indeed. In the meantime, we have the concern about the interim arrangement for 1989.

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Besides as Archivist, the Archives is in need of more assisting staff in order to serve better persons who come to use its facilities and to care for the sorting, filing, and cataloguing of the large amount of material that is continuously being received from national offices, conferences, associations, churches, individuals etc. In the coming months we shall hope to hire at least one additional person to help us on a part-time basis.

In addition, there is a need for more space. We are getting a little cramped. Thus, our cataloguer, the Rev. Frank Daugherty has sought to gain more shelf room by the relocation of materials. We have also ordered another range of shelves for our movable shelving which should be installed this week. Before long, we shall no doubt need to expand still further our compact movable shelving. Hopefully, funds can be secured to make that possible.

This has been a year to drive home to us in the Archives and in the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society the truth of the old saw: "Things never stay the same." Both the Archives and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will have to learn to adjust to these changes as they prepare themselves for future service to the Church.

Finally, I wish to express my own deep gratitude to Florence Bricker for her devoted service to the Church and to the Historical Society and for her warm and most helpful support as my colleague during these past nearly eight years.

Respectively submitted,

John B. Payne

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

As this will be my last report as archivist for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society let me begin by saying that I consider it a distinct privilege to have served in this office for the past eight years. It afforded me an opportunity to combine my great affinity for all things of historic worth and my continued desire to serve the Church. It gave me a responsibility, a task to be done when my husband left so suddenly in 1981 and in so doing had a therapeutic effect. I felt that I was doing what he would have wanted me to do. It has been a great opportunity to meet many fine people and in meeting their needs I learned much more about the Church and its leaders. It was not without frustrations and some discouraging days, but looking back over the past eight years alone and the ten years before with my husband, it was an unusual and very rewarding experience. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me when you asked me to be Archivist.

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The past year has been an unusually busy one for the few of us working in the archives. Through illness and then a cataract operation we were without the help of one of our staff members for many weeks. Another member, Dr. Herbert Anstaett, was forced to retire after suffering a fall in his home. However, our cataloguer, the Rev. Francis Daugherty has worked faithfully for two days a week, the time contracted for when he entered our employ. But many days the bulk of the work had to be carried on by our faithful secretary and the archivist.

Our services to the public continue to be much the same as before. Since last September more than 600 persons have come to the archives; we have received and talked to 21 tour groups of confirmation classes, senior citizens, and groups of prospective seminary students. One day in August we entertained 45 teachers and students from our two universities in Sendai, Japan. Later in the month we received 10 Japanese persons engaged in the Japan-America Ecumenical Encounter Project.

Through careful management of our finances and generous gifts of one of our members we were able to contract for one more range of movable shelving. On Wednesday of this week that shelving was installed. Our wish and desire is that we might have the money for more of this shelving, for our storage space becomes less and less each year.

Your archivist has spent part of her time in the archives revising and bringing up to date "Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society." This booklet was first published in 1982.

We invite all of you to sometime spend some hours in the archives and watch us at work, helping visitors, talking to tour groups, sorting and cataloguing materials that come to us from conferences, instrumentalities, and individuals, answering phone calls, responding to correspondence and in so many other ways working to serve the church and preserve its priceless history.

Respectively submitted,

October 15, 1988

Florence M. Bricker/Archivist

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter maintains the Archives at Catawba College as a depository for materials on the N.C. Classis of the Reformed Church and of the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Archives is located in the library on the Catawba College campus in Salisbury, N.C.

To seek to accomplish our purpose we have employed Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, a member of the staff of the Catawba Library, as our part-time archivist. We feel fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Sims, who is trained in archival work.

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We continue to receive materials from ministers and churches to be placed in our archives. Very recently we acquired some of the papers and books of Mr. Thomas L. Moose, for a long time the superintendent of the Nazareth Childrens Home at Rockwell, N.C.

We continue to have requests from individuals for genealogical material and from churches for materials to help them prepare to celebrate anniversaries.

Two handicaps continue to plague us- limited funds and limited space for storage (none for display) of materials. Since our support is limited to a modest sum from the Western N.C. Association budget and from membership dues, we cannot afford all we would like in personnel and supplies. Since we have our archives at Catawba College by the grace of the College, we cannot expect reasonably to be granted more space than the portion of a vault now available to us. Nevertheless, we operate the best we can under the circumstances.

One of our projects of the past year was seeking to up-date our files on all ministers who have served, or are serving, former E and R Churches in North Carolina. Rev. Frank Snider, the Librarian for our Chapter, is in charge of this undertaking.

In 1987 our Chapter sponsored a bus tour to the annual meeting of the Society in Philadelphia. A committee composed of Rev. Frank Snider, Rev. Harold Holste, Rev. Banks Shepherd, and Rev. Nelson Weller, arranged the tour.

The annual meeting of the Southern Chapter was held on November 14, 1987 at Hedrick's Grove UCC, Lexington, N.C. The Rev. Aubrey Hedrick, retired UCC minister, presented the program on "The Hedrick Family, Rev. Michael Hedrick, Beck's Church."

One of the priorities of our year in the Southern Chapter has been preparing for this national Society meeting at Beck's UCC, Lexington, N.C. We are glad you have come to N.C. and we hope your stay will be enjoyable and your experience memorable. Your presence helps us in the celebration of the bicentennials of three congregations- Beck's, Beulah, and Bethany.

We are anticipating another exciting event in 1989 when the annual meeting of the Historical Council of the UCC will be held at Catawba College in September.

REPORT FROM THE EDEN ARCHIVES (October 14, 1988)

The Eden Archives, located on the lower level of the Luhr Library of Eden Seminary in St. Louis, was organized by Dr. Carl E. Schneider in 1925, through the Historical Commission of the former Evangelical Synod, to preserve records of that religious body. Open regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, the Eden Archives continues to carry on that vital task,

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related as it now is through the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society to the archival network of the United Church of Christ; supervised by the UCC Historical Council.

Directed by Lowell W. Zuck, Librarian, and Mrs. Ahme Quist, Archivist, the Eden Archives continues to receive significant acquisitions. Mrs. Anita Weisert of Louisville, KY, has recently donated ten microfilms preserving historical records of Evangelical churches in that city. The Archives collection of materials relating to the Niebuhr family continues to grow, including recent acquisitions. Among recent visitors to the Archives were Jonathan R. Gibbs from Cambridge, England, working on a dissertation about Niebuhr and labor, and Ryo Yoshida, a Japanese scholar preparing a doctoral thesis at the Berkeley GTU on the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of San Francisco.

The Archives continues to cultivate its relationship to the UCC through the ERHS. Since it is technically not a part of the newly incorporated ERHS, the Archives treasures all the more its association with the ERHS and expresses appreciation for the significant financial support from the Society.

Within the past year, the business office of Eden Seminary has begun making financial statements about the Archives, which helps to regularize its financial condition. The Archives also continues to build up a modest (c. \$25,000) investment base from contributions by users. Through Mrs. Ruth Rasche, two significant offerings for the Archives by women's groups in Missouri and Illinois were gratefully received.

Another helpful sign of renewed historical interest in the Midwestern UCC is the formation of a new Heritage Committee in the Missouri UCC Conference. Members, in addition to Mrs. Rasche, are Rev. Robert McNamara, Dorothy Whiston, Rev. William S. Mellish, Rev. Robert Herrmann, Rev. Fred Allrich, Rev. William Froeschner, and Rev. Robert Niehaus.

In addition, a 150th Anniversary Committee, including Rev. Robert Fauth, Mr. Allrich, Rev. Harold Grunewald, Russell Gieselmann, Rev. Henry Duhan, and Rev. Theodore Rasche, are preparing for a meeting celebrating the founding of the Evangelische Kirchenverein, on October 12, 1990, when the ERHS annual meeting also will be in St. Louis area. The Committee also invites the Historical Council to plan a joint meeting at that time.

The Eden Archives is thankful for all of these evidences for continued support and interest in vital historical matters of concern to us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell H. Zuck,
for the Eden Archives

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 1988

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 4,400.00
Conferences: Penn West	\$ 97.00	
Penn Central	500.00	
Wisconsin	<u>150.00</u>	747.00
Associations: Cumberland, Maine	\$ 20.00	
Susquehanna, NY	50.00	
Hudson Mohawk, NY	25.00	
Lancaster, PA.	<u>1,500.00</u>	1,595.00
Dues Received Through Lancaster		1,272.00
Life Fees		250.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		4,000.00
Interest on Investments		4,023.00
Visitor Fees		416.00
Miscellaneous Income:		1,171.86
Miscellaneous Contribution		1,500.00
Gifts (not including dues)		
Dr. John Payne	\$ 150.00	
Mazeppa UCC, West Milton, PA	50.00	
Faith UCC, Lancaster, PA	400.00	
Arcadia Foundation	13,000.00	
Hebron UCC, Winston-Salem, NC	250.00	
J. Hanson - Arlene Lunzer Rapp Memorial	100.00	
Gladys E. Hefty	100.00	
Women's Guild - Jerusalem UCC, Penryn, PA.	50.00	
Elvin J. Groff, Douglasville, PA.	50.00	
John E. Weiler, Bethlehem, PA.	50.00	
St. Andrews UCC, Lancaster, PA.	100.00	
Myron Wolf	50.00	
Charlotte W. Bordner - Rev. J.B. Frantz Memorial	500.00	
Ruth B. Frantz - Rev. J.B. Frantz Memorial	200.00	
Church of Apostles, Lancaster, PA.	100.00	
Others (Less than \$50.00 each)	<u>149.35</u>	<u>15,299.35</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$ 34,674.21</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (Cont'd. from page 16)

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Lancaster: Salaries and Honoraria	\$ 15,066.34	
Supplies	1,207.79	
Equipment	6,357.63	
Printing	1,196.37	
Postage	588.69	
Telephone	278.26	
Miscellaneous	1,862.09	
Special Projects	74.90	
Meetings and Travel	<u>4,518.65</u>	\$ 31,152.72
Eden Archives: Subsidy		5,340.00
Lancaster Archives:		<u>3,062.13</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 39,554.85</u>
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		\$ 4,880.64

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1988

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Checking Account -- Hamilton Bank		\$ 3,490.71
Liquid Reserve Account -- Hamilton Bank		23,073.29
Certificate of Deposit -- Penn Savings		4,402.02
GMC Memorial Endowment -- C/D Hamilton Bank		1,001.00
Wellington Fund -- Book Value		1,008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust -- C/D Hamilton Bank		3,000.00
Certificate of Deposit -- Horizon Financial		<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 60,975.02</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</u>		
Liabilities: Banquet Deposits		\$ 497.00
Principal -- 12/31/88	\$ 65,358.66	
Less Deficit 1/1/88 - 12/31/88	<u>4,880.64</u>	<u>60,478.02</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u>\$ 60,975.02</u>

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TREASURER'S NOTE (Cont'd. from Page 17)

Note: Several contributions dated December 1988 were received after our books were closed for the year (Penn West Conference, New York Conference, St. John's UCC, Whitehall, PA., and Boehm's Church, Blue Bell, PA.) These will be included in our 1989 statement.

We are sorry to report a deficit of nearly \$5,000 for our 1988 year. This is our first deficit since 1982. Our gift income was substantially lower than that for 1987. Our equipment expense was substantially higher due to the necessity for additional shelving and our travel expenses were higher due to the location of meetings.

We are very grateful for the support we did receive during 1988 and we want to express our appreciation to all who contributed in one way or another.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron E. Wolf/Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS and CCHS for 1989. Enclosed is my check.

Memberships

_____ Individual (\$15)
_____ Student (\$7)
_____ Sponsor or Life (\$250)

_____ Supporting (\$100 to \$499)
_____ Sustaining (\$30 to \$99)
_____ Institutions (\$25)

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ADDRESS: _____

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