

# CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

*The Book of Discipline ¶641.1-4*

## AGENDA, TUES., SEPT. 8, 2020 AT 10 AM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Membership: [*Discipline* ¶641.1]

David Werner, Chair.

Mary Bakeman

Judith Clark

David Laechel, Secretary of Memoirs

Mary Beth Nelson

Heidi Heller, Archivist

Thelma Boeder, Conference Historian

Dan Foster

Randy Koppen

Hilda Parks

Ex-officio members: Barbara Brower, MAC Director of Finance & Admin.

Elizabeth Lopez, Member of GCAH [*Discipline* ¶710.6]

#### B. Office hours of Heidi Heller, Archivist: M-Tu: 7:30a - 4:00p, W: 7:30a-11:30a

#### C. Brief updates by each member

#### D. Opening Devotions: Rev. Dan Foster

#### E. Operate by Consensus

### II. REVIEW OF OUR WORK

#### A. Minutes of May meeting. Comments, corrections.

#### B. Review of Commission duties as outlined by *The Book of Discipline* [¶641.1]

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

### III. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

#### A. Creative ways the CAH can support local churches. [¶641.1]

##### 1. Provide a quarterly article in MN Connect, promoting an event.

2018	Spring	David & Kathy	NCJ CAH at Dayton, OH: UMC 50 <sup>th</sup> merger
	Summer	Kathy	July 29 Portland Prairie event, w/Bishop.
	Fall:	Kathy	Email blast to church historians
2019	Winter:	David L.	“Save the date” for Convocation of JCAH
	Spring:	David L.	Formal invitation to Convocation of JCAH
	Fall:	Thelma/Heidi	Thelma’s work published w/Heidi’s help
2020	Winter:	Heidi	Introduction of new archivist
	Spring:	Thelma	NCJ CAH in Iron Mtn., Michigan, July 6-9
	Summer:	Thelma	Summer events held at Historic Sites
			Reflections on past pandemics -Heidi?
	Fall:		Possibly the retirement of Bishop Sally Dyck?

##### 2. Helping local churches record their histories.

Ideas?

## **B. Care for MNAC's "Historic Sites" [¶641.1]**

- | 1. Issues/concerns about our 15 official Historical Sites of the MNAC?   | <u>Last Visited?</u>     |
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| 1. 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, 2/2020           |
| 2. Red Rock and Missionary Log Cabin (located at Newport UMC)  | Active Congregation      |
| 3. Jacob Fahlstrom's Grave, Afton (1 <sup>st</sup> convert to Methodism in MN)   | Thelma, 9/2018           |
| 4. First Site of Hamline University (Plaque on 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Red Wing)   | David L., 8/2018         |
| 5. Lenora Church (MAC owns)  | Mark Woodward, regularly |
| 6. Old Salem Church (Inver Grove Heights) (MAC owns)<br>The "Friends of Old Salem" is active and Laurie Boche is involved.                         | Judy & Thelma 1/6/19     |
| 7. Taylor's Falls UMC  | Active Congregation      |
| 8. Koronis Ministries ("Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds," Paynesville)   | Active Ministry          |
| 9. Market St. M.E. Church Site (Marker on parking ramp)  | Thelma 12/2019           |
| 10. Wesley UMC (Mpls)  | Kathy 5/2017             |
| 11. Ottawa Church (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society) Anniversary Worship  | Summer/2019              |
| 12. Portland Prairie Church  | David L., 7/2018         |
| 13. Olivet UMC, Robbinsdale  | Active Congregation      |
| 14. First Finnish ME Church, Salem, near Moose Lake  | Thelma, 7/2017           |
| 15. Hamline Church UMC   | Active Congregation      |
- A more complete description is posted on the Conference Web site.*  
 Note: All sights are listed as UM Historic Site of GCAH

2. Report from the First Finnish Fellowship, Thelma B., Chair. and CAH rep.  
The Finnish site is currently owned by Moose Lake UMC, the cemetery by West Side Church
3. Have there been any requests for an Application and Guidelines for the nomination of Historical Sites to the MNAC? Is any action needed?

## **C. Significant Anniversaries of the MAC. [¶641.1]**

**D. Annual Conference Historian [¶641.3]** Report from Thelma, the Conference Historian.

**E. Secretary of Memoirs** Report from David L., Secretary of Memoirs

**F. Marking Local Church Anniversaries and Milestones.** Report from Randy Koppen  
Randy sends letters of congratulations to churches celebrating milestones.

**G. Conference Archives [¶641.1]** Conference Archivist  
Possible grant applications for Archive needs from the UM Historical Society of MN?

**I. UM Historical Society of MN [¶641.2]**

Dormant. Laurie Boche is president. Other officers include Thelma Boeder and Hilda Parks. About \$2,800 available for grants (submit to Laurie Boche). We need to resolve this in 2020. Hilda will connect with Laurie to see actions to disband the society. Heidi will write grants for archive projects to utilize available funds.

**J. Compiling a List of Active Fellowships of UM Historical Sites in MN**

Thelma will compile. Should include Old Salem, Inver Grove; Salem, Paynesville; Portland Prairie; Lenora; Old Prairieville Cemetery; Pickerel Lake German Methodist Episcopal; Palmyra Swedish Methodist Episcopal.

Another idea would be (for Thelma?) to make a listing of all historical cemetery associations in our Conference.

**K. Any Other Business?**

1. North Central Jurisdiction Convocation will be July 2021 at Iron Mountain, MI. We need to elect 2 delegates, who will have access to reimbursable expenses.

2. Thelma will explore the possibility of hosting an informal gathering of archivists and historians during General Conference 2021,

3. Thelma and Heidi will work out a display for the 2021 Annual Conference Ministry Fair.

4. General Conference 2021...any action we should be taking?

5. Other

**IV. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS:** Tues., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Devotions \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>