

# CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

*The Book of Discipline ¶641.1-4*

## AGENDA, TUES., NOV. 12, 2019 AT 10 AM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

David Werner, Chair.

?? Archivist

Mary Bakeman

Thelma Boeder, Conference Historian

Judith Clark

Dan Foster

David Laechel, Secretary of Memoirs

Randy Koppen

Mary Beth Nelson

Hilda Parks

Ex-officio members:

Barbara Brower, MAC Director of Finance & Admin.

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

#### B. Welcome to our new Archivist

#### C. Brief updates by each member

#### D. Opening Devotions: David L.

#### E. Operate by Consensus

### II. REVIEW OF OUR WORK

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

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

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|------|---------|---------------|--|
| 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/Kathy  | Thelma’s work published w/Kathy’s help             |
| 2020 | Winter: |               | Introduction of new archivist...meet & greet?      |

2. Helping local churches record their histories.

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.

**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, 5/2014           |
| 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)  | Kathy 8/2018             |
| 10. Wesley UMC (Mpls)  | Kathy 5/2017             |
| 11. Ottawa Church (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society) Summer 2019 Anniversary Worship  |                          |
| 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. Historical markers to be delivered to the site in some meaningful and encouraging way:

Market St. M.E. Church Site - David W. emailed the owner company in September.

4. There has been some concern about the access to the Ottawa Church. Hilda will send a letter to the Le Sueur Co. Historical Society on our behalf telling them we want the site accessible.

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

6. 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!"

**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.** Randy

Randy sends letters of congratulations to churches celebrating milestones.

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

-Awaiting report from the recent conservation assessment of our archives.

-Archives are nearing full capacity. We will need more storage at some point.

**H. Conference Archives** [¶641.1] Conference Archivist

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

Welcome to our new archivist!

Any initial concerns or needs?

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

Dormant. Laurie Boche is president. Other officers include Thelma Boeder and Hilda Parks.

There is about \$2,800 in funds available for grants. Requests go to Laurie Boche.

**J. 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.

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

**K. Any Other Business?**

North Central Jurisdiction Convocation will be July 6-9 at Iron Mountain, Michigan

We will need to elect 2 delegates, who will have access to reimbursable expenses.

**IV. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS:** Tues., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. - Noon. (Archivist will need to book the room.)

Tues., May 12<sup>th</sup>??