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FALL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BETHLEHEM, PA

The 127th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society took place October 19, 1991 at Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The Society shared in the 100th anniversary of Bethany Church and observed the 250th anniversary of the Moravian settlement of Bethlehem. Two informative papers were presented on the subject of Reformed and Moravian connections in the mid-eighteenth century: "A Frustrated Vision: Zinzendorf's Plan for the German Reformed Church," by Dr. David Schattschneider, dean and professor of church history at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem; and "Religious Politics in the Eighteenth Century: Boehm vs. Zinzendorf and his Reformed Followers," by the Rev. David H. Rapp, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ (Mickleys), Whitehall, Pa.

While enjoying a delicious lunch provided by members of the congregation, Society members and guests heard the interesting story of Bethany United Church of Christ told by the pastor, the Rev. Donald C. Esslinger.

On Friday afternoon preceding the meeting, there was a tour of Moravian sites in Bethlehem, and on Saturday afternoon following the annual business meeting, there was a tour of

DR. BENJAMIN T. GRIFFIN TO SPEAK AT NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IN YORK, PA, OCTOBER 17, 1992

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will take place in York, Pa. at three churches celebrating major anniversaries this year: Zion United Church of Christ (250th), Trinity United Church of Christ (250th), and Heidelberg United Church of Christ (125th). The theme of the meeting will be "Origins and Development of the Reformed Church in York County." The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. Griffin, President of United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota, and former pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, York. Details concerning this meeting will appear in the next newsletter.

NEW MICROFILM READER-PRINTER DONATED TO THE ERHS BY FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society has just obtained for its archives a much needed new Canon PC70 microfilm reader-printer through funds provided by First Reformed Church of Lancaster. The new machine will replace an antiquated model no longer capable of printing copies from the microfilm. This magnificent gift came about in this way. Mr. Colin Williams, a member of the consistory of First Reformed Church,

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1991 FALL MEETING (Cont'd from page 1)

Reformed sites in the Allentown-Bethlehem area.

Blessed by beautiful weather and by the friendly hospitality provided by the host church, some one hundred twenty-five persons, including two busloads from Southern Conference, attended the meeting.

MICROFILM READER-PRINTER (Cont'd from page 1)

was conducting research in the archives on the records of the congregation when he wished to make a print from the microfilm, but was unable to do so. Perceiving our need for a new microfilm reader-printer, he brought the matter before the consistory of First Reformed Church, which promptly voted to put forward \$2500 for the purchase of such a machine. In accordance with the wishes of First Reformed Church, a plaque in memory of Miss Elizabeth Clarke Kieffer, a long time member and historian of First Reformed Church and former archivist of the ERHS, will be placed on the reader-printer. We are indeed grateful for this generous contribution, which will facilitate research in the archives.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HISTORICAL COUNCIL MEETS AT UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NEW BRIGHTON, MINNESOTA

The United Church of Christ Historical Council held its annual meeting September 19-21, 1991 at United Theological Seminary, in New Brighton, Minnesota. Much attention was devoted to the work of the archivist, Kay Schellhase, who informed us about archival arrangement, description, security and access. On the basis of the archivist's recommendation, the Historical Council discussed the question as to whether the UCC Archives should be moved to the denominational headquarters in Cleveland. The result of a lengthy discussion was the recommendation that "the Executive Council consider relocating the UCC Archives to the United Church of Christ headquarters." In the light of current denominational budget restraints, however, it was thought that such a move would not take place in the near future. In any case, the ERHS Archives would remain at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Present at this meeting were both the President of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Paul Sherry, and the Secretary, the Rev. Carol Brun, who would be very soon leaving that office and taking a pastoral position in the Minneapolis area. She had worked with the Historical Council for many years, and the Historical Council is greatly indebted to her for all the leadership and help she provided.

Highlights of the meeting were: (1) an instructive trip to the Minnesota Historical Society which maintains the records of Minnesota Conference, and (2) a banquet at which Professor Arthur Merrill of United Theological Seminary spoke on the history of the seminary, with pertinent remarks on the subject of theological education within the United Church of Christ.

We were pleased that members of the Minnesota Conference Historical Committee took part in our sessions, and we were grateful to the committee under the leadership of Anne Hage, to United Theological Seminary, and to the Minnesota Conference for arranging so splendid a meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 18, 1991

The Directors met for dinner at Walp's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Present: John Payne, Florence Bricker, Frank Stearns, Myron Wolf, Mark Steiner, Banks Shepherd, Deborah Clemens, David Rapp, James Mohr, Lowell Zuok and Mary Hutchens. Guests: Eleanor Steiner and Donald Esslinger.

President Payne called the meeting to order at 8:10. He announced that Frank Snider called to inform us that he will not be attending the meeting because of ill health and that he is resigning as secretary of the board. Kay Schellhase, archivist, will not be present because of family commitments.

Mary Hutchens was appointed secretary pro tem.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors as printed in the July 1991 NEWS.

President Payne presented his printed report. He noted the display at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York. James Mohr has seen the display and asked that a verification of the signers of the Declaration of Independence be made. Judith Witham, secretary at the archives, attended the reception held at the museum when the display opened.

The president led the Directors in a moment of remembrance for the life and gifts of two officers who have died - the Rev. Philip W. Weiss, D.D., and Elizabeth Clarke Kieffer.

The printed report of Archivist Kay Schellhase was distributed, discussed and received with appreciation.

In reviewing the membership list, it was noted that one payment gives membership in ERHS, CCHS and UCC Historical Council. The UCC Historical Council membership list will need to be compared with our membership list. It was suggested that mail be sent "return requested" to secure current names and addresses, that organizations and churches be reminded of the membership fee and that people be given two or three opportunities to renew their membership prior to deleting a name.

Banks Shepherd presented a printed report for the Southern Chapter which was received with gratitude. (See attached report.)

Lowell Zuok shared a printed report of the Eden Archives which was received with thanks. (See attached report.) In answer to the request of Dr. John Frantz that the Harbaugh manuscripts be returned to Lancaster, Dr. Zuok reported that the attorneys interpret the will of James I. Good as having clearly sent the documents to Eden. The documents are available on microfilm in the ERHS archives.

Myron Wolf distributed a treasurer's report. He will be writing to the Wellington Fund for a certificate which shows our shares.

The 1992 budget was presented. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the 1992 budget as presented.

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ERHS BOARD MINUTES, OCTOBER 18, 1991 (Cont'd. from page 3)

ERHS has applied for a Pennsylvania State Tax Exemption license number which was denied. The Board supported the president and treasurer in appealing the state's decision. Deadline to file the appeal is December 25, 1991. The treasurer's report was received with thanks.

The Rev. Don Esslinger, pastor of our host church, Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem, reported that the Bethany archivist created some displays for the meeting. Early refreshments and lunch have been planned by the congregation. The Rev. William Green of the Penn Northeast Conference will bring greetings.

President Payne announced that the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in York, Pa. Zion and Trinity churches are celebrating 250th anniversaries, Heidelberg, 125th.

No plans have been made for 1993 at this time. It is the 100th anniversary of Schaff's death and of the World Parliament of Religions at which Schaff presented a paper on Christian unity. Chicago or Baltimore have been suggested as meeting sites.

Tentative plans have been made to meet jointly with the Congregational Christian Historical Society in 1994. This is also the time of the 100th anniversary of the Hungarian immigration. Bridgeport, CT may be the meeting site.

The Heffner petition was reviewed and discussed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the ERHS Board supports the Archivist and the 15 day rule for genealogical usage of the archives.

Members suggested that we may need to procure a copier for use in the archives.

Under new business the Board discussed the new membership categories which have been approved by the UCC Historical Council: Donor - \$25; Institution - \$50; Sponsor - \$100; Life Membership - \$250. The ERHS Board added the category of Student - \$7.00.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the above categories, effective January 1, 1992.

There was no old business.

Deborah Clemens requested hymns of the Reformed tradition for the UCC Hymnal Committee. Several suggestions were shared. A display of old hymnbooks will be present at the UCBHM meeting.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. with thanks for the arrangements to David Rapp.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hutchens
Secretary Pro Tem.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 19, 1991

The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was convened by President John Payne at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary of Bethany Church, Bethlehem. After welcoming the members of the Society, the president introduced the Rev. Donald Esslinger, pastor of Bethany, who greeted the Society and introduced members of Bethany, which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. The Rev. William Green, Associate Conference Minister, brought greetings to the Society from the Penn Northeast Conference.

Dr. David Schattschneider, dean and professor of church history at Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem, presented the paper, "A Frustrated Vision: Zinzendorf's Plan for the German Reformed Church."

The Rev. David H. Rapp, pastor of St. John's UCC, Mickleys, Whitehall, presented the paper "Religious Politics in the 18th Century: Boehm vs. Zinzendorf and His Reformed Followers."

After a 15 minute break, discussion of the papers was held. At noon, the Society adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch. At the conclusion of the meal, Pastor Esslinger briefly outlined the history of Bethany Church.

President Payne called the business meeting of the Society to order at 1:15 p.m. The Rev. James Mohr led the opening prayer.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the 1990 Annual Meeting as they are printed in the January 1991 NEWS.

President Payne announced the illness of the Rev. Frank Snider and his resignation as secretary of the Society. The Rev. Mary Hutchens was appointed secretary pro tem.

The president distributed a printed report to the members. (See attached report)

As a participant in the UCC Historical Council meeting in September, he reported a concern for historical understanding and record keeping in the United Church of Christ. It is hoped that all conferences will establish historical committees as Wisconsin has. Some have suggested that the UCC archives be moved to Cleveland but this is not feasible at this time. Even if the UCC Archives were to move, the ERHS archives would remain in Lancaster.

Dr. Payne concluded his remarks by saying, "We are pleased to be in Bethlehem at Bethany Church for its hundredth anniversary."

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive the president's report as presented.

In the absence of archivist Kay Schellhase, her printed report was distributed. The president noted that she has been setting up a record keeping system, that she spends about 85% of her time on the UCC archives and about 15% of her time on ERHS work. The archivist has been traveling extensively to contact sources and secure records of the United Church of Christ and its instrumentalities.

ERHS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 19, 1991 (Cont'd. from page 5)

A member asked, "Do we have a 'locator file' or some common listing of materials and places where materials are kept?" At present there is no union catalog or common locator file of materials in the various archives of the United Church of Christ. Another question was, "Do we have tapes of known contributors to UCC history?" Yes, the archives holds many tapes of church leaders in its oral history file.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive the archivist's report.

The Southern Chapter report was presented by the Rev. Banks Shepherd. (Attached) He noted that the Rev. Frank Snider organized and led the delegation tours from Southern Conference for several years. The project will be evaluated to determine its future. Mr. Shepherd recognized the Rev. Nelson Weller, who was leading the Southern Conference tour in the absence of Mr. Snider.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive the report of the Southern Chapter as presented.

Treasurer Myron Wolf presented the treasurer's report. He reminded the members that the archivist and secretary are paid by the United Church of Christ. We pay a part-time assistant researcher.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the treasurer's report as printed.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by the Rev. Earl Marks. The nominees are:

President: Dr. John Payne	Directors: Mrs. Florence Briker
Vice-president: Dr. Lowell Zuok	Rev. Mark Steiner
Recording Secretary: Rev. Frank Snider	Rev. James Mohr
Treasurer: Mr. Myron Wolf	Rev. Deborah Clemens
Archivist: Mrs. Kay Schellhase	Rev. David Rapp
	Mr. Frank Stearns
	Rev. Mary Hutohens
	Rev. Banks Shepherd
	Rev. Scott Sanders

Upon receiving the report of the committee, it was noted that Rev. Frank Snider had resigned as secretary on Friday. Nominations for secretary will be held open until 1992.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the nominations be closed.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the persons nominated.

The Society will meet in York, Pa, October 17, 1992. The Rev. Robert Anderson extended a welcome to the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Zion and Trinity churches and the 125th anniversary of Heidelberg.

Plans have not been completed for 1993, Tentative plans for 1994 are for a joint meeting of the CCHS and the ERHS, possibly in Bridgeport, CT. We are open for invitations in 1995.

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ERHS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 19, 1991 (Cont'd. from page 6)

Under new business, Verna R. Uthman asked for persons interested in the Klemme memo on conscientious objection to contact her.

President Payne expressed our gratitude to the host church and pastor saying, "It is a delight to be here."

The Rev. Richard Cheek, former Southern Conference Area Minister, gave the closing prayer and benediction.

The president adjourned the business meeting at 1:20 p.m.

The members of the Society participated in a tour of several historic churches and sites during the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hitchens
Secretary Pro Tem

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

I wish to report that this venerable historical society has entered the modern age with the purchase of a computer, a Macintosh Classic, for the archives. Already, it has proved its value to us. With the assistance of Kay Schellhase and Judith Witham, Diane Rimert has entered into the computer a revision of the booklet, "Church and Pastoral Records of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society," which had been prepared by Florence M. Brioker. Copies of the print-out are available for use in the archives. The summer newsletter was also produced on the computer, and a membership list has been entered into it. No doubt we shall discover many other uses for it—for example, record keeping.

As reported in the summer newsletter, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society is participating in the commemoration of the 700th anniversary of Switzerland by making available a precious fraktur for an exhibit of Swiss Folk Art being mounted in the Museum of American Folk Art in New York. The fraktur, drawn in 1745 by David Zubly, a Swiss immigrant living in Purrysburg, South Carolina, for his son, the Reverend John Joachim Zubly, is the oldest known art work of this kind originating in the South. This very small fraktur (4 x 6 inches) occupies one page of an autograph book written in several languages and containing the signatures of a number of famous persons. It is featured prominently on the first page of an article, "Swiss Folk Art Celebrating America's Roots," by Cynthia Elyse Rubin, guest curator of the exhibit. The article appears in the magazine, Swiss Folk Art, issued by the museum in connection with the exhibit. It will be on display in New York city until the end of 1991 before traveling to Switzerland for exhibits in Zurich and Neuchatel.

As reported also in the newsletter, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society this year mourned the death of two of its outstanding officers, Philip W. Weiss, D.D. and Elizabeth Clarke Kieffer. From 1968 until his death Dr. Weiss served first as third, and then as second vice-president. Miss Kieffer served as archivist of the Society from 1959 to 1966.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Cont'd from page 7)

Along with our first vice-president, Lowell Zuck, and other members of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society as well as the Congregational-Christian Historical Society, I have been preoccupied in recent months with the project, A Living Theological Heritage: The United Church of Christ. This summer I made considerable progress in selecting sources and writing introductions to these sources for the Reformation volume, of which I am editor. I am extremely pleased that this project has come about with the strong support of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Office for Church Life and Leadership and that it has generated much enthusiasm. I hope it will contribute to a growing historical consciousness and a greater sense of identity within the United Church of Christ.

That there is a sense of the need for historical understanding among pastors and laity has appeared evident to me from the questions and concerns by phone and letter which I receive as president of this society and as professor of church history in the Diefenderfer Chair in Mercersburg and Ecumenical Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary. For example, there have been inquiries about the origins of aspects of the liturgy, of the sacraments, of confirmation and its relation to communion, and of the doctrine of the ministry in the United Church of Christ. I received just recently a letter expressing a concern about the lack of proper record keeping in congregations and urging the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and/or the UCC Historical Council to take some action to encourage more accurate records in our churches. There is much work for all of us in both historical societies and in the UCC Historical Council to do to help meet these needs.

After two splendid meetings in the Midwest the two previous years--1989 at Lakeland College, Wisconsin, and 1990 at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis for the 150th Anniversary of the Evangelical Synod--the Society is returning this year to Pennsylvania for its Annual Meeting which is being held at Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem. During 1991 Bethany is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the city of Bethlehem is celebrating its 250th anniversary.

Next year on October 17 we shall be meeting in York to take part in the 250th anniversaries of Zion United Church of Christ and Trinity United Church of Christ and the 125th anniversary of Heidelberg United Church of Christ. We hope that in the near future, perhaps 1994, we can arrange our first joint meeting with the Congregational-Christian Historical Society, something which should have taken place long ago.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne

<p>Tenth Annual Convocation of the Mercersburg Society June 1 and 2, 1992 Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. Topic: Mercersburg and Lutheranism Papers by Carl Braaten, Derk Visser, Fred Trost, Ted Trost For further information, write the Rev. Jeffrey Roth, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201</p>

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

After more than a year in the archives, I look back with pleasure on a busy schedule and a variety of activities. My greatest satisfaction has come from the feeling that I am filling a genuine need in the denomination for the services of an archivist and from the warm reception given me by the creators of the records that are coming to the archives.

My work falls into several categories which will remain essentially the same over the years. They are the basic activities of an archivist in a small repository and include records management, arrangement and description, storage and preservation, reference services and public relations.

It is interesting and informative to contrast my duties as UCC Archivist with what I have done for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. Approximately 15% of my time is spent on projects for the Historical Society.

There are no longer denominational officials producing new records for the Reformed or E & R traditions, although occasionally church or pastor's records are added to the collection. Because there is already a body of valuable and important archival records in the repository, the primary use of the Historical Society materials is for research purposes, and the questions vary greatly.

We have been asked to find information about the history of First Reformed Japanese Church in San Francisco and of the Evangelical and Reformed presence in the Pacific Northwest and in Illinois. Many local churches look to us when compiling their histories and some make use of our help in sorting their own records.

Old First Reformed in Philadelphia is a good example of the latter. Their many and important records have been packed unorganized into a vault area. I have met several times with their history committee to suggest a plan of action and to help them over difficult spots. The committee has become the largest in the church, and there is great enthusiasm for the project. Recently they have found a source of funding for their work. Eventually they should have a well-organized group of records and a definitive listing of the material. The project at Old First may serve as a model for other local churches as they put their records in order.

It is gratifying to be able to supply information of this kind and to work with local church historians who are preserving and recording the history of the church in a particular place. It is also good to acquaint persons who visit the seminary with the work of the archives and Historical Society. Thus far in 1991 there have been almost 20 such groups, mainly confirmation classes.

Genealogical research continues unabated, with approximately 400 visitors and 300 letters answered in the first nine months of 1991. Under my guidance, Judith Witham is now answering most of the genealogical inquiries we receive on the phone, through the mail and in person. Although we continue our usual policy of not doing actual research for individuals, I estimate that she spends approximately half of her time on this aspect of the work.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST (Cont'd from page 9)

This extensive use of records, some of them original, raises again the concern for preservation. How can we care as we have promised for original church records deposited in the archives and still make the information they contain available to persons doing genealogical research? We may need to consider a systematic program of copying the records or a way of restricting the use of fragile materials.

Two special projects that have occupied much of my time involve using our new computer capacity for data entry. Both the revised edition of Florence Brieker's frequently consulted booklet, Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and the mailing list for the Historical Society newsletter have been entered on the computer. While Diane Rimert has done all of the data entry, I helped plan the format for both data bases and consulted with her on specific decisions for many entries.

The next step in this process will be to remind delinquent members of their obligations and to cull the mailing list. An analysis of that list has revealed the fact that there are 1467 names on the list and that so far in 1991 we have had 262 contributors. Some persons on the list have not given for more than ten years. Everyone will be given adequate opportunity to renew their membership before names are deleted.

It is not always easy for me to spend as much time as I should on both parts of my task. The position of United Church of Christ Archivist is a full-time job, especially now as I am dealing with large masses of records never before deposited in the archives. The work of the ERHS Archivist also places many demands on my time in a very different way. It may become necessary to look for additional help. For the present, however, with the assistance of the archives staff and the able officers of the ERHS, the work of that body continues to prosper and go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Schellhase, Archivist

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter maintains the archives at Catawba College as a service to the Society, to the Western North Carolina Association and the Southern Conference and churches and individuals who have an interest in church history. We solicit records of events in the past and present lives of the churches in our area, particularly those of E and R background. Then we make these records available to researchers from congregations, individuals and institutions who might benefit from their use. To assist us in this attempt we have employed Mrs. Jacquelin Sims, a member of the Library staff at Catawba College and a trained archivist. We feel fortunate to have her services, even on a part-time basis. When her time permits and when need dictates, she offers expert service. She receives a number of requests throughout the year for help with genealogical materials. The Catawba College Archives is listed as a resource in a flyer entitled: "Rowan County, North Carolina Research in Genealogy and Local History," which is available at the local public library and in county offices. Thereby our existence is known to an ever widening circle of scholars and researchers.

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REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER (Cont'd from page 10)

In the spring of 1991 Mrs. Sims had a number of inquiries from local churches about materials in connection with the celebration of their anniversaries. She also assisted in research for the writing of the Living Theological Series volume on the United Church of Christ. In the past year she received some of the papers of the late Dr. Frank Bostian, a former president of the Southern Chapter. She assisted the research of the editor of the Southern Conference News, Dr. Richard Rinker. Mrs. Sims reports that the visit of Mrs. Kay Schellhase was very productive. It resulted in strengthened ties and communication between the Southern Chapter Archives and the Lancaster Archives.

Members of the Society might be interested to know that this year two of our former E and R churches in Southern Conference mark their centennials: Calvary, Thomasville, N.C. and, Lyerly Memorial, Rockwell, N.C. The following ten churches with an E and R background, all in Southern Conference and all in North Carolina, are over 200 years old: Grace (Lower Stone), Rockwell (1745); Mt. Zion, China Grove (1755); Pilgrim, Lexington (1757); St. Paul's, Newton (1759); New Gilead, Concord (1766); Brick, Whitsett (1770); Beek's, Lexington (1787); Beulah, Lexington (1788); Emanuel, Lincolnton (1788); Bethany, Winston-Salem (1789).

Banks Shepherd has the privilege of preaching in two of them—Grace (Lower Stone) and New Gilead—for their anniversaries.

Since 1975 the Southern Chapter (together with the Southern Conference) has sponsored bus tours to points of historical interest in the United Church of Christ—from Falkner Swamp to Detroit, from New England to New Orleans, from Pennsylvania to Nebraska, from St. Louis to Wisconsin. We have also used the tour idea on local and regional levels to visit historic churches and institutions in North Carolina. We feel that these tours give our people a sense of belonging to the larger Church while strengthening their fellowship among each other.

The Southern conference is a very diverse body in the United Church of Christ, joining strains of the Convention of the South (Black CC), the Southern convention (White CC), and the Southern Synod (E&R). Our chapter continues to discover and celebrate this diversity, while lifting up the particular contribution of our background.

The annual meeting of the Southern Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 1991, at Calvary Church, Thomasville, N.C. This is one of the churches in our area which is observing its centennial.

We are glad to have a part in preserving and sharing the records of the former E and R Churches in the South. And we appreciate the support and encouragement of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Banks D. Shepherd, president

REPORT OF THE EDEN ARCHIVES

The newly constituted Eden Archives Committee, related to the Board of Eden Theological Seminary, met on October 11, 1991, in Webster Groves, Missouri, with the following persons present: President Wehrli, Don Wintermeyer, William H. Schwab, Harold Grunewald, Anita Ullman, Pearl Spies, Ahme Quist, and Lowell Zuck.

It was agreed that Lowell Zuck should be designated Director, while Ahme Quist should be called Archivist.

A report on services rendered was given. We spend much time cataloging materials, answering mail and telephone inquiries, and helping visitors.

Dieter Splinter presented to the Eden Archives a copy of his 515 page Heidelberg University dissertation entitled Theologie Zwischen den Welten: Reinhold Niebuhr und die "Deutsche Evangelische Synode von Nord-America, 1892-1928", 1990, much of which work had been done in the Eden Archives.

A German doctoral student from the Berlin Technische Hochschule, Ms. Irene Haderle, recently did research for the second time in the Eden Archives on the Women's Movement in American German churches. Her topic is Deutsche Kirchliche Frauenvereine in den U.S.A., 1870-1930. Das Beispiel Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In regard to funding, Lowell Zuck reported that about \$32,000, which had been accumulated by the Eden Archives through gifts, has been turned over to the Eden Seminary Archives Board for investment and use. Contributions from the ERHS, as in recent years, have been \$375 per month or \$4,500 per year. These gifts nearly cover the annual salaries of the Eden Archives staff, which currently total \$5,160 (\$2,880 for Lowell Zuck and \$2,280 for Ahme Quist). The Archives Committee expressed appreciation for the generous gifts of the ERHS over a period of many years.

Additional discussion concerned preparation of an Eden Archives brochure, reports on preservation needs, progress on a history of Eden Seminary being written by the Rev. Robert Laaser, ways to acquaint the board with the Eden Archives and contents, and further attention to budget and salary needs.

The work of the Eden Archives is gaining helpful support from its home base, which is much appreciated. At the same time, the continuing relationship to the ERHS is of great importance, and the growing interrelationships of all UCC archival facilities and support systems offer hope for a bright future for historical concerns within the UCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell H. Zuck, Director

<p>Annual Meeting of the Congregational Christian Historical Society May 4 and 5, 1992 Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, Mass.</p>

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY UCC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- UCC		\$4,428.00
Conferences Penn Central	\$500.00	
Penn West	\$100.00	
Wisconsin	<u>\$250.00</u>	\$850.00
Association Clarion, PA	\$50.00	
Lancaster, PA	\$1,125.00	
Cumberland, ME	\$20.00	
Susquehanna, NY	<u>\$50.00</u>	\$1,245.00
Dues		\$2,414.00
Life Fees		\$250.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		\$3,750.00
Interest on Investments		\$4,722.69
Visitor Fees		\$764.50
Misc. Income: Copies, Rentals, Books, Fees, etc.		\$1,829.92
Gifts:		
William & Alice Wimer	\$100.00	
Ruth Frantz (Rev. J.B. Frantz Memorial)	\$200.00	
C.W. Bordner (Rev. J.B. Frantz Memorial)	\$200.00	
Boehm's UCC, Blue Bell, PA	\$100.00	
Jerusalem UCC, Penryn, PA	\$100.00	
Arcadia Foundation	\$14,000.00	
Faith UCC, Lancaster, PA	\$400.00	
Gladys E. Hefty, Madison, WI	\$100.00	
Hebron UCC, Lexington, NC	\$250.00	
Richard & Kay Schellhase	\$100.00	
Ralph C. Quellhorst, Indianapolis, IN	\$50.00	
Tadao Hashizume	\$50.00	
Mark Steiner	\$50.00	
Emanuel UCC, Indianapolis, IN	\$200.00	
Myron Wolf	\$50.00	
St. Andrew's UCC, Lancaster, PA	\$150.00	
Others (Less than \$50.00 each)	<u>\$90.00</u>	\$16,190.00
Miscellaneous Gift for Equipment		<u>\$6,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$42,944.11</u>

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

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$8,185.83	
Supplies	\$584.00	
Equipment	\$9,566.73	
Printing	\$1,482.99	
Binding	- - -	
Postage	\$991.74	
Telephone	\$421.73	
Miscellaneous	\$3,171.93	
Special Projects	\$185.85	
Meetings and Travel	<u>\$3,055.46</u>	\$27,646.26
Eden Subsidy		<u>\$4,500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$32,146.26</u>
SURPLUS FOR PERIOD 1/1/91 - 12/31/91		<u>\$10,797.85</u>

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY UCC
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1991

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Checking Account--Hamilton Bank	\$1,618.07
Money Market Bank Account--Hamilton Bank	\$47,688.80
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-1st Valley Bank	\$25,000.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust--Hamilton Bank C/D	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$83,717.89</u>

<u>LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</u>		
Liabilities: Due Treasurer UCC (Archivist Travel Advance)	\$175.15	
Principal--12/31/90	\$72,744.89	
Plus Surplus: 1/1/91-12/31/91	<u>\$10,797.85</u>	<u>\$83,542.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u>\$83,717.89</u>

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TREASURER'S NOTE

We are happy to report a surplus for the year 1991.

We are grateful for the support we have received from many. Congregations, individuals, Conferences, Associations, the Executive Council, the Historical Council Appeal and the generous contribution from the Arcadia Foundation brought us through the year in good financial condition. You will notice from the year's report that we received a special \$6,500 contribution to defray most of the cost of additional compact shelving that was sorely needed. That is in place and is serving well.

Through the dedication of our staff and archivist, who is now supplied by the denomination, we have been able to hold our payroll expenses in line.

We have been receiving contributions for the Rev. Dr. John B. Frantz memorial. These funds are accumulated in our accounts and will be disbursed when a suitable memorial is found.

A limited number of contributions for 1991 were received after our books were closed; these will be reported in our 1992 year.

Again, we thank you for your generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

KOLLWITZ SCULPTURE IN ERHS COLLECTION

"Klage" (Lament), a bronze high relief sculpture by the noted German print maker and sculptress, Kathe Kollwitz, now resides in the archives of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. The piece was presented in 1951 to the Evangelical and Reformed Commission on World Service by the German people as a gift of gratitude for relief work done after World War II. The sculpture, approximately 11 inches square, depicts a human face partially hidden in clasped hands and seems to represent the woe of the whole world in the first half of this century.

Kathe Kollwitz was born Kathe Schmidt in 1867 in East Prussia. Her family was well-to-do and liberal, and she was early made aware of the suffering of the poor. In 1891 she married Karl Kollwitz, a physician who chose to practice in a poverty-stricken section of Berlin, and experiences there determined the course of her art.

Kollwitz became an eloquent spokesperson for victims of social injustice and war. The death of one of her two sons in World War I turned her to the theme of death. Later a grandson was to die in World War II.

She studied art in Berlin and was known primarily for her work in graphic arts: etchings, lithographs and woodcuts. After 1910 she also produced sculptures. All her work is heavy with social commentary.

The first woman elected to the Prussian Academy of the Arts, she resigned from it in 1933 as a protest against the Hitler regime. Her house and much of her work were destroyed during the war, and she lived in Dresden until her death in 1945.

The "Klage" sculpture, long stored in a cabinet in the central file room of the Board for World Ministries in New York City, was recently returned to the ERHS.

ATTENTION ERHS MEMBERS

The UCC Historical Council and the ERHS Board of Directors at their last meetings raised the annual membership dues as indicated on the membership form below. This new fee schedule begins in January 1992.

We would appreciate receiving a dues payment from everyone who desires to remain a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

If we do not receive a dues payment from you in 1992, we shall assume that you no longer wish to be a member of the Society and do not wish to receive the Newsletter. We hope you will want to remain a member of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS for 1992. Enclosed is my check for the following amount.

MEMBERSHIPS

____ Donor \$25

____ Sponsor \$100

____ Student \$7

____ Institution \$50

____ Life \$250

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please detach, include check made payable to Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and mail to ERHS, 555 W. James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

(If you wish to be a member of both the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Societies, make your check payable to the UCC Historical Council and mail it to UCC Historical Council, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.)