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126th ANNUAL MEETING AT LAKE- LAND COLLEGE, SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

Under the auspices of Lakeland College and of the Historical Committee of Wisconsin Conference, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society held its annual meeting at the college on October 13-14, 1989. Blessed by beautiful mild Wisconsin fall weather and by the warm hospitality of Lakeland College and the Wisconsin United Church of Christ, Society members and guests enjoyed a festive banquet on Friday evening, October 13. The featured speaker for the occasion was to have been Dr. Louis H. Gunnemann, former Dean of United Theological Seminary, but because of his illness his outstanding paper, "The Roots of the Ecumenical Vision in the German Reformed Tradition in the Midwest" was read by Dr. Eugene Faberg of United Theological Seminary. The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society with all his many friends and admirers throughout the United Church of Christ mourns Dr. Gunnemann's death on Reformation Day, October 31, 1989. (See separate article in this issue.)

On Saturday morning in Bradley Center of Lakeland College, two excellent papers were presented: the first by Dr. Reinhard Ulrich, professor of philosophy at Lakeland College, on the topic, "The Banner of The Heidelberg Catechism", which described the influence of the Heidelberg Catechism

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING TO BE A PART OF EVANGELICAL SYNOD CELEBRATION IN ST. LOUIS

Together with the United Church of Christ Historical Council, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will share in the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Evangelical Synod which will take place October 12-14, 1990, in the St. Louis area. The Historical Council will meet on Thursday, October 11 and Friday, October 12, just before the beginning of the celebration. On Friday evening, October 12, there will be a banquet at St. Paul's UCC, Belleville, Illinois. On Saturday morning, October 13, the Society will hold its Annual Meeting, at which the Reverend Frederick Trost, Wisconsin Conference Minister, will present a paper. In the afternoon there will be tours to historic Marthasville, Missouri. On Sunday, in addition to celebrative services in St. Louis area churches, there will be an Anniversary Service at St. John's UCC, Mehlville, Missouri.

A HISTORY OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH TO BE REPUBLISHED

In connection with the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Evangelical Synod, A History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church by David Dunn et al. will be republished this year by Pilgrim Press. For this edition Professor Lowell Zuck, first vice president of the Evangelical

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upon the faith and piety of the early German-speaking pastors of the Reformed Church in Wisconsin; the second paper by Dr. Robert M. Kingdon, professor of history and director of the Humanities Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, concerned "The Geneva Consistory as Established by John Calvin." A summary of Professor Kingdon's paper appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was pleased to share in the Founder's Day luncheon, at which Founder's Day awards were presented to an outstanding student, Sarah Ellen Krueger, and to an outstanding church, Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

After the annual business meeting of the Society, members and guests made an interesting tour of two historical churches, Immanuel UCC and St. John's (Schwarzwald)UCC.

We are grateful to the Historical Committee of the Wisconsin Conference and to Lakeland College for having planned and hosted one of the finest annual meetings which the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society has enjoyed. Around one hundred fifty persons were in attendance including two busloads from Southern Conference.

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and Reformed Historical Society and professor of church history at Eden Theological Seminary, has written a new introduction. We welcome this republication as meeting a genuine need for persons interested in the rich heritage of the Evangelical and Reformed traditions of our Church.

In Memoriam

Since the publication of the last issue of the newsletter, three persons closely connected with the work of the Society have died, whom we wish to commemorate for their contributions to the Society and the Church.

Herbert B. Anstaett

Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett, curator and then executive secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society for 47 years, died at the age of 87 November 5 at Homestead Village Health Center in Lancaster.

For more than 40 years until his retirement in 1969 he was head librarian at the Franklin and Marshall College Library. In addition, he was bibliographer at the Millersville University Library from 1969 to 1976.

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He was a member and past president of the Pennsylvania Library Association and former member of the board of the Pennsylvania German Society.

In recognition of his outstanding service as librarian, Franklin and Marshall College awarded him the Doctor of Humane Letters in 1967.

He was a member for many years of the Church of the Apostles UCC, Lancaster, and of the former St. Paul's UCC, where he served at various times as deacon, elder, and trustee.

To all persons who came to the archives to conduct research, whether genealogical or ecclesiastical, Herbert Anstaett, with a gracious smile on his face, was eager to provide a helping hand.

He will be remembered as a librarian par excellence, as a dedicated servant of the church and custodian of its history, and most of all, as a gentle and gracious human being.

Owen L. Fox

Owen L. Fox, for 24 years a member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, died on September 6, 1989, in Philadelphia.

A dedicated churchman all of his life (already at age 19 he was a member of the consistory of Maidencreek Church, Blandon), Owen Fox was especially active in Old First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, having served as a trustee of the church for 45 years. He was the driving force behind the move of Old First back to its original location at 4th and Race St. in the Old City and oversaw with scrupulous care the restoration of the church's historical sanctuary. As deeply loyal as he was to the church's memory, he was no antiquarian, for he was eager for the church to be of service to the needs of the present and supported such projects as the use of the building as a shelter for the homeless and a youth hostel.

He was a devoted member of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and of its Board of Directors. He was regular in his attendance at the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors. However far distant our meeting might be, Owen was always ready and eager himself to go along.

He was involved in many other church and community activities, serving on the boards of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, the Wyncote Church Home, the Old City Civic Association, the YMCA-West Philadelphia Branch, and the Pennsylvania German Society. He took his responsibilities with great seriousness.

He will be remembered for his contagious delight in service to the church and the community, his deep attachment to the church's history, and his determination to carry on in spite of all obstacles.

Louis H. Gunnemann

A long-time member and supporter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and faithful pastor and teacher of the church who was deeply nurtured in the traditions of the Reformed Church, Dr. Louis H. Gunnemann died on Reformation Day, October 31, 1989, at the age of 78. A paper he had written was read at the Annual Meeting of the Society on October 13 at Lakeland College.

After studies at Mission House College and Mission House Seminary, Dr. Gunnemann served two pastorates, St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Tipton, Iowa, and Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lafayette, Indiana, before being called back to Mission House Seminary to serve first as a professor and then as dean. He was the first dean and professor of ministry studies at United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota (1962-1974).

He served on a number of commissions and committees of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ. He was secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools.

A founding editor of Prism: a theological forum for the United Church of Christ, he wrote several books, including the influential The Shaping of the United Church of Christ, and many articles on the nature of the church, its unity and its ministry, including one in the most recent issue of Prism, "Testing the Provisional Unity of the Consensus."

He will be remembered as a devoted and inspiring pastor and teacher, a keen scholar who placed his scholarship in the service of the church, a leading interpreter of the United Church of Christ and its traditions, and a fervent champion of Christian unity.

THE GENEVA CONSISTORY AS ESTABLISHED BY JOHN CALVIN (Abbreviated Summary)

-Robert M. Kingdon- Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Lakeland College, Wisconsin October 14, 1989

This paper is a report based on a research project which I am now supervising and which I hope proves to be of interest not only to scholars specializing on the Reformation but also to members of the United Church of Christ and other churches growing out of the Calvinist tradition. The project is an intensive study of the Consistory established by John Calvin for the city-state of Geneva to maintain "discipline," in other words to control behavior in this Reformed community and make that behavior as truly Christian as possible. The Consistory was a semi-judicial and semi-ecclesiastical body that was made up of ordained pastors and elected elders. It met once a week. It acted in part as a kind of court, in part as a compulsory counselling service. To make possible intensive study of this institution, we are preparing the first full transcription of all of its surviving manuscript registers for the period of Calvin's ministry, from 1542-1564. Our project is supported financially by the H. H. Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We have currently completed about half of this transcription. Edition and translation of this record have been left for the future.

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In transcribing the first volume of these registers, we discovered that at the beginning the Consistory was very interested in religious behavior. It did not then concentrate as exclusively as it did in later years on sexual and marital problems. It was particularly concerned to root out surviving Roman Catholic religious practices. The Consistory was concerned, initially, with people's prayers. It wanted everyone to pray in the vernacular rather than in Latin, pray to God alone rather than to the Virgin Mary or the saints, and pray only for the living and never for the souls of the dead. It tried to see that every member of the community could recite the Lord's Prayer. The Consistory was also concerned with people's beliefs. It expected everyone to be able to recite an apostolic creed, again in the vernacular rather than in Latin. The Consistory in addition was concerned with people's reception of the sacraments. It strenuously discouraged reception of the Catholic mass, and tried to persuade everyone to receive the Protestant Lord's Supper. It insisted that parents arrange for baptism of their children soon after birth, in a Protestant parish church. The Consistory also tried to discourage people from continuing such traditional Catholic practices as fasting, especially during Lent, as using rosaries, as making votive offerings. It found the people of Geneva in general more attached to reception of the mass and to devotion to the Virgin Mary than any other Catholic practices.

To accomplish these changes from Catholic to Reformed practice, the Consistory depended heavily on education. It required all people to attend services and listen to sermons, at least once a week, often two or three times a week, sometimes every day. It required many people to attend weekly catechism lessons. It required those who could read to obtain and study Bibles. It suggested that those who had special difficulty obtain private tutors.

Our study of this register suggests that at the beginning religion for the people of Geneva was not primarily a matter of formal commitment to a new theology. We find no reference at all to the doctrine of predestination and little discussion of the views of justification by faith alone and of the eucharist that are commonly held to characterize Calvinism. Our study also suggests that at the beginning religion for the people of Geneva was not primarily a rejection of the authority of a corrupt Catholic clergy. We find very little reference to the pope, the former bishop, or Catholic priests. Religion for these first-generation Protestants was rather above all a matter of accepting new rituals. Catholics were people who attended mass frequently, prayed regularly in Latin to both God and to the Virgin Mary, and occasionally fasted and invoked saints. Protestants were people who attended sermons frequently, prayed regularly in the vernacular to God alone, and attended the Lord's Supper on those infrequent occasions when it was offered. This discovery reminds us all of the importance of the ritualistic component in our religion.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 13, 1989

The Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society met at 3:00 P.M. on October 13, 1989 at Barefoot Bay Resort and Meeting Center, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Those present for this meeting were Dr. John Payne, Dr. Philip Weiss, Dr. Rudolph Schade, Dr. Lowell Zuck, Rev. James Mohr, Rev. Mary Hutchens, Mrs. Florence Bricker, Rev. David Rapp, Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, Mr. Myron E. Wolf, Rev. Mark Steiner, and Rev. Frank Snider.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. John B. Payne. He reported with regret the death of Mr. Owen Fox, a longtime member of the Board of Directors, and also the illness of Dr. Louis H. Gunnemann, who had planned to read a paper at the Annual Meeting. Rev. James D. Mohr was called upon for the opening prayer.

A motion was made to adopt the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting that was held on April 11, 1989 in the Old First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, as they had been circulated in the spring "Newsletter." The motion was seconded and adopted.

Dr. John Payne, president, distributed copies of his annual report to each member. He highlighted some of the information included in this report. There was some discussion on the future location of the Archives of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Payne's report was adopted as circulated, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Payne distributed printed copies of the report of the interim archivist, Rev. Francis R. Daugherty, in his absence. Dr. Payne pointed out highlights contained in the report. He also updated the printed report by noting that 20 boxes of materials have just recently been received from the New York offices of the U.C.C. Mrs. Florence Bricker praised the new office secretary at the Archives, Judith Witham, and stated that "she is doing a great job." It was moved and seconded to receive the report of the interim archivist. The motion was carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Myron Wolf who distributed copies to each board member present. He explained some of the items and noted that the total amount of "gifts" to the Society has slipped. It was moved and seconded to accept the report with sincere appreciation.

Mr. Wolf presented the proposed budget noting that it had been prepared by him and Dr. Payne with the assistance of Francis Daugherty. Dr. Payne made some comments concerning our sources of income and the need to increase these sources. There was discussion concerning the "Visitors" fee for the Archives. It was noted that this fee of \$2.00 is a charge for non-members and non-church research. (Primarily for genealogists.)

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A motion was made by Dr. Weiss and seconded by Mark Steiner to charge all non-members and non-UCC researchers and genealogists a "Visitors Fee" of \$5.00 per day. Motion carried.

Discussion on the proposed budget continued. It was noted that there is a need for a computer in the Archives. It was moved by Dr. Weiss and seconded by Rev. Rapp to accept the "Proposed Budget" for 1990. The motion carried.

The Report of the Southern Chapter was distributed in printed form by the president of the Southern Chapter, Rev. Banks Shepherd. He pointed out some of the highlights of the report which is attached to these minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported for the Eden Archives. Printed copies of this report were distributed. He noted that "gifts and other sources" were enabling them to build up some endowment for the Eden Archives. He reported on the plans for the celebration of the anniversary of "The Evangelical Synod of North America", scheduled for October 12-14, 1990. This involves three different meetings being worked into one celebration. The UCC Historical Council and the E and R Historical Society will both hold their annual meetings as a part of this celebration.

Some mechanics concerning details of these meetings was discussed. It was suggested that the Board of Directors of the E and R Historical Society might meet at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, October 13, 1990, at Eden Seminary to take care of any necessary business. Time is to be allowed in the morning program for one or two papers and a short business meeting of the Society. Dr. Zuck noted that the "Pilgrim Press" is reprinting "The History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church", edited by Dr. David Dunn and others, with a new introduction by Dr. Zuck.

A motion was made and seconded to receive Dr. Zuck's report with the additions mentioned above. The motion carried.

The Annual Meeting of the Society in 1991 is planned for Bethany UCC in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for October 19-20, 1991. This will be the 100th Anniversary of Bethany Church, and will also be at the same time as the 250th Anniversary of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

There was some discussion on the future meetings of the Society. It was suggested that a possible meeting with the Congregational Christian Historical Society might be worked out in the future. No action was taken.

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned before 5:00 P.M. by Dr. Payne, President.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr.
Secretary

MINUTES OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 1989

The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was held on October 13-14, 1989 at Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The meeting began with a banquet on Friday, October 13 at 7:00 P.M. in Bossard Hall. Dr. Ralph Ley served as Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by Rev. Charles Bagley. Dinner was served to more than 150 persons attending by the college food service.

Following dinner, Dr. David R. Black, President of Lakeland College welcomed the group. Dr. John Payne responded for the E and R Historical Society and introduced visitors and members of the Board of Directors. A tour group of 78 persons from the Southern Chapter of the E and R Historical Society was recognized.

Dr. Frederick R. Trost brought greetings from the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC. Special music was presented by an area UCC choir.

Dr. Ley introduced Dr. Eugene Faberg who read a paper by Dr. Louis H. Gunnemann in Dr. Gunnemann's absence. Dr. Gunnemann was a patient in the hospital and unable to be present. Dr. Faberg did a splendid job of presenting Dr. Gunnemann's excellent paper.

The next day's session took place in Bradley Center, Lakeland College. The group was welcomed to Lakeland College campus by the Rev. Lou Grossen of the Office for Church Relations. The Rev. James Mohr extended a welcome on behalf of the Historical Committee of the Wisconsin Conference. Rev. Donald Hinze, Associate Conference Minister of the Wisconsin Conference, brought greetings. The presence of Rev. Marwood Rettig, Conference Minister of the Michigan Conference, was noted and also the presence of Anne Hage, the archivist for the Minnesota Conference.

The Rev. James Mohr introduced the first presentation by Dr. Reinhard Ulrich on the subject of "The Banner of the Heidelberg Catechism." Dr. Ulrich is professor of philosophy at Lakeland College. The second paper for the morning was given by Dr. Robert M. Kingdon, professor of history and director of the Humanities Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on "The Geneva Consistory as Established by John Calvin." Both presentations were well received by a good attendance.

The Rev. Lou Grossen was Master of Ceremonies for the Founders Day Luncheon in Bossard Hall. The welcome was extended by Barbara Seefeldt, Chairperson of the Lakeland College Church Relations Board. The opening prayer was led by Rev. John Krueger, a member of the Lakeland College Church Relations Board.

Following a delicious lunch, members of the Lakeland College Church Relations Board were introduced. Greetings and announcements were made by Dr. David R. Black, President of Lakeland College. The Rev. David W. Lauer, Campus Minister of Lakeland College, made the Founders Day Award to student Sarah Ellen Krueger.

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The chairperson, Barbara Seefeldt, presented the Founders Day award to representatives of Evangelical and Reformed U.C.C., Waukesha, Wisconsin.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was held at 1:30 P.M. in the Campus Center at Lakeland College. There were about 30 persons in attendance for this session. Dr. John Payne called the meeting to order and Dr. Fredrick Trost gave the invocation. Dr. Payne thanked those responsible for the gracious hospitality of Lakeland College.

The Minutes of the October 15, 1988 meeting, as distributed in the "Newsletter", were adopted and approved.

Dr. John Payne made his annual report and commented on the search for a fulltime Archivist for the United Church of Christ to be in Lancaster. The death of Mr. Owen Fox, a member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society for 24 years, was noted and a moment of silence in his memory was observed. A printed copy of Dr. Payne's report was distributed and a motion and a second to adopt was made and carried.

The Report of the Interim Archivist, Francis R. Daugherty was distributed in printed form in Rev. Daugherty's absence. The report was adopted.

Mr. Myron Wolf presented the Treasurer's Report in printed form and this report was adopted as presented. The Rev. Banks Shepherd presented the report of the Southern Chapter and pointed out the needs for additional space for the Southern Chapter Archives. This report was adopted and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported for the Eden Archives. He read some portions of the report and highlighted some others. The report was adopted as presented.

Words of greeting were brought by the Rev. Richard H. Taylor of Michigan, Vice-President of the Congregational Christian Historical Society. Some comments were made by Dr. Rudolph Schade of Elmhurst, Illinois. He noted that materials from Elmhurst College had been sent to the Eden Archives.

The Nominating Committee Report was made by Rev. Robert Lee Johnston. The slate of officers presented was as follows:

President, Dr. John B. Payne, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
1st Vice President, Dr. Lowell Zuck, St. Louis, Missouri
2nd Vice President, Dr. Philip W. Weiss, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Secretary, Rev. Frank W. Snider, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Treasurer, Mr. Myron Wolf, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Archivist, Rev. Francis R. Daugherty, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Directors: Mrs. Florence Bricker, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Rev. Mary Hutchins, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Rev. James D. Mohr, Ripon, Wisconsin; Rev. David H. Rapp, Whitehall, Pennsylvania; Rev. Banks Shepherd, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Mr. Frank B. Stearns, Greenville, Pennsylvania; Rev. Mark Steiner, Orrville, Ohio.

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A motion was made that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Future plans for meetings were announced:

October 12-14, 1990 - St. Louis, Missouri
October 19-20, 1991 - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The Rev. Mary Hutchins reported that Dr. John B. Payne will be installed as the Paul and Minnie Diefenderfer Professor of Mercersburg and Ecumenical Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary on November 2, 1989.

The meeting was closed with the benediction in German by Dr. Philip Weiss.

Following the meeting there was a tour of two local historical churches, Immanuel U.C.C. near the Lakeland College campus and St. John's (Schwarzwald).

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr.
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This has been a year of transition for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. After eight years of faithful service the Archivist of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Florence Bricker retired at the end of last year. We in the Society were delighted that she was honored not only at the Historical Council meeting in Lancaster last September, but also at the General Synod meeting in Fort Worth in July. We have been very pleased to have been able to enlist as our interim archivist, the Reverend Francis Daugherty, former assistant librarian at the Philip Schaff Library. He has taken hold of his new job with earnestness and zest. As you can see from his report, he has accomplished much in the short time he has been in the position.

We have had also other staff changes. After ten years of excellent service Connie Witmer has left her position as secretary to spend full time with her two small children. She was replaced in July by Judith Witham who is enthusiastic about her new job. Connie's sister, Kathy, also a Witmer since the two sisters married brothers, left us this summer to care for her new baby. She was replaced by Donald Kreider, who, a few weeks after assuming his position, contracted hepatitis, which turned out fortunately not to be so serious. All the staff members of the archives, in order to be on the safe side, obtained shots. In the meantime however, he has left us and we shall need to replace him. Mrs. Edna Hafer continues to work for us a couple of days a week and Mrs. Lucile Daugherty has also worked in the archives on a volunteer basis. We are most appreciative of the good work that all these persons do to take care of an operation which is becoming all the busier, especially now that we are receiving heavy shipments of boxes from New York as the former officers retired and the offices themselves prepare to move to Cleveland.

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I regret to report that the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society lost last month one of its long standing members of the Board of Directors, Mr. Owen Fox who had served on the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors for twenty-four years. Mr. Fox had been for over 46 years, chairman of the trustees of Old First Church in Philadelphia, and the one who more than any other, was instrumental in bringing about the renovation project which led to the removal of the congregation back to its original site at Fourth and Race Streets. He will be sorely missed by that congregation, but as I said in remarks of remembrance at the funeral service, "we in the Historical Society shall also miss his contagious delight in service to his Lord and to his church, his deep attachment to its history, and his determination to carry on in spite of all obstacles."

In May I was pleased to attend the board meeting of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee at which I had the opportunity to become acquainted with the operations of that society, to view its beautiful facility for housing its records, and to renew friendships of long standing. I am also pleased that James Seale, the president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society was able to attend the Historical Council meeting this year. Now that our two denominations have entered into a stage of closer relationship with each other, that of "full communion", after the votes at the United Church General Synod and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly, it is appropriate that our two historical societies seek ways by which we might work more closely together in the exploration of both our heritages.

I was glad to accompany Florence Bricker to the General Synod meeting and to share in the Historical Council presence there. Thanks again to the excellent planning and execution of our chair, Ruth Rasche, the Historical Council had good visibility with an excellent report presented by Mrs. Rasche to the entire synod, a fine display booth, and a festive dinner which attracted several hundred people. We are all grateful to Mrs. Rasche for all the imagination, time and energy she put into this event.

The Historical Council had its annual meeting at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina September 21-23, 1989. In spite of the hurricane which blew through Salisbury early Friday morning, September 22 and knocked out all the power in town, we had a good meeting. On Thursday evening before the hurricane arrived, we had a banquet with guests from the area including the Southern Conference Minister, the Reverend Rollin Russell and visited the archives at Catawba College. On Friday afternoon after the hurricane had departed, we drove to Elon College where we visited the library and archives there. The business of the meeting dealt with the reports of the presence of the Historical Council at General Synod, of the historical societies, the archives, and the oral history project. We learned from the Reverend James Seale, president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society about the work of that society and discussed ways by which our two organizations might cooperate. We discussed the possible impact of the move of the national offices on the archives and whether for space reasons it may be necessary to consider moving the archives to Cleveland. We also took up the question of

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the job search for the position of a fulltime U.C.C. Archivist which has been funded by the Executive Council to begin January 1990. Hopefully, this search will begin soon during this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne

October 1989

REPORT OF THE INTERIM ARCHIVIST

When I compiled my report in April for the Executive Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, I presented a rather detailed statistical report of the work of the Society. It was my honest intention to change the format for this report. But again, the technical librarian in me won out. It seems to me that there is no better way to tell you of the activities of the Archives than through cold, hard numbers. While these figures may not be exciting to the reader, I find it the easiest way to make you aware of all the work accomplished in the Archives.

The following new statistics are from January 1 - September 1, 1989. I answered 545 letters; sent 46 notes of appreciation and of request; catalogued 224 books, 49 audiovisuals, 58 oral history project cassettes, 1 microfilm, and 494 essays; added 4,238 cards to the catalogue; added 2,118 ministers' name files and 104 place files; spent at least 80 hours on research; responded to 104 telephone requests; added 32 booklets and 6 record group boxes; received 517 patrons and visitors who signed the guest register; welcomed 15 visiting groups of all kinds - confirmands, senior citizens, Japanese professors, etc. We had two large groups, one of 46 persons; another of 40 persons. It was good to welcome some of our able retired Church leaders like David Stowe, Ted Horvath and Howard Spragg.

These are but some of the statistics from 8 months of labor. Here also is a run-down of some of the collections we hold: Oral History project; 100 entries with 133 cassettes; audiovisuals: 385; Record Group Boxes: 101 entries in 311 boxes; microfilms: 285; files: Ministers and other leaders: 12,683 (10,565 on January 1, 1989), Churches and institutions: 3,371 (3,267 on January 1, 1989).

At this point let me quote the same paragraph which appeared in the April 11 report: "These are but some of the statistics. These do not include memberships, financial reports, the mailing of the newsletter, the day to day assistance to patrons, etc. We know statistics do not measure all of the value of an organization, but they should give some idea of what goes on in the Historical Society/Archives to those who just drop by occasionally and never get behind the scene."

The year 1989 has been a time of transition. As of about August 1, we have had an entire whole new team including myself, Judy Witham, and Donald Kreider. The first few weeks of August were a time of training and just getting acquainted with an entirely new kind of work. But each day we are learning together and now the machinery is running smoothly.

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REPORT OF THE INTERIM ARCHIVIST (Cont'd. from page 12)

One thing we discover each day is the difficulty in defining the difference between the work of the Archives and the work of the Historical Society. As time passes the two seem to merge more and more. In this report I shall try to make a degree of separation for the sake of the two separate groups:

A. Historical Council

1. After communicating with all 32 conferences, we are now receiving two newsletters from many. We use one copy for the shelves and the other copy for the name and place files. We have tried to get back issues of all publications. There is still much to be done in the conference area of our holdings.

2. As noted elsewhere, we now have 100 entries and 133 cassettes in the Oral History Project. The 100th arrived on September 15th.

3. The numerous additions to the name files have come about because we are checking all ordinations and deaths in the yearbooks as well as the articles in various conference publications.

4. The one expanse of shelving which houses much of the U.C.C. material is very nearly filled. We will soon have to do some major moving to accomodate new reports.

5. Early this month we began a long delayed project - the cataloguing of the many films which have been stored in boxes. This is a slow process since many of the films are not easily identified.

B. Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

1. We have completed one of the two projects we had assigned as a goal in April. The 32 books of essays, pamphlets, and sermons which were not processed, are now catalogued. The 494 essays can now be identified through the card catalogue, making them much more available to the public.

2. At present, I am working through 5 boxes of papers from Dr. Perry L. Smith, whom many will recognize as the former pastor of St. John's Church, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and as Field Secretary for the Board of United Promotions. This material will soon be ready for the shelves.

Permit me to offer two other items. The first is a personal note of appreciation for the opportunity you have given me to serve as Interim Archivist for 1989. As I commented by letter to Mrs. Rasche, I have enjoyed the experience of getting back to "book" work which I left in 1980 to return to the parish. It has been demanding, and at times frustrating, but a challenge. I feel a real sense of accomplishment after eight months in the "stacks." I hope you all will feel the same way.

My second note addresses your future. You are taking an important step in employing a full-time Archivist. I hope your discussions and plans will include the tools which this person will need to do the job. By this I mean adequate supplies and equipment. We are fast running out of used notebooks and folders, improvised pamphlet boxes, etc. We are champions of recycling. We have been good at making do with the things at hand. What are some of the immediate items needed: 1. Acid free folders and all the other items which the Archives should

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use to assure the preservation of materials. 2. Additional audiovisual cabinets and shelves. 3. A new microprint reader or something similar to it. 4. Additional ranges of moveable shelving in the not too distant future. 5. Closer ties to the Boards and Agencies of the Church to assure that all U.C.C. material comes to the Archives. As of this writing, we still have received no information about the last General Synod except from the Office of Communication. 6. The need to republish a new edition of the booklet "Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society." This booklet is much in demand. We have only about ten copies left to share with our patrons.

I am sorry that I can not be with you for either of these Fall meetings. My wife will be having surgery which will keep her off her feet for an extended period of time so I will be serving as parttime nurse and househusband. My greetings to you all. And thank you again for the opportunity and privilege of serving as your Interim Archivist.

Francis R. Daugherty
Interim Archivist

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was organized on Sunday, November 30, 1958 at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. The newly elected president, Dr. B. A. Wentz, appointed the Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick, the Rev. Robert Myers, and the Rev. Melvin Hamm to study and present a proposed constitution for the Chapter at the annual meeting in 1959. The only organized historical work in the Southern Synod before then had been carried out by a Historical Committee consisting of the Rev. C. C. Wagoner and Dr. J. C. Leonard.

In 1955 the Rev. Frank W. Snider, a young pastor in the Southern Synod who had specialized in Church History in his studies at Lancaster Theological Seminary, overtured Southern Synod to appoint a Synodical Historian. He was appointed.

In 1957 Dr. David Dunn, Professor of Church History at Lancaster Seminary and then President of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, came to Pilgrim Church in Davidson County, North Carolina as part of their bicentennial celebration. His presence, along with the efforts of Mr. Snider, sparked interest in the organization of a Southern Chapter.

In 1958 Dr. Charles Spotts, Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, came to North Carolina to help organize a chapter.

Notable achievements of the Southern Chapter have been the establishment of the Archives at Catawba College, bringing together materials from the churches and ministers of the Southern Synod, and assisting in the distribution of the book, A Story of Southern Synod, edited by Dr. Banks J. Peeler in 1968. The Rev. Frank Snider was the Chairman of the Board of Editors.

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Since 1975, the 250th anniversary of the first communion in the German Reformed Church in America at Falkner Swamp Church in Pennsylvania, the Southern Chapter has either organized or supported Historical Bus Tours to points of significance in the United Church of Christ. These have included trips to Pennsylvania, New England, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Nebraska, New Orleans, New York, etc. They are often arranged to coincide with the national meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. This year, 1989, we have 78 people from North Carolina at this meeting in Wisconsin.

Presidents of the Southern Chapter have included: Dr. B. A. Wentz, Mr. Frank Clapp, the Rev. Frank Bostian, and the Rev. Banks Shepherd.

Prior to 1977, archival work for the Chapter was entrusted largely to untrained volunteers, with guidance from the Catawba College Library staff, Mrs. Frances Wentz and Mrs. Betty Sell. In that year we employed Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, a member of the Catawba Library staff who was trained in archival work, to serve on a part-time basis. She supervises students and works herself, as her time permits, in sorting and cataloging materials in a portion of the Catawba College Library vault which the College kindly makes available to the Southern Chapter without charge.

Among the memorable activities of the Southern Chapter were: a Heritage Festival at Catawba College, with Dr. Robert Moss, President of the United Church of Christ, as guest speaker; hosting the annual meeting of the national Evangelical and Historical Society at least twice; and hosting the annual meeting of the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ in 1989, in spite of hurricane, tornado, and flood.

We have been instrumental in having at least two North Carolina State historical markers placed along highways designating historic Reformed Churches - Pilgrim and New Gilead.

Our annual meeting, usually held in November, coordinates with churches or institutions as they celebrate significant anniversaries.

The membership of the Southern Chapter consists of approximately thirty ministers and lay persons from throughout North Carolina.

October 14, 1989

Respectfully submitted,

Banks Shepherd, President

REPORT FROM THE EDEN ARCHIVES

The work of the Eden Archives continues as usual. Again this year, an Eden work-study student, Ms. Leoma Blackburn, has been checking contents of shelves and files against the catalog, which supplements the careful work of Mrs. Ahme Quist as Archivist, and Lowell Zuck as Librarian. Our regular hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, supplemented by additional help given us through the Eden-Webster Library staff, under the supervision of a local Archives Committee.

In addition to many visitors, including an Indian Ph.D. student from Cambridge, England, copying many of our Asian Indian mission records, we have had two teams gathering pictures for a Deaconess Hospital videotape and a forthcoming historic videotape for the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical synod, prepared by the Rev. Jim Barnes, who works with television in St. Louis.

The latter is part of the work of an Anniversary Committee under the leadership of the Rev. Fred Allrich. A meeting with the United Church of Christ Historical Council is being anticipated at that time (October 12 to 14, 1990), along with a banquet at St. Paul's U.C.C., Belleville, Illinois, an anniversary service at St. John's U.C.C., Mehlville, St. Louis, Missouri, and tours to Marthasville, Missouri, and other historic sites.

I am pleased to report that the United Church Press has agreed to reissue the out-of-print 1961 Dunn History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which is scheduled to appear before the 1990 Evangelical Anniversary, and that I am writing a new introduction and adding to the bibliography, in preparation for that publication.

Although the Eden Archives is running out of space, we continue to receive valuable contributions including, for example, African mission materials and a new display case, through the courtesy of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Trost of Chicago. It is a privilege to serve our Evangelical constituency and to reach out to the whole United Church of Christ. We continue to cooperate helpfully with our Reformed colleagues in Lancaster especially, with the Congregational Library in Boston, and with any one else who visits or corresponds with us. Something always new and unexpected turns up in archival work.

October 14, 1989

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell H. Zuck, Librarian

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 1989

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 4,320.00
Conferences: New York	\$ 50.00	
Penn Central	550.00	
Penn West	100.00	
Wisconsin	<u>200.00</u>	900.00
Associations: Cumberland, Maine	\$ 20.00	
Lancaster, Pennsylvania	1,125.00	
Oahe, South Dakota	40.00	
Susquehanna, New York	<u>50.00</u>	1,235.00
Dues Received Through Lancaster		1,586.00
Historical Council U.C.C. -- 1989 Appeal		3,350.00
Interest on Investments		4,209.47
Visitor Fees		468.00
Miscellaneous Income:		1,674.58
Gifts (Not Including Dues)		
Boehm's U.C.C. Blue Bell, Pennsylvania	\$ 200.00	
Zion U.C.C. Le Sueur, Minnesota	88.62	
Faith U.C.C. Lancaster, Pennsylvania	400.00	
John R. Weiler Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	50.00	
Hebron U.C.C. Winston-Salem, North Carolina	250.00	
Arcadia Foundation	13,000.00	
First Congregational Church, Montclair, New Jersey	50.00	
Gladys E. Hefty Madison, Wisconsin	100.00	
Reginald and Sue Ann Rice Lancaster, Pennsylvania	90.95	
Rev. Francis R. Daugherty Lancaster, Pennsylvania	50.00	
Alice H. and William E. Wimer Winthrop Massachusetts	75.00	
Church of the Apostles Lancaster, Pennsylvania	150.00	
Charlotte W. Bordner - Rev. Dr. J. B. Frantz Memorial	500.00	
Mrs. John B. Frantz - Rev. Dr. J. B. Frantz Memorial	200.00	
Myron E. Wolf Lancaster, Pennsylvania	100.00	
St. Andrew U.C.C. Lancaster, Pennsylvania	150.00	
Dr. Herbert Anstaett Memorial Contributions	85.00	
Others (Less than \$50.00 each)	226.71	
Miscellaneous Contribution	<u>1,000.00</u>	16,766.28
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$34,509.33</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (Cont'd. from page 17)

EXPENSES

Lancaster: Payroll and Payroll Taxes (Includes Archives)	\$17,746.64
Supplies	1,711.50
Equipment	530.00
Printing	956.01
Binding	30.00
Postage	680.76
Telephone	428.00
Miscellaneous	1,883.80
Special Project	1,000.00
Meetings and Travel	4,931.99
Eden Archives: Subsidy	5,340.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$35,238.70</u>
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR (1/1/89 - 12/31/89)	\$ 729.37

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1989

ASSETS

Checking Account --Hamilton Bank	\$ 2,472.59
Liquid Reserve Account -- Hamilton Bank	22,865.04
Certificate of Deposit -- Penn Savings Bank	4,402.02
GMC Memorial Endowment -- Hamilton Bank C/D	1,001.00
Wellington Fund -- Book Value	1,008.00
Certificate of Deposit -- Horizon Financial	25,000.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust -- Hamilton Bank C/D	3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$59,748.65</u>

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Liabilities		-0-
Principal 12/31/88	\$60,478.02	
Less Deficit 1/1/89 - 12/31/89	<u>729.37</u>	\$59,748.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u>\$59,748.65</u>

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TREASURER'S NOTE (Contd. from page 18)

We are sorry that we must report a deficit for the year in the amount of \$729.37. We received several contributions for 1989 after our books were closed. These amounts will be included in the 1990 report. The total of these items is approximately \$200.00

We want to express our appreciation to all who have supported us in any way during 1989. We especially want to thank the Arcadia foundation for its liberal support during 1989, as well as its previous liberal contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron E. Wolf

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS and CCHS for 1990. Enclosed is my check.

Memberships

_____ Individual (\$15)	_____ Supporting (\$100 to \$499)
_____ Student (\$7)	_____ Sustaining (\$30 to \$99)
_____ Sponsor or Life (\$250)	_____ Institutions (\$25)

NAME: _____

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Please detach, return and make payable to either the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 or the Historical Council UCC, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

