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2001 ANNUAL MEETING IN SALISBURY AND LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The 2001 Annual Meeting was held in two locations, at Catawba College, Salisbury, and at First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina. The meeting began on Friday evening, October 12, with a banquet at Catawba College, which was celebrating its 150th anniversary last year. Dr. Fred Corriher, President of Catawba College, and Dr. William Palmer, college archivist, gave lively presentations on the history of the college. After the banquet, members of the Historical Society were cordially invited to a delightful reception in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Corriher on the college campus.

The Annual Meeting resumed the next morning at First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington. At 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Michael Hooper, pastor of the church, led the group assembled in worship. The Mayor of Lexington, Mr. Richard Thomas, and the Rev. Banks Shepherd, the President of the Southern Chapter of the E & R Historical Society, brought greeting. The Annual Business Meeting followed whose minutes appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Following the business meeting, those in attendance were invited to view a video concerning the 100th Anniversary history of First Church and to tour the history room

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN TRAPPE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its next annual meeting at St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, October 12, 2002. It will be a joint meeting with the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. The theme will be: "Relations between Reformed and Lutheran Pastors and People in Eighteenth Century Pennsylvania." The speakers will be Dr. John C. Shetler and Dr. Charles Glatfelter. Dr. Shetler is the former Conference Minister of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, Museum Director of the Muhlenberg House and Historian of the Historical Society of Trappe, as well as Historian of St. Luke's UCC. He will speak on the topic, "Ecumenical Acts of Boehm and Muhlenberg in Trappe and the Perkiomen Valley in the Eighteenth Century." Dr. Glatfelter is Professor of History Emeritus of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the author of Pastors and People: German Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field, 1717-1793. The topic of his address will be: "The Union Church: Yet Another Review." In addition to St. Luke's Church, the members of the two societies will have the opportunity to visit the Muhlenberg House and historic Old Augustus Lutheran Church, which was built in 1743.

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of the church. A delicious lunch was then served in the fellowship hall. After the noon meal, Devin Odom, a high school senior and a member of First Church gave an outstanding presentation entitled, "Dr. J. C. Leonard Speaks For Himself," concerning the founding pastor of First Reformed Church. His dramatic monologue was received by the group with enthusiastic appreciation. The basis for his presentation was the excellent script prepared by Mrs. Katherine F. Skipper, the historian of First Church.

In the afternoon, society members visited Pilgrim Reformed UCC in Lexington, an historic church that was founded in 1757. William Sowers, a senior at Catawba College and Youth Minister at the church, introduced the church's historic display and spoke about its historic cemetery. The group then traveled to the Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell where Josh Regan, the new Director of Development, explained the home's ministry to neglected and abused children and youth. The next stop on the tour was at another splendid historic church, Grace (Lower Stone) in Rockwell, which dates back to 1745, but which obviously does not live only in its past, for according to its new minister, the Rev. Kevin Gilliam, it has a membership of 303 and an average attendance of 175. The tour ended at Shiloh, UCC in Faith, North Carolina, where Board member, Rev. Larry Bolick, serves as pastor. The members of Shiloh served the group a delicious meal in their beautiful new social hall and afterwards Larry Bolick spoke about the church's history and then led the group on a tour of the facilities.

For all who were present at the meeting, whether they came by bus from Missouri or by minivan and car from Pennsylvania, or from elsewhere, the two days were exceptional gifts of gracious and generous southern hospitality.

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The two societies will meet separately for their business sessions in the afternoon. For the remainder of the schedule, which will include worship, lectures and discussion, luncheon and tour in the afternoon after the business period, the two societies will meet together. This is itself an historic occasion, the first time the Evangelical and Reformed Society has met with the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. Hopefully, the meeting will not only improve the understanding of Lutheran and Reformed relations in the eighteenth century but will also enhance their relations in the present.

Further details concerning the meeting will appear in the July Newsletter.

DR. JACOB CALVIN LEONARD, SR. SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF

by Katherine F. Skipper

I was born February 13, 1867, youngest of the five sons of Valentine and Rebeckah Cox Leonard and a direct descendant in fifth generation of the Revolutionary patriot, Valentine Leonard, who came to America from Germany in 1746 and settled in the Pilgrim Community of Davidson County. The mother Reformed church of Davidson County, Pilgrim, was from its origin about 1754 called "Leonard's Church" in honor of this pioneer who was one of its first elders.

My early education was secured in the public schools of the Pilgrim area. At age 16, I secured a first grade teacher's certificate and taught school to earn money in order to further my education at Catawba High School in Newton, NC. After graduation in 1885, I entered the first freshman class of the newly established Catawba College. While a sophomore in college I felt the call to enter the ministry. In 1889, when I graduated, the Reformed Church in the South had grown so rapidly that there were not enough ministers to fill the pulpits and it became necessary to license young men before their course in theology had been completed. I presented myself to the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church for examination and became one of the first two graduates to enter the ministry directly from college. At the age of 23, I was called to the pastorate of the upper Davidson Charge that consisted of four churches.

At the 1892 meeting of the Classis of North Carolina, I, who had been a member of this body for only three years, was elected President, but because of my youthful inexperience I requested that the Classis excuse me from accepting the position. I was instead elected Stated Clerk, a position I held for the next 47 years.

In early 1892, I asked for and was granted a year off from my pastoral duties so that I might continue my education at Ursinus Theological Seminary. I graduated in May, 1893 and returned to Davidson County and was again assigned to the Upper Davidson Charge. During the seven years I was pastor there, I fostered the building of Arnold and Pilgrim Academies, taught and was principal at Pilgrim Academy, remodeled Pilgrim and Beulah Churches, organized congregations and built two churches. To serve the five churches in my charge, I conducted one service on Saturday, two on Sunday and two on Monday.

In 1885, Catawba College conferred upon me the degree of Master of Arts. In 1897, the college requested that I resign my position to become their Field Secretary at a salary of \$25 a month. I also taught English and History at the college for an additional \$50 per month. Conducting a funeral sometimes brought in as much as \$2 extra, and preaching at a Sunday service as much as \$5.

In December, 1899, I sent a petition to the General Synod, asking the Home Mission to undertake new work in North Carolina. I felt there was a special need for Reformed churches to be established in the towns of Lexington and High Point. The two towns were enrolled as one and I was commissioned as the first pastor. I did not hold any services, my plan being to build a house of worship first.

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In Lexington, I became the building committee, treasurer, financial director and a pastor without a congregation. I solicited money and adopted plans and built a church. The first service of the First Reformed Church of Lexington was held on Sunday, January 20th, 1901. The sanctuary had a seating capacity of 300 and every seat was filled. The cost for church and furnishing came to \$3,600 and the only debt was a \$1,000 loan from the Board of Missions.

In 1901, I also established and oversaw the building of a church in High Point. In 1902, I built a parsonage in Lexington and in 1903, established the Second Reformed Church in East Lexington. Except for three years, I served as pastor of both Lexington churches until 1922. I was also on the committees that organized churches in Greensboro and Salisbury.

First Church in Lexington grew rapidly and by 1912 had a membership of nearly 300 and a Sunday School membership of over 400. The need for larger facilities became evident and the first Sunday School was erected. In 1928, as the membership continued to grow, a Sunday School annex was built and a new church building erected. The church structure, completed and equipped, represented an outlay of approximately \$100,000. At the dedication service, I was pleased to announce that the building and equipment were paid in full.

Along with my many obligations at First Church, I was involved in state and national affairs. I attended every annual meeting of the Classis of North Carolina during my entire ministry. In 1920, I was elected as a member of the General Synod's Board of Missions and served for 12 years. At the May, 1923 meeting of the General Synod in Hickory, I was elected to a three-year-term as President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, becoming the only Southerner ever elected to this high office.

In 1929, I was elected secretary of the joint commission of the Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod of North America. After several years of negotiations, the two bodies met in 1934 for the purpose of organizing the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, bringing together two great bodies of Christians into a new denomination named the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

I served as trustee of Catawba and Claremont colleges and was active in the move of Catawba College from Newton to Salisbury in 1925. In 1927, for the college's 75th Anniversary, I wrote the *History of Catawba*. That same year I published *The Centennial History of Davidson County* and, in 1940, published *The History of the Southern Synod*.

My poor health forced me to resign as pastor of First Church in January 1939. In my letter of resignation to First Church, I wrote in part: "From the time of my decision to enter ministry, I have never had one moment of regret. My prayer through the years has been to be a useful minister of Jesus Christ and follow His guidance, no matter where He should lead. The fulfillment of these goals is in sight. If permitted, please God, to live into the next

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year, I will have been active in this high and holy calling for fifty years." Dr. Leonard died on March 15, 1943.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 2001

The Business Meeting began at 9:59 a.m. In his greetings, John Payne recognized the 23-member tour group from Missouri and Illinois. He noted that the tour group from the Southern Conference first began attending the Society's meetings in 1975.

The minutes for the meeting that was held October 14, 2000, at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis were received as presented.

In the President's report, John Payne noted the personnel changes in the E & R Archives in Lancaster. Written reports were also received from Richard Berg, the Society's Archivist; Banks Shepherd, President of the Southern Chapter; Lowell Zuck, the Senior Research Consultant of the Eden Archives in St. Louis; and Kenneth M. Zimmerman, the Society's Treasurer.

In the discussion that followed, John Payne and Lowell Zuck noted that those persons who send their membership fees to the UCC's Historical Council become members of the ERHS and the Congregational Christian Historical Society; each Society then gets half of those fees.

The motion to receive all the reports was made by Linda Gruber, seconded by Larry Bolick, and approved by those in attendance.

The Rev. Richard Cheek from Salisbury, North Carolina, and the Rev. Margaret Rohnacher from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, served on the Nominating Committee. Rev. Cheek presented the following report:

Executive Committee:

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

Directors at Large:

The Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick
The Rev. Linda Gruber
The Rev. Robert G. Hunsicker
The Rev. James D. Mohr
Mr. Dale Bennett
The Rev. Ralph C. Quellhorst
The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd
The Rev. Benjamin D. Motz
The Rev. Mark P. Steiner

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John Payne commented on the report of the committee concerning the term for the officers and directors of the ERHS. The committee consisted of Mary Schaller Blaufuss, John Payne and Ralph Quellhorst. He noted that up 'till now, officers and board members have been elected for terms of one year; however, they could be re-elected perpetually. The Board recommends that in the future, consideration be given to such factors as age, gender, geographical location, and costs. In the discussion that followed, someone suggested that there should also be a concern for balance between "E's" and "R's" in the Society leadership. Action will be taken on the recommendations of the Terms Committee at next year's meeting. (See the Board of Directors' Minutes for the recommendations of this committee.)

Notice was given that next year's meeting will be held October 12, 2002, at St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Trappe, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Larry Bolick pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OCT. 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Payne at 3:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Directors present: Lawrence Bolick, Linda Gruber, Robert Hunsicker, James Mohr, John Payne, Banks Shepherd, Mark Steiner, Kenneth Zimmerman, and Lowell Zuck. Absent: Richard Berg, Mary Hutchens, and Ralph Quellhorst.

The president welcomed and introduced Linda Gruber, pastor of St. John's UCC in Phoenixville, PA, as a new member of the Board of Directors. He explained that Mary Schaller Blaufuss has resigned and is now serving as a UCC-Disciples missionary teaching at United Theological College, in Bangalore, India. He reported that Mary Hutchens was unable to attend because of the death of her father-in-law and that Richard Berg was prevented from attending because of a heavy work load.

Banks Shepherd offered the opening prayer.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, October 13, 2000, at Eden Theological Seminary were approved after a motion to do so by Larry Bolick and a second by Lowell Zuck.

Kenneth Zimmerman was appointed secretary pro tem.

The written reports of the president, archivist, Southern Chapter, Eden Archives, and treasurer were all passed out and presented in summary form.

The treasurer, Kenneth Zimmerman, presented the budget proposal for 2002. It was moved by Larry Bolick and seconded by Jim Mohr that the budget be adopted as presented and

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that motion passed.

Larry Bolick reported on the plans for this year's meeting at Catawba College, Salisbury on Friday evening and on Saturday at First Reformed UCC in Lexington, North Carolina.

The president set forth the plans for next year's meeting at St. Luke's UCC, Trappe, Pennsylvania and a suggested agenda. He also noted that the next Executive Committee meeting would take place on Friday, April 5, 2002 in the Lancaster Archives.

The proposal from the committee concerning term limits was adopted with some modification. The committee, consisting of Mary Schaller Blaufuss, John Payne and Ralph Quellhorst, made the following recommendations: 1) that the term of officers be 5 years--renewable once; 2) that the term of directors be 3 years--renewable twice; 3) that the office of archivist be perpetual but subject to election each year; 4) that there be two vice-presidents, one representing the Eden Archives and the other representing the Southern Historical Society, the representative from the Eden Archives would be nominated by the Eden Archives Committee and the representative of the Southern Conference Historical Society would be nominated by that body; both would be subject to reelection at the ERHS Annual Meeting; 5) that these recommended actions be brought before the Board of Directors at its October 12, 2001 meeting for possible revision; 6) that they then be commended to the membership in the January and July newsletters in 2002 and that a ballot be sent with the July 2002 newsletter to be returned to the archives by October 1, 2002; 7) that the final action be taken at the October 12, 2002 annual business meeting at St. Luke's UCC in Trappe, PA, an action that would take effect for the election at the annual meeting in 2003; and 8) that both the voting by mail and the voting by person at the meeting be taken into account.

The Board accepted these recommendations of the committee with this added recommendation: that the following criteria be taken into account for the nominations: age, gender, geographical location, and costs.

The final item of business concerned Lancaster Archives policy issues proposed by the archivist, Richard Berg, for which he requested the input of the Board: a photographic use policy and fee schedule for the reproduction of photographs as well as a collection development policy. He also provided the Board with a Deed of Gift form he is using. And finally, the archivist provided the board with a list of accessions to the ERHS collection which have been processed during the year October 2000 to October 2001. He asked the Board to look over the material and to send him any suggestions or recommendations.

Respectfully submitted by Kenneth Zimmerman, secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, OCTOBER, 2001

After a 13 year hiatus, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society is returning to North Carolina to hold its Annual Meeting. In 1988, we met in Lexington, at Beck's United Church of Christ which in 1987-88 was observing its 200th Anniversary. This year we are meeting in two places which are observing significant anniversaries, on Friday evening, October 12, at Catawba College, Salisbury for its 150th, and on Saturday morning at First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, which is celebrating its 100th.

We are pleased that two tour groups have come to the annual meeting, one from Missouri and the other from Pennsylvania. The tour group from Missouri considerably outnumbers the one from Pennsylvania, but the number from Pennsylvania is somewhat augmented by members who chose to drive to the meeting by car.

We have had some changes in the archives. Diane Rimert, our administrative assistant and secretary since 1989, resigned at the end of May. The reason is that her husband was asked by his bishop to assume a new pastoral position in Berwyn, PA. We were indeed fortunate to have enjoyed Diane's services for so long. She knew the work of the archives thoroughly and was ready and competent to take on any task she was asked to perform. She was replaced by Nancy Rainey, whose prior position had been as acquisitions librarian and administrative assistant for the Lancaster Theological Seminary library. Previously, she was a part-time librarian/archivist for Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. She has the requisite skills to be able to discharge her duties in her new position with no difficulty. Dianne Russell continues as our very able and experienced research assistant. During this past year, we have also been assisted by two volunteers, Eunice Mazingo and George Parrish, who have undertaken important projects such as organizing our photograph collection, photocopying and preserving on acid free paper the Unger Genealogy Collection, and updating our clergy files.

In March, we received a grant of \$10,000 from the Arcadia Foundation in order to reorganize, reprocess, and describe the Reformed church records of Berks and Bucks counties and to mount inventories of them on the ERHS web page at the Lancaster Theological Seminary web site. You may recall that we received a \$5,000 grant from the Century Fund, Allentown for doing the same thing with the records of the former Reformed churches in Lehigh County. I have just submitted an application to the Lancaster County Foundation for a grant for carrying on a similar undertaking with the records of Lancaster County UCC churches. These two projects are parts of a larger one, which is to reorganize, reprocess and describe all the congregational records in our archives and post finding aids for them on the web. We have already made progress on the Lehigh County project.

Our archivist, Richard Berg, has made a considerable effort to obtain the records of closed churches and has had a fair amount of success in a wide geographical area: records from closed churches in Columbia, Mountville, Ottsville, Philadelphia and West Cameron, PA; from some churches in Ohio, and from a church in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. He has also obtained from Penn Central and Penn West conferences files of deceased clergy which we did not have in our archives. He also continues to reclassify the book collection and make

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the ERHS volumes available through the Philip Schaff Library on-line catalog and through the OCLC bibliographic data-base. Through these channels we have received many requests to loan books to libraries through the inter-library loan program. Of course, we do not lend rare or fragile items.

The number of research requests continues to increase. Most inquiries come now by E-mail though some come also by phone and by regular mail. The majority of the inquiries have to do with genealogy but there are also church historical research questions as well. The increase in inquiries has led us to develop a new fee schedule for research and photocopying. We have also recently adopted a new policy for supplying photographs to be published in books or periodicals. In addition, we have instituted a formal agreement to apply to museums who borrow materials from us. We intend likewise to develop a new collection policy.

In June, I mounted a display for the Historical Society at the Penn Central Conference meeting which drew considerable attention. Next time I must take along more brochures and newsletters for they were all picked up rather quickly. Last year, Mary Schaller Blaufuss took from the archives a display for the meeting of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. I would encourage others of you to do the same in your conferences.

In August, along with Lowell Zuck, I attended the meeting of the Editorial Board of the Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ. Everyone was quite upbeat about the progress of the series. Five volumes have now been published and the sixth will appear soon. The last volume, number seven, concerning the theological history of the denomination since the beginning of the United Church of Christ in 1957 will probably not appear until toward the end of 2003. Encouraging also was the report from the publisher, Pilgrim Press, that sales have been better than expected, that a couple of the earlier volumes at least will likely require a second printing. The ERHS Archives has provided material for volumes 3-6.

Plans for the 2002 Annual Meeting at St. Luke's Church of Christ in Trappe, PA, are already under way. The theme of the meeting will be: "The Relations Between Lutheran and Reformed Pastors and Churches in Pennsylvania in the 18th Century." Two papers will be presented, one by Dr. John Shetler, former Conference Minister, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and now Museum Director at the Muhlenberg House in Trappe. The other will be presented by Dr. Charles Glatfelter, Professor Emeritus at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA and a renowned authority on Pennsylvania German Lutheran and Reformed pastors and churches in the 18th Century. We hope that the tradition of tours from Southern Conference to our meetings will continue next year and that the tour from Missouri, which came to this meeting, will make coming to ERHS meeting also their tradition and plan to be with us in eastern Pennsylvania next October. Since this report was originally written, in response to my invitation, the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania has agreed to hold their next annual meeting in conjunction with ours. We rejoice that the two historical societies in this way will contribute to the Lutheran-Reformed dialogue which has been more and more taking place since the adoption of the Formula

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Agreement by the Evangelical Lutheran Church America, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Church of America and the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, John B. Payne

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST FOR 2000/2001

Archives are not just bunches of old, dusty papers written long ago by forgotten and forgettable persons. Listen to Michael Gorman as he describes his experience viewing the papers of a noted poet. "There were drafts written on the backs of envelopes, letters from colleagues with annotations in the poet's hand, versions of translations with commentary from collaborators, blue carbon copies on onion paper--all ephemera of a creative life and the very stuff of scholarly enquiry." Archives are the ephemera of creative lives but archives are more. These old, dusty papers were written by individuals whose intellect, learning, passion, energy, and commitment to Christ and the church shape every word. These words provided comfort and hope to untold numbers of others, they helped to establish and guide the policies and procedures of local congregations and of the Reformed and E & R denominations, their judicatories, institutions, theology, worship life, outreach, and identity. These old dusty papers are the lifeline linking our past history, our present understanding, and our planning for the future. Reading the rich kernels in the archives provides us with the grist for knowing how and why we have come to our present understanding of who we are as members of Christ's body and of the United Church of Christ.

Implicit in Gorman's words are the tasks of the archival repository: collecting, organizing, describing, and making accessible "the ephemera of a creative life and the very stuff of scholarly enquiry." The ERHS has taken these tasks seriously since the founding of its predecessor in 1863, the Historical Society of the Reformed Church in the United States. There is, however, a vital link which must be strong and on-going to clip together the archival tasks and enable the ERHS to fulfill its mission--adequate funding. In the remainder of this report I will review the ways the staff at the ERHS have been engaged in the archival tasks and conclude with some hopes for the future. (For staff changes, please see the President's Report.)

Grants from the Century Fund of Allentown, PA and the Arcadia Foundation have provided funds to continue the reorganization of church records and the purchase of software and hardware. A grant has been submitted to the Lancaster County Foundation to reprocess the church records of Lancaster County. To date the Lehigh County church records have been completed except for adding the finding aids to the ERHS web site. Work on Philadelphia church records is proceeding, the major collection being Salem-Zion UCC. This congregation began in 1818 and closed in 1999 but was the result of three mergers during its history, which presented a challenge for the proper organization of the records. Church records from other counties will be reprocessed after those for which we have received grants.

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Collections: Additional church records have been received from Columbia, Mountville, Ottsville, West Cameron, Pennsylvania and from Kaukauna, Wisconsin and Ohio. Additional material has come from Penn Central and Penn West Conferences. There is still material "out there" and we encourage anyone who knows about the location of such material to be in touch with us.

Reference Service: The number of research requests has increased. Most inquiries now come by E-mail and phone. The majority of inquiries are genealogical although we have had an increase in the number of other research questions as well. This increase in inquiries has led to the development of policies establishing fees for research, photocopying, use of photographs, and copyright, all of which have been submitted to the board for its approval.

As archivist, I have completed several consultations with local churches on how to handle their records. I will be doing a workshop on the same topic at a meeting of the North Penn Association, Penn Southeast Conference on Oct. 22. On April 6, 2002, I will be presenting a workshop on the genealogy resources of the ERHS at the Lancaster Family History Conference sponsored by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and the Lancaster County Historical Society. To raise awareness about the ERHS, our purpose, collections, and services, I will continue to seek opportunities to speak and present workshops to local churches, Association meetings, Conference meetings, and other historical society gatherings. If you have suggestions for such occasions, please contact me.

We have accomplished much. Much remains to be done. The major concern is the lack of adequate funding for the Society. Just as the Society is becoming known through our web presence and use of the collections is rising we are in danger of having to reduce staff and hours of operation. I would like to challenge you to look forward rather than backward. We need the help of all members in contacting their church, their Association, their Conference to become institutional members. The Board needs to take seriously its responsibility of providing adequate funding seriously by creating and implementing a financial plan including identifying and contacting individuals who could make major gifts to the Society's endowment and to current operating expenses. If, as I stated at the beginning of this report, archives are the link between the past, present and future, we must secure adequate funding to enable the Society to carry on this vital link into the future. Let us work together toward this goal.

Respectfully submitted, Richard R. Berg

SOUTHERN CHAPTER, OCT. 13, 2001

The Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society met on November 11, 2000 at Congregational United Church of Christ, Greensboro, NC, to observe its 100th Anniversary. The Rev. Julie Peebles, pastor of Congregational UCC, had an inspirational program and along with Dr. Bill Smith, pastor emeritus, gave a historical sketch on the church. In celebration of their 100 years of ministry, the congregation had a capital funds

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campaign for church building, improvements, and mission projects. Action was taken on life memberships for individuals (\$100) and churches (\$250). A decision was made to have a rotation of officers beginning in 2001. Officers elected for 2001 are as follows: President, Rev. Banks Shepherd; Vice President, Rev. Lawrence Bolick; Secretary, Rev. Harold Holste; Treasurer, Rev. Richard Cheek; and Librarian, Rev. Nelson Weller. In 2002, the President and Treasurer will be nominated and elected for a two-year-term. The other three offices, Vice President, Secretary, and Librarian will be elected in 2003. In the afternoon, the Society visited Peace UCC, Greensboro.

The 2001 meeting has been postponed and scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2002, at First Reformed United Church of Christ, High Point, NC due to hosting the national ERHS Meeting at Catawba College and First Reformed UCC, Lexington, on October 12-13, 2001.

Approximately 40 persons traveled on a bus tour on May 3-11, 2001, to the Southeast and Florida conferences. Greetings were brought by Conference ministers, Rev. Tim Downs and Dr. Douglas Borko. Three UCC churches were visited: First UCC, Orlando; Congregational UCC, Winter Park; and Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta. The tour included sightseeing at Epcot, MGM at Disney World, Universal Studios, historic Savannah, historic St. Augustine, Kennedy Space Center, Plains, Americus, Warm Springs, and Calloway Gardens, GA.

Four churches and Catawba College (150 years) were congratulated and recognized at the fall meeting of the WNC Association on October 9 upon special anniversaries. They were First Reformed UCC, Lexington (100 years); First Reformed UCC, High Point (100 years); Faith UCC, Hickory (100 years); and Rogers Park UCC (50 years). Two churches in WNC Association celebrating special anniversaries in 2002 are Pleasant Cross, Asheboro (Est. 1877) and Flint Hill, Sophia (Est. 1927).

We express our appreciation to Catawba College, President and Mrs. Fred Corriher, First Reformed UCC, Lexington and our Southern Chapter for hosting the ERHS Annual Meeting this year and to the churches and institution on the afternoon tour: Pilgrim UCC, Lexington; Nazareth Children's Home, Rockwell; Grace (Lower Stone) UCC, Rockwell; and Shiloh UCC, Faith.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Banks Shepherd, President and Rev. Larry Bolick, Vice President.

REPORT OF THE EDEN ARCHIVES TO THE ERHS, OCT. 13, 2001

The Eden Archives continues with Ms. Val Detjen ably serving as Archivist following the death of The Rev. Clifford "Bill" Kerr on Dec. 8, 2000. Before that sad event, President David Greenhaw of Eden presented a 95-page volume by Bill to him, "Heritage Moments," which gathered lively and careful materials he regularly presented to meetings of the Eden Board of Directors. Lowell Zuck also continues as Senior Research Consultant in the Archives.

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Since Webster University is about to begin building a new library building, we anticipate new arrangements for the use of our library facilities, including additional space for the Eden Archives in the future.

We benefit from the active work of a revitalized Heritage Committee of the MO Mid-South UCC Conference, currently chaired by Dr. Robert Baur. We are pleased that Lolly Wehrli, Barbara Greer and Betty Tope have made all arrangements for the Fall Heritage Tour group from MO and IL, here today, about 25 people.

Besides answering many requests and receiving visitors, the staff is planning for future usefulness and re-arrangement of our archival facilities. An unusual visitor was a young German ministerial candidate and doctoral student, Elga Zachu, from Bochum, Germany, who returned for a second visit to make use of the extensive ECU documents left to the Archives by Prof. Douglas Meeks.

The Eden Archives appreciates the opportunity to be of service to the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and to the wider United Church of Christ.

Respectfully Yours, Lowell H. Zuck

PLANNED GIFTS FOR THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From time to time the Historical Society has been the recipient of different types of planned gifts, bequests through wills and a gift annuity through an agreement with the United Church of Christ Financial Development Office. A UCC Gift Annuity is an irrevocable agreement by which one transfers assets to the United Church Foundation in return for a lifetime income of a fixed amount. The agreement also includes the designation of the congregation, conference, national ministry or other UCC related entity one wishes to benefit with one's gift after death. A person is entitled to take a Federal Income Tax deduction for a charitable contribution in the year that he or she makes the gift and part of the annual lifetime income is tax free. We encourage members to remember the Society in their wills and to consider such Gift Annuity Agreements and the naming of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society of the United Church of Christ as a beneficiary of such an agreement. For further information on this and other forms of Planned Giving by which one could guarantee lifetime income for oneself and at the same time receive a tax deduction while also benefiting the E & R Historical Society or other UCC related entity of your choice, write or call Lynne Hansen, Gift Administrator, UCC Financial Development Office, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1100; 800-846-6822 or (216)-736-2103.

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY U.C.C.

| | <u>INCOME</u> | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Executive Council-UCC | | \$1,979.59 |
| Conferences: | | |
| Penn Central | \$375.00 | |
| Penn West | \$100.00 | |
| Wisconsin | \$500.00 | |
| Indiana-Kentucky | \$50.00 | |
| Illinois South | \$50.00 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$1,075.00 |
| Associations: | | |
| Susquehanna, NY | \$50.00 | |
| Hudson-Mohawk, NY | \$50.00 | |
| Lancaster, PA | \$1,600.00 | |
| Clarion | \$50.00 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$1,750.00 |
| Memberships | | \$3,870.00 |
| Life Fees: | | |
| Charles Fogle | \$250.00 | |
| Ralph Kurtzman, Jr | \$250.00 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$500.00 |
| Historical Council Financial Campaign | | \$1,627.50 |
| Interest on Investments | | \$3,524.90 |
| Visitor Fees | | \$420.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income:Rentals,Books | | \$1,287.39 |
| Photographic Services | | \$16.55 |
| Research Services | | \$40.00 |
| Gifts:(exceed membership amount) | | |
| First Reformed Church UCC | \$750.00 | |
| Church of the Apostles | \$500.00 | |
| Faith UCC | \$280.00 | |
| Richard Crusius | \$181.19 | |
| C. Richard Beam | \$100.00 | |
| John B. Payne | \$100.00 | |
| Roger Wentz | \$100.00 | |
| Don Markham | \$50.00 | |
| Harry Focht | \$50.00 | |
| Elvin J Groff | \$50.00 | |
| Randolph Bready | \$50.00 | |
| Ralph Wigal | \$50.00 | |
| Others (less than \$50.) | \$782.45 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$3,043.64 |
| Dividends - Long Term Investments | | \$7,522.74 |
| <u>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</u> | | <u> \$26,657.31</u> |

INCOME AS OF 12/31/2001

EVANGELICAL REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY U.C.C.

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Payroll/Payroll Taxes | \$19,994.40 |
| Supplies | \$2,812.48 |
| Printing | \$910.82 |
| Postage | \$677.98 |
| Telephone | \$635.95 |
| Miscellaneous | \$771.34 |
| Meetings and Travel | \$2,724.21 |
| Book Purchases | (\$128.65) |
| Insurance | \$806.00 |

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| <u>TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES</u> | \$29,204.53 |
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| <u>NET ORDINARY INCOME 12/31/2001</u> | (\$2,547.22) |
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| Grants Received less Expenses (ARCADIA FOUNDATION; FIRST & ST. STEPHENS) | \$9,410.60 |
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| <u>NET INCOME 12/31/2001</u> | \$6,863.38 |
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| ASSETS | <u>BALANCE</u> | <u>SHEET</u> | <u>12/31/2001</u> | <u>MARKET VALUE</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Checking Accounts: | Farmers First Bank | | \$1,856.97 | |
| | Prudential Money Market | | \$41,342.63 | |
| | Petty Cash | | \$40.00 | |
| Certificates of Deposit: | Northwest Savings Bank | | \$2,688.21 | |
| | Northwest Savings Bank | | \$5,645.14 | |
| | Union National Community Bank | | \$15,000.00 | |
| Vanguard Wellington Fund | | | \$1,008.00 | \$3,434.76 |
| United Church Foundation | | | \$55,000.00 | \$64,718.88 |
| Zweig Total Return Fund | | | \$15,000.00 | \$11,985.00 |
| High Income Opportunity Fund | | | \$34,240.53 | \$28,120.00 |

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| <u>TOTAL ASSETS</u> | <u>\$171,821.48</u> |
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LIABILITIES

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| Payroll Liabilities | \$1,899.48 |
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EQUITY

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| Opening Equity Balance | \$102,836.96 |
| Retained Earnings | \$60,221.76 |
| 2001 Income | \$6,863.38 |
| Total Equities | <u>\$169,922.10</u> |

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| <u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u> | <u>\$171,821.58</u> |
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K.R. Zimmerman, Treasurer

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If you wish to be a member of both the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and
Reformed Historical Societies, make your check payable to: UCC Historical Council and
mail to: UCC Historical Council, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

MEMBERSHIPS

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Donor | \$25 | _____ |
| Student | \$ 7 | _____ |
| Life (Individuals only) | \$250 | _____ |
| Sponsor | \$100 | _____ |
| Institution | \$50 | _____ |

Please enroll me as a member of the ERHS for 2002. Enclosed is my check for the
following amount:

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
