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KAY SCHELLHASE RETIRES AS UCC ARCHIVIST

After eight years of service Kay Schellhase has retired as the Archivist of the United Church of Christ. She was the third person to hold that position, having followed Dr. George H. Bricker and Florence M. Bricker who were successively UCC Archivists from 1967 to 1989. While the Brickers were each part-time archivists, Kay Schellhase has been the first full-time holder of that office.

We in the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society are grateful not only for her excellent service as UCC Archivist but also for her work on a voluntary basis as ERHS Archivist. In that capacity she has supervised the activities of our able staff members, Diane Rimert and Dianne Russell and our volunteer, the Rev. Richard Whitney, who serve patrons visiting the archives, respond to inquiries by mail, phone and e-mail, and sort, file and rearrange ERHS Archive materials. She has also provided helpful counsel to the president and other officers of the Society on many matters as she does in her current report in this issue. Her gracious presence in the Archives and her outstanding professional competence will be greatly missed. We sincerely wish for her and her husband, Richard, a delightful and peaceful retirement.

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NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

For the first time in its history the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Texas. The meeting will take place on October 10, 1998 at St. Peter United Church, Houston, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The program will include a lecture by the Rev. Frank Horak, "Faith Expressions on the Prairie," and a presentation by David Nussmann, "The Rev. Karl Kniker, President of the Texas District of the Evangelical Synod: A Visit from 1898." Mr. Horak is a former pastor in the South Central Conference. Mr. Nussmann is a member of the First Congregational UCC Church, Houston. A video will be shown honoring St. Peter's 150th anniversary. In addition, persons attending the meeting will enjoy a Texas barbecue at noon.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, will be present for the meeting and will hold a Town Meeting for all interested clergy and laity on Saturday evening October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Peter United Church. He will also preach at St. Peter Church on Sunday morning, October 11.

Further details concerning this meeting will appear in the July newsletter.

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The national church has indicated that a new Archivist will be appointed, but it is not yet known when this appointment will take place. Since it is now expected that the UCC Archives will be moving to Cleveland, possibly before the end of this year, the next Archivist will serve in that location, not in Lancaster.

IMPACT OF THE MOVE OF UCC ARCHIVES TO CLEVELAND ON ERHS

The United Church of Christ has decided to move its Archives to Cleveland, although the exact time of this removal is not yet established. The prospect of this move of the UCC Archives to Cleveland raises the question as to its impact upon the ERHS. What is confusing to many persons, even those who have visited the Archives, is that two sets of records, the UCC and the ERHS, have since 1967 been occupying the same space in the Omwake Room on the second floor of the Philip Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary. The Board of Trustees of the seminary offered this room for this purpose when the library was built in 1967.

When the UCC Archives moves to Cleveland, the ERHS will remain in the present space. The UCC Archives includes materials of the national church since its founding in 1957. The ERHS collection comprises materials from the former Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical and Reformed Church -- denominational, regional and local church and pastoral records. We would like to emphasize that local church and pastors' records from the Pennsylvania Conferences and those that we now hold from surrounding conferences will remain intact in the Lancaster Archives and that future materials to be added to these records should continue to be sent to Lancaster.

RICHARD BERG THE NEW ERHS ARCHIVIST

At the request of John Payne, the President of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Richard Berg has agreed to serve as the new ERHS Archivist after the retirement of Kay Schellhase, who served as both United Church of Christ Archivist and ERHS Archivist. A graduate of Heidelberg College, Mr. Berg received his Master of Divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological School and a Master of Science in Library Science degree from Case Western Reserve University. He has been the Director of Library Services at Lancaster Theological Seminary since 1988. Previously he held positions as a pastor in the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ (1972-75), as Director and Archivist of the Geauga County Historical Society, Burton, Ohio (1976-79), and as Assistant Librarian at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio (1979-88), where he was also Archivist for the Center for the Study of Evangelical United Brethren History. A member of the American Theological Library Association since 1979, Mr. Berg has served on its Board of Directors (1995-97). He is also a member of the Society of American Archivists. Rooted in the Reformed tradition, he has a special research interest in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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Thus, by background, training and interest, Richard Berg is especially qualified and suited to be the Archivist of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. We are very pleased that he has agreed to take on that position on a very part-time basis in addition to his duties as Director of Library Services at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

1997 ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ANDREW UCC, LANCASTER, PA

On October 11, 1997 the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society held its Annual Meeting at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, Lancaster, Pennsylvania as part of St. Andrew's celebration of its 100th anniversary. Society members and friends enjoyed a beautiful concert of organ and vocal music provided by Roger Kurtz, organist at St. Andrew, and Katherine Aregood, a former soprano soloist in the St. Andrew Church choir and now a voice student at the University of Akron. In addition, an excellent video prepared by the Rev. Richard Whitney and his committee showed highlights of St. Andrew's history, its present and its future.

Besides joining in the celebration of St. Andrew's Centennial, the Society observed the 500th anniversary of Philip Melanchthon, the colleague of Luther at Wittenberg and the author of the Augsburg Confession. Not as well known is that he was also the teacher of Zacharias Ursinus, the principal writer of the Heidelberg Catechism. Thus, it was appropriate that Dr. Lowell Zuck, professor church history emeritus at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, delivered a lecture on the topic, "Melanchthon and the Reformed Tradition." A summary of this lecture will appear in the summer newsletter.

After a delicious lunch prepared by the members of St. Andrew, the Society held its annual business meeting.

Approximately seventy-five persons were in attendance including a busload from Southern Conference.

We wish to thank the members of St. Andrew United Church of Christ and its pastor, the Rev. Robert Hunsicker, for all of their fine preparations and warm hospitality which enabled us to have such an excellent meeting.

ERHS SPONSORED LUTHERAN-REFORMED CONVOCATION

On October 10, 1997 the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society joined with the Lutheran Historical Society of Gettysburg, the Mercersburg Society and Lancaster Theological Seminary in sponsoring a Lutheran-Reformed Dialogue in Santee Chapel at the seminary. As far as we know, this was the first such dialogue to take place since the ratification of the Formula of Agreement last summer by the governing bodies of the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America and

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the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The focus of this convocation was upon the possible contribution of Mercersburg Theology to this ongoing dialogue. The speakers were Dr. Gabriel Fackre, Abbot Professor of Theology Emeritus at Andover-Newton Theological School, and the Rev. Stephen Herr, a pastor of Hebron Evangelical Church, Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Dr. Fackre was a member of the Lutheran-Reformed Dialogue Committee from the United Church of Christ. A lively discussion followed the lectures.

The conversation continued over lunch in the refectory and afterwards there was a tour of the seminary buildings and of the ERHS Archives.

Approximately one hundred persons took part in this event including more than thirty members of the Lutheran Historical Society of Gettysburg.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMED COETUS OBSERVED AT OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

On September 27, 1997 the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society cooperated with the United Church of Christ Historical Council, the Pennsylvania Conferences of the United Church of Christ and Old First Church in sponsoring a celebration of this historical anniversary for the United Church of Christ congregations in Pennsylvania. It was attended by a crowd of some two hundred persons. Sixteen of the original twenty-one congregations who were represented at the first coetus meeting sent representatives to this event and brought memorabilia for display during the reception which followed the lecture. Dr. John B. Frantz, professor of history at Penn State University, presented a lively and highly informative lecture on the colonial beginnings of the Reformed Church and Dr. Frederick Trost, Wisconsin Conference minister, preached an inspiring sermon at the festive service of worship which concluded the celebration.

We are grateful for all the efforts of Old First Church and its pastor, the Rev. Geneva Butz, in making arrangements for this outstanding event.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 10, 1997, DAYS INN, LANCASTER, PA

President Payne called the meeting to order. Jim Mohr led the opening prayer.

Present: Banks Shepherd, Larry Bollick, Jim Mohr, Mark Steiner, Ralph Quellhorst, David Rapp, Robert Hunsicker, Lowell Zuck, Kay Schellhase, Deborah Rahn Clemens and Mary Hutchens.

David Rapp moved and it was seconded and voted to accept the minutes of April 4, 1997

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as printed.

President Payne presented a written report. He noted that the LTS Library has reclassified all of its holdings according to the Library of Congress system and that the ERHS needs to do this major task so that materials are more readily available. The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society can be reached at erhs@LTS.org. Kay Schellhase has resigned as UCC Archivist and part-time ERHS Archivist effective December 31.

Deborah Rahn Clemens stated that the Board of Directors of the ERHS appreciated the work of Kay Schellhase with us and we offer her best wishes for her future. All board members heartily agreed.

Kay Schellhase reported that she is retiring and that the Executive Council of the UCC will be discussing a search committee for the position. ERHS will also need an archivist. Since more space is needed by both the Lancaster Theological Seminary Library and the UCC Archives, the UCC Archives will probably be moving to Cleveland. The ERHS material will however, stay in Lancaster.

There was discussion about staffing, funding and foundation grants. By consensus the board directed that negotiations be held with the UCC national office. Ralph Quellhorst, John Payne and Paul Sherry might discuss the options prior to the October 18 Executive Council meeting. Ralph Quellhorst volunteered to initiate the conversation.

Banks Shepherd reported for the Southern Chapter. They continue to recognize anniversary churches and to struggle for more archival space, and they have again brought a busload of people to the annual meeting of the Society.

Lowell Zuck reported that the Eden Archives e-mail address is Archives@Library2.Websteruniv.edu. Plans are underway for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Eden Seminary in 2000.

The treasurer's report was received. After discussion about investment policy, Rapp moved, Steiner seconded and it was voted that we double our investment (\$25,000) in the UCC Foundation and place it in the balanced fund.

Quellhorst moved, Rapp seconded and it was voted to adopt the budget for 1998.

The Arcadia Foundation proposal will be made in 1998 for the 1999 year.

Robert Hunsicker reported that St. Andrew is prepared for the annual meeting.

The 1998 annual meeting will be held October 10 at St. Peter's UCC, Houston, TX. The Board of Directors will meet October 9.

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The 1999 annual meeting will be at Trinity UCC, Telford, PA where Tyson Frey is pastor.

The 2000 meeting site has yet to be determined.

The recent Lutheran-Reformed Convocation had good papers and fine fellowship.

The 250th anniversary of the Coetus at First Church, Philadelphia was well attended. The booklet of the event was distributed. The lecture by Roger Shinn at General Synod 1997 and the John B. Frantz lecture at the Coetus Anniversary will be published.

The Connecticut Conference will celebrate the 300th anniversary of their founding on June 28, 1998.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 11, 1997, ST. ANDREW UCC, LANCASTER

Dr. John Payne extended welcome to the attendees.

Rev. Robert Hunsicker led the morning prayer.

President Payne introduced Dr. Lowell Zuck who presented a paper "Philip Melanchthon and the Reformed Tradition."

After a discussion period and morning break, the group was treated to a recital by Roger L. Kurtz, organist and Katherine Aregood, soprano.

Following a delicious lunch, St. Andrew presented a video: St. Andrew Church: Past, Present, and Future.

President Payne called the Business Meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. David Rapp led the opening prayer.

Rapp moved, Steiner seconded and it was voted to adopt the minutes as printed. President Payne presented his written report. He thanked St. Andrew for their hospitality and the participants for their fine contributions to the program.

Archivist Kay Schellhase reported that she is retiring at the end of December and hopes to complete certain projects prior to that date. She drew our attention to two items of

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historical interest: the retrieval by Rev. Robert Anderson from the closed Woolworth building in York (original site of Zion Reformed Church) of a plaque marking the burial place of a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and files from the National Defense Services Committee documenting the E & R ministry to those building atomic facilities in the south in the 1950's.

President Payne announced that the Executive Council will be meeting soon and at that time may have some plans for the archival work after Kay's retirement. The UCC archival collection will probably be moved to Cleveland.

The UCC Historical Council held their Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and some discussion was held regarding a UCC Historical Society. John Payne and James Haddix, President of the Congregational Christian Historical Society, have been appointed from the UCC Historical Council to investigate the feasibility of a UCC Historical Society organization.

The members expressed "the Society's appreciation for the work and service of Archivist Kay Schellhase" and wished a happy retirement for her. This action took place by unanimous consent.

The Society also extended appreciation to John Payne for his continued leadership of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

Banks Shepherd reported for the Southern Chapter. He noted the fine assistance which Archivist Schellhase had given to the Southern Chapter. A written report was distributed.

Lowell Zuck distributed a written report for the work of the Eden Archives. He noted they are open 12 hours a week and that the staffing seems to be working well. He had the privilege of placing the Harbaugh manuscripts on the altar at Old First Church 250th Coetus anniversary celebration.

The printed treasurer's report showed the Society to be in sound fiscal condition. The 1998 budget has been approved by the Board of Directors. Rapp moved, Steiner seconded and it was voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Rapp moved, Mohr seconded and it was voted to accept all other reports which had been presented.

The Rev. Robert Anderson and the Rev. Homer Royer served as a Nominating Committee. They presented the slate of nominees for one year terms.

President: Dr. John Payne
Vice-president: Dr. Lowell Zuck
Secretary: Rev. Mary E. Hutchens

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Treasurer: Mr. Myron Wolf

Directors: Rev. Mark Steiner

Rev. David Rapp

Rev. Deborah Rahn Clemens

Rev. James Mohr

Rev. Banks Shepherd

Mr. Frank Stearns

Rev. Lawrence Bollick

Rev. Scott Sanders

Rev. Ralph Quellhorst

Rev. Robert Hunsicker

There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded to elect the nominees presented. The Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. The Committee was dismissed with thanks.

The next ERHS annual meeting is Saturday, October 10, 1998 at St. Peter United Church, Houston, TX. The Rev. Frank Horak will present a paper on the history of the Evangelical Synod in Texas. David Nussbaum will do an impersonation of the Rev. Carl Kniker. A Texas barbeque and tours of the Houston area are being planned. Dr. Paul Sherry is to be present for a Saturday evening forum and will preach at St. Peter United Church on Sunday morning, October 11.

The 1999 meeting is scheduled for Trinity UCC, Telford, PA.

A thank-you was extended for those supporting the Coetus booklet and its printing.

Banks Shepherd pronounced the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society continues to progress in its technical capability. With the help of a grant from the Arcadia Foundation we have purchased three considerably upgraded computers along with three printers and some new office furniture. Our staff assistant, Diane Rimert, has been mastering software programs to enable her to handle records, including our financial data, more expeditiously. We now have e-mail and voice mail which ERHS was able to obtain at reduced cost through the seminary.

There remains the need to reclassify and computerize our catalogue holdings especially since the seminary library has reclassified all of its holdings according to the Library of Congress system and with the recent renovation is moving from a card catalogue to computer terminals. Our archival holdings, which are still on the Union classification

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system, will not be accessible through the library terminals. We need a major grant for reclassification and computerization.

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society had a busy schedule of meetings in the fall of this year. It held its own annual meeting at St. Andrew UCC, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on October 11, and it also participated as a sponsor of two other meetings, the 250th anniversary celebration of the First Reformed Coetus at Old First Reformed in Philadelphia on September 27 and the Lutheran-Reformed Convocation at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA. on October 10. All three were excellent meetings and were well attended.

Our membership and financial situation remains sound although we should wish to attract more younger members. We added three more Life Members last year after adding five the year before and nine the year before that. Moreover, in addition to the generous donation from the Arcadia Foundation, we received several sizable gifts from Conferences, Associations, and individuals. We ended the year with a budget surplus of \$4,238.

In her report Kay Schellhase, informs us that she has resigned her position as UCC Archivist as of the end of 1997. Since she acted secondarily as ERHS Archivist, that means that this position became vacant at the end of the year. She also reports that it is likely that the United Church of Christ Archives will be moving to Cleveland in the not too distant future. It is not yet clear as to the timing of this move nor as to the plan of the denomination for filling the UCC Archivist position. The position will probably not be filled permanently until the UCC Archives moves to Cleveland. In any case, the membership can rest assured that the ERHS Archives will remain in its present location in the Schaff Library building at Lancaster Theological Seminary with adequate staff to maintain the collection and serve the public. We are deeply grateful for the excellent work Kay Schellhase has done as UCC Archivist and for her willingness to combine that role with her tasks as ERHS Archivist.

We are grateful as always for the excellent work of our staff assistants, Diane Rimert and Dianne Russell. We have also appreciated the work of our volunteers during this past year, Ms. Ute Sattler, a school teacher from Germany, who carefully translated some of our old church records written in German script, and the Rev. Richard Whitney, a retired pastor, who has been sorting through church and pastoral record files.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Payne, President

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

At the end of September many of us were in Philadelphia participating in the celebration of

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the 250th anniversary of the first meeting of the Coetus of the Reformed Church. It was a fine event, sponsored by Old First Reformed (UCC) Church and the Pennsylvania Conferences. At the meeting of the United Church of Christ Historical Council just before the celebration I presented my formal resignation as UCC Archivist to take effect at the end of 1997.

As I have mentioned before, my roots are very deep in Pennsylvania and in the Reformed Church, but my ties to California are strong as well, with my children and grandchildren there and unlikely ever to return to the East coast. My husband and I have reached the point in our lives when we need greater flexibility to move between these two states and to be freed from the restrictions of regular employment.

Thus I will no longer be serving as the archivist for the E & R Historical Society after the first of the new year. An even greater change looms ahead, however, as the long-range plans for the Seminary Library include expansion into the top floor of the building and into the very space occupied for the past thirty years by the UCC and ERHS Archives. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, has responded to this new development by arranging to have the UCC Archives moved into the building in Cleveland that houses the national offices. The move will probably take place in 1998, and the UCC Archivist will be hired to work in Cleveland, rather than in Lancaster.

The long cooperative relationship between the two sets of archival materials (ERHS and UCC) and the staff persons who have worked with them will therefore come to an end in 1998, and the ERHS will of necessity find a new pattern for the care, preservation and use of its significant collection.

When the UCC records are removed, approximately 24 ranges of shelving will be occupied by the ERHS collection, which consists of several categories of materials. Denominational records and publications make up almost half of the collection, while the records of local churches account for one-third of the material. The remainder consists largely of manuscript and special collections related to ministers of the Reformed Church, with a small portion of the space given over to Pennsylvania German heritage and genealogical materials.

The entire collection is in need of reprocessing and preservation in order to keep it intact and make it more useful to future researchers. Because most of my time was rightly allocated to UCC concerns, I was not able to give the ERHS collection the attention it deserves. I hope that it will be possible to provide better care for the material, perhaps with the help of a special grant specifically for that purpose.

As I did in my last report to the UCC Historical Council, I include in my report to you a list of suggestions and future strategies for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and its valuable collection of records. These suggestions include the following:

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1. Appoint a committee to discuss, examine and determine the primary functions of the society, its mission and purpose, and its future, both immediate and long-range.
2. Examine the relationship of the society (its annual meeting, officers, newsletter) to its collection of historical materials.
3. Write a mission statement and a collection policy, remembering that the contents of the UCC Archives belong to that denomination, and not to the ERHS.
4. Discuss the options for permanent care of the collection, since it is now clear that the UCC Archivist will no longer supply that function.
5. Address the issue of financial stability for the society.

It has been a distinct pleasure for me to learn to know you, to work with and for you, to renew my relationships with persons in Lancaster and on the East Coast, and to be immersed once again in the Reformed tradition which has been such an important factor in all our lives. I wish you well as you continue to preserve and uphold that tradition and to carry forward its values and resources as we move into the twenty-first century.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Schellhase, Archivist

SOUTHERN CHAPTER REPORT

The Southern Chapter held its annual meeting on November 2, 1996 at First United Church of Christ, Salisbury, North Carolina in connection with the church's 100th anniversary. Shiloh United Church of Christ, Faith, NC was also recognized on its 125th.

We are implementing previously announced proposals to make ourselves more visible in our area by the following means:

We have sent letters to churches in the Western North Carolina Association which will be observing 25th anniversaries or multiples thereof in 1998. We are congratulating them on their attainment and offering the resources of the Catawba and Lancaster Archives in planning their celebrations.

We have begun issuing membership cards from our chapter.

We have made a contribution to Catawba College in appreciation for the use of space in the college library to house our archives. Dr. Fred Corriher, President of the college, acknowledged the significant contribution of church history in the life of

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the college and the importance of church history in general.

We have requested and been granted space for a display at the upcoming meeting of the Western North Carolina Association.

We have prepared a certificate to be presented to Mt. Hope United Church of Christ, Whitsett, NC at the Western North Carolina Association meeting, recognizing its 150th anniversary this year.

We continue to wrestle with two problems in our archives. First, we are extremely limited in space. The prospect of being included in a renovation and expansion program at the library faded into oblivion when their expansion did not materialize. Second, because of the limited space and our need for clarity as to the range of responsibility for holdings, we are trying to determine what we should keep. Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, archivist, reported that several feet of shelf space is taken by minutes and other materials from synods and conferences far removed from our area. Also, we have some Southern Conference records which we feel should be housed at the conference office. We are transferring some of the extraneous materials to the Lancaster Archives, and we await word on where others ought to be.

When we define our range of responsibility we have to recognize that our largest source of revenue is the Western North Carolina Association. Therefore, we feel an obligation to churches in our geographical area which are not E & R in background.

We need to coordinate our efforts with those at Elon College, but we are not in touch with anyone at Elon at the present.

Mrs. Sims is compiling a list of holdings from local churches in our archives. This will be made available so that the congregational leaders can see at a glance what they have or do not have there.

Mrs. Sims plans to contact the Mormons about microfilming our records.

Our annual chapter meeting will be held at Mt. Hope Church, Whitsett, NC on Saturday, November 15, 1997.

We are glad again this year to have a partial busload of persons from North Carolina at this annual meeting of the ERHS. And we expect to be present at the 1998 meeting in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
Banks D. Shepherd, President

EDEN ARCHIVES REPORT

The work of the Eden Archives continues, with Lowell Zuck and Clifton W. ("Bill") Kerr returning to MONDAY through Thursday morning hours, after Summer Tues./Thurs. hours. Mr. Kerr has proceeded in acquiring more accessible pastoral files, as the Committee approved earlier. We continue to receive and catalog material given to us, and answer many phone, snail mail, and E-mail requests. Our E-mail address is: Archives@Library2.Websteruniv.edu.

Many interesting visitors come to work in the archives, including Prof. Saurabh Dube from the College of Mexico, spending two weeks with us researching missionary agendas in Central India from 1868-1968, and a German researcher from Indiana University, Heiko Muehr, working on a doctorate there regarding German churches in DuBois County, IN. This week a doctoral student from Bochum University, Germany, Christoph Ernst, has begun work on a thesis about German Evangelicals in America. Every request coming to us for help in the Archives seems to be different.

We commend the work of a newly constituted Heritage Committee of the UCCMO Conference, chaired by the Rev. Richard Brueseke, and we appreciate their willingness to work closely with the Eden Archives.

Paul Sherry reported at the October UCC Historical Council meeting in Philadelphia that denominational restructuring will likely provide a national staff person combining history, identity and theology concerns. There will likely also be a full-time archivist/records manager appointed, working perhaps in the new Cleveland location. The two Historical Societies and the Historical Council will probably continue as at present, although there is need for a new UCC Historical Society. I was also a participant in placing the Harbaugh manuscripts on the altar at the Old First Church 250th Coetus anniversary service (with other pieces).

The Eden Archives Committee met on October 9, with Ms. Dee Mehl Ban as the new chairperson. Zuck and Kerr will help prepare a time line of events for helping celebrate the 150th anniversary of Eden Seminary's founding in 2000. The proposed theme for the event centers on serving the church and sharing resources with the community. President David Greenhaw described library expansion needs at Eden, and included dreams concerning funding and staffing.

The Eden Archives again expresses appreciation for its long-standing relationship to the E & R Historical Society as well as its connection with the Historical Council of the UCC. We thank those who call upon us for help, visit us, get in touch with us, and support us financially.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell H. Zuck, Archivist

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UCC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
JANUARY 1, 1997 - DECEMBER 31, 1997

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- UCC		\$1,858.50
Conferences:		
Ohio	100.00	
Penn Central	500.00	
Penn West	100.00	
Wisconsin	<u>500.00</u>	1200.00
Associations:		
Clarion, PA	50.00	
Cumberland, ME	25.00	
Hudson-Mohawk, NY	50.00	
Lancaster, PA	<u>750.00</u>	875.00
Memberships		3,109.00
Life Fees:		
Steven Hoffman	250.00	
Kay Schellhase	250.00	
C.G. Simmendinger	<u>250.00</u>	750.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		2,792.96
Interest on Investments		4,311.21
Visitor Fees		535.00
Misc. Income: Copies, Rentals, Books, Etc.		589.16
Gifts: contributions that exceed the membership amount		
Arcadia Foundation	11,000.00	
Robert & Anita Rezash	1,000.00	
Carl & Marie Bade	500.00	
Faith UCC, Lancaster, PA	280.00	
Richard C. Beam	250.00	
John R. Weiler: Ralph S. Weiler Memorial	250.00	
Church of The Apostles, Lancaster, PA	150.00	
John B. Payne	150.00	
John B. Frantz: Rev. John B. Frantz Memorial	100.00	
Cynthia & David Rapp: Betty Haas Sell Memorial	100.00	
Alfred C. Alspach	75.00	
Elvin J. Groff	50.00	
Walter L. Hooker	50.00	
Donald Kuhnsman	50.00	
Ralph Kurtzman, Jr.	50.00	
Mazeppa Union, West Milton, PA	50.00	
John Strassburger	50.00	
Others (less than \$50 each)	<u>838.00</u>	14,993.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>\$31,013.83</u>

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EXPENSES

Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$10,620.19
Supplies	1,483.15
Equipment	4,531.96
Printing	725.19
Postage	1,556.88
Telephone	716.21
Miscellaneous	825.05
Meetings and Travel	3,923.05
Special Projects	1,000.00
Insurance	<u>1,394.00</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$26,775.68</u>
Surplus for year ended Dec. 31, 1997	<u>\$4,238.15</u>

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UCC
BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS

Checking Account-- Core States Hamilton Bank	19,238.00
Money Market Account-- Core States Hamilton Bank	13,386.09
Certificate of Deposit--Sovereign Bank	4,402.02
GMC Memorial Endowment--Hamilton Bank C/D	1,001.00
Wellington Fund	1,008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust--Hamilton Bank C/D	3,000.00
United Church Foundation	25,000.00
Pearl Wetzel Endowment --C/D	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit-- Bank of Lancaster Co.	10,000.00
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Anna Lucile Brackbill Endowment--C/D	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$107,035.11</u>

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Principal--1/1/97	102,796.96
Plus surplus 1/1/97-12/31/97	<u>4,238.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL	<u>\$107,035.11</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

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Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS for 1998. Enclosed is my check for the following amount:

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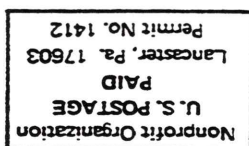
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