

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EVANGELICAL & REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT TO WESTERN N.C. ASSOCIATION
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There are 69 churches from our region that have information about their church history in a container at the archives in Lancaster, PA. Please stop by the E & R Historical table at the WNC Association and see if your church is one of those whose history is stored in these archives. It is the responsibility of the churches to keep their history up to date, so that people will be able to access these histories online. The Regional churches no longer have their history stored at the Catawba College Library, because there was no longer space available for the archives to use. Therefore, the remaining information and collectables were moved to the Lancaster archives where space was available. Lancaster has the staff to properly take care of these materials, and make them available online. A trained staff is there to help you find the information from your file or deposit more history from your church if you wish to visit there.

There was no regional - wide meeting held in 2014, because of lack of interest in the 2013 meeting. The elected officials did meet on February 28, 2014 at The Palm's Restaurant in Salisbury. The officers are: President, Rev. Harold Holste; Vice President, Rev. Larry Bolick; Secretary, Rev. James Humphrey; Treasurer, Mrs. Cynthia Buckwell; Historian, Rev. Tom Hamilton; and Book Treasurer, Eulene Shepherd. The group was positive and enthusiastic. It was noted that the long time archivist Rev. Richard Berg from Lancaster Seminary was retiring in May, 2014. His position has been filled by interim Phillip Anglin. Other decisions that were addressed and decided by the Board officers were:

- (A) Send \$1000.00 from our treasury to support the Lancaster Archives expenses.
- (B) Move most of the remaining money in our treasury to an account in the United Church Funds to receive more interest than the local banks.
- (C) We plan to spend more time contacting individual churches to work on our membership.
- (D) We approved a motion to deliver in person a brochure "The Evangelical & Reformed Society" which has important information for every one of the 69 churches who have information stored there. Yes, we are renters of these containers and we do have a responsibility to pay our rent.

If someone calls you, and wishes to discuss your church history, please be kind enough to take a little time to meet us. Your church history is very important to people searching ancestors online, as well as future generations. None of this committee in paid for their expenses, but enjoy keeping the E & R Historical news available. Three of the members of this board are also on the national E & R Historical Board which met on September 27, 2014 at Lancaster, PA. They are: Mr. Dale Bennett, Rev. Larry Bolick, and Rev. Harold Holste. Also the book "Churches Related" are still available for sale. Pick one up today.