

# NEWS

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### FALL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THREE CHURCHES IN YORK

The Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society held its annual meeting at three churches in York which were observing important anniversaries in 1992: Heidelberg United Church of Christ (125th), Trinity United Church of Christ (250th), and Zion United Church of Christ (250th). The meeting convened at Zion United Church of Christ at 9:30 a.m. for a brief period of hymn singing and prayer. After greetings from the host pastor, the Reverend Robert Anderson, and from the President of Penn Central Conference, the Reverend Lyle Weible, the members heard an interesting and informative address by Dr. Benjamin Griffin, President of United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota, on the topic: "Origins of the Reformed Church in York, Pennsylvania." A summary of this address is on page 2.

At 11:30 a.m. the meeting was transferred to Trinity United Church of Christ, where the members were greeted by the Pastor, the Reverend Marion Pocker, who told us the story of Trinity's 250th anniversary and of the rebuilding of its organ. The members enjoyed a demonstration of the organ, a hymn sing, and a delicious lunch prepared by some of the women of Trinity.

After lunch the members moved over to Heidelberg United Church of Christ, where they heard two of its members, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lefever, describe the history and architecture of the church. In lieu of the regular organist of the church, our own Frank Stearns, a member of the

### NEXT ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 16, 1993

The Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The program will feature two addresses. The Rev. Frederick R. Trost, Conference Minister of Wisconsin Conference, will speak on the subject, "The Evangelical Traditions in the Northwest." Dr. Klaus Penzel, professor of church history at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, will talk on the ecumenical views of Philip Schaff. 1993 is also the 100th anniversary of the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago at which Philip Schaff presented his address, "The Reunion of Christendom." Details concerning the meeting will appear in the July newsletter.

### IN MEMORIAM: JUDITH WITHAM AND THE REVEREND FRANK W. SNIDER

Since the last newsletter the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society has sustained two major losses: the death on August 9, 1992, of Judith Witham, our genial and faithful secretary in the Archives, and the death on October 4, 1992, of the Reverend Frank W. Snider, pastor of Hebron United Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, NC, and a long time member of the Society's Board of Directors. Tributes to Judy and Frank appear in the president's report, and the report of the Southern Chapter is devoted largely to Frank's leadership in ERHS.

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## ORIGINS OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

The sons of William Penn, who succeeded their father as Proprietors of Pennsylvania, did not allow settlement west of the Susquehanna until 1729. The earliest settlers were English, but these were soon followed, and in greater numbers, by German farmers who were "church" Germans, i. e., Lutheran and Reformed. Among the first "church" Germans the Spangler brothers, natives of the Palatinate, are of particular importance to both York and its German Reformed Church. In 1739 or 1740 Baltzer Spangler and his neighbor, Ulrick Wisler, "came out of the wilderness" to ask Thomas Penn permission to establish a town at the intersection of the Monocacy Road and the Codorus Street.

In 1741 the town, soon named York Town, was laid out into lots by the Proprietor's surveyor. Lots were reserved for German Lutheran and German Reformed churches. By 1749 York Town had become the county seat. There were 63 dwelling houses. Before 1776 at least fourteen German Reformed congregations were established in what is now York County.

The York Town German Reformed Church in 1745 called its first pastor, Jacob Lischy. The Lischy pastorate was stormy. He was suspected of being a Zinzendorffian, i. e., a Moravian. Lischy also encountered the opposition of the church's leading elder, Caspar Spangler. After his wife died, Lischy was found in a compromising situation with her maidservant. He was finally forced to leave the York Church.

Philip William Otterbein, pastor 1765-1774, left York Town for Baltimore where he founded what became the United Brethren Church, which after another merger became the Evangelical United Brethren Church, now part of the United Methodist Church.

In 1774 young Daniel Wagner became pastor. That was the same year in which the British Parliament revoked the charter of Massachusetts and closed the Port of Boston in retaliation for the Boston "Tea Party." In 1775 the Continental Congress issued a call for expert riflemen. York County's company of riflemen left for New England and George Washington after a service in the York German Reformed Church. When the British Army occupied Philadelphia the Congress fled to York Town where it met in the county court house a few doors from the German Reformed Church. A number of the special religious services of the Congress were held in the Reformed Church including one of thanksgiving over the surrender of British General Burgoyne's army to American General Gates, an event sometimes called "the turning point" of the war. Members of the Reformed Church housed delegates to the Congress, including John Hancock who stayed in the home of Eva Swope whose husband was a prisoner of war.

The York German Reformed Church by 1800 was entering the American mainstream. The liturgy was still in German, but church records were now in English. The 19th century would witness Trinity Church in York becoming a major center of the Mercersburg Movement.

The 20th century would see the church in York a major presence in county and denomination. By mid-century the church had become fully Americanized. Indeed, it is one of York's two oldest institutions. The York Church is one of the historic churches in the United Church of Christ. It was one of the thirteen charges represented at the first meeting of the Coetus in Philadelphia in 1747. For 250 years it has been a witness to both an ancient faith and the ever new experience of immigrant people on these shores.

Benjamin Griffin, President  
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 16, 1992

The Directors met for dinner at the Yorktowne Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Present: John Payne, Florence Bricker; Deborah Rahn Clemens, Mary Hutchens, James Mohr, David Rapp, Scott Sanders, Kay Schellhase, Banks Shepherd, Frank Stearns, Myron Wolf, and Lowell Zuck. Guests: The Rev. Robert Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ott.

Following dinner, President Payne called the meeting to order in the Yorktowne Board Room. It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

President Payne welcomed the Rev. Robert Anderson of Zion UCC, York. Mary Hutchens was named acting secretary. President Payne announced that Mark Steiner was not able to be present and that Henry Korinth sent regrets. The president welcomed Scott Sanders as a new member of the Board and asked that the members introduce themselves.

The president presented his written report, which is printed on pages 6 and 7 of this Newsletter. It was moved, seconded and voted to receive his report.

Archivist Kay Schellhase presented her written report. (See pages 7 and 8 )

The archivist urged the ERHS to be more pro-active. Some suggestions were to develop a major thrust for the ERHS, sponsor an event such as a lecture at the Archives, produce more publicity for the annual meetings, and appoint Board committees for program, publicity, membership/fund-raising, and E & R collection use and policy.

The Board agreed that there is a need for publicity. It was further suggested that presenters' papers be published and that a network of ERHS speakers be developed. Displays, workshops and membership opportunities should be presented at Conference annual meetings.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the president name an ad hoc committee to discuss suggestions for programs, publications, publicity and funding. The president appointed David Rapp, Frank Stearns, and Deborah Rahn Clemens and asked Kay Schellhase to be convenor. The president will be an ex officio member. Ideas and suggestions may be sent to any committee member.

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

Banks Shepherd presented the Southern Chapter written report and highlighted the work of Frank Snider. By acclamation the report was received with thanks.

Lowell Zuck presented the Eden Archives written report. By consensus his report was received with thanks.

Treasurer Myron Wolf presented his report which showed income to date of \$27,714.92, expenses of \$14,380.71 and a balance on hand of \$13,334.21. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the treasurer's report.

The treasurer presented the 1993 budget. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the budget for presentation to the Society.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ( Cont'd from page 3)

Robert Anderson welcomed the group to York for the 1992 annual meeting. He outlined the agenda for visiting the three churches and the time for the business meeting. President Payne thanked him for the welcome and for the program prepared for the Society.

The 1993 ERHS annual meeting will be on October 16, 1993, at St. Paul's UCC, Chicago, IL. (See article on page 1)

The 1994 annual meeting is a joint session of the CCHS and ERHS on the third weekend of October in Connecticut with the Hungarian Reformed Church. The president has been in contact with the Rev. Tony Szilagyi of Bridgeport, CT, about a possible program.

At this time there is no invitation for the 1995 annual meeting.

The 1996 annual meeting is scheduled to be held at Trinity UCC, Canton, OH, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary that year. The Rev. David Schoen is the pastor.

No invitation has been received for the 1997 annual meeting.

A 1998 annual meeting in Houston, TX, is being considered, thanks to an invitation from the Rev. Robert Rezash, of St. Peter UCC.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hutchens, Acting Secretary

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FALL ANNUAL MEETING (Cont'd from page 1)

ERHS Board of Directors and organist of Zion United Church of Christ, Greenville, Pa., played Heidelberg's organ for us and led us in another delightful round of hymn singing. We concluded the day with our annual business meeting, which is reported on page 5.

**MERCERSBURG SOCIETY CONVOCAION**

June 1 and 2, 1993

Baltimore, MD

PROGRAM

Dr. Klaus Penzel:	Philip Schaff: A Life-Long Quest for Evangelical Catholicism
Br. Jeffrey Gros, F.S.C.:	Evangelical and Catholic: The Reformed /Roman Catholic Dialogue
The Rev. John Thomas:	Conversion to Koinonia: From Chicago, 1893 to Santiago Dey Compostela, 1993

For further information, contact the Rev. Jeffrey L. Roth,  
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Chambersburg, Pa 17201. 717-263-8593



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OCTOBER 17, 1992

The annual meeting of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by President John B. Payne. The Rev. Deborah Clemens offered the opening prayer.

Minutes of the October 19th, 1991, meeting held at Bethany United Church of Christ, Bethlehem, Pa., printed in the January 1992 newsletter of the Society, were approved.

The following reports, although not read in their entirety, were highlighted, and upon appropriate motion were accepted with thanks: those of the president, archivist, Southern Chapter, Eden Archives, treasurer. The reports follow these minutes in this newsletter.

The Nominating Committee's report was presented by the Rev. Richard Crusius on behalf of the committee consisting of the Rev. David Gockley, Gregg Royer, and Alice Stiely. The nominees were:

President - Dr. John Payne  
Vice President - Dr. Lowell Zuck  
Recording Secretary - The Rev. Mary E. Hutchens  
Treasurer - Mr. Myron Wolf  
Archivist - Mrs. Kay Schellhase

Directors - Mrs. Florence Bricker  
The Rev. Deborah Clemens  
The Rev. Robert Hunsicker  
The Rev. James Mohr  
The Rev. David Rapp  
The Rev. Scott Sanders  
The Rev. Banks Shepherd  
Mr. Frank Stearns  
The Rev. Mark Steiner

Upon proper motion it was voted that the nominations be closed; it was voted that the secretary cast a ballot for the persons nominated.

President Payne announced the locations for future annual meetings.

Mr. Gerald Collins raised the issue of placing funds from life memberships in the permanent endowment. The treasurer indicated that this would be difficult to do with past memberships, but it would be possible in the future. It was moved, seconded, and passed that this item of business be brought to the next meeting of the Executive Committee with a recommendation from the members for favorable action.

Before the meeting was adjourned Mrs. Merle Fox suggested that we explore the possibility of organizing a bus trip to take local members to the meeting in Chicago in 1993.

Dr. Lowell Zuck offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Florence Bricker  
Secretary Pro Tem

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Last year I reported that the Society had entered the modern age with the purchase of a computer. This year I can report that our work and that of our researchers has been greatly facilitated by another technological wonder, a new Canon PC microfilm reader-printer, which was a gift of First Reformed Church of Lancaster in memory of Miss Elizabeth Clarke Kieffer, who had been a long time member of that church and a former archivist of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society. We are most grateful to First Reformed Church for this most welcome contribution to the work of the archives.

Along with this good news I have, unfortunately, also some sad news to report. Our cheerful and faithful secretary in the Archives for the past three years, Judith Witham, suddenly took ill in May and died on August 9. Her illness and rapidly ensuing death were a shock to us all. As I said at her funeral service held at the Church of the Apostles in Lancaster, "she carried out her work conscientiously and joyfully ... we shall very much miss her gracious and beaming presence in the archives." Most recently, the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society has sustained yet another heavy loss, the death the Rev. Frank W. Snider of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who had for many years been the Society's faithful Secretary. Frank Snider was deeply committed to the work of the Society. He loved the heritage of the Church which the Society seeks to preserve for future generations. He was the chief organizer of frequent bus tours from Southern Conference to our Annual Meetings. He will be remembered by the officers and members of this Society, not only as a strong supporter of and an active participant in its work, but also as a gracious, dedicated, and caring person.

We have hired a temporary replacement as secretary for the archives a 1992 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Kathleen Chesnut. Fortunately for us she is a very intelligent and skilled person. Whereas Judy was hired as full-time secretary for the UCC archives by the denomination, Kathleen is being hired as part-time secretary by ERHS. Since much of Judy's work had to do with assisting patrons of the archives who were primarily using ERHS resources, Kay Schellhase does not think a replacement for chiefly UCC archival work is really necessary at this time. In order that there be someone to answer the phone, receive and help patrons of the archives, and do various related tasks, we are prepared to hire an additional part-time person. Until Judy's death, Diane Rimert had been recently the one part-time person funded by ERHS. In former days, ERHS had supported several part-time positions, including that of archivist. I would hope that we could cover our staffing needs with two part-time persons.

On September 18-20 I attended, along with Kay Schellhase and Lowell Zuck, the annual meeting of the United Church of Christ Historical Council at the United Church of Christ offices in Cleveland, Ohio. A highlight of the meeting was an address by the President of the Church, Dr. Paul Sherry, on Reinhold Niebuhr. Dr. Sherry, who had studied with the great Evangelical and Reformed -United Church of Christ theologian at Union Theological Seminary, presented a most interesting and substantial lecture which was appreciatively received by Council members, United Church of Christ staff persons, and guests. The lecture was presented as a tribute to the one hundredth anniversary of Niebuhr's birth. Matters that came up for discussion at the meeting included a revision of the accessions policy for the archives, the future location and staffing of the archives (the archives will remain in Lancaster), microfilming policies, displays at the national office of the Church, the visibility of the Historical Council at General Synod July, 1993 in St. Louis, including the plan for a joint banquet with the Disciples Historical Society at which Paul Crow, President of the Disciples' Council on Christian Unity, will be the speaker.



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Cont'd from page 6)

In matters that are tangentially related to my work as president of the Society, I can report recent speaking and writing on a subject dear to my heart, Mercersburg Theology. I wrote an article, "John W. Nevin and the Mercersburg Theology," for the May, 1992 issue of Lutheran Forum and another article, "Schaff and Nevin: Colleagues at Mercersburg: The Church Question," for the June, 1992 issue of Church History. In June I spoke at the Mercersburg Academy to the UCC Council on Higher Education on the topic, "Mercersburg Theology and Higher Education in the Nineteenth Century." In addition, from June 22 to July 13 I was part of a 32 member delegation from Penn Central Conference to our partner synods of the Evangelical Church of the Union in Berlin-Brandenburg and the Rhineland. I had the opportunity to preach at Holy Cross Church in Potsdam. Our sharing with our German partners in Christ was a wonderfully stimulating and enriching experience for us all. In August Lowell Zuck and I attended an editorial meeting of the UCC Living Theological Heritage project in Newark, New Jersey. We can report that this project is making progress slowly. It is hoped that the first three volumes will appear by fall, 1994.

I look forward to another outstanding Annual Meeting at York, Pa. and to future meetings. (See Board of Directors minutes, Page 4, for a list of meeting locations.)

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne, President

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

Although being both the UCC and the ERHS archivist means that there is never time to do justice to both, it also means that I have the privilege of moving between the enormous task of seeing that all UCC records get into the archives and the immediate task of responding to requests for Reformed Church records. It is essential that UCC records enter the archives and be properly processed, because they are the research materials of the future. Reformed Church records, however, are needed by historians and researchers who are interested today in the events of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. My work for the UCC archives consists largely of adding new records, while ERHS duties lie primarily in the area of assisting researchers and preserving existing materials. I try to divide my time in an equitable fashion, always keeping in mind that funding for the position of archivist comes from the United Church of Christ.

Major research projects have brought scholars to the ERHS archives this year. Klaus Penzel of Perkins School of Theology in Dallas spent a month with us in the spring working through our Philip Schaff papers in preparation for a biography of Schaff. In July, Aaron Fogelman of the University of South Alabama came to revise his dissertation in preparation for publication. His title is Hopeful Journeys: German Immigration and Settlement in Greater Pennsylvania, 1717-1775, and he is examining settlement patterns and mobility within Pennsylvania, the effects of religion and church adherence on settlement, Old World factors that influenced how the immigrants settled, and the politicization of the Germans on the eve of the Revolution. In August, Bill Dipuccio of Marquette University arrived to explore his dissertation topic, which is "The Dynamic Realism of Mercersburg Theology: The Romantic Pursuit of the Ideal in the Actual," a study of the philosophical foundation of the Mercersburg Theology. This fall Deborah Rahn Clemens has returned to pursue her Ph.D. dissertation topic on the worship traditions of the Palatinate.

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

In addition, three UCC ministers working on D.Min. degrees have requested information from the ERHS collection for their projects.

Genealogical research continues but seems more focused than in prior years, with patrons aware that we have primarily Reformed Church records. A statistical study of visitors over the past four years indicates a drop in numbers beginning in 1991. We learned from the same study that most visitors come in the summer months and that Friday is the slowest day. If we were to reallocate our resources, we might close on Fridays and add staffing for the summer.

A study of letters written in response to genealogical inquiries in 1990 and 1991 showed that of a total of 762 letters, we were able to offer real help to only 137. We were unable to help at all in 256 cases and gave good advice (such as referral to another repository) in 369 instances. Each letter, however, required some time to do research and to frame an answer, even though we use a form letter as often as possible.

In the interest of reducing the pressure on our staff for genealogical research, we are preparing once again to have vital statistics recently added to our collection microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. Not only does this process preserve original records from the wear and tear to which genealogists subject them, but it also places the records in the large computer bank being developed by the Mormons. One of their Family History Centers will soon open in Lancaster, and we hope more of this kind of research will be done in their facilities and less here. We no longer permit access to original church records if microfilm is available.

Visitors to the archives may note that the contents of the display cases have been slightly rearranged and new labels produced on the computer. In the process of working on this project I became aware that we lacked a definitive listing of the artifacts in the ERHS collection and that the objects themselves were not well cared for. We have begun to create a data base and to organize and re-box the artifacts, which range from materials brought back by missionaries to the now-valuable pewter communion sets from the early churches.

ERHS members should have noticed that the most recent newsletter arrived in a new format. Again, the computer has made the difference in the way we do our mailings. We produce the labels here and attach them to the newsletter, which arrives from the printer folded and tabbed. As we agreed earlier, we are gradually removing from our mailing list persons and institutions who have not been recent contributors. It is gratifying to observe that the increase in membership fees has not reduced the number of contributors, but at the same time our notices in the newsletter have not inspired many lapsed members to become active. Some thought should be given to ways of attracting new members.

Despite changes in staffing and work patterns, the purposes of the ERHS continue as always to be preserving and promoting our heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Schellhase, Archivist



## REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter sustained two losses within the past two months which have potentially drastic implications for us. On August 28, 1992, Dr. Stephen H. Wurster, President of Catawba College, died following heart surgery. It does not yet appear what effect this will have on the administrative policy as regards our archives.

Following a meeting with the new head Librarian of the College, Mrs. Joyce Davis, on August 20, our executive committee had hopes for a good spot in the College's planned expansion of the Library. Mrs. Davis felt that if the Southern Chapter could raise the money to aid in the construction of a history room and to endow the position of archivist (a remote dream, but a dream nonetheless), the College might be receptive to the Southern Chapter's wish for a new room in our old home. The thought of raising a couple hundred thousands of dollars for such a project boggles the mind, but it just might be the bold venture that will reach some benefactors' pocketbooks. However, we do not know where a new college administration will stand on this proposal.

A more crushing blow to our chapter concerns one of us. The Rev. Frank W. Snider died on October 4, 1992, following a period of hospitalization. Without his interest and his persistence over the years, the Southern Chapter likely would not exist. Soon after his graduation from seminary in 1954 he spearheaded a move to organize a chapter in the Southern Synod, and he has been active at various levels ever since. (The actual date of the organization of the Southern Chapter was November 30, 1958). Frank served as Historian of the Southern Synod, as chairman of the Board of Editors for the book, *A Story of the Southern Synod*, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society and its secretary until illness forced his retirement in 1991, as a member of the Historical Commission of the United Church of Christ, and as librarian of the Southern Chapter. He wrote *First Church, Davidson County* (a history of Pilgrim Church near Lexington, where he served as pastor from 1956 to 1960). He began the tradition of conducting historical bus tours from the Southern Conference in 1975 when the 250th anniversary of the first Communion service in the German Reformed Church in the United States was celebrated at Falkner Swamp Church in Pennsylvania. Almost every year thereafter he organized and conducted at least one tour to some point of historical significance in the United Church of Christ. This very meeting in York, Pennsylvania, in 1992 brings 36 people from North Carolina, the result of Frank's planning, even in the advanced stages of his illness. To say that his loss is keenly felt by the Southern Chapter is a gross understatement. He did more than any single person in recent memory to promote the cause of historical research and preservation in the former Southern Synod and in the Southern Conference. He had been in on the very beginning discussions about the Southern Chapter's offering its archival facilities to serve the needs of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, including those churches and clergy who are not former E & R. We do not know yet what will come of this idea.

Frank was an avid supporter of Catawba College - as a student, an alumnus, a college parent, and friend. Dr. Richard A. Cheek, speaking at his funeral service, said that the list of Frank's activities at Catawba filled almost a full page in the College's files.

Frank's involvement in church activities and in civic affairs in the communities where he lived was notable. He served as president of ministerial associations and of Lions Clubs, as well as president of the Davidson County Genealogical Society. The list could go on and on. In everything in which he was involved he participated wholeheartedly.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER (Cont'd from page 9)

This report is being drafted the day after Frank's funeral, when we are still reeling from the impact of the loss. We know that God in His infinite wisdom and grace will keep him whose death we mourn. Probably Frank is already assigned a research project in the archives of heaven to keep him busy in the work he began in many churches of Southern Synod and Southern Conference. And we trust that the same gracious God will sustain Gladys and her family in their grief and will comfort them with the knowledge that Frank was a "good and faithful servant" in the Church in which he labored for 38 years. "Servant of God, well done!..."

The annual meeting of our Chapter is planned for Saturday, November 14, 1992, at Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover, NC, in connection with the celebration of their 100th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Banks D. Shepherd, President

REPORT OF THE EDEN ARCHIVES

I enclose copies of a brochure about the Eden Archives distributed by the newly reorganized Eden Archives Committee related to the Board of Trustees of Eden Theological Seminary.

The intent of the committee is to give better supervision to the Archives in relationship to the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society and to the United Church of Christ Historical Council.

The brochure lists subjects, holdings, special collections, services, publications, policy, support, staff, and hours of the Eden Archives.

In October the L.D.S. microfilming team (working also with the St. Louis Roman Catholic Archdiocese) will resume filming of UCC church records at the Eden Archives from the Missouri and Illinois Conferences. We presently have an impressive group of microfilms done by the Mormons from our geographically adjacent UCC (mainly Evangelical) congregations.

Our major problems are coping with a crowded space situation in the Eden-Webster Libraries, with limited possibilities for expansion, and the difficulty of being open only on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Further expansion within space and time is a somewhat remote possibility. Mrs. Ahme Quist and I continue as the staff of the Eden Archives.

On Thursday, September 24, we had the pleasure of participating in a festive 100th birthday anniversary for Reinhold Niebuhr at Eden Seminary, including lectures, workshops, Eden Archives presentations, a banquet, and a reader's theater concerning Niebuhr's correspondence with his wife-to-be, Ursula.

My wife, Maya, (who is on sabbatical leave in Germany) and I are honored to be official representatives sent by the UCC to attend the 175th anniversary of the founding of the EKV in Wittenberg, Germany from October 29 through November 1, 1992. We shall also extend greetings from the ERHS and the Historical Council on this notable occasion.

The Eden Archives Committee and staff are appreciative for financial undergirding from the ERHS and continue to attempt to fulfill our specified purposes within the archival structures of the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lowell H. Zuck, Director



THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY UCC  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- UCC		\$4,115.00
Conferences:		
Penn Central	\$500.00	
Penn West	\$100.00	
Wisconsin	<u>\$100.00</u>	\$700.00
Associations:		
Clarion, PA	\$50.00	
Lancaster, PA	\$1,500.00	
Cumberland, ME	\$20.00	
Hudson-Mohawk, NY	\$50.00	
Susquehanna, NY	<u>\$50.00</u>	\$1,670.00
Memberships		\$2,886.00
Life Fees		\$750.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		----
Interest on Investments		\$3,888.30
Visitor Fees		\$966.25
Misc. Income: Copies, Rentals, Books, etc.		\$954.00
Gifts:		
Rev. Dr. John B. Payne	\$100.00	
Mazeppa Union UCC, West Milton, PA	\$100.00	
First UCC, Greensboro, PA	\$100.00	
Arcadia Foundation	\$15,000.00	
John R. Weiler (Memorial for Ralph T. Weiler)	\$50.00	
Henry Duhan, Webster Groves, MO	\$50.00	
Faith UCC--Lancaster, PA	\$400.00	
Elvin Groff	\$50.00	
St. Michael's UCC	\$500.00	
Rev. David Rapp	\$50.00	
Church of the Apostles UCC, Lancaster, PA	\$150.00	
Richard & Kay Schellhase, Lancaster, PA	\$100.00	
St. Andrews UCC, Lancaster, PA	\$75.00	
Hebron UCC, Lexington, NC	\$250.00	
Gladys Hefty, Madison, WI	\$100.00	
Jerusalem UCC, Penryn, PA	\$100.00	
Myron Wolf, Lancaster, PA	\$50.00	
Ruth B. Frantz, Pottstown, PA (J.B. Frantz Memorial)	\$100.00	
Others (Less than \$50 each)	<u>\$210.01</u>	\$17,535.01
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>\$33,464.56</u></b>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (Cont'd from page 11)

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$11,803.62	
Supplies	\$807.84	
Equipment	\$189.24	
Printing	\$1,113.56	
Postage	\$887.45	
Telephone	\$473.27	
Miscellaneous	\$1,314.33	
Special Projects	\$577.75	
Meetings and Travel	\$2,970.41	\$20,137.47
Eden Subsidy		\$4,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$24,637.47</u></b>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR ENDED 12/31/92		<b><u>\$8,827.09</u></b>

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THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY UCC  
BALANCE SHEET  
12/31/92

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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Checking Account--Hamilton Bank	\$1,758.82
Money Market Bank Account--Hamilton Bank	\$55,011.49
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	\$3,000.00
Due from Board for Homeland Ministries, UCC	\$1,424.50
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$92,605.83</u></b>

<u>LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</u>		
Liabilities: Accounts Payable		\$236.00
Principal--12/31/91	\$83,542.74	
Plus Surplus: 1/1/91-12/31/91	<u>\$8,827.09</u>	<u>\$92,369.83</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL</b>		<b><u>\$92,605.83</u></b>

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TREASURER'S NOTE

We are happy to be able to report a surplus for another year. We thank all of you for your support of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer



### GENERAL SYNOD WORKSHOP

Kay Schellhase, UCC archivist, and James Seale, president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, will present a joint workshop at the General Assembly/Synod meeting in St. Louis in July. The workshop, entitled "Anniversaries and Archives in the Local Church," will be offered on Saturday, July 17.

The two leaders will discuss ways for members of local churches to celebrate major anniversaries and to preserve significant records. Guidelines for local church historians/archivists and sample church histories will be available. There will be time for group participants to share concerns and suggestions and to ask questions.

### MICROFILMING LOCAL CHURCH RECORDS

At its 1992 meeting the UCC Historical Council endorsed a policy to encourage all local churches to have their records microfilmed in order to preserve these important historical materials.

Records to be filmed could include the following: minutes of meetings of the congregation, the church council/consistory, and other boards and committees; annual reports; financial records; and vital statistics: baptisms, marriages, burials, confirmations, membership lists. Before filming, as complete a set of records as possible should be assembled, arranged according to creating body and type, and placed in chronological order.

Arrangements for microfilming can usually be made through a local or state historical society, a public library, or a nearby college or university. The standard microfilm format for historical records is 35 mm. film. The cost for a negative and two positive copies of the records of a typical local church should average less than \$500.

When the filming has been completed, the negative reel should be kept in a secure location, such as a bank safe deposit box; a positive copy would be retained by the church, and a second positive may be deposited in the UCC Archives in Lancaster, Pa., or with the Congregational Christian Historical Society (14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108 (617-523-0470) or the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 (717) 393-0654).

### DAVID MARK JOINS ERHS STAFF

The Rev. David C. Mark, retired United Church of Christ pastor, began work in January as a part-time research assistant in the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society. A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary, David has retired to Lancaster after 41 years in the ministry. His last parish was Tabor UCC in Lebanon, Pa., and he had previously served as pastor of Faith UCC in Lancaster.

### **1993 HISTORICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The United Church of Christ Historical Council will hold its 1993 meeting from September 17 to 19 at Phoebe Home in Allentown, Pa., in conjunction with the 90th anniversary celebration of Phoebe-Devitt. Business sessions and lectures are open to all. Details will appear in the next newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS for 1993. Enclosed is my check for the following amount:

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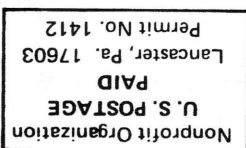
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Please detach, include check made payable to: Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and mail to ERHS, 555 W. James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

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.



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