

**REPORT OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION—2016  
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The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society—Southern Region continued to promote membership to the ERHS which oversees the Archives of the Reformed Church in United States, housed at Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 West James St., Lancaster, PA 17603 and the Evangelical Church of North America Archives, housed at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119. Annual Memberships: Individuals--\$35 and Institutions--\$60 sent to ERHS at Lancaster Theological Seminary at above address.

In an effort to reorganize this organization, the officers met to plan an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC, Lexington, NC. The program, presented by Pastor, Rev. William Sowers, consisted of a history of Hedrick's Grove Church, which had celebrated 125 years on May 5, 2016. He and Rev. Larry Bolick had a display of historical books on the Reformed Church. Mrs. Eulene Shepherd presented a paper on Rev. Samuel Suther, Reformed Pastor in the Piedmont from 1768-86, written by the late Rev. Banks Shepherd, her husband. During the business session, churches that were celebrating anniversaries in multiples of 25 years were named: Holy Covenant UCC, Charlotte (100 years), Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC, Lexington (125 years), Congregational UCC, Tryon (125 years), Calvary UCC, Thomasville (125 years) and several churches no longer in the UCC: New Gilead Reformed, Concord (250 years), Mt. Hope Reformed, Salisbury (150 years), Union Grove Christian Church, Asheboro (150 years), Community Christian Church, Pfafftown (75 years). Upon the church's invitation, a certificate of recognition was prepared for these special anniversaries and presented.

As a gift from the Society to the churches, a copy of "Guide to Arrangement and Description of Local Church Records," written by Rev. Richard R. Berg, Archivist Emeritus has been provided this year.

CHURCHES RELATED sales continue to be our greatest source of income during the year. A free copy has been provided to students in the care of the Association as they prepare for Christian Ministry and become acquainted with the Association, Conference and local church histories. Presently, we just over 100 copies of this book available for sale at \$15.00 per copy. Each year for the past nine years, we have made a \$1000 contribution to the ERHS budget to help operate the Archives at LTS.

The Annual Meeting of the ERHS will be Saturday, September 24, 2016 at LTS. The program will be on Mercersburg Theology and the major action of business will be the adoption of the revised constitution of the organization. Unfortunately, our president for the past 15 years, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, died this past winter and a memorial fund was set up in her name. The newly elected president is The Reverence Doctor Charles A. Maxfield, the author of A Pilgrim People, A History of the United Church of Christ and its Antecedents.

