

The Eighth Historical Convocation

Monday, July 20 – Thursday, July 23, 2015

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Evanston, Illinois

The Eighth Historical Convocation is a joint meeting of the General Commission on Archives and History, The Historical Society of The United Methodist Church, the North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, and the Commission on Archives and History of The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church

Theme—“Diversity: It’s Complicated”

(United Methodism has always been diverse and has had a complicated relationship with that diversity.)

(The General Commission on Archives and History will hold its annual meeting from Saturday, July 18 through Monday July 20. This schedule begins with the arrival of HSUMC, NCJCAH, and CAHNIC on Monday, July 20)

Monday, July 20

Travel day for Historical Society and Jurisdictional Commission

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Board meeting

(Dinner on your own)

7 p.m. Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (G-ETS): Opening with greetings from area Bishop and G-ETS President and entertainment

Return to Hotel

Tuesday, July 21

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: President’s Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Priscilla Pope Levison of Seattle Pacific University

Noon Room 205 and grounds (including lake front) Lunch

1 p.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. M. Rene Johnson of Michigan on Native American Methodist preachers in the upper Midwest.

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (Jurisdiction with HSUMC and other participants attending)

6 p.m. Banquet at Evanston First United Methodist Church (catered by Tre Kronor Swedish Restaurant of Chicago) with HSUMC awards (Ministry of Memory, Saddlebag Selection), a brief presentation on the ministry of First Church, and perhaps a facility tour with emphasis on the Church's new Archives Room.

Return to Hotel

Wednesday, July 22 Tour Day

The Tour Day will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Frances Willard House and Museum in Evanston. At 8:45 a.m. we will board buses to drive by several sites significant to United Methodist history on the Northside of Chicago. We will have lunch, a tour, and a brief program at First United Methodist Church, Chicago (the Chicago Temple). In the afternoon, we will drive by Southside sites and stop at the new National Park Service Pullman Neighborhood location (including Greenstone United Methodist Church). We will finish the day with dinner at St. Mark United Methodist Church (formerly of the Lexington Conference, Central Jurisdiction).

At 7 p.m. at St. Mark, we will have a lecture by Dr. William (Bobby) McClain on the Central Jurisdiction.

Return to Hotel

Thursday, July 23

Breakfast on your own

9 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Lecture by Dr. Jaeyeon Lucy Chung, Director of the United Library at G-ETS on the archival implications of the theme of the event.

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Room 205 G-ETS: Business meeting (HSUMC with Jurisdiction and other

participants attending)

Adjourn with lunch

Registration

Accommodations:

The preferred accommodations for both the General Commission and the Historical Society/Jurisdiction Commission will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The Hilton is in downtown Evanston, less than half a mile from Garrett-ETS (there will be a shuttle service), and convenient to the shopping and dining of a major metropolitan area. The cost will be somewhat higher than is traditional, particularly for the Jurisdiction, but the facilities are first rate, with king-size or two double beds, private bathroom, individual temperature controls and accessibility. The cost is \$149 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy (having a roommate will save you 50%). There is a \$10.00 surcharge for additional persons per room.

Those attending should make their own reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-847-475-6400, toll free at 1-877-STAY-HGI, or online at www.evanston.hgi.com. Request the HSUMC ANNUAL MEETING block. A group booking code will be provided for those registering on line. The group booking code is HSUMC. The **deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, June 19, 2015. However, the latest date to adjust the number of rooms without charge to HSUMC is May 22, 2015.** *The earlier you reserve, the better. If you need to reserve between May 22 and June 19, please let me know at the number or e-mail below, so that we do not release your room.*

For those who are driving, there is a parking garage contiguous to the hotel, with parking for guests (cost \$13 per day). For those who are flying, O'Hare International Airport is the most convenient destination. Transportation from O'Hare will be provided by the host conference both for arrival and departure. Include requests for transportation on the registration form for the Convocation. Limited parking is available on campus. If you wish or need to drive to G-ETS, please indicate under "travel plans" on the registration form.

If you have special dietary, accessibility, or other needs, if you need suggestions for other accommodations, or if you have any other questions or concerns about accommodations, please contact Dan Swinson directly: Daniel Swinson, Vice President, HSUMC, and coordinator of local arrangements for the Northern Illinois Conference, e-mail: djswinson@wowway.com or t.methodist@sbcglobal.net; cell phone: 847-772-6915.

Eighth Historical Convocation Program Registration

(Please fill out separate form for each attendee)

Name (Please print): _____
(as you wish it to appear on your name tag and registration list)

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Conference _____

Travel plans:

Special needs or requests:

Event Costs

Registration, all activities (program costs, banquet, tour day, lunches, snacks, etc.)	\$175.00	\$ _____
Registration minus Wednesday tour day	\$135.00	\$ _____
Registration minus Tuesday banquet	\$135.00	\$ _____
Registration, minus tour day and banquet	\$ 85.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Banquet only	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Tour Day only	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Commuter rate per day (lunches, snacks, staff)	\$ 42.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church
(NICUMC)

Send Registration and Payments to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 West Golf Road,
Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056, attn. Dan Swinson. Questions, contact Dan Swinson at
djswinson@wowway.com, or 847-772-6915.

Add on Tour Opportunity

In addition, there will be an **“add-on” opportunity to visit the newly recognized Helenor Davisson Historic Sites** in northern Indiana. Rev. Davisson, a Methodist Protestant, was the first woman ordained a deacon in the UM tradition (see the home page of the General Commission on Archives and History or the Fall 2014 issue of *Historian's Digest*). On **Friday, July 24**, the tour group will meet at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 107 E. Angelica St. Rensselaer, IN, at 11:00 AM Central time. Trinity is some 90 miles (two to three hours' drive) from Evanston. After an introduction, the tour will proceed to Helenor's grave site and two of the sites used by the Methodist Protestants for worship (Rosebud schoolhouse and a former MP church). Lunch will be served in the former church (now a museum) at a modest cost, followed in the afternoon by a visit to the Alter stone house in which Helenor was ordained in 1866 and the Rev. John Alter grave near Remington. Cars and drivers will be available, or you may drive your own vehicle. No charge for this event. For further information, please contact Richard Stowe at rastowe@mstar.net or 765-759-9321.