

# CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

*The Book of Discipline ¶640.1-4*

## AGENDA, TUES., MAY 23, 2017 AT 10 AM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Membership: (*Discipline ¶640.1*)

David Werner, Chair.

Mary Bakeman

David Laechel, Secretary of Memoirs

Mary Beth Nelson

Kathy Spence Johnson, Archivist

Thelma Boeder, Conference Historian

Randy Koppen

Hilda Parks

Ex-officio members: Barbara Brower, MAC Director of Finance & Admin.  
Elizabeth Lopez, Member of GCAH

#### B. Brief updates by each member

#### C. Opening Devotions: David L.

#### D. Operate by Consensus

### II. REVIEW OF OUR WORK

#### A. Minutes of Feb. meeting. Comments, corrections, adoption.

#### B. Review of Commission duties as outlined by *The Book of Discipline* (¶640.1)

It will be our policy to look at the duties intentionally the first meeting of the calendar year.

### III. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

#### Preemptive Items: Creative ways the CAH can support local churches.

##### 1. Idea was to provide a monthly article in MN Connect.

March: David L.

April: Thelma B.      Heritage Sunday

May: Mary B.

June: David W.      Summer travel and Historic Sites

Updates?

##### 2. Facebook: 1) Questions

2) Resources

3) Contact information

##### 3. Logo for Archives

##### 4. Local Church anniversaries - Randy Koppen

##### 5. Bruce Buller about County Line Cemetery: Fence needs repairs. Owned by Conference Trustees?

##### 6. Organize internships that go to churches to help them record their stories and histories.

### A. Care for MNAC's "Historic Sites" [C.1.f.]

- | 1. Issues/concerns about our 15 official Historical Sites of the MNAC?  | <u>Last Visited?</u>     |
|---|--------------------------|
| a. Site of Kaposia*, south St. Paul (1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist Indian Mission in MN, 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC)<br>Plaque at Dakota Co. Historical Museum | Mary B, 5/2014           |
| b. Red Rock and Missionary Log Cabin* (located at Newport UMC)  | Mary, 10/2015            |
| c. Jacob Fahlstrom's Grave*, Afton (1 <sup>st</sup> convert to Methodism in MN)   | Thelma, 11/2015          |
| d. First Site of Hamline University* (Across street fr Red Wing UMC)  | David L. 6/2015          |
| e. Lenora Church*   | Mark Woodward, regularly |
| f. Old Salem Church* (Inver Grove Heights)  | Thelma, 6/2014           |
| g. Taylor's Falls UMC*  | Active Congregation      |
| h. Koronis Ministries, Paynesville ("Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds")  | Active Ministry          |
| i. Market St. M.E. Church Site* (Marker on parking ramp)  | Kathy 8/2015             |
| j. Wesley UMC* (currently "Historic Wesley on Grant") (Mpls)  | Kathy 8/2015             |
| k. Ottawa Church* (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society)   | Hilda, Summer 2015       |
| l. Portland Prairie Church  | Annual Gathering, 2014   |
| m. Olivet UMC, Robbinsdale  | Active Congregation      |
| n. First Finnish ME Church, Salem,* near Moose Lake   | Thelma, Summer 2015      |
| o. Hamline Church UMC*  | Active Congregation      |
- \*UM Historic Site of GCAH (12 of them)  
*-A more complete description is posted on the Conference Web site.*

#### 2. Updates on Historic Sites:

#### 3. Report from the First Finnish Fellowship, Thelma B., Chair. and CAH rep.

#### 4. Historical markers to be delivered to the site in some meaningful and encouraging way:

David L. was unable to find the MAC plaque when he visited Portland Prairie Church last May. Kathy said she would check with Deb Ray to see if it has been placed, & where.  
 Market St. M.E. Church Site - Connect with parking ramp owners (David)  
 Sent letter. No response. David W. will try stopping there in person.  
 Fahlstrom's Grave - Attach marker to grave will cost about \$175. (Thelma & Kathy)

#### 5. Any issues on any of the other sites we need to be aware of?

Presenting the GCAH plaque to Koronis ministries. (David W.)

#### 6. Have there been any requests for an Application and Guidelines for the nomination of Historical Sites to the MNAC? Is any action needed?

#### 7. Any further information on the site of the First UB Annual Conference, held at Marion, MN, on Aug. 5, 1857...perhaps held at John W. Fulkerson's farm? Perhaps the Olmsted Co. Historical Society could provide more info? (Thelma and David L.)

### B. Nominating "Historic Sites" (not "Landmarks") to the General CAH

We will submit the application for one site per year.

2017 - Portland Prairie

2018 - Olivet UMC

**C. 2016 is the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MAC.**

\$900 residual from grant from UM Historical Society of MN. Ideas include:

- 1) Video of the 50 years since the UM merger in 1968.
- 2) PastPerfect software of archival materials, with virtual exhibits on website.

-Kathy sent out a test last month. Feedback?

**D. Annual Conference Historian [C.3.] Report from Thelma, the Conference Historian.****E. Secretary of Memoirs Report from David Laechel, Secretary of Memoirs**

Use the obituaries of clergy who have died in the journal.

Still send letters to the families seeking more information.

Perhaps be proactive and call the Conference Office annually

**F. Permanent safekeeping of the historical records of closed churches. [C.1.b.]**

Kathy needs some volunteer help to go through several boxes and sell some old books.

**G. Conference Archives [C.1.a., b. and c.] Any concerns/issues?****H. North Central Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History Convocation**

Sending delegates to the 2017 Convocation held by Dakotas in Bismarck July 11-14.

Chair David Werner is unable to attend, as he must lead a mission trip that week.

1)

2)

Notes: We are allowed to send the CAH chair and two other official delegates from the MAC. If the chair does not go, then we still send only two delegates.

2016 Hosted by Iowa, at Mount Pleasant.

2017 Hosted by Dakotas, at Bismarck (July 11-14, 2017)

2018 Hosted by (Wisconsin?)

2019 Minnesota?? (Duane Coates reminded us we are hosting General Conference 2020)

Ideas: Paynesville, at Lake Koronis? Focus on Evangelical Assoc.

**I. UM Historical Society of MN Report? Any issues to discuss?**

David W. sent an email in May to Laurie Boche inquiring as to the activity of the Historical Society, its 501c3 status and requirements of an annual meeting. Awaiting response.

**J. Any Other Business?****IV. ESTABLISHING OUR PRIORITIES FOR OUR FUTURE WORK**

**V. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS:** Sept. 12

? Nov. \_\_\_\_\_