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

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 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 or (828) 454-6781. Due to the hands-on nature of the sessions, registration is limited to 30 participants.
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 – Mr. Doug 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 build 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 NCUM Commission, 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 years.

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 the $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.

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

Rev. Lamm adjourned the meeting.