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THE ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HOUSTON, TEXAS

The first meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society in the state of Texas and in South Central Conference was a festive event. Held on October 10, 1998 at St. Peter United Church of Christ, Houston the second oldest UCC congregation in the state of Texas and the third oldest in the South Central Conference, it featured two excellent presentations, several fine videos on the 150 year history of the congregation, and delightful Texas hospitality.

Prior to the program several persons brought greetings: Rev. Robert Rezash, former pastor of St. Peter's; Rev. Rex Dobey, Association Minister of Houston Association of the United Church of Christ; John Tomich, Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee; and Rev. Robert Jeffers, pastor of St. Peter UCC, who led the gathering in a morning prayer service.

The Rev. Frank H. Horak, Jr. gave an address on the topic, "Faith Expressions on the Prairie." Mr. David Nussman's presentation was in the form of an impersonation, "The Rev. Karl Kniker, President of the Texas District of the Evangelical Synod: A Visit from 1898." Both presentations provided fresh and vivid

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THE 1999 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT TRINITY UCC, TELFORD, PA

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its next Annual Meeting at Trinity United Church of Christ, Telford on October 16, 1999. The Society will be joining the celebration of Trinity's 100th anniversary. Speakers for this event will be the Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, pastor of Friedens United Church of Christ, Sumneytown, Pa., the Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Pa., and the Rev. Tyson Frey, pastor of Trinity UCC, Telford. Dr. Clemens will address the topic, "The Heidelberg Catechism, Then and Now" and Pastor Kriebel will speak on the subject, "The Reforming Power of the Reformed Church." The Rev. Tyson Frey will tell the story of Trinity Church, Telford. Further details concerning this meeting will appear in the July newsletter. We hope all members who can possibly attend will mark their calendars for what promises to be another excellent meeting. Guests are also most welcome.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN 2000 TO TAKE PLACE AT EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

On October 14 in the year 2000 the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at Eden

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portraits of the pastoral and church life of the Texas District of the Evangelical Synod in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries and were very well received by the persons attending.

During and following the delicious lunch, participants could view some of the videos which St. Peter's had prepared for its anniversary year.

Following the business meeting in the afternoon there was a tour of the historic old St. Peter church building which is maintained intact on the present property. In addition, the group visited First Congregational Church United Church of Christ of Houston and Gethsemane United Church of Christ.

In the evening, participants in the Annual Meeting were invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Paul Sherry, the President of the United Church of Christ, who began the meeting with some brief remarks and then invited comments and questions. A lively discussion ensued.

Those persons who were able to remain until Sunday were privileged to participate in the 150th Anniversary Worship Service and hear Dr. Sherry preach and after the service to enjoy a luscious Texas barbecue. We are very grateful to Rev. Robert Rezash, Rev. Robert Jeffers, John Tomich and the other members of the Anniversary Committee for all their efforts and support to make this meeting such an outstanding event.

Once again this year the attendance at the Annual Meeting was most agreeably augmented by a group of forty-eight persons from Southern Conference who came on the bus tour organized by the Revs. Nelson Weller, Banks Shepherd and Lawrence Bolick.

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Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri. At the invitation of Dr. David Greenhaw, Eden's President, the Society will share in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the seminary. This is the second anniversary in ten years which the Society has observed at Eden. In 1990 the Society joined in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Synod on the Eden Campus. Program planning is still in process. Details concerning this meeting will appear in future newsletters. Please note it on your calendars.

FAITH EXPRESSIONS ON THE PRAIRIE BY THE REV. FRANK H. HORAK, JR.

A summary of the paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at St. Peter United Church of Christ in Houston, Texas on October 10, 1998.

The speaker introduced the subject through his father who attended theological studies through Robinson Academy, Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary. The drawing card for this family's introduction to the Evangelical Synod of North America was its confessional paragraph of 1848.

The shape of the Texas District was formed by its connection with the larger church through its philanthropic and ecumenical spirit. Of all the history and traditions of the Texas District of the Evangelical Church, nothing provides more of its character than do the pastors and the people that have served diligently throughout its history. A variety of pastors, enabled by the practice of "sending ministers," were able to be on mission, contributing a whole host of gifts.

The Leadership Training Schools with professors coming from Eden Seminary developed a knowledgeable laity that is still active today. Through pastors and laity many young people have responded to the "Call of God" to ministry. Continued growth among the people was influenced by Leadership Training Schools and, later, a very aggressive camping program.

Due to the fellowship through the activities of District and Synod, men's and women's fellowships and youth activities, the Texas area folk of the Evangelical Church have become like "family." They have truly become the Communion of Saints who are to "love and help one another in all things." Such is the genius of the Evangelical tradition and it lives to this day!

MYRON WOLF HONORED AS ERHS TREASURER

At the end of December, Myron Wolf retired as treasurer after 25 years of faithful service. Myron and his wife, Arlene, were honored by the Historical Society at a luncheon of the archive's staff on January 7 at the Stockyard Inn, Lancaster. Myron's long tenure as treasurer was recognized by two gifts: an engraved desk pen and pencil set and a large framed picture of him sitting at his desk in the archives with a characteristically warm smile on his face.

At the beginning of this year Kenneth ("Ken") Zimmerman assumed the position as treasurer of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. A retired supervisor for Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, Mr. Zimmerman has been an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ, East Petersburg, Pa. for 25 years and has served as the church's Financial Secretary for the past 15 years. He is therefore well equipped for this task. We are very pleased that he was willing to take on this additional responsibility.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 9, 1998, ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS

The meeting was called to order by President John B. Payne. The Reverend Lawrence Bolick led the opening prayer.

Present: Richard Berg, Lawrence Bolick, Robert Hunsicker, Mary Hutchens, James Mohr, John Payne, David Rapp, Banks Shepherd and Lowell Zuck. Regrets were sent by: Scott Sanders, Mark Steiner, and Frank Stearns. Deborah Rahn Clemens has resigned her position and Myron Wolf will be retiring, December 31, 1998.

The April minutes were corrected as follows: In Southern Chapter report, it should read that J. C. Leonard was "organizing pastor." The information about the 1998 Annual Meeting should read Barbara Beach is coordinating the "housing" arrangements. "John Tomich, chair of the Anniversary Committee has coordinated the events for the ERHS meeting." The minutes were accepted as corrected.

In addition to a printed report, the President reported that Drs. Barbara Brown Zikmund and Robert Schneider came to the archives to search for documents for inclusion in UCC Living Theological Heritage volumes 4 and 5. The Mercersburg Society will sponsor the publication of Nevin's The Mystical Presence with a new introduction by the Rev. John Shetler. The publisher will be the Order of St. Luke. Payne and Zuck will attend the Cambridge Platform 350th anniversary in Cambridge and the United Church of Christ Historical Council meeting in Boston, October 28-30, 1998. In response to a request from the Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel, the former chair of the Council, the Rev. James Haddix, the president of the Congregational Christian Historical Society, and John Payne prepared a report on the possibility of the creation of the UCC Historical Society. Their conclusion was that such an organization was not feasible at this time. The new UCC archivist, Ng. George Hing, assumed his duties in August and arranged for the move of the UCC Archives to 700 Prospect Street, Cleveland, Ohio in September. He is assisting the national offices with record management. One can contact the ERHS at the Lancaster Archives in various ways: 717-290-8734 or 290-8711; FAX 717-393-4254; e-mail: erhs@lts.org.

Archivists Richard Berg, Banks Shepherd for the southern Chapter and Lowell Zuck for the Eden Archives all gave reports as found later in this newsletter.

A written report from the treasurer which showed income of \$15,636.54 from 1/1/1998 to 10/1/1998 and expenses of \$10,363.31 for the same period. This gives us a surplus of \$5,273.23 for the year thus far.

Berg reported that he has found two archival foundations who may be sources of funding. President Payne reported that the Graeff Estate is awaiting disbursement. The disbursed amount will be placed in the endowment funds. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The Budget for 1999 was presented and discussed. Mohr moved, Zuck seconded and the Board voted to adopt the Budget 1999 proposal.

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The President reported that the program for tomorrow's meeting is ready. St. Peter Church has been very attentive to the details of planning.

The next meeting of the Society will take place at Trinity United Church of Christ, Telford, Pa. The Board of Directors will meet on the evening of October 15 and the Society will meet October 16, 1999.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The Board was then transported to the home of Roland and Barbara Beach where they were treated to a delicious Tex-Mex dinner and the warm and gracious Texas hospitality of the hosts.

Respectfully,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

1998 ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Annual meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was called to order by President John Payne at 9:30 a.m.

Greetings were extended by the Rev. Robert Rezash, former pastor of St. Peter Church; the Rev. Rex Dobey, Houston Association Representative; and the Rev. Robert Jeffers, Pastor, St. Peter Church.

Rev. Jeffers led the opening worship.

Rev. Rezash introduced the Rev. Frank Horak, Jr. who presented "Faith Expressions on the Prairie."

Dr. Zuck introduced David Nussmann whose presentation was "The Reverend Karl Kniker, President of the Texas District of the Evangelical Synod: A visit form 1898." After the presentation, there were comments and questions directed to the two speakers.

After a delicious luncheon, the group watched one of several excellent videos of the history and work of St. Peter Church, which had been prepared for this anniversary.

The ERHS Business Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Payne. The Rev. J. Mohr led the opening prayer.

David Rapp moved, Larry Bolick seconded and it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 1997 meeting as printed.

President Payne distributed a printed report which is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Interim Archivist Berg, presented a written report. He showed a copy of the web page for the Society. Recent accessions were reviewed and included an original diary of the Rev. John William Weber who founded several congregations in western Pennsylvania. Members are asked to respond to the draft of a "Collections Policy." Diane Rimert and Dianne Russell continue as staff. Cindy Garis has accepted a call as Associate Pastor in Lebanon, Pa.

Banks Shepherd reported for the Southern Chapter that their membership has doubled, that Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims continues as archivist at Catawba College and that this year's bus tour brought 48 persons from North Carolina to the ERHS meeting in Houston. A complete written report is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported the Eden Archives now has as its archivist William Kerr and that his own title has been changed to Senior Research Consultant. He noted that the Eden Archives may gain more space when the library moves to a new building. His full report may be discovered elsewhere in this newsletter.

A printed treasurer's report was presented. UCC Executive Council support may decrease next year. Members were asked to encourage associations and conferences to support the work of the ERHS. Genealogical work will be encouraged, which may increase memberships and usage of the collection.

President Payne expressed the Society's appreciation for the financial support of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Rezash. Their generosity greatly assisted the trip of the 1998 Society to Houston.

The president reported that the Graeff estate, of which the Society is a principal beneficiary, should be settled in the near future.

Rapp moved and Shepherd seconded and the Society voted to accept all reports as given.

The report of the Nominating Committee which consisted of the Rev. Reynold Ziegler, chairman and the Rev. Raymond Brown, was presented as follows:

President:	Dr. John Payne
Vice-president:	Dr. Lowell Zuck
Secretary:	Rev. Mary Hutchens
Archivist:	Rev. Richard Berg
Directors:	Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Rev. Lawrence Bolick, Rev. Robert Hunsicker, Rev. James Mohr, Rev. Dr. Ralph Quellhorst, Rev. David Rapp, Rev. Scott Sanders Rev. Banks Shepherd, Mr. Frank Stearns and Rev. Mark Steiner

It was moved, and seconded and the Society voted to elect this slate by acclamation.

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<u>Annual Meetings</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
1999	October 16	Telford, PA
2000	October 14	Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, MO
2001	October	Lexington, NC

New Business: David Nussmann reminded the Society of the materials available in the Elmhurst Archives.

Lowell Zuck offered the closing benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This has been a year of change for the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. After several months of preparation, the United Church of Christ Archives moved in September to the national offices in Cleveland. The ERHS Archives, however, remains in the same location on the second floor of the Philip Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary. At the invitation of the Seminary, the two archives had occupied the same space alongside one another since 1967. The UCC Archivist, Kay Schellhase, who also acted as ERHS Archivist, officially resigned at the end of last year although she continued to perform archival duties well beyond that date. In the spring I asked Richard Berg, Director of Library Services at Lancaster Theological Seminary, to assume the post of part-time ERHS Archivist. He has been nominated for that position and will stand for election at the October meeting in Houston. After a search process of several months a new UCC Archivist, Ng. George Hing, was appointed in August and very soon took charge of arranging for the move of the UCC Archives to Cleveland.

We have had two resignations of officers in the Society. Myron Wolf, our esteemed treasurer since 1973, is retiring at the end of this calendar year. We are extremely grateful for the outstanding service he has performed for the Society all these years. It has been a joy and a privilege for me as president to have been associated with him since 1981. I must also report the resignation of Deborah Rahn Clemens from the Board of Directors on account of other heavy commitments she has taken on for the next few years. We are thankful for her love of and considerable knowledge of the Reformed tradition and her loyal and able service to the Society. We shall very much miss both Myron and Deborah at our meetings.

According to the direction of the Board given to us at our last annual meeting, the treasurer and I have moved \$20,000, which had been previously held in bank checking and money market accounts, into the United Church Foundation Balanced and Fixed Income Funds. In

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addition, we have placed \$15,000 in the Zweig Total Return Fund, a conservatively invested fund, which is currently paying dividends of better than 9%. Finally, we have put \$10,000 in a Prudential Money Market Fund whose dividends at the rate of approximately 5% considerably exceed the bank money market rate we had been receiving.

As Richard Berg will report in greater detail, we have applied for grants to enable us to reorganize our holdings into more appropriate archival groupings and convert our catalogue to the Library of Congress system. At the same time the catalogue will be computerized and eventually be made available on line on the Lancaster Theological Seminary website. When this work is completed, our holdings will be much more widely accessible to potential researchers.

This year the Society will have an exciting new location for its annual meeting in an area of the country where it has never met. For the first time in its history it will meet in Houston, Texas, in the South Central Conference. We look forward to sharing in the 150th Anniversary celebration at St. Peter United Church on October 10. We are very appreciative of all the preparations which the congregation has made in order for the meeting to be an excellent one.

Since our last meeting, future annual meetings have now been set for the next three years. On October 16, 1999, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at Trinity United Church of Christ, Telford, Pennsylvania, in connection with Trinity's 100th anniversary. On October 14, 2000, the society will meet at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, and share in Eden's 150th anniversary. We had previously met at Eden in 1990 when we shared in the 150th Anniversary of the Evangelical Synod. This summer I responded positively to an invitation from First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina to hold our annual meeting there in October 2001 as part of First Reformed Church's 100th anniversary. Our most recent meeting in Southern Conference was at Beck's UCC, Lexington, in October 1988. Thus, we continue with our pattern of holding our annual meetings in diverse regions of the church. We hope thereby to spread as widely as possible the mission of our society to preserve the rich heritage of our church and make it better known.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Payne

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

It is a pleasure for me to submit this, my first report since being appointed archivist of the ERHS in the Spring, 1998. The mission statement of the Society divides our work into three categories: 1) collecting, preserving, making accessible the records of the Reformed Church and the E & R Church; 2) stimulating and cultivating interest in the Reformed heritage; 3) cooperation with the other historical agencies of the UCC and in general. During the past year the Society has been engaged in all three areas.

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Collecting, Preserving, Making Accessible. Material continues to be added to the collection: books, records, and manuscripts. The most significant addition was the diary/pastoral records of Rev. John William Weber (1735-1816) the first Reformed pastor in western Pennsylvania and founder of several congregations in that region. This diary was the generous gift of First UCC in Greensburg. Our thanks to Rev. Edwin J. Fromm, pastor and to Linda Soles, church historian for the conservation and preservation of this important record of the church's work in western Pa. An article on Rev. J.W. Weber will appear in a later newsletter. Other accessions included local church records from several churches which have closed, various pieces for the local church information files, various pieces for the minister's files, and numerous books.

To help guide our collecting, I have submitted a draft of a collection policy to the Board members for comment, which will be acted upon at the Spring Board meeting. All members of the ERHS are encouraged to identify potential additions to the collection and to contact the archivist with such information for follow-up. An area of particular concern is the records of local churches which have closed and/or merged. In many cases these are not extant or cannot be found. The ERHS staff will be working to locate these records and encourage their deposit in the ERHS.

The re-processing of collections for easier access continues. The records of the Historical Society from 1863 to the present have been re-processed, as have the records of the four Pennsylvania conferences, New York Conference, Southern Conference, and Central Atlantic Conference. A grant request in support of this project has been submitted to the Arcadia Foundation.

To enhance access to the collections an ERHS web page has been created as part of the Lancaster Theological Seminary web page. Content is primarily informational with hours, staff, etc. but will hopefully include details on collections in the future.

Stimulating and Cultivating Interest. The web page will hopefully stimulate interest in the ERHS from a broad audience. As more information about our collections is added to the web page, more use will be made of the collections for research. Contact with local churches and historians has also helped create interest. Invitations to speak and/or present workshops on local church records and records management are welcome. We depend upon you, the membership, to spread the word about who we are, what we do, and how we can be helpful. Thanks for your continuing support.

Cooperation. We continue to work closely with the UCC Historical Council, the Congregational Christian Historical Society, the Eden Archives, and the Southern Chapter ERHS. In addition, we have worked with the Berks County Historical Society to include examples of early calligraphy in one of their forthcoming publications. I have also attended several meetings sponsored by other historical societies on issues of funding, education, and records management. We have worked closely with George Hing, Archivist of the UCC in the movement of the UCC Archives from Lancaster to Cleveland. Cooperation is vital and beneficial in our efforts to collect, preserve, and make available the records of our

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Reformed heritage.

The ERHS staff, Diane Rimert and Dianne Russell, continue to provide excellent service to all persons asking for help by phone, mail, e-mail, or in person and in handling day to day office work as well as in the re-processing of collections. Rev. Richard Whitney, a regular volunteer, continues to provide invaluable help in organizing the local church files. They deserve our thanks and support.

I encourage you to visit the archives if possible, if not, at least visit the web page (www.lts.org) then click on library and then click on ERHS). If a visit is not possible, I encourage you to continue to support the Society through your prayers, by notifying us of possible material for the collection, through your membership and extra dollars, by encouraging others (individuals and churches) to become members and support the work of the Society.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard R. Berg, Archivist

SOUTHERN CHAPTER REPORT

At the Annual Meeting of the Western North Carolina Association on October 17, 1997 the Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mt. Hope United Church of Christ, Whitsett, N.C. upon their 150th Anniversary. The Chapter also had a table display at the Association Meeting, making available memberships and information about the Chapter. The membership in 1997-98 has grown to 40 members and 11 churches, paying annual dues. We receive an annual gift of \$500 from WNC Association. In the Southern Chapter checking account there is a balance of \$860.75 and \$3,098.31 in the savings account.

The fall meeting of the Southern Chapter was held on November 15, 1997 at Mt. Hope UCC, Whitsett with approximately eighty persons present. The program consisted of a dramatic historical presentation of Mt. Hope, celebrating their 150th Anniversary. Dr. George W. Welker, a native of Pennsylvania, organized the congregation in 1847 and spent his entire ministry of over fifty years in the Guilford Charge, consisting of Brick and Mt. Hope Churches. A printed history of Mt. Hope was presented to Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, Archivist at Catawba College. The newly created History Room was open for tour where photographs of twelve ministerial sons and daughters of the congregation were displayed along with a pictorial history quilt made by members of the congregation. An invitation has been given to the Chapter to meet in Old Brick Church (built in 1810) on Saturday, October 31, 1998 for the Annual Chapter Meeting.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, Archivist at Catawba College, has attended a meeting on digitalization of archival records at the University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill in March 1998. This was done to investigate procedures, equipment needed, etc. We need more

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funds and more space to take on such a project, but it is something to consider perhaps when Catawba College has gotten a little further along with technology.

Mrs. Sims also attended cataloguing seminars offered by SOLINET (Southeastern Network Headquarters).

Due to leaking of the library roof in the tower rooms, some of the archival materials are going to have to be moved to another location for storage. The shelves in the archives are less congested since withdrawing some surplus items, sending them to different judicatories outside Old Southern Synod, as recommended by Kay Schellhase, retired UCC Archivist. A former UCC member, Neal Wilfong, has taken extraneous material not being preserved. All UCC archival materials are being sent to the Southern Conference Office. We do maintain files on all UCC churches in Western North Carolina Association since the archives are funded by WNC Association. The Christian Church Archives are maintained at Elon College.

We have had just a few visitors to the archives during this past year. Most requests for information have come via letter or telephone. There have been two requests via e-mail and a lengthy e-mail correspondence with a professor doing research on the Stoner Church. One of the e-mail correspondents did come and do on-site work. The e-mail address for Mrs. Sims is jsims@catawba.edu. Mrs. Sims hopes to include historical books in the Archives on the Catawba College Library website.

Mr. Jack Leonard, a member of First Reformed UCC, Lexington, has presented to the Chapter a photo album containing pictures of all UCC churches in WNC Association. This will be used by the Association office and will eventually be added to the archives. This album was formally presented to WNC Association at the Fall meeting on October 6, 1998. He has also offered to make a photo album of all churches in the Eastern North Carolina Association.

At the Annual Fall Meeting of the WNC Association, the Southern Chapter presented Certificates of Recognitions to Bethel UCC, Hickory (150th Anniversary), Brick UCC, Whitsett (250th Anniversary), Rocky Ford UCC, Cana, Va. (75th Anniversary), and Zion UCC, Lenior (100th Anniversary). Those churches in WNC Association celebrating anniversaries in 1999 are as follows: Congregation of the Chapel, Statesville (25th Anniversary), Elk Spur UCC, Fancy Gap, Va. (50th Anniversary), Happy Home UCC, Ruffin (125th Anniversary), Salem UCC, Maiden (125th Anniversary), and Ursinus UCC, Rockwell (100th Anniversary).

This past year there were three clergy who died who had their roots in the Reformed tradition: Rev. Dr. A.C. Peeler (1/25/98), Rev. G. Harold Myers (7/1/98) and Rev. Ingle O. Cook (8/29/98).

The UCC Historical Bus Tour this year is October 5-16, 1998 and is making stops in Atlanta, Georgia, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Mobil, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana,

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Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Marshall, Texas and Natches Trace Parkway, Mississippi.

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Society will be Saturday, October 31, at Brick UCC, Whitsett to help celebrate their 250th Anniversary and meet in the Old Brick Church, built in 1814, which has been recently renovated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Banks Shepherd, President

EDEN ARCHIVES REPORT

New Leadership in the Eden Archives centers in William "Bill" Kerr as new full-time Archivist, with Lowell H. Zuck continuing to serve as Senior Research Consultant. Kerr's e-mail address is ckerr@eden.edu. Zuck's e-mail address is: lzuck@eden.edu. Hours are much the same as before: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. through 11:00 a.m., and other times by appointment.

During the summer Bill Kerr sorted, catalogued and shelved 31 storage boxes of Walter Brueggemann material, along with other materials from Hoylton Home, Illinois, Blue Springs, Missouri church closure, and Eden Academic Dean materials (John Bracke). The photographic collection was re-organized with some additional photos identified.

At an October 6 Archives Committee meeting, President David Greenhaw reviewed plans to hire a consultant to evaluate the Archives. Dr. William J. Maher of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, is being considered as consultant. He noted that he has officially invited the ERHS to hold its annual meeting at Eden Seminary in the 2000, thus also helping to observe Eden's 150th Anniversary year. He reported that the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Directors of the Seminary in reviewing the campus master plan would consider revisions in light of anticipated added space that will become available in the Library when Webster University moves to its new building in five years. Possible uses, including archival changes, will be part of planning discussions.

We are happy that our work goes on regularly, and, we think, with growing competence and usefulness. I look forward to the appearance of Volume IV of "Living Theological Heritage of the UCC" from Pilgrim Press, including, my Evangelical/Reformed contributions for the 19th century, along with those for the Christians/Congregationalists by Beth Nordbeck.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell H. Zuck

ACCESSIONS ADDED TO THE ERHS COLLECTION

BOOKS

1. The Living Theological Heritage. Vol. 3.
2. Limbert, Paul M. Reliving a Century. Autobiography of a prominent Reformed, E & R and UCC clergy who was executive director of the World YMCA.
3. Olm, Carroll J. Fairhaven: God's Mighty Oak. Vol. 1. The first three decades of the Fairhaven Ministry.
4. Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee. Religious Heritage Service.
5. Witherspoon, Lis Clowes. A Clowes-Swanson Genealogy With Genealogy of the Korn, Uhl, and Thompson Families.
6. Fox, Merle. U. An Annotated bibliography of the Works of Henry Harbaugh.
7. Twelfth Triennial Sessions General Synod Reformed Church in the United States. Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, 1896. A souvenir booklet.
8. Marks, Harold E. The Marks/Schnader Connection Berks and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

CHURCH RECORDS

1. St. Paul's (Leininger's Church) Record, Susquehanna Twp., Juniata County, Pa. With a history of the church by Charles H. Glatfelter. Original and photocopy of church records (1860-1904). This is the first church record from Juniata County in the collection.
2. Faith UCC, Hazelton, Pa. A video about the church's history and a historical issue of their church newsletter.
3. German Reformed Church, 1805-1832, Rev. Samuel Weyberg. History of this first Protestant church west of the Mississippi.
4. St. John's Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa. 8 documents relating to this church and the church building (1916-1936)

LOCAL CHURCH INFORMATION FILES

1. St. John's UCC, East Earl, Pa. Christmas Card photo of church interior.
2. Immanuel UCC, Kaukauna, WI. 110th anniversary service and bulletins.
3. Zion Reformed Church Pottstown, Pa. 2 worship bulletins (1946, 1948)
4. Book of photos of various churches built by Dan Gangewere, Reading, Pa.
5. Boehm's Church. Article (10/10/1965) on the 225th anniversary of the church.
6. History of Trinity Reformed UCC, Holland, Pa. A paper and an article.
7. Trinity UCC, Canton, Ohio. 7 items added to the church's file.
8. First UCC, Lakewood, Ohio. 1956 Directory and 150th anniversary booklet.
9. First UCC, Ebensburg, Pa. An inventory of their church records.

MINISTER'S FILES INFORMATION

1. R. Howard Paine: "Place and Significance of the Association in our Church Order"
2. Nevin I. Kershner: Bulletin to honor his retirement
3. Willis K. Heckler: Personal information
4. John William Weber: Original diary (1735-1816) First Reformed Church pastor in western Pennsylvania and founder of several congregations was given to the ERHS by the First United Church of Christ, Greensburg, Pa.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UCC

	<u>INCOME</u>	
Executive Council-UCC		\$3,110.50
Conferences:		
Ohio	\$100.00	
Penn Central	\$500.00	
Penn West	<u>\$100.00</u>	\$700.00
Associations:		
Susquehanna, NY	\$50.00	
Hudson-Mohawk, NY	\$50.00	
Lancaster, PA (1997)	\$750.00	
Lancaster, PA (1998)	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$2,350.00
Memberships		\$2,635.00
Life Fees:		
St. John's Evangelical	\$250.00	
Konrad Basler	\$250.00	
Virginia Knox	\$250.00	
Benjamin Motz	<u>\$250.00</u>	\$1,000.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		\$3,949.16
Interest on Investments		\$3,918.95
Visitor Fees		\$425.00
Miscellaneous Income: Rentals, Books		\$312.99
Gifts: (exceed membership amount)		
Robert & Anita Rezash	\$800.00	
Lanc. Church of the Apostles	\$150.00	
Kingston Congregation	\$100.00	
David & Cynthia Rapp	\$100.00	
John Payne	\$75.00	
Charles Snyder, Jr.	\$75.00	
Alfred C. Alspach	\$50.00	
Elvin J. Groff	\$50.00	
Others (less than \$50.)	<u>\$522.50</u>	<u>\$2,047.50</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>\$20,449.10</u>

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EXPENSES

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$13,499.83
Supplies	\$1,244.26
Printing	\$849.59
Postage	\$318.12
Telephone	\$622.75
Miscellaneous	\$182.50
Meetings and Travel	\$5,544.60
Special Projects	\$196.00
Insurance	\$828.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$23,285.65

DEFICIT - YEAR ENDED 12/31/98 (\$2,961.55)

	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>SHEET</u>	MARKET VALUE
ASSETS			
Checking Accounts: Bank of Lanc. Co.	\$11,043.87		
First Union	\$3,677.85		
Certificates of Deposit: Sovereign Bank	\$4,402.02		
A. Lucille Brackbill End.	\$5,000.00		
Pearl Wetzel End.	\$5,000.00		
St. Paul's Preservation	\$3,000.00		
GMC Memorial Endowment	\$1,001.00		
Vanguard Wellington Fund	\$1,008.00		\$3,698.10
United Church Foundation	\$45,000.00		\$61,409.35
Zweig Total Return Fund	\$15,000.00		\$15,087.50
Prudential Money Market	\$10,000.00		\$10,680.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$104,132.74</u>		
LIABILITIES			
Payroll Liabilities	\$371.41		
EQUITY			
Opening Equity Balance	\$102,796.96		
Retained Earnings	\$3,925.92		
1998 Deficit	(\$2,961.55)		
Total Equities	<u>\$103,761.33</u>		
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>	<u>\$104,132.74</u>		

K.R. Zimmerman,
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS for 1999. Enclosed is my check for the following amount:

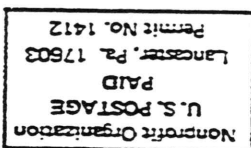
MEMBERSHIPS

_____ Donor \$25	_____ Sponsor \$100
_____ Student \$ 7	_____ Institution \$50
_____ Life \$250	

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

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