

## SEJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting of the SEJ of the United Methodist Historical Society met on the Campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida from July 10 through the 13.

This campus is the home of the largest collection of buildings designed by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and all participants enjoyed a tour of the structures and learned of the long existing relationship between Florida Methodist and Cuba.

At that meeting, the Rev. Dennis Lamm was voted onto the Executive Committee and Lay member John Mitchell was voted onto the Steering Committee.

In 2016, the North Carolina Historical Society will be hosting the event and will be meeting in New Bern, North Carolina.

Come and join us next July 19 – 22, 2016 as we look at the early days of Methodism in colonial North Carolina.

**NOTE To receive Saddlebags via email, send your email address to Robin Harry at [rharry@nccumc.org](mailto:rharry@nccumc.org)**

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### FALL MEETING OF NCC HISTORICAL SOCIETY - OCTOBER 10, 2015

The meeting of the NCC Historical Society and NCC Archives and History will be held at the United Methodist Building on Saturday, October 10, 10:00am.



The program will be a round-table discussion by Rev. Arthur Warren, Rev. Dennis Lamm, and NCC Historical Society President, Doug Jonas. They will be answering your questions about historical societies on the local church, conference, and jurisdictional levels.

Lunch will be provided. Please contact Robin Harry at [rharry@nccumc.org](mailto:rharry@nccumc.org) to reserve your spot for lunch.

For directions to the United Methodist Building, please visit the NCCUMC website at: <http://nccumc.org/find/>

### HERITAGE PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

November 20-21, 2015, Terrace Hotel, Lake Junaluska, NC



Help spread the word! The SEJ Commission on Archives and History will present its bi-annual Heritage Preservation Workshop on November 20-21 at the newly renovated Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska. Practical hands-on sessions will address the issue of disaster response as it relates to the care of historic records and artifacts in the local church. Disasters include major events such as fires, tornados and hurricanes, as well as broken water pipes and vandalism. Participants will begin to construct a disaster response plan for their church, learn how to recover damaged papers and photographs, and much more.

The event begins on Friday evening with an address by keynote speaker the Rev. Alfred T. Day III, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History for The United Methodist Church. On Saturday evening, attendees are invited to tour the World Methodist Museum located on the grounds of Lake Junaluska.

For registration information, contact Nancy Watkins at [nwatkins@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:nwatkins@lakejunaluska.com) or (828) 454-6781. **Due to the hands-on nature of the sessions, registration is limited to 30 participants.**

## NCCOMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 18, 2015

Welcome – President Doug Jonas gave greetings to those gathered for our meeting.

Introductions around the table – Those in attendance were: Rev. Arthur Warren, Mr. Doug Jonas, Rev. Dennis Lamm, Ms. Jennifer Nance, Mr. John Mitchell, Mrs. Patty Vore, Mr. Steve Stafford, Mrs. Kaye Stafford, Mrs. Patty Jackson, Mr. Jim Mott, Rev. Danny Allen, Mrs. Judy Bannette, Mrs. Arlene Peele, Ms. Elizabeth Talley, and Rev. Bryan Huffman. Devotion – presented by Rev. Bryan Huffman on Jeremiah 29:11.

Minutes – Mr. John Mitchell made a motion for the minutes to be approved; 2nd by Rev. Dennis Lamm. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written in the Saddlebags.

Financial Report – President Jonas gave the checking account as being \$ 3,274.19 plus \$ 1,008.48 in a CD. Mr. John Mitchell made the motion that \$ 2074 be transferred from the checking account to a one year CD; it was 2nd by Rev. Arthur Warren.

Old Business – President Jonas announced that there was no Old Business before the Society.

New Business – President Jonas announced that there was no New Business before the Society.

Announcements – Rev. Dennis Lamm announced the following:

(1) Several books that were written in the 1600-1700s have been reprinted. He had a number of books that he offered to anyone interested; the rest would be donated to the library at First UMC Washington.

(2) The Southeastern Jurisdictional UMC Historical Society meeting would be held at Florida Southern College on July 7-10. Many buildings were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

(3) Presented a copy of "The Report to the Bishop" which contained reports from pastors of all circuits in 1800.

Mr. John Mitchell announced:

Historical Society for UMC General Historical Convocation will be held at Garrett College, Evanston, Ill., from July 20-23.

Guest Presenter – President Jonas introduced Mrs. Patty Vore of First UMC Washington who has been a UMC in North Carolina since 1980.

Mrs. Vore shared the 231 year history of First UMC in Washington, NC. She presented a PowerPoint presentation that began in the 1700s with Dempsey and Sarah Hinton moving to Washington, NC and helping establish in 1776 what would later become First UMC. The Hinton's began worshipping in their home with Bishop Francis Asbury mentioning them in his journal on numerous occasions. He attended the dedication of the church in 1802. Ralph Potts was known as the Father of First UMC. He gave the property and helped built the first church building. It is rumored that Mr. Potts had a rare copy of John Wesley's Hymnal published in 1780. Other important figures in the life of First UMC Washington include James Avent, Josephus Daniels and Josephus Daniels, Jr.

Tour – After Mrs. Vore's presentation, she gave us a guided tour of the Sanctuary and adjoining buildings located on the property of First UMC Washington.

Blessing of the meal by Rev. Danny Allen.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Rev. Dennis Lamm, Chairperson of the Commission, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone attending our meeting. Those in attendance: Mr. Doug Jonas – President of the NCCUM Historical Society, Mrs. Patty Vore, Mr. John Mitchell, Mrs. Arlene Peele, Ms. Jennifer Nance, Rev. Dennis Lamm, Rev. Arthur Warren, and Rev. Bryan Huffman.

Minutes – Mr. Doug Jonas gave a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Rev. Bryan Huffman seconded the

motion. It passed.

Project – Rev. Lamm shared that the six year project of scanning all District Office records has been completed and closed.

Contributions – Mr. John Mitchell stated that his mother's (Mrs. Vivian Mitchell) estate was donating records that she collected on North Carolina pastors through the year.

SEJ Historical Society Meeting 2016 planning – The 2016 SEJ Historical Society Meeting will be hosted by the NC Commission on Archives and History in New Bern on July 12-15. Rev. Lamm opened the planning session with his recent trip to New Bern, NC to collect items that could be placed in welcome packets and research hotels in the area.

Responsibilities were delegated:

(1) Ms. Jennifer Nance will collect items for ~75 Welcome packets for the 2016 meeting.

(2) Mr. John Mitchell will ask Rev. Vernon Brown about homemade crosses for the welcome bags.

(3) Mr. John Mitchell asked about follow up with the entertainment for the Banquet on Thursday night. The Banquet will hopefully have Rev. Scott Wilkerson, Rev. Curtis Campbell and other members of The Circus Tent Ministry as the program.

(4) Ms. Jennifer Nance will follow up on different caterers for the Banquet.

(5) Rev. Bryan Huffman will follow up on Church Use Facility for Centenary UMC and the rooms used for the SEJ Historical Society activities from July 12-15.

(6) Rev. Lamm led discussion of schedule and meals for July 2016.

Next Meeting – Held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Methodist Building in Garner, NC.

Rev. Lamm adjourned the meeting.



First UMC Washington NC

## NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

### DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

#### CLERGY

Dewey William Griffin  
July 21, 1930 – March 10, 2015

Gerald Rudolph Massey  
February 2, 1927 – March 11, 2015

James Collins P. Brown  
February 27, 1927 – March 15, 2015  
Husband of Martha P. Brown

Jean Livingston Hood  
January 4, 1923 – March 16, 2015

John Martin Bowman  
October 5, 1935 – March 19, 2015  
Husband of Fayette Smith Bowman

Tommy Lewis Evans  
January 7, 1953 – March 27, 2015

George Franklin Cribb  
November 11, 1925 – March 27, 2015  
Husband of Sadie C. Cribb

Hugo Luciano Lopez  
January 16, 1930 – April 3, 2015  
Husband of Hilda N. Lopez

Charles Cooper Smith  
May 27, 1939 – April 4, 2015  
Husband of Andrea Jill Williams Smith

John Thomas Smith  
September 27, 1932 – April 30, 2015  
Husband of Judy Harrell Smith

Frank L. Alexander  
February 29, 1932 – May 1, 2015  
Husband of Mildred Alexander

John Samuel Norman  
August 18, 1932 – May 22, 2015  
Husband of Hazel Norman

Howard M. Wilkinson  
September 30, 1925 – May 29, 2015  
Husband of Husband of Virginia S. Wilkinson

William Rankin Crowder  
January 9, 1919 – May 20, 2015  
Husband of Edith Mae S. Crowder

Peggy Duncan-Wood  
April 16, 1938 – June 1, 2015  
Wife of Max E. Wood

Sidney Earl Stafford  
January 13, 1934 – July 3, 2015  
Husband of Grace Stafford

Edward C. Elliott  
August 22, 1928 – June 26, 2015  
Husband of Gay Hay Elliott

Thomas Given Holtsclaw  
October 4, 1938 – August 8, 2015  
Husband of Janice M. Holtsclaw

#### SPOUSES

Lucy Jefferson Tyson  
June 13, 1936 – January 31, 2015  
Widow of Bobby Powell Tyson

Dorothy Eure Poulk  
December 20, 1925 – April 19, 2015  
Widow of Robert McDonald Poulk

Robert Harris  
September 19, 1947 – May 2, 2015  
Husband of Jo Elaine Harris

Mildred B. Young  
August 11, 1932 – June 8, 2015  
Widow of John Kenneth Young

Kathryn Alexander  
March 21, 1928 – June 18, 2015  
Wife of Gayle Thomas Alexander

Velma Edwards Parvin  
August 1, 1929 – July 1, 2015  
Widow of James Burbank Parvin

Dorothy Mae Eldredge  
May 23, 1929 – July 16, 2015  
Wife of Robert Kenneth Eldredge

Claudia Louise M. Seawell  
October 21, 1915 – August 17, 2015  
Widow of William Albright Seawell, Sr.