

CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The Book of Discipline ¶641.1-4

AGENDA, TUES., MAY 14, 2019 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

Kathy Spence Johnson, 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. Brief updates by each member

C. Opening Devotions: David L.

D. Operate by Consensus

II. REVIEW OF OUR WORK

A. Minutes of January meeting. Comments, corrections, adoption.

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. Preemptive Items: 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 th 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

2. Idea starter: Helping local churches record their histories.

-David L. compiling email addresses of local church historians or contact person. He has begun emailing every local church, attaching a letter of greeting from CAH.

-Hilda and Randy will connect with ethnic UM congregations in our Conference and request a copy of their stories of origin. They will sketch an outline for congregations to follow in compiling their stories, and this outline may be useful for other new and even long-standing congregations. It might be useful, for example, to the Church in the Maples to help them reconstruct their story of origin.

3. North Central Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History Convocation

2019, July 8-10. Minnesota hosts (plan for 30-60 people). Location: Mankato, MN
 Theme: The Way Forward: Looking Backward to Discern a Path Forward
 Report from 2019 Convocation Work Team.

B. Other business before the Commission, as time:

1. Care for MNAC's "Historic Sites" [¶641.1]

- a. Issues/concerns about our 15 official Historical Sites of the MNAC? Last Visited?
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| 1. Site of Kaposia, south St. Paul (1 st Methodist Indian Mission in MN, 1 st UMC) | |
| Plaque at Dakota Co. Historical Museum | Mary B, 5/2014 |
| 2. Red Rock and Missionary Log Cabin (located at Newport UMC) | Active Congregation |
| 3. Jacob Fahlstrom's Grave, Afton (1 st convert to Methodism in MN) | Thelma, 9/2018 |
| 4. First Site of Hamline University (Plaque on 1 st UMC Red Wing) | David L., 8/2018 |
| 5. Lenora Church | Mark Woodward, regularly |
| 6. Old Salem Church (Inver Grove Heights) | Epiphany Service, Judy & Hilda 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) | Kathy 8/2018 |
| 10. Wesley UMC (currently "Historic Wesley Center on Grant St") (Mpls) | Kathy 5/2017 |
| 11. Ottawa Church (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society) | Hilda, Summer 2016 |
| 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

- b. 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
- c. Historical markers to be delivered to the site in some meaningful and encouraging way:
 Market St. M.E. Church Site - David W. contacted owners. Still in progress.
 Olivet UMC, Robbinsdale - Presentation of General CAH plaque by Mary Beth.
- d. Have there been any requests for an Application and Guidelines for the nomination of Historical Sites to the MNAC? Is any action needed?
- e. 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? David L., "This is the year!"

2. Significant Anniversaries of the MAC. [¶641.1]

2018 Marking the 50 anniversary of the UM merger in 1968. The merger was voted on at General Conference 1968, but it didn't happen in MN until 1969. EUB and ME conferences met separately in Mounds Park and Hamline, respectively, to vote, and then came all together. David W. has offered assistance to the Sessions Planning team, and Kathy will create a display for the Conference display tables.

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

4. Secretary of Memoirs Report from David L., Secretary of Memoirs

5. Marking Local Church Anniversaries and Milestones. Randy

Randy sends letters of congratulations to churches celebrating milestones.

He also sent a letter to the Church of the Maples sharing our support, encouraging them to reconstruct their church's story by salvaging artifacts, memorabilia and documents that were off site, and then requesting them to share whatever they find and reconstruct with the Conference Archives.

6. Permanent safekeeping of the historical records of closed churches. [¶641.1]

7. Conference Archives [¶641.1] Kathy, Conference Archivist

MAC is moving to a third party digital asset management system, mfiles (St. Cloud).

Kathy is retiring on Oct. 31. We so appreciate her stellar work and ministry, and we will celebrate her at our September meeting. We are willing to help the conference staff in any way to find her replacement.

8. UM Historical Society of MN [¶641.2]

Dormant. There are some funds available for grants.

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

Annual meetings, contact information, etc. that we can promote and communicate.

So far, include: Old Salem, Inver Grove; Salem, Paynesville; Portland Prairie; Lenora; Old Prairieville Cemetery; Pickerel Lake German Methodist Episcopal; Palmyra Swedish Methodist Episcopal.

We briefly discussed sharing with these fellowships the process to becoming Historical Sites of the Conference. We want to share the possibility, but the criteria is high.

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

10. Any Other Business?

IV. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS: July 8-11 JCAH Convocation at Mankato

Sept. 10, 2019 regular meeting at Conference Offices,

followed by taking Kathy out for an appreciation lunch