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CLEMENS AND KRIEBEL SPEAK AT 1999 ANNUAL MEETING IN TELFORD

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society joined in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Trinity United Church of Christ, Telford, Pennsylvania, at its Annual Meeting held there on October 16, 1999.

The meeting began with greetings from the Rev. Dr. John Shetler, Emeritus Conference



Dr. John Shetler
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2000 ANNUAL MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will once again hold its Annual Meeting at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri, on October 14, 2000. The Society will be sharing in Eden's 150th anniversary celebration, just as it took part in the 150th anniversary of the Evangelical Synod of North America, celebrated at Eden in 1990.

The program will consist of two lectures. The Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, pastor of St. Peter's Reformed UCC (Tohickon), Perkasie, Pennsylvania, will address the topic, "'Die brennende Frage': The Evangelical Synod of North America and International Missions." The Rev. Dr. John C. Helt, pastor of First Congregational UCC, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, will speak on the subject, "Family Squabbles: The Niebuhrs and the Evangelical Synod." Both of these speakers are graduates of Eden Theological Seminary who went on to pursue doctoral studies.

Further details concerning this meeting will appear in the July newsletter. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and, all those who can do so, plan to attend what promises to be an excellent meeting.

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Minister of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, who represented the Rev. Russell Mitman, the current Conference Minister. Dr. Shetler presented to President Payne a copy of the journal, Der Reggeboge, containing an article by him on the restoration of the Muhlenberg House in Trappe, Pennsylvania. The journal is to be placed in the archives. Next, the Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss extended greetings as Moderator of the North Penn Association. She was followed by Mr. Robert Hosterman, president of the consistory of Trinity UCC, and the pastor, the Rev. Tyson Frey, who on behalf of the Centennial Committee gave to Dr. Payne a Trinity sun catcher and a history for inclusion in the archives. Following the greetings Pastor Frey led the assembly in worship.

The program consisted of two interesting and lively presentations by two leading pastors of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. The Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, pastor of Friedens Reformed UCC, Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, addressed the topic, "The Heidelberg Catechism: Then and Now." An excerpt of her paper follows in this newsletter. The Rev. Martha Kriebel, pastor of Trinity Reformed UCC, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, spoke on the theme, "The Reforming Power of the Reformed Church." A summary of her paper will appear in the summer newsletter.

At the delicious luncheon, which followed the lectures and discussion, Pastor Frey told the story of Trinity's 100 years.

After the annual business meeting in the afternoon, participants went on a tour of three historic churches in Pennsylvania Southeast Conference: Christ Reformed, Telford; Falkner Swamp Reformed, Gilbertsville; and St. Peter's Reformed UCC (Tohickon), Perkasio, where dinner was served for members of the tour.

There was a fine attendance of about seventy-five members which included once again this year a group of thirty-five persons from Southern Conference led by the Rev. Lawrence Bolick.

2001 MEETING TO BE HELD IN LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on October 13, 2001, at First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina. The society will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation. Program plans are still in process, but it is expected that there will be a paper on Dr. J. C. Leonard, founding pastor of First Reformed Church and the organizer of several other congregations in North Carolina, whose illustrious career culminated in the presidency of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in 1923.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: THEN AND NOW

by Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens

[This is an excerpt of the address given at the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society meeting, October 16, 1999.]

Other than Luther's, no other catechism has had more long lasting and widespread influence than the Heidelberg Catechism. It was written as the doctrinal foundation of our German Reformed church. It is appropriately known as a second-generation Reformation document. It was not published until 1563, years after Luther's and Zwingli's deaths. It was written with an undeniable political agenda behind it. Mandated by the Palatinate Prince Frederick III, the catechism was created with the purpose of being a unifying force, an irenic voice that could witness to the one Lord, one faith, one baptism professed by all. It is intentionally ecumenical. Frederick had struggled to understand the issues which separated the Swiss in the South from the Lutherans in the North. As soon as he decided to carry his territory into the fresh, pure, liberating Christian fellowship "reformed" according to God's Holy Word-----the sorry prince found himself hopelessly embroiled in a war. Is the Presence of Christ in, with and under the sacramental bread or merely symbolically recalled in the Holy Supper? If we are saved by faith alone, how do we use the Old Testament? Can the Incarnate Lord be in solidarity with us and still be sovereign in heaven? Is it Faith or Grace when you really come down to it?

Instead of dragging his citizens into either one of these Protestant camps, Frederick deliberately sought out from the international world of the time young skilled theologians who were personally invested in the cause of Protestant union. They were spiritual disciples of men like Martin Bucer, Peter Martyr, and Heidelberg's own Philip Melancthon. Among them were Frenchman Peter Boquinus, Italian and former Jew Emmanuel Tremellius, Caspar Olevianus, refugee from the Catholic territory of Trier; Diller, Zuleger, Cirler, and Erastus. Last to be called, but certainly not least, was Zacharias (Bear) of Breslau, a.k.a., Ursinus. As newly appointed professor of systematic theology in Heidelberg University, Ursinus produced a large catechism or Summa Theologiae as a comprehensive theology for teaching students training for the ministry. He then wrote a small catechism to be used with children and laity. When Prince Frederick reviewed the work, he found it to be theologically sound. From that point on, Ursinus became the leading apologist for Palatinate theology. His two catechisms were then edited, refined, and combined into our Heidelberg Catechism and first published in January, 1563. The prince wrote the preface himself.

The Heidelberg Catechism was then positioned between the Order for Holy Baptism and the Order for Holy Communion in the Palatinate liturgy. This made a statement in itself. The Catechism was not intended to be a purely rationalistic document reserved for the classroom or academy. It too was an expression of faith and was seen as an integral part of the spiritual life of the community. Liturgy and Catechism were to be embraced jointly.

Once it hit the presses, Prince Frederick III himself was accused and brought to trial for heresy. The supposed crime: that the Catechism had moved the Palatinate away from the
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only permissible expression of Protestantism: The Augsburg Confession. And since the Palatinate had now deviated from this faith, Frederick risked Catholic military action. Frederick was baffled. He personally had signed as an adherent to the Augsburg Confession and did not see any conflict between that document and his catechism. Frederick could have escaped trial by blaming any theological misgivings on Ursinus himself. But the king refused to take a coward's way out. He stood by the work referring to it as "our catechism."

Once legitimized, the Heidelberg Catechism became a symbol of reformed bodies throughout the world translated into many, many languages. Due to its rich content, solid theology, and ecumenical spirit, it remains a standard in countless churches to this very day. It's got staying power. It is first and foremost baptismal. The structure of the catechism is fashioned to follow the basic spiritual pilgrimage of the average individual. The book itself contains 129 questions and answers explaining the Apostles' Creed, the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer in that order. The questions are grouped into 52 Lord's Day intervals. This was so that the questions could be studied in families and preached at Sunday afternoon gatherings and covered within the course of one year. It is also separated into nine larger portions designed to be read in corporate worship, nine separate Sunday mornings. One distinctive feature of the Heidelberg is that it is intended for all ages. We never grow beyond it. Any concept of it being just a text for youth or adolescents is totally alien to it. The Catechism was embraced by all, less like a workbook, more like devotion. Thoughts of this catechism being tyrannical or oppressive simply didn't occur. Instead, our members treasured the catechism almost universally.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 15, 1999, KULPSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The ERHS Board of Directors Meeting was held on October 15, 1999 after dinner at the Kulpsville Family Restaurant, Kulpsville, Pennsylvania.

Present: Richard Berg, Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Lawrence Bolick, Mary Hutchens, James Mohr, John Payne, David Rapp, Banks Shepherd, Frank Stearns, Mark Steiner, Kenneth Zimmerman, Lowell Zuck, and visitor, Tyson Frey. Excused: Robert Hunsicker, Ralph Quellhorst, and Scott Sanders.

After the invocation by Banks Shepherd, it was moved by David Rapp, seconded by Banks Shepherd and voted to adopt the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting as printed in the July 1999 ERHS Newsletter and the minutes of the Board of Directors as printed in the January 1999 ERHS Newsletter.

President Payne introduced treasurer-elect Kenneth Zimmerman from Trinity UCC, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania and Mary Schaller Blaufuss from St. Peter's (Tohickon), Perkasie, Pennsylvania. Rev. Tyson Frey, the pastor of Trinity UCC, Telford, was introduced and
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shared the Annual Meeting Agenda with the Board.

President Payne presented a written report. He reported that Lancaster Theological Seminary is having a year-long celebration of its 175th anniversary. Eden Theological Seminary, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary, will be the site of the Annual Meeting in 2000. Dr. Payne, Dr. Lowell Zuck and the Rev. Timothy Dugan attended the United Church of Christ Historical Council meeting in October at which the Rev. John Thomas, new President of the United Church of Christ, was present. He discussed with the Council the UCC restructure, including the place of the Historical Council and the UCC Archives in this new structure, and plans for the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ in 2007. The Graef Estate has been settled and will add a considerable amount to our assets, but funds are still needed to support the work of the society.

Archivist Richard Berg presented a written report. He noted the website <http://www.lts.org/erhs.htm>. E-mail address is erhs@lts.org. He highlighted four areas of work. SERVICE aids churches and individuals who seek historical and/or genealogical information. Assistance is also given to churches trying to determine what records need to be preserved. COLLECTIONS are being organized and more information on congregations and pastors is being sought so the data is available to all who need it. COOPERATION with Eden Archives, the Southern Chapter and the Congregational Library and Archives enables more historical information on our heritage to be available. MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE work encourages membership in the society and financial support. Words of thanks were expressed to the staff for their diligent work. Archivist Berg shared a listing of more than 80 accessions which have been added to the collection since March.

Banks Shepherd presented a written report for the Southern Chapter. He noted the Annual Meeting was held in the restored Brick UCC, Whitsett, North Carolina. The Clapp family undertook the project which was completed for the meeting where more than 100 persons were present. Anniversary congregations were noted. Dr. Paul Limbert, faithful member of the Chapter, died December 1998. Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims continues to serve the Chapter as Archivist. Lawrence Bolick shared the trail of history in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania which the 35 people on the bus tour are taking this year. Banks Shepherd will be chairing the committee planning for the ERHS Annual Meeting at First Reformed UCC, Lexington, North Carolina in 2001.

Lowell Zuck shared a written report for the Eden Archives. Eden Theological Seminary is celebrating its 150 year anniversary with many events. Archivist Bill Kerr continues to organize the information and inventory the collection. Zuck and others will present papers at the 16th Century Studies Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Volume IV of *The Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ*, editors: Lowell Zuck and Elizabeth Nordbeck, is due to be published this year. Zuck reported that he had learned that enough Heritage volumes have been sold to cover the printing costs of the project. He reported that Dr. Allen Miller died, August, 1999.

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Treasurer-elect Ken Zimmerman presented a written report of income and expenses for January 1 - October 1, 1999. [His report for the full year 1999 is included in this newsletter.] He presented a budget for 2000 of \$24,950.00. David Rapp moved, Lawrence Bolick seconded, and it was voted to adopt the 2000 budget.

The plans for the 2000 Annual Meeting at Eden Theological Seminary were discussed.

The 2001 ERHS Annual Meeting will be in Lexington, North Carolina on October 14. A suggested topic: J.C. Leonard. No speakers have been named at this time. Juanita Bouser will be contacted to arrange a possible program. Catawba College is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 1999 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, TELFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

President John B. Payne called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Rev. Mark Steiner offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas were approved as printed in the January 1999 ERHS Newsletter.

Written reports of President John Payne, Archivist Richard Berg, Dr. Lowell Zuck for the Eden Archives and the Rev. Banks Shepherd, President of the Southern Chapter, and the Treasurer, Kenneth Zimmerman, were distributed, presented and discussed. [All of these reports are contained in this newsletter with the exception of that of the treasurer. In his case the end of the year report has been substituted for his interim report at the meeting. Summaries of the reports are contained in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.]

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Rev. Judith A. Meier, pastor of Gulph Mills UCC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:	Dr. John B. Payne
Vice-President	Dr. Lowell H. Zuck
Secretary:	The Rev. Mary Hutchens
Treasurer:	Mr. Kenneth Zimmerman

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

The Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss
The Rev. Robert G. Hunsicker
The Rev. Ralph C. Quellhorst
The Rev. Scott M. Sanders
Mr. Frank Stearns

The Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick
The Rev. James D. Mohr
The Rev. David H. Rapp
The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd
The Rev. Mark P. Steiner

It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the slate of nominees. There being no further nominations, the slate was declared elected by the President who thanked Revs. Judith Meier and Michael Eckroth, pastor of Salem UCC, Gilbert, Pennsylvania, for their diligent work.

The next ERHS Annual Meeting will be at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, October 14, 2000, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Seminary. The Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss will present a paper on missions and John Helt will be asked to present a paper on the Niebuhrs.

First Reformed UCC, Lexington, North Carolina is the site of the ERHS Annual Meeting, October, 2001. It was proposed that the program include a paper on Dr. J.C. Leonard, founding pastor of the congregation. John Payne reported that Dr. John Shetler had invited the Society to hold its meeting in 2002 at St. Luke's UCC, Trappe, Pennsylvania, and that he would be willing to present a paper on Lutheran-Reformed connections.

Richard Crusius reminded us of the correct name of the Reformed people. In the early years it was The German Reformed Church in the United States but in 1869 the word "German" was dropped.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. David Rapp.

The members were then treated to a tour of three nearby churches.

Respectfully,
Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society has had a very good year. We had an excellent meeting on October 10, 1998, at St. Peter United Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Two splendid papers were presented on the history of the Evangelical tradition in that state by Mr. David Nussmann and the Rev. Frank Horak, who has since passed on to the church triumphant. We were fortunate to have been able to hear him and to have been blessed by his wisdom and winsome spirit. We were very pleased that Dr. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, joined us for this event. He held a Town Meeting
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on Saturday evening and preached at St. Peter on Sunday morning. We enjoyed a fine attendance for our first meeting ever in the Lone Star State, and we very much enjoyed the warm hospitality of the people of St. Peter.

Next year the society will return to Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, for its meeting after a hiatus of ten years. Along with the UCC Historical Council we met there in 1990 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Synod. At our meeting on October 14, 2000, we shall be joining in the celebration of Eden's 150th anniversary.

In October 2001, the society will hold its Annual Meeting at First Reformed UCC, Lexington, North Carolina as part of the congregation's 100th anniversary celebration. The society last met in Lexington in 1988 in connection with the celebration of Beck's 200th anniversary.

On the subject of seminary anniversaries, I might mention that Lancaster Theological Seminary, where the archives of this society is housed, is currently celebrating its 175th anniversary with a year-long program. The program commenced with a convocation address, "Lancaster Theological Seminary: 175 Years to Remember and Celebrate," by your president.

On October 8-9, 1999, Dr. Lowell Zuck, the Rev. Timothy Dugan, and I represented the society at the annual meeting of the United Church of Christ Historical Council in Cleveland, Ohio. The Rev. John Thomas, new President of the United Church of Christ, met with us. This was his first official meeting with an instrumentality of the church. He informed us about the progress of the restructure. The Executive Council will be giving more consideration to the question as to how the Historical and the Ecumenical Councils will fit into the new structure. It is the President's assumption that the Historical Council will continue to relate to the Office of General Minister. He acknowledged the need for a more appropriate space for the archivist. He encouraged the Historical Council to begin giving consideration to the production of a readable, comprehensive treatment of the history of the United Church of Christ for the celebration of the 50th anniversary in 2007. Andy Lang of the Office of Communication met with us to discuss the placement of historical materials of interest to the Council on the UCC Web Page. We also discussed with him the providing of links on the UCC Web Site to the web sites of other archives in the UCC network, including those of the Lancaster and Eden Archives. The Council also took up the question of a revision of the United Church of Christ accessions policy and discussed the possibility of a joint luncheon or dinner meeting with the Disciples of Christ Historical Society at the next General Synod-General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri in 2001. On Friday evening, October 8, the Historical Council and other guests heard a splendid lecture by Dr. Theodore Trost concerning the early life and career of the Rev. Douglas Horton, former General Minister of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The society has experienced a change in its officers. At the end of 1998, Myron Wolf
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retired after 25 years of service as our treasurer. He was replaced by Kenneth Zimmerman, an active member of Trinity UCC, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania, who carried further the computerization of our financial records and who keeps a close eye on the yields of our investments.

The society's financial condition has been improved by the receipt of a portion of the distribution from an estate after several years of legal wrangling. The legal costs cut into the proceeds, but we cannot complain about an outcome which should increase our assets by about one-third. However welcome this gift is, we stand in need of more donations to increase our endowment so that we may continue our work of preserving the heritage of the churches of the Evangelical and Reformed tradition and making it better known. We remain on a rather tight budget. I urge the members to encourage others to join our society and to seek financial support for our work from other individuals and from the congregations, associations, and conferences to which they belong.

Richard Berg, as you can see in his report, carries on multiple tasks as archivist in addition to his duties as librarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary. With the help of a couple of computer experts on campus, he has placed the ERHS Archives on the Lancaster Theological Seminary website. We invite you to look us up at <http://www.lts.org/erhs.htm>. Our e-mail address is erhs@lts.org. Dick Berg manages an excellent staff of Diane Rimert and Dianne Russell and the volunteers noted in his report, who have put in many hours of hard work.

In summary, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society Archives, having been separated from its former partner, the United Church of Christ Archives, is in very good hands and is getting in better shape. We have considerably more space than formerly, enough in fact to provide an office for the president of the society. Our major desideratum is the recataloguing of our holdings and their computerization. We tried last year for a grant to carry out this project, but were not successful. We shall try again, and now that the president is retired from teaching, he may have more time for working on this and other needs of the society.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Payne, President

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

In striving to fulfill the mission of the Society, the staff in Lancaster has concentrated its efforts in four primary areas of work: service, collections, co-operation with other repositories, and membership and finances.

SERVICE. Providing needed information to a wide variety of people is one of the main goals. Inquiries to ERHS are of two basic types: historical research and genealogy.
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Historical research during the past year has included information and photographs for local churches' anniversary histories; the early years of the Coetus and its ties to the Synods of North and South Holland; research on John Williamson Nevin; early Pennsylvania Germans; Taufscheins; Mercersburg Theology; and pastors of former Dakota Synod (1884-1940).

COLLECTIONS. We continue the ongoing process begun by Kay Schellhase of reprocessing the collections to bring materials together into appropriate archival record groups. (judicatory and institutional records) and manuscript collections (personal papers). To date 40 manuscript collections have been reprocessed and inventories (finding aids) for 20 have been completed. We have also been identifying and organizing the many unorganized photographs. Photographs of pastors have been placed in acid-free Mylar sleeves and placed in their ministerial files; photos of groups, events, places are being placed in Mylar sleeves housed in large archival boxes. A database has been developed for all photos so that staff can search for them in a variety of ways. This will facilitate finding photos when requests come to us. Another ongoing project is to update the pastors' files with birth and death dates. The projects mentioned will be ongoing during the coming year as will the reclassification of the book collection, which will make that resource available through the Seminary Library automated catalog.

CO-OPERATION. ERHS continues to work closely with Eden Archives, the Southern Chapter Archives, and the Congregational Library and Archives in our joint efforts to collect, preserve and make available the historic records of our heritage. I was pleased to visit the Southern Chapter Archives in June, meeting with Ms. Jacqueline Sims, Archivist, and the Rev. Banks Shepherd. They graciously showed me the archives, answered my many questions, shared valuable information. We have agreed to share our respective holdings of local church records of churches in Southern Conference so that we can refer inquiries to each other as appropriate. Bill Kerr, Archivist at Eden Archives, and I have been in contact by e-mail to arrange the transfer of Purd Dietz' papers (some 60 boxes) from Eden to Lancaster. I have also asked Bill if it might be possible to fill in gaps in our holdings of Evangelical Synod yearbooks, General Conference minutes, etc. while offering to Eden duplicates of Reformed Church minutes, almanacs, etc.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE. We continue to encourage people who come to the ERHS in person to join the Society as a member. With mail, phone and e-mail inquiries, we always ask for a donation and include with any photocopies a membership brochure. Finances continue to be a major concern. Endowment needs to increase in order to support the operating budget, and foundation grants must be secured to support special projects. Your help is vital. Contact former Reformed churches and ask them to become institutional members (\$50.00 per year), talk with Association and Conference people and ask that the ERHS be included as a line item in their annual budgets, talk with individuals and suggest individual or life memberships or to provide for the Society in their wills. It is imperative that all of us work together to assure the financial future of the Society.

The work would not get done without the continuing efforts of our staff and volunteers.
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Diane Rimert concentrates primarily on creating the databases for our collections, day-to-day office routine, working on the photo and manuscript reprocessing projects, as well as helping with research and genealogy inquiries. Dianne Russell concentrates primarily on genealogical research and knows our resources very well. Eunice Mozingo works with us through the courtesy of the Lancaster County Office on Aging. She helps with the photo project and updating the pastors' files. Volunteer, Rev. Richard Whitney, has completed the organization of the local church files and is now working on the photo project. If you have any time you would like to donate to the Society, or know of others who might, please let us know. We can certainly use the help, you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and you will know that the past history of our church is well organized and cared for and ready to speak to and help shape the church's future. Come and join us!

Respectfully,
Richard Berg, Archivist

SOUTHERN CHAPTER REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter was held on October 31, 1998 at Brick UCC, Whitsett, North Carolina to celebrate their 250th anniversary and to meet in the Old Brick Church, built in 1814 and restored in 1998. The restoration of the old church cost approximately \$300,000.00. Coordinated by Bruce Clapp, a member of Brick UCC and President of the Clapp Family, this project was undertaken by the Clapp Family. A gift of \$100,000.00 was given to Brick UCC for the future upkeep of Old Brick Church. More than 100 persons attended this meeting. Several retired ministers commented on their days at Brick Church and a history of the congregation (Clapp's Church) and the Old Brick Church was presented by Mr. Bruce Clapp. In the afternoon, displays were set up as part of a heritage observance for the church. Also, we had a display of our Chapter and ERHS at Southern Conference Meeting, June 3-5, at Hampton, Virginia, and the Association Meeting on October 5, 1999 at Holy Covenant UCC, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Our Chapter's membership continues to grow. This year as part of the cost for the Annual Bus Tour to the ERHS meeting, we included membership into our Chapter. Therefore, we have approximately thirty new members.

In June, our Chapter was privileged to have the Rev. Richard Berg, ERHS Archivist, to visit our Southern Chapter Archives at Catawba College. He observed our facilities and our holdings and offered some helpful suggestions on how we may utilize our facilities more fully and coordinate with the ERHS Archives at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

In the past year our Chapter lost a faithful member in the death of Dr. Paul Limbert on December 24, 1998. He served much of his career as an executive officer with the International YMCA and had taught at the college level. He was author of a history of Congregational UCC, Asheville, North Carolina, where he held his membership.

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Instrumental in the founding of the retirement community in Black Mountain where he lived, Dr. Limbert had written an autobiography entitled *Reliving a Century*.

Upon the request of Rev. Everette Neese, author of a history of Pilgrim Reformed UCC, Lexington, to photograph the three land grants for the second printing of his book, the Executive Committee of the Chapter had the original copies restored and encapsulated. Archival copies of the originals were made to be photographed.

Most recently, Mrs. Jacquelyn Sims, Archivist at Catawba College, ordered a copy of *An Annotated Bibliography of the Works of Rev. Henry Harbaugh D.D.* by Rev. Merle Fox. Also, *The Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ Series* is being given to Catawba College Library by Dr. Theodore Leonard in memory of his parents. Mrs. Sims is investigating the cost for microfilming equipment for the archives. She continues to receive items for the archives; however, the cataloguing of the archival holdings has been put on hold due to staff changes at Catawba College. Her e-mail address is jsims@catawba.edu. She hopes to include historical books in the Archives on the Catawba College Library website.

The 1999 Annual Historical Bus Tour, sponsored by our Chapter, has included historical locations in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland as well as attending the ERHS Meeting on October 16 at Trinity UCC, Telford, Pennsylvania. The group will also visit UCC churches in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. On October 17, the tour group will also attend the dedication of an art piece at Santee Chapel, Lancaster Theological Seminary.

The Annual Meeting of the Chapter will be Saturday, November 6, 1999 at Ursinus UCC, Rockwell, North Carolina in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

Rev. Banks Shepherd is chairing the local church committee at First Reformed UCC, Lexington, North Carolina to plan for the 2001 ERHS Meeting. There will be a paper presented on Dr. J.C. Leonard, founding pastor of the church, and historian of Old Southern Synod as well as a history of First Church. The Rev. Michael Hooper is pastor of First Reformed UCC.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Banks Shepherd, President
Lawrence Bolick, Librarian

EDEN ARCHIVES REPORT

The 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of Eden Theological Seminary is moving along in its yearlong series of programs, including the expectation of having the ERHS Annual Meeting in Webster Groves on October 14, 2000.

We have already, this Fall, enjoyed banquets at Eden and a seminary-sponsored concert at Powell Hall by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, with reception and dinner following.

Both the Missouri UCC Conference Heritage committee and the Eden Archives Committee have recently met. The former plans celebrations from congregations having anniversaries as well as observing 50th ordination honors at the Missouri Conference meeting for Paul Dausman, Edward Heining, Robert Laaser, and Warren Mehl.

The Archives Committee received a report from C.W. (Bill) Kerr, the Archivist, about rearranging 45 drawers of pastor's files, reorganizing all file cabinets and contents, reorganizing congregation files by state, city and church, sorting the photo and slide collection, and preparing a new list of microfilm church records. He also inventoried and placed new acquisitions as well as worked on a Strategic Plan for the Archives.

President David Greenhaw reported continuing progress on the Joint Eden-Webster Library Authority which will provide mutual economies, while separate library staffs will work at two locations, with one director overseeing both operations. He indicated that library space redesign will double the current area at Eden, with possible inclusion of the bookstore in the library and additional archives facilities.

Lowell Zuck reported on the forthcoming 16th Century Studies Conference in St. Louis, where he and John Riggs will present papers, two of our librarians will present the research possibilities available in the James I. Good Rare Books collection, and some of the faculty will meet with Bernard Roussel, a leading Reformation scholar in Paris, formerly an exchange student at Eden, visiting St. Louis. Also, Volume IV of *The Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ*, with documents on Evangelical and Reformed history, will be published still in 1999. The editors are Lowell Zuck and Elizabeth Nordbeck.

The Archives presented sixteen microfilm rolls of Der Friedesnbote (1850-1934) to the Goettingen, Germany University Library and received from them in appreciation a two volume set of "The First Century of German-Language Printing in the U.S."

The Eden Archives continues to prize its relation to the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and sends greetings to you all, as well as to other linked historical instrumentalities within the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully yours,
Lowell H. Zuck, Senior Research Consultant

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UCC

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council-UCC		\$2,509.00
Conferences:		
Ohio	\$100.00	
Penn Central	\$375.00	
Penn West	\$100.00	
Penn Northeast	\$50.00	
Wisconsin	\$750.00	
Indiana-Kentucky	\$50.00	
Illinois South	\$50.00	
Northern California	\$25.00	
Illinois	\$50.00	
Minnesota	\$25.00	
		\$1,575.00
Associations:		
Susquehanna, NY	\$50.00	
Hudson-Mohawk, NY	\$50.00	
Lancaster, PA	\$1,125.00	
Clarion, PA	\$50.00	
		\$1,275.00
Memberships		\$4,838.00
Life Fees:		
Margaret Davies	\$250.00	
Alfreda Davidson	\$250.00	
John Schulthise	\$500.00	
Elizabeth Sanders	\$250.00	
Richard H. Whitney	\$250.00	
Kenneth Zimmerman	\$250.00	
		\$1,750.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		\$2,534.46
Interest on Investments		\$7,244.69
Visitor Fees		\$385.00
Miscellaneous Income:Rentals,Books		\$539.73
Gifts:(exceed membership amount)		
Marie K. Graeff estate	\$81,849.87	
Faith U.C.C., Lancaster	\$560.00	
Church of the Apostles, Lancaster	\$150.00	
John B. Payne	\$75.00	
Sandra Jordan	\$50.00	
Elvin J. Groff	\$50.00	
Ellen Lane	\$50.00	
St. Paul's UCC-Kentucky-Dr.G. Bricker memorial	\$50.00	
Roger & Frances Wentz	\$50.00	
Others (less than \$50.)	\$865.00	
		\$83,749.87
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>\$106,400.75</u>

INCOME AS OF 12/31/99

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UCC

EXPENSES

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$17,133.36
Supplies	\$1,214.69
Equipment	\$64.51
Printing	\$851.32
Postage	\$1,197.28
Telephone	\$650.54
Miscellaneous	\$848.32
Legal & Professional	\$28,203.07
Meetings and Travel	\$2,521.41
Special Projects	
Insurance	<u>\$742.00</u>

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$53,426.50</u>
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<u>NET INCOME 12/31/99</u>	<u>\$52,974.25</u>
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	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>SHEET</u>	<u>12/31/1999</u>		<u>MARKET VALUE</u>	<u>AS OF</u>
ASSETS						
Checking Accounts:	Bank of Lanc. Co.		\$3,921.04			
	Prudential Money Market		\$33,330.67			
	Petty Cash		\$40.00			
Certificates of Deposit:	Blue Ball National Bank		\$4,521.33			
	Northwest Savings		\$5,000.00			
	First Union		\$3,000.00			
	Northwest Savings Bank		\$2,500.00			
Vanguard Wellington Fund			\$1,008.00	\$3,522.96		12/31/1999
United Church Foundation			\$55,000.00	\$70,931.60		10/01/1999
Zweig Total Return Fund			\$15,000.00	\$11,050.00		12/31/1999
High Income Opportunity Fund			<u>\$34,240.63</u>	\$32,300.00		12/31/1999

<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$157,561.67</u>
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EQUITY

Opening Equity Balance	\$102,836.96
Retained Earnings	\$1,750.46
1999 Income	\$52,974.25
Total Equities	<u>\$157,561.67</u>

<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>	<u>\$157,561.67</u>
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K.R. Zimmerman,
Treasurer

NOTE: The Legal & Professional Expenses concerned the payment of attorney fees for the litigation involving the Graeff Estate. Excluding the income/expenses of the Graeff Estate, we would have a 1999 loss of \$1592.33.

NOTE: Memorial moneys received in the past for A.L. Brackbill, E. Bricker, G.M. Collins, Rev. J.B. Frantz, Rev. R.S. Weiler, P. Wetzel, St. Paul's Preservation Trust, and others are all a part of our investments.

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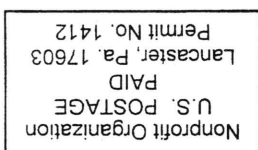
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