

# CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

*The Book of Discipline ¶641.1-4*

## AGENDA, TUES., NOV. 13, 2018 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

#### 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.

We will preempt this task until further notice to allow more time for Jurisdictional items.

### III. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

#### 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 <sup>th</sup> merger
	Summer	Kathy	July 29 Portland Prairie event, w/Bishop.
	Fall:		

Winter:

Spring:

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

-David L. compiling email addresses of local church historians or contact person.

-David W. has draft letter that can be sent out to current church historians to thank them for their work and to encourage them, when David L.'s list is compiled.

**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:

Other business before the Commission, as time:

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

- |   | <u>Last Visited?</u>     |
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| 1. Issues/concerns about our 15 official Historical Sites of the MNAC?  |                          |
| 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)  | Active Congregation      |
| c. Jacob Fahlstrom's Grave*, Afton (1 <sup>st</sup> convert to Methodism in MN)   | Thelma, 9/2018           |
| d. First Site of Hamline University* (Plaque on 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Red Wing)   | David L., 8/2018         |
| e. Lenora Church*   | Mark Woodward, regularly |
| f. Old Salem Church* (Inver Grove Heights)  | Summer event 2018?       |
| g. Taylor's Falls UMC*  | Active Congregation      |
| h. Koronis Ministries* ("Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds," Paynesville)   | Active Ministry          |
| i. Market St. M.E. Church Site* (Marker on parking ramp)  | Kathy 8/2015             |
| j. Wesley UMC* (currently "Historic Wesley Center on Grant St") (Mpls)  | Kathy 5/2017             |
| k. Ottawa Church* (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society)   | Hilda, Summer 2016       |
| l. Portland Prairie Church  | David L., 7/2018         |
| m. Olivet UMC, Robbinsdale  | Active Congregation      |
| n. First Finnish ME Church, Salem,* near Moose Lake   | Thelma, 7/2017           |
| o. Hamline Church UMC*  | Active Congregation      |
| *UM Historic Site of GCAH (13 of them)  |                          |
| <i>-A more complete description is posted on the Conference Web site.</i>   |                          |

2. Old Salem request for leadership assistance. Laurie Bocke said she would help.

3. 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

4. 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

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!"

**B. Registering "Historic Sites" (not "Landmarks") to the General CAH [¶641.1]**

2018 - Olivet UMC

2019 - None. All current Historic Sites have been registered.

**C. 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.

**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.** Randy

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

**H. Conference Archives** [¶641.1] Kathy, Conference Archivist  
Display at Red Rock Camp meeting's 150th.

**I. UM Historical Society of MN** [¶641.2]  
Dormant. There are some funds available for grants.

**J. Compiling a List of Active Fellowships of UM Historical Sites in MN**  
Annual meetings, contact information, etc. that we can promote and communicate.  
7 so far, incl. Old Salem in Paynesville, Portland Prairie, Lenora, Inver Grove, Prairieville

**K. Any Other Business?**

**IV. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS:** Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 14, 2019?