

SOUTHERN REGION EVANGELICAL & REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY (ERHS)

Report to the Western North Carolina Association

October 3, 2015

The Officers for the Southern Region are as follows: President - Rev. Harold Holste, Vice President - Rev. Larry Bolick, Secretary - Rev. Jim Humphrey, Treasurer - Mrs. Cynthia Buckwell, and Librarian - Dr. Tom Hamilton.

There were eleven members who attended the ERHS Annual Meeting at Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS), in Lancaster, PA on September 27, 2014. Rev. Harold Holste and Rev. Larry Bolick attended the Annual Board Meeting in the morning while the rest of the group toured the Archives and LTS. In the afternoon, the Annual Meeting included remembering Rev. Dr. Lowell Zuck, Professor of Church History and long-time member of the Society, who represented the Evangelical Church Archives at Eden Theological Seminary, and naming Rev. Richard Berg, Librarian of LTS and Archivist for ERHS Society, as Archivist Emeritus after sixteen years of service. The program for the meeting was the Caravan Project, 1948 - 1968, which included slides presented by Rev. Dr. Don Flick while he was a participant in the project. We met the new Archivist, Phillip B. Anglin, and the new Office Manager and Archives Assistant, Jennifer Groff, who both have extensive library and research experience. The next Annual Meeting will be September 26, 2015 at LTS.

The 2014 Bus Trip included attending *MOSES* at Sight and Sound Theater, tours of Amish Country, Gettysburg Visitor's Center and Battlegrounds, attending worship and touring Old First Reformed UCC, Lancaster, and of course, the ERHS Annual Meeting.

Efforts this year have been made to make available brochures of the Society and Archives to former UCC churches with Reformed heritage so that their records would not be lost. Also, the officers have reviewed the procedures for historical preservation of church records and met with the Trustees of Keller Reformed UCC, Kannapolis, to advise them on the preservation of their church records upon its closure at the end of 2014. Anticipation was building to have Archivist Phillip Anglin visit Southern Conference and hold a workshop on preserving church records when he decided to leave this position to enroll at a Catholic Seminary in New Orleans. Unfortunately Jennifer Groff has resigned and a new office assistant, Meghan Phillips, has been hired. Contacts may be made by calling 717-290-8734 or emailing: erhs@lancasterseminary.edu.

Each year, the Society has been supporting the Archives with a gift of \$1000. We also sent a \$500 contribution to help with the cost of printing the 50th Anniversary History of Southern Conference, 1965 - 2015, which was distributed to those registered at the Annual Meeting.

This fall we will hold a membership drive for the Southern Region and the national organization. Dues for the Southern Region are \$10 per year for individuals and \$50 for churches. National dues are \$35 per year for individual members and \$60 per year for churches. All dues may be sent to Treasurer Ms. Cynthia Buckwell, 12721 Hwy 49N, Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124.

Copies of *Churches Related* were made available at the Annual Meetings of WNCA and Southern Conference and given to the Pastoral Leadership Development students.