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### E. & R. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND U. C. C. HISTORICAL COUNCIL SHARE IN EVANGELICAL SYNOD CELEBRATION IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A festive celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Synod (originally known as "The German Evangelical Church Association of the West") took place October 12-14, 1990 in the St. Louis area. Both the United Church of Christ Historical Council and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society held their meetings in connection with this celebration. The meeting of the Historical Council was held at the new Eden Seminary Conference Center on October 11 and 12 just prior to the opening of the anniversary celebration. The twelve members of the Historical Council under the leadership of Ms. Susan P. Dickerman as chairperson gave considerable attention to the report and recommendations for the U.C.C. Archives by the new Archivist, Mrs. Kay Schellhase. Other items considered at the meeting included the oral history project, the women's history project, and plans for Historical Council's participation in the next General Synod. Also on the agenda was a tour of the Evangelical Archives at Eden Theological Seminary.

The Historical Council adjourned in time to participate in the 150th Anniversary Banquet held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois at which a huge throng gathered to hear an inspiring address by Dr. Paul Sherry, President of

### NEXT ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BETHLEHEM, PENN- SYLVANIA, OCTOBER 19, 1991

The 127th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will take place at Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania as part of Bethany's 100th Anniversary Celebration. The meeting will also take into account the 250th Anniversary of the Moravian settlement in Bethlehem. Two papers will be presented to help us to remember and celebrate these two anniversaries, one by the Rev. David H. Rapp, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ (Mickleys), Whitehall, Pa., and the other by Dr. David Schattschneider, professor of church history and Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa. A tour of Reformed and Moravian sites is also planned.

### PAPERS FROM 1989 MEETING PUBLISHED

The papers presented at the fall, 1989 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society at Lakeland College, Wisconsin have been published in On the Way, Occasional Papers of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, Vol. 7, Nr. 2 (Autumn, 1990), ed. Frederick R. Trost. The titles of these essays and their authors are: "The Banner of the Heidelberg Catechism," by Reinhard Ulrich; "The Roots of the German

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the United Church of Christ, and to view a beautiful new videotape concerning the history of the Evangelical Synod.

On Saturday morning, October 13, the 126th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, preceded by a breakfast meeting of the ERHS Board of Directors, took place. There were two excellent papers presented on appropriate subjects for the occasion: "The Founding of a Seminary at Marthasville," by Dr. Frederick R. Trost, Conference Minister of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ; and "Seven Holy Founders of the Evangelical Synod of North America," by Dr. Lowell Zuck, professor of church history and newly elected holder of the United Church Chair of Theology and History at Eden Theological Seminary. A summary of Dr. Zuck's paper appears elsewhere in this newsletter and a summary of Dr. Trost's paper will appear in the summer newsletter. Following the lectures the annual business meeting of the Society was held. The minutes of this meeting are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

After lunch in the Eden Seminary Commons, members of the Society and other participants in the celebration took a bus tour of important historical sites and institutions: Immanuel United Church of Christ, Holstein, Mo.; Emmaus Homes, Marthasville, Mo.; Femme Osage United Church of Christ, Augusta, Mo. where the touring group enjoyed supper.

The 150th Anniversary Celebration concluded on Sunday afternoon, October 14 with a joyous service of worship at historic St. John's United Church of Christ, Mehlville with Dr. Eugene Wehrli, President of Eden Theological Seminary, preaching before a large congregation.

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Reformed Tradition of the Midwest," by Louis H. Gunnemann; "The Geneva Consistory as Established by John Calvin," by Robert M. Kingdon. This issue may be purchased at a cost of \$2.00 from the office of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, 2719 Marshall Court, Madison, WI 53705.

NEVIN AND SCHAFF BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

The volumes of Nevin and Schaff writings edited by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. and George H. Bricker, Catholic and Reformed: Selected Theological Writings of John Williamson Nevin, and Reformed and Catholic: Selected Historical and Theological Writings of Philip Schaff, both published by Pickwick Press, are still available for purchase from the E. & R. Historical Society at the price of \$8.00 each or \$15.00 for both plus a \$1.00 handling charge. Orders should be sent to: The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, 555 W. James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.



A HISTORY OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH RE-ISSUED

We repeat the announcement from the last newsletter that the most comprehensive single volume history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, originally published in 1961 with essays by David Dunn, Carl E. Scheider et al., has been re-issued by Pilgrim Press with a new introduction by Professor Lowell H. Zuck, first vice-president of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. The new paperback edition of A History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church can be purchased in many religious and seminary bookstores and can be ordered from Pilgrim Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115 for \$14.95.

1991 MERCERSBURG SOCIETY CONVOCATION AT OLD FIRST IN PHILADELPHIA

The next Convocation of the Mercersburg Society will be held at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia, Pa. June 3 and 4, 1991. The theme of the meeting will be "The Witness of Liturgies, Catholic and Reformed." Presenters of papers will include: Dr. Horace T. Allen, Jr. of Boston University School of Theology and newly elected President of the Mercersburg Society, and the Reverend Deborah Rahn Clemens, a doctoral student in liturgics at Drew University, a member of the Corporate Board of the Mercersburg Society and a newly elected member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

SUMMARY OF ADDRESS ON THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE EVANGELICAL SYNOD,

By Lowell H. Zuck, Oct. 13, 1990, at the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society Annual Meeting, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

The paper attempted to sketch the lives and activities of the seven founders of the Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens at Gravois Settlement, Missouri, 150 years ago, on October 15, 1840. The frontier pastors of German/Swiss origin who began the "E" part of the United Church of Christ on that day were Louis Nollau, Johann Riess, Joseph Rieger, Georg Wall, Karl Daubert, Johannes Gerber, and Herman Garlichs.

In selecting seven founders, it was necessary to omit one of the original six, Philip Heyer, and to add the names of Johannes Gerber and Joseph Rieger, who were not at the first meeting. I described them as being almost heroic-size inner missionaries in a foreign land, ready to adapt to a new language and culture as rapidly as possible, for the sake of the Gospel which controlled them. They reflected in a powerful way their commitments to the best German Pietism of their day, they favored church union, they promoted home and foreign missions, and they were ready to discover and devote themselves to church-related social concerns.

The meeting was called by Pastor Louis E. Nollau at Gravois Settlement, and he took notes of the meeting as Secretary. Karl Daubert, the newly arrived outsider from the Reformed church, was elected President pro tem. Herman Garlichs seems to have suggested the name for the new society. He was the only one with university rather than mission house theological education, and after a freelance ministry had recently been ordained. Since the stated purpose of the meeting was to become mutually acquainted, and opposition was mentioned coming from the English Lutheran

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synods in the East and the Ultra-Lutherans (those who became the Missouri Synod), the remarkable thing is that something so close to the "gathering of a synod" actually was accomplished in that one meeting.

While only ordained pastors were to be admitted as full members, congregations were urged to select delegates who would be entitled to seat and vote in the sessions. Thus, the parity of clergy and laity was established immediately. In addition, provision was made to examine theologically trained candidates for admission to the Kirchenverein, referring to their characters, no mention being made of their theological positions. A simple confessional statement was made which referred to subscription to the symbolic writings of "our Evangelical mother church in Germany."

In addition, that busy meeting pledged to pay attention to schools and educational projects, and a committee composed of Daubert, Riess, and Nollau was charged with preparing a prospectus for a new Book of Worship for the next meeting. Thus, an important new ecclesiology had begun on the Missouri frontier, as German-speaking immigrants who were comfortable with being either Lutheran or Reformed became organized, and indeed realized the opportunity (like their mother church, the Prussian Union Church of 1817) of coming together into one new church named Evangelical, an attractive new ecumenical possibility at that time.

On this historic occasion, I thus attempted to suggest that the 1840 Evangelical founders and their successors made a significant contribution to the great Evangelical heritage which is now part of the United Church of Christ and which seeks to serve the whole church and world through the good news of the eternal Gospel of Jesus Christ. The entire four-day occasion was a joyful salute to our seven holy founders, their associates, and successors, down to the present day. The Festival was offered with confidence that an ever-renewed Christian community always stands ready for new faithfulness and obedience to Christ, as we seek for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:3).

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
October 13, 1990

The Board of Directors of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society met at 7:00 A.M. on October 13, 1990 for a breakfast meeting at the Eden Theological Seminary "Conference Center" in Webster Groves, Missouri. The President, Dr. John B. Payne, called the meeting to order and called upon the Rev. Banks D. Shepherd for the Invocation and Blessing. Those present for the meeting were: Rev. Mark Steiner, Rev. Jim Mohr, Rev. David Rapp, Dr. Lowell Zuck, Mr. Myron Wolf, Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, Dr. John B. Payne, Rev. Mary Hutchens, Mrs. Florence Bricker, Mrs. Kay Schellhase, and the Rev. Frank Snider.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on May 4, 1990, as circulated in the "Newsletter" of the Society.

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Mrs. Kay Schellhase, Archivist of the United Church of Christ, was recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

Dr. John B. Payne, President, presented his report in printed form and a copy is attached to these minutes. He noted that a series of books, "A Living Theological Heritage: The United Church of Christ" is being sponsored by the Board for Homeland Ministries and the Office for Church Life and Leadership with Dr. Barbara Brown Zikmund as the general editor. There will be seven volumes in all. Dr. Payne and Dr. Zuck will be serving as editors of specific volumes. It was reported that the papers presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting are almost ready for printing and distribution.

Mr. Myron Wolf presented in printed form the Treasurer's Report for January through August, 1990. He noted that there has been a modest increase in support for the Society, although the full year has not been completed. Mr. Wolf also presented the proposed budget for 1991 for discussion and approval for presentation to the Society at the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Kay Schellhase, Archivist for the United Church of Christ, presented her report orally. She reported a need for shelving to provide for additional storage space in the Archives. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Rev. Mary Hutchens and seconded by Rev. David Rapp to purchase one whole range of shelving and a carriage for the Archives. The motion was agreed upon by consensus.

Dr. Payne noted that Mrs. Florence Bricker is revising the "Church and Pastoral Records" booklet, prepared by Mrs. Bricker and Dr. George Bricker and printed in 1982. It was moved by Rev. Mark Steiner and seconded by Rev. David Rapp to proceed with the printing of this second edition and to publicize its printing. Motion carried.

Dr. Payne reported that Dr. John B. Frantz, Jr., has inquired about the possibility of moving the "Harbaugh Manuscripts" from the Eden Archives to the Lancaster Archives. Problems that may be involved in this matter were discussed. Dr. Zuck promised to put the matter before the Eden Archives Committee.

Mrs. Schellhase noted that she did not have a written report since she has been in this position such a short time. She indicated that she will be doing considerable records management for offices of the United Church of Christ. It is not clear as yet as to how much time she will be able to spend on specifically Evangelical and Reformed matters in the archives. She reported that much of the work carried on there is genealogical in nature, and at the present, the secretary is doing most of this work. She sees preservation as a growing concern for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society in the future. Mrs. Florence Bricker reported on the good atmosphere in the E. and R. Archives at Lancaster.

Dr. Lowell Zuck presented the report for the Eden Archives. He said that the video, shown at the banquet on the previous evening, will be available for \$25.00.

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\$10.00 of this will come back to the Eden Archives. (The video is on the "History of the Evangelical Synod of North America.")

The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd presented the report of the Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. He underscored that the Southern Chapter's Archivist, Mrs. Jackie Sims, is in the process of cataloguing all of the chapter's holdings in the archives in the vault at Catawba College and that duplicate cards will be sent to the Lancaster Archives.

The next Annual Meeting was discussed. This meeting will be in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Bethany Church and sharing in the 250th Anniversary of the settling of Bethlehem by the Moravians. There will be two papers, one by Rev. David Rapp and one by Dr. David Schattschneider. The dates for the Annual meeting in 1991 will be October 18 and 19, 1991.

No other plans have been made for future meetings. Invitations and possibilities will be sought.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Snider, Sr.  
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 1990

The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was called to order by the President, Dr. John B. Payne, at 9:00 A.M. on October 13, 1990, in the chapel at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri. Dr. Eugene S. Wehrli, President of Eden Seminary, welcomed those in attendance to Eden Seminary.

Dr. John Payne recognized Dr. Harold C. Grunewald, who introduced Dr. Fred Trost, Conference Minister of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, to present the first paper of the morning. The title of Dr. Trost's paper was "The Founding of a Seminary at Marthasville," which treated the origins and the early history of Eden Theological Seminary.

At 10:15 A.M. Dr. Lowell Zuck, Professor of Church History at Eden Theological Seminary, presented the second paper, "Seven Holy Founders of the Evangelical Synod of North America." Prior to his presentation, he shared greetings from the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ and from "The Evangelical Church of the Union" in Germany.

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After Dr. Zuck's presentation, Dr. Payne introduced Mrs. Kay Schellhase, new Archivist for the United Church of Christ, to the group.

A brief discussion of the papers followed.

Shortly after 11:15 A.M. Dr. John Payne called to order the Annual Business Meeting of the Society. The opening prayer was given by Dr. Eugene Wehrli. The Minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting were adopted and approved as circulated in the Society's Newsletter. Greetings were brought to the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society by Dr. Hal Worthly, Executive Secretary of the Congregational Christian Historical Society in Boston, and also by Susan Dickerman, Chairperson of the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ.

The report of the president, Dr. John Payne, was distributed in printed form and Dr. Payne made mention of the new seven volume series, "A Living Theological Heritage: The United Church of Christ" that is to be forthcoming. He announced that the papers presented at the Annual Meeting in Wisconsin in 1989 will soon be available for distribution. He noted that copies of the revised History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church by David Dunn, et al. are now available.

The new archivist, Mrs. Kay Schellhase, noted that "a new day is coming" in the Archives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported on the Eden Archives. He noted that the Eden Archives is receiving an endowment from the "Continuing Committee of the Evangelical Synod of North America."

Dr. John Payne thanked Eden Seminary for its hospitality in hosting this annual meeting.

Rev. Banks D. Shepherd presented the report of the Southern Chapter in printed form. The report of the treasurer was presented by Mr. Myron Wolf. He noted our appreciation for the continued support of the Arcadia Foundation and the Steinbright family in Norristown, Pennsylvania. A motion was made to receive and adopt all of the reports presented by common consent.

The Rev. William Daniels presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. A motion was made to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and that the Secretary cast the ballot, electing all of the officers and directors as nominated. Motion carried, and those elected were as follows:

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 Wolf  
Archivist - Mrs. Kay Schellhase

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Directors-at-Large - Mrs. Florence Bricker, Rev. Mary Hutchens,  
Rev. David Rapp, Rev. Mark Steiner,  
Mr. Frank Stearns, Rev. James D. Mohr,  
Rev. Banks Shepherd, and Rev. Deborah Rahn Clemens.

Dr. Payne announced that the next Annual Meeting will be October 18 and 19, 1991 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Business Meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. George Gay, a member of the Historical Council from Greensboro, North Carolina.

Following the Annual Meeting, lunch was served for the group in the Eden Seminary Commons. At 1:00 P.M. a Bus Tour with three chartered buses, one church bus, a van, and a number of automobiles left the seminary for a tour to institutions and historical sites. The group visited Immanuel United Church of Christ, at Holstein, Emmaus Homes at Marthasville, and the Femme Osage Church at Augusta. Supper was served for the group at the Femme Osage Church.

On Sunday afternoon, October 14, the 150th Anniversary Service for the Evangelical Synod in North America was held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Mehlville, Missouri, with a large crowd in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Frank W. Snider, St.  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Last year I began my report with the sentence: "This has been a year of transition for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society." That sentence continues to apply also for this past year. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Kay Schellhase on May 1 as the first full-time U.C.C. archivist. She replaced the Rev. Francis Daugherty who had performed excellent service as interim archivist since January 1, 1989. I, as president of the Historical Society, am pleased to cooperate with the new archivist in any way that she deems appropriate. When she has had the opportunity to determine the equipment and staff needs for the archives, the Historical Society is prepared to help.

The Historical Society and the archives lost this past year a faithful member and worker, Mrs. Edna Hafer. Because of her knowledge and experience of the church, her service as an assistant in the archives was most valuable. Mrs. Florence Bricker wrote a fitting tribute to her in our last newsletter.

Ms. Judith Witham continues as our able secretary and Mrs. Diane Rimert was hired last winter as an assistant. The number of staff in the archives is smaller than it has been in a while. Probably, the staff will expand after the archivist has

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assessed the personnel requirements for the archives.

The hiring of a full-time archivist is only one sign that the church is recognizing the need to cultivate its heritage. On August 24-25 Dr. Lowell Zuck and I attended an editors meeting for the projected series, "A Living Theological Heritage: The United Church of Christ," which is being sponsored by the Board of Homeland Ministries and the Office of Church Life and Leadership with Dr. Barbara Brown Zikmund as General Editor. Several of us from both historical societies are involved in this project as editors of volumes in the series or as members of the editorial board. At our meeting in New York we were shown a raft of letters written in response to the proposed project most of which, while making suggestions to the editors, were enthusiastic in their support.

It is also pleasing to report that the new hymnal committee is likewise concerned to learn more about the church's heritage as it might affect the preparation of a hymnal. I was asked to address the committee on September 10 concerning the perspective of the Mercersburg tradition on worship and hymnody.

Last year the society enjoyed an excellent meeting at Lakeland College, Wisconsin at which three outstanding papers were presented by Professors Robert Kingdon, Reinhard Ulrich and Louis Gunnemann (presented in his absence by Dr. Eugene Faberg of United Theological Seminary). With the entire church the society mourned the death of Dr. Gunnemann just two weeks after our meeting. We are pleased that these three papers will be published soon in the Wisconsin Conference Journal, On the Way. We are grateful to the Reverend James Mohr and the Wisconsin Conference Historical Committee for their fine work of planning and arranging for this meeting.

The society looks forward to another meeting in the Midwest when it, along with the U.C.C. Historical Council, will share in the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Evangelical Synod of North America in St. Louis October 12-14. We anticipate a festive banquet on Friday evening, October 12 and an anniversary worship service on Sunday afternoon, October 14 as well as papers by our First Vice-President, Professor Lowell Zuck and by Dr. Frederick Trost, Wisconsin Conference Minister on Saturday morning. We appreciate the hard work of the Evangelical Synod Anniversary Committee for planning what portends to be a splendid meeting. We expect a large attendance which will be augmented once again by a busload from Southern Conference led by the Rev. Frank Snider. We are also delighted that A History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church by David Dunn et al., with new introduction by Lowell Zuck has been published by Pilgrim Press in time for distribution at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne

REPORT OF THE EDEN ARCHIVES TO THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As reported on May 4, 1990, the 150th anniversary year of the founding of the Evangelical Synod has been an unusually active one for the Eden Archives.

Mrs. Ahme Quist continues to catalog old and uncataloged materials, only this week having finally found in Dr. Carl Schneider's voluminous papers his bulky key to classification. We still have not located his missing manuscript toward the second volume of his Evangelical Synod history.

We rejoice in the reissuing by Pilgrim Press of the 1961 History of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, first edited by David Dunn, and now with a new introduction and bibliography by Lowell Zuck.

Much work went into planning the celebration of the Evangelical Synod anniversary, including bibliography and photographic work with James Barnes and Diane Klingerman, who prepared a 45-minute videotape on Evangelical History first presented at the Belleville banquet. The tape is now on sale for \$25.00 (with \$10.00 per tape going to help endow the Eden Archives). Address: AGCE, P. O. Box 702, Florissant, MO 63032.

At the conclusion of the anniversary celebration, the Board of Eden Seminary assumed responsibility for supervising the work of the Eden Archives in cooperation with the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, as the Continuing Committee of the former Evangelical Synod turned over its remaining assets as a modest endowment for the Archives.

With additional support emerging for the Archives beyond the essential contribution from the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, it may be possible in the future to resume daily weekday open hours instead of a long time situation in which the Archives were open officially only on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The Archives have been extremely busy during the Summer and Fall. Correspondence has also been heavy. We continue to receive important acquisitions, and are pleased that historical concerns in our area are gaining in interest and importance.

We thank the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society most sincerely for its long-term support of the Eden Archives, financially and otherwise, and are committed to making the best possible contribution to the work of preserving our respective heritages as the United Church of Christ continues to develop and grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell H. Zuck, Librarian



REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society maintains the archives at Catawba College for the storage of materials from churches and institutions of the old Southern Synod and the North Carolina Classis. We are reminded of the importance of this task when we learn that some of the older congregations thought their records were secure in a bank vault or in some faithful member's home only to discover them missing. No amount of regrets or good intentions can restore what was lost or misplaced. On the other hand, the Southern Chapter holds the records of some churches which have been long discontinued and which exist now only as vague memories in the minds of older persons and of researchers.

The Southern Chapter continues to employ the services of Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, a member of the Catawba College library staff, as archivist. She receives, sorts and catalogs materials, with the assistance of part-time helpers. In the past year she has employed Ms. Erlene Caldwell to begin typing library cards on the materials in our archives. We are pleased that finally we could get to work on the task to which we committed ourselves some years ago.

One of the important contributions which the Southern Chapter archives made in the recent past was as a resource for Dr. Francis Dedmond in the writing of Catawba: The Story of a College, published in 1989. In fact, Dr. Dedmond indicates in his documentation that our archives was his primary source for unpublished manuscripts and for minutes of N. C. Classis, Southern Synod and college trustees' meetings. We recommend Dr. Dedmond's work to all persons with an interest in Catawba College, in the history of higher education in our church and in the early years of the Reformed Church in this country.

We reported the publication of Catawba: The Story of a College to the spring 1990 meeting of the executive committee of the Society. We feel it is worthy of mention to the entire membership. Dr. Dedmond has generously provided a number of copies to the Southern Chapter for distribution to college and seminary libraries and to other persons with a particular interest in the history of the church and of higher education.

The annual meeting of the Southern Chapter is scheduled for November 10 at Bethany Church, Davidson County. This congregation has recently concluded the celebration of its bicentennial. Those persons who attended the 1988 meeting of the Society will recall that Bethany Church has one of the best examples of cemeteries with pierced sand-stone grave markers, which are unique to Davidson County, North Carolina.

One of the services which the Southern Chapter has provided for a number of years is the sponsoring of a bus tour to the meetings of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. We have one bus load here to this meeting.

We must report an air of uncertainty about the future of our archives at Catawba College. In the past year Dr. Betty Sell, director of the Library, retired. She was supportive of the work of the Society and of the Southern Chapter. We do not

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know who the new director will be and what his/her sentiments might be regarding the archives. Since we maintain the archives at the pleasure of Catawba College, we have a weak base from which to negotiate. If our budget allowed us to pay even token rent on the facilities we would feel more secure about the archives' future.

We appreciate the privilege of serving as one of the branches of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and as the stewards of materials in our keeping. We intend to continue to serve to the best of our ability and within the limits of our resources.

Our major source of income is from the budget of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference. Our treasurer, Mrs. Edith Alcorn, reports that as of September 28, 1990 we had balances of: \$296.44 in checking, and \$1,286.58 in savings, with some bills pending from the archivist.

Respectfully submitted,

Banks Shepherd, President  
October 15, 1990

TREASURER'S NOTE

We want to thank all those who supported the Society during 1990. Some contributed substantial sums. An additional "Thank You" to them. Arcadia Foundation was a great help to us as they have been for many years. You will notice that others have been especially liberal with their contributions -- Penn Central Conference, Lancaster Association, Faith United Church of Christ of Lancaster, Hebron United Church of Christ of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Church of the Apostles of Lancaster.

Our surplus for the year was due mostly to reduction in expenses. Our income was only \$1,371.00 more than 1989's income while our expenses were \$12,355.00 less. The largest expense reduction was payroll in the amount of \$8,609.00. We operated with very few paid personnel. In addition, our new United Church of Christ archivist was on board the last half of the year. The Society is no longer providing the monetary support for this position.

Note: Several contributions arrived after our books were closed for the year. These will be listed on our 1991 statements. Two were made for the Rev. Dr. John B. Frantz Memorial--\$200.00 by Ruth B. Frantz and \$200.00 by Charlotte W. Bordner. Another contribution of \$100.00 was made by Alice H. and William E. Wimer.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron E. Wolf,  
Treasurer



The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society  
Statement of Income and Expenses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1990

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 2,214.00
Conferences: Penn Central	\$ 500.00	
Penn West	100.00	
Ohio	<u>10.00</u>	610.00
Associations: Hudson Mohawk	\$ 50.00	
Lancaster	1,875.00	
Clarion	50.00	
Cumberland	20.00	
Susquehanna	<u>50.00</u>	2,045.00
Dues		2,038.00
Life Fees		500.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		4,412.25
Interest on Investments		4,876.30
Visitor Fees		819.75
Miscellaneous Income: Copies, Film Rental, Books, Fees, Etc.		1,164.56
Gifts (Not including dues):		
Rev. Dr. John B. Payne	\$ 100.00	
Mezeppa Church, West Milton, Pennsylvania	100.00	
Zion U.C.C. Le Suer, Minnesota	66.98	
William K. Newman	50.00	
Faith U.C.C. Lancaster, Pennsylvania	400.00	
Arcadia Foundation	14,000.00	
Hebron U.C.C. Winston Salem, North Carolina	250.00	
First Congregational Church Montclair, New Jersey	50.00	
Gladys Hefty Madison, Wisconsin	100.00	
St. Andrew U.C.C. Lancaster, Pennsylvania	150.00	
Rev. Robert Noble, Jr.	50.00	
Church of the Apostles Lancaster, Pennsylvania	150.00	
Myron E. Wolf Lancaster, Pennsylvania	50.00	
Others (Less than \$50.00)	<u>183.00</u>	15,699.98
Miscellaneous Contribution:		1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$35,879.84</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (Cont'd. from page 13)

EXPENSES

Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,137.15
Supplies	1,318.42
Equipment	246.20
Printing	1,495.09
Postage	642.92
Telephone	326.98
Miscellaneous	1,864.15
Meetings and Travel	3,352.69
Eden Subsidy	4,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$22,883.60</u>
 SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	 <u>\$12,996.24</u>

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ASSETS

Checking Account -- Hamilton Bank	\$ 1,142.62
Money Market Account -- Hamilton Bank	37,554.40
Certificate of Deposit -- Penn Savings Account	4,402.02
GMC Memorial Endowment -- Hamilton Bank C/D	1,001.00
Wellington Fund -- Book Value	1,008.00
Horizon Financial C/D	25,000.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust -- Hamilton Bank C/D	3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$73,108.04</u>

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Liabilities: Due Treasurer U.C.C. (Archivist Travel Advance)	\$ 363.15
Principal -- 12/31/89	\$59,748.65
Plus 1/1/90 - 12/31/90 - Surplus	<u>12,996.24</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL	<u>\$73,108.04</u>



RECORDS AND PAPERS OF JAMES E. WAGNER

The Rev. Dr. James Edgar Wagner was the last president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the co-president, along with Dr. Fred Hoskins, of the newly formed United Church of Christ. Dr. Wagner's service in these offices spanned crucial years in the formation of the church, and his presence influenced significant decisions that were being made.

During his long life he was a newspaper columnist, a parish minister, a teacher at Lancaster Theological Seminary, a vice-president at Ursinus College, and a husband and father. "Jimmy," as he was known to many, wanted to be remembered for all of those accomplishments, but especially for his role in denominational offices during those pivotal years of 1953-1961.

As he grew older (he died in 1985 at age 85), Dr. Wagner became increasingly concerned that the historical events in which he had participated be properly documented. To that end he worked through the files he had accumulated and transferred important papers to the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, into the custody of his old friend, Herbert Anstaett, then Executive Secretary of the society. Much of the correspondence between the two men survives, and it makes fascinating reading, with some letters revealing Wagner's attitude toward certain events in the Church.

The records from Dr. Wagner's files have been separated into the following three categories: President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1953-1961 (4 feet); Co-President of the United Church of Christ, 1957-1961 (2 feet); and personal papers (6 feet). Each category contains material of historic value and personal interest.

The Evangelical and Reformed President's office files, for example include the following items: correspondence with Dr. Reginald H. Helfferich, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Commission on World Service and a founder of Church World Service, Inc.; records of meetings with the Reformed Hungarian group known as the Magyar, or Calvin, Synod; minutes and reports from the final meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed General Council in 1973; and three feet of material from the years immediately prior to the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian merger.

Although the amount of material from the years as co-president of the United Church of Christ is small, the contents are significant because they shed light on the issues and concerns of the new denomination. The location of the headquarters had to be determined and a church seal designed. The development of both the Statement of Faith and the constitution can be traced in these files.

The personal papers are the most revealing part of the archives. They include correspondence, sermons, articles and newspaper columns, all written in a lively, opinionated and yet sincere style, dominated by the author's devotion to the church and its various institutions. As is the case with most archives, the personality of the creator of the files lives on in the documents.

(This article arises from my work with the files of the presidents of the United Church of Christ. Records from Dr. Post's term of office are the latest addition to these archival materials. Kay Schellhase, Archivist)

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_____ Sponsor or Life (\$250)	_____ Institutions (\$25)

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