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## THREE CHURCHES IN YORK, PA, TO BE SITES OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will take place October 17, 1992, at three congregations in York, Pennsylvania, who are this year celebrating major anniversaries: Heidelberg United Church of Christ (125th), Trinity United Church of Christ (250th), and Zion United Church of Christ (250th). The featured speaker for the occasion 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. He will present an address on the topic, "Origins and Development of the Reformed Church in York County."

Block reservations are being held for Friday night, October 16, at the Yorktowne Hotel, 48 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401, (717) 848-1111. The deadline for reservations is Friday, September 25. Please make reservations directly with the hotel. Luncheon reservations may be made with Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St., York, PA 17401. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00.

The Board of Directors will eat together for dinner at 6:00 P.M. at the Yorktowne Hotel and hold their annual business meeting immediately afterwards in the same place. (The schedule for the meeting is as listed on page three.)

## HISTORICAL COUNCIL MEETING AT UCC CLEVELAND HEADQUARTERS

The United Church of Christ Historical Council will hold its next meeting September 18-20, 1992, in Cleveland, Ohio. Business sessions will be at the headquarters building and at the Sheraton City Center.

Highlight of the meeting will be an address by UCC President Paul H. Sherry on the history of the denomination. The lecture will be held at 3 P.M. on Friday, September 18, in the ninth floor conference room of the 700 Prospect Avenue building. A reception will follow the lecture. National staff persons and local church members are invited to attend this event as well as all other sessions of the Council.

Business sessions will take place on Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 P.M.; on Friday night from 7-9:30; on Saturday from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4:30; and will conclude on Sunday morning.

On Saturday afternoon at 4:30 P.M., Council members will leave for tours of Zion and Pilgrim churches in Cleveland and continue on to dinner at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and an evening program there. The public is invited to attend the drama at Pilgrim Church which will begin at 7:30 P.M. Tickets for that event may be obtained from Pilgrim Church, 2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 861-7388.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, APRIL 25, 1992

After meeting for lunch in the Seminary Refectory, the Board gathered in the Archives Room. The meeting was called to order by President John Payne with an opening prayer.

Present: Payne, Zuck, Bricker, Wolf, Schellhase, Hutchens.

The minutes of the Board of Directors October meeting were approved as written.

Frank Snider and Banks Shepherd regretted they were unable to attend today's meeting.

The Rev. Robert Anderson of York was welcomed; Revs. Pocker and Korinth were unable to be present. The Board discussed the October 17, 1992, meeting plans for York, PA. (Agenda for Meeting is outlined on Page 3)

Participants in the meeting are asked to park at Heidelberg Church. Bob Anderson will invite a Conference official to bring greetings to the group and will advertise the meeting in regional Conference News editions.

The Board of Directors will need a place for dinner and evening meetings on Friday, October 16. Bob Anderson was asked to reserve 10 rooms and a meeting site for 15 persons. He will contact John Payne with further details.

President Payne reported:

- a. He and Lowell Zuck are working on the Living Theological Heritage of the UCC. Projected printing of Vol. 1-3, 1994.
- b. He has written an article on John Nevin and the Mercersburg Theology for the Lutheran Forum (May issue).
- c. His article on Schaff/Nevin will appear in the June issue of Church History.
- d. He will give a presentation on Mercersburg Theology to the Education Division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries at their meeting in Mercersburg, June 11-13.
- e. He will participate in the Penn Central UCC/EKU trip to Germany, Summer 1992.
- f. The Society Newsletter has resulted in a membership increase. Arcadia Foundation has contributed \$1,000 more to the Society. First Reformed UCC, Lancaster, has given a \$2,500 microfilm reader to the Society.

Archivist Kay Schellhase reported:

- a. She has just returned from a visit to the well-kept archives at Heidelberg College.
- b. The UCC Historical Council will consider the question of local church record-keeping at its next meeting. Meanwhile, local churches celebrating their 25-year incremental anniversaries will be sent forms on which they can inventory their own records.

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**SCHEDULE FOR THE 128th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL  
AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- 9:00 A.M. Registration and Coffee at Zion United Church of Christ,  
100 Lafayette St.
- 9:30 A.M. Greetings and lecture by Dr. Benjamin Griffin
- 11:00 A.M. Leave for Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 Market St.
- 11:30 A.M. Hymnfest and tour at Trinity United Church of Christ
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch at Trinity
- 1:30 P.M. Leave for Heidelberg United Church of Christ,  
47 W. Philadelphia St.
- 2:00 P.M. Tour of Heidelberg Church and outline of possible tours  
in the area: Colonial Court House, Plough Tavern and  
Gates House, Market, etc.
- 2:30 P.M. Business Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed  
Historical Society at Heidelberg United Church of Christ
- 3:30 P.M. Tour of historical sites in immediate area

EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO CELEBRATE REINHOLD NIEBUHR DAY

On Thursday, September 24, 1992, Eden Theological Seminary will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Reinhold Niebuhr's birth with a day long program of lectures and discussions which will include such interpreters of Niebuhr's life and thought as June Bingham-Birge and Enoch Oglesby. Persons interested in further information concerning this event may write or call the Office of Continuing Education, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119, (314) 961-3627, ext. 364 or 325.

REGISTRATION FOR LUNCH AT ANNUAL MEETING, YORK, OCTOBER 17

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please make reservations for lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ persons on Saturday October 17. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Make checks payable to Trinity United Church of Christ.

Enclose form and Payment and Mail to: Trinity United Church of Christ  
32 W. Market St.  
York, PA 17401

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- c. She will attend the CCHS meeting on May 1 and 2, speak to the Connecticut Conference History Committee and visit the Congregational Library in Boston and the Houghton Library at Harvard.
- d. The protest regarding fifteen days research per year in the archives has been resolved.
- e. The membership renewal reminder in the newsletter has encouraged recent members to renew but has not affected those whose memberships have been lapsed for many years.
- f. Statistical information for Genealogical Research Letters in 1990 and 1991:
  - 762 letters were received. Real help given to 137.
  - No Help to 256. Good Advice given to 369.
- g. Society Leaflet needs to be reprinted with new data, membership categories and in another color.
- h. Society has received the Kollwitz Sculpture. The Board discussed a possible lecture and display.
- i. She serves on a small committee for art and historical displays for the UCC building in Cleveland.

Treasurer Myron Wolf presented the treasurer's report, noting significant changes. Discussion ensued regarding investments in money markets and CD's. Treasurer will request a letter from the Wellington Fund.

Banks Shepherd sent a Southern Chapter Report. The Board discussed issue of the archival storage of records of the former Christian Churches in Southern Conference and suggested that further talks be held with Rollin Russell, Banks Shepherd and George Gay: it was suggested that contact be made with the UCC Historical Council rather than ERHS. Southern Chapter hopes to charter a bus to the York meeting.

Lowell Zuck reported that the Eden Archives is becoming more closely tied to Eden Seminary. A new brochure outlining its purpose and services was shared with the Board.

The Rev. Robert Rezash, Houston, TX, has invited the ERHS to hold its 1998 annual meeting at St. Peter Church when it observes its 150th Anniversary. President Payne will respond that we will consider the invitation and will make a final decision by 1995.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. Hutchens  
Secretary Pro Tem.



MEMBERSHIPS

The previous Newsletter carried a notice about renewing memberships, and the response has been gratifying. Many ERHS friends have paid the higher membership fees set by the Historical Council, and several life memberships have been added to our list. We are grateful for the splendid support for the Historical Society.

A membership form is included in every Newsletter just as a reminder to those who have not subscribed. Our membership year continues to be the calendar year, but persons who renew in the fall need not send money again until the following fall.

One membership contribution sent to the UCC Historical Council in Cleveland makes the donor a member of both the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Societies. Memberships sent directly to either of the Societies enroll one as a member of that Society only. (See the membership form at the end of the Newsletter.)

Once again, we remind you that we are in the process of trimming our mailing list, and we need a membership contribution from you in order to keep sending the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

<u>MEMBERSHIPS</u>			
_____	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.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Genealogical Abstracts from Newspaper of the German Reformed Church (1827-1839). Ed. Barbara Manning, Bowie, MD: Heritage Press, 1992. pp. 325. Index. \$25.00. The book may be ordered from the publisher at 1540-E, Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716, at a pre-publication price of \$20.00 until August 1. After that date the regular price will be in effect. Postage and handling costs are \$3.00 per order.

Ralph J. Harritty, "A Brief History of the Iowa Classis of the German Reformed Church," The New Mercersburg Review, Vol. 11 (Spring, 1992), 30-38.

"The Letters of John W. Nevin to William R. Whittingham," ed. David Hein, The New Mercersburg Review, Vol. 11 (Spring, 1992) 20-29.

John B. Payne, "John W. Nevin and the Mercersburg Theology," Lutheran Forum, Vol. 26, Nr. (May, 1992), 40-45.

John B. Payne, "Schaff and Nevin, Colleagues at Mercersburg: The Church Question," Church History, Vol. 61, Nr. 2 (June, 1992).

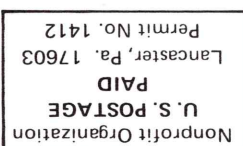
Klaus Penzel, "Philip Schaff's 'Evangelical Catholicism'," Lutheran Forum, Vol. 26, Nr. 2 (May, 1992), 34-39.

Frederick R. Trost, "Preaching in the Mercersburg Tradition," The New Mercersburg Review, Vol. 11 (Spring, 1992), 52-62.

Theodore Trost, Jr., "Apostolic Tradition and Ordination: A Mercersburg Tradition," The New Mercersburg Review, Vol. 11 (Spring, 1992), 63-74.

Copies of The New Mercersburg Review can be obtained by writing R. Howard Paine, Editor, The New Mercersburg Review, 762 Tamarack Trail, Reading, PA 19607.

Copies of the Lutheran Forum can be obtained by writing to American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, P.O. Box 327, Delhi, NY 13753-0327.



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