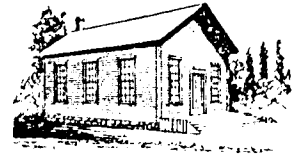




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Annual Meeting, May 28

UM HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Four amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Historical Society of Wisconsin will be voted on at the annual meeting of the Society on Thursday evening, May 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Study Lounge, lower level, of Debot Dining Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The amendments will change the time of elections from the spring conference session to the Fall Pilgrimage; put a limit on the number of years an officer can serve in an office or on the executive committee and allow for programs and for business, other than elections, to be conducted at the annual conference session. (See "Amendments," p. 3)

"Get your food in one of the cafeteria lines upstairs," said President Bob Kuhn, "and carry the tray downstairs." The Study Lounge is in the north end of the building.

Cost of the meal is \$ 4.90 for those who do not have a Conference Meal Ticket.

In addition to the amendments to be voted on, members will elect officers and plan the '87 Pilgrimage.

1987 FALL PILGRIMAGE TO CELEBRATE 150th YEAR OF AZTALAN CIRCUIT

Our 1987 Fall Historical Pilgrimage, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Aztalan Circuit, which was set up as part of the Milwaukee District of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1837.

This new circuit, as developed by the Rev. Samuel Pillsbury and the Rev. Jesse Halstead, covered the area west of Milwaukee and east of Madison from Janesville to Watertown. Preaching points included Prairieville (Waukesha), East Troy, Elkhorn, Burlington and Janesville. Located near Lake Mills, Aztalan, itself, had 62 members scattered over this area, according to Pillsbury and Halstead.

The name of the circuit was changed to Honey Creek in 1838. Pillsbury stayed on with J. F. Flanders as his colleague. In 1839, the Rev. J. McKean was appointed to serve the southern part of this circuit, now called the Walworth Circuit.

The northern part of the circuit became the Watertown Circuit which included everything between Milwaukee on the east and Madison and Portage on the west. The Rev. H. W. Frink was appointed to this circuit and started classes at Wauwatosa and Menominee, among others.

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In 1840, what started as one circuit became four--Burlington and Rochester, Troy, Watertown, and Summit. Janesville and Prairieville became separate appointments in 1841.

Since this circuit covered so large an area, we will not be able to visit all of the congregations which have grown out of it. The Pilgrimage will be held somewhere near the center of the area. Churches we cannot visit will be asked to make a presentation there.

Detailed information on the location and arrangements for lunch will be published in the September issue of Flashbacks.

BRYCE ARMSTRONG HOSTS MUSEUM TOUR AT 1986 HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE

Bryce Armstrong, pastor of Memorial Church, Milwaukee, described the work done on the Museum building located on the church property when the Historical Society met for its annual pilgrimage October 4 at Memorial church.

A history of Memorial Church was given, describing Milwaukee as Indian Territory when the first preachers came with the gospel in 1833.

First efforts of the Methodist Church began there in 1835. Lutz and Evangelical preachers came to visit in 1840 and began work among the German settlers in the area where Memorial Church had its beginning.

Lutz preached the first Protestant sermon in Milwaukee, and as a result of his work, a church was started with 18 members.

A revival was held and 32 persons experienced salvation. The work was off to a good start.

The first house of worship was dedicated in 1844 by Bishop John Seybert of the Evangelical Association.

Dr. Raymond Veh gave a history of Bishop Seybert, and said of him, "He was a mighty man of prayer, who was steeped in Scripture and who walked with God. He had an alert mind, a spirit of humility and an evangelistic passion."

Rev. Milton Liesman gave a brief history of the German Methodist work in this area. The work was going by 1875 and by 1882, Immanuel Congregation was established.

Fraternal greetings were shared from Rev. David Caulker from King Memorial United Methodist Church in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.

More material from this pilgrimage will be shared with Flashbacks readers in a special post-conference issue to be published this summer.

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Material of historical interest, such as church anniversaries, recollections, activities of local church historical committees, and historians should be sent to her at the above address.

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Rev. William M. Jannusch *vice president*

Rev. Theodore Jordan, *secretary*

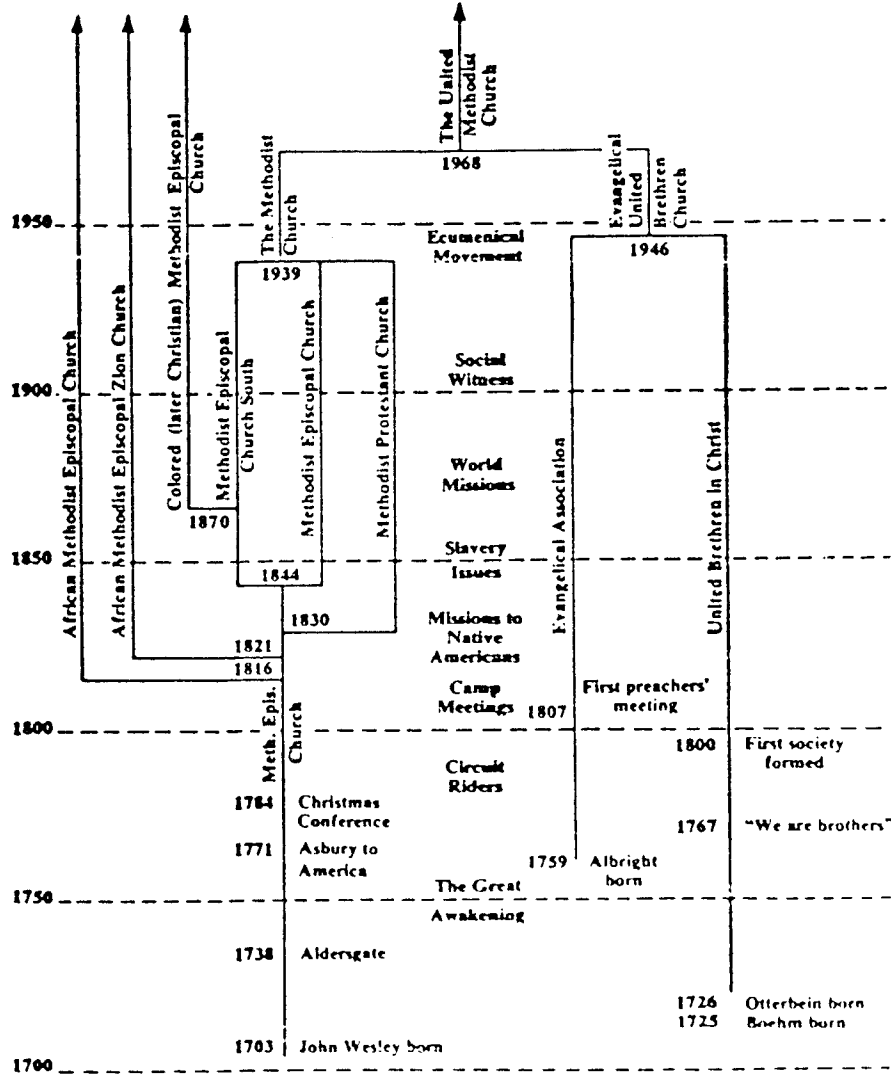
Linn C. Emerick, *treasurer* (ex officio)

Mrs. Ferne E. Hoeft, *editor of Flashbacks*

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Membership applications and dues should be sent to the membership secretary at the above address.

Background of the "Methodist" Family of churches in the United States



UNITED METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

An authorized conference organization

1. WHO MAY JOIN?
Any person who is interested in the history of our denomination and conference, indicates a desire to join, and pays the required dues.
2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION?
 - a. To encourage the collection and preservation of records, recollections, biographies, memorials, and other pertinent materials having special reference to United Methodism in Wisconsin, including local church memorabilia.
 - b. To promote and disseminate a knowledge of United Methodist History.
3. WHAT ARE THE TYPES AND COSTS OF MEMBERSHIPS
 - a. Single membership, annually - \$3.00
 - b. Family membership, annually - \$4.00
 - c. Life membership, paid once - \$50.00
 - d. NOTE: Those who wish to purchase the magazine, Methodist History, may do so by paying an additional \$10.00, which is the cost of the subscription.
4. HOW IS THE MEMBERSHIP MONEY USED?
To publish the newsletter, Flashbacks, and finance the society's other activities, such as the annual pilgrimage.
5. WHERE SHOULD THE DUES BE SENT?
All money for membership should be sent to: (NOTE THE CHANGE!!!!!!)

Lois C. Olsen
P. O. Box 10326
Milwaukee, WI. 53210

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Tear off the bottom part of the sheet and send with the money for membership in the Society to Lois C. Olsen (Please Note The Change, To Whom It Is To Be Sent!!).

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name	Type of Membership
Address	City and State
	Zip Code

Please check if you wish to subscribe to Methodist History Magazine _____
Please enclose payment.

6. WHAT PERIOD IS COVERED BY THE ANNUAL DUES?

All memberships start on January 1 and run through December 31. Money received now applies to the 1988 year, unless otherwise designated.

7. WHEN IS THE ANNUAL MEETING?

The Annual Meeting for 1987 will be held on Thursday night, May 28 at the site of Annual Conference, which is Stevens Point. There will be a resolution to ammend the Constitution so that the election of officers beginning is 1988 would occur at the Annual Pilgrimage.

8. WHERE WILL THE 1987 PILGRIMAGE BE HELD AND WHEN?

The 1987 Pilgrimage will be held on one of the churches which came out of the Aztalan Parish which began in 1837. It will be held on Saturday, October 3 beginning with a noon meal. We will look at the history of those churches which came out of that parish 150 years ago.

9. WHAT ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER, FLASHBACKS?

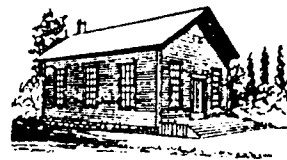
It comes out three times each year, and is mailed to every member of the society. It contains stories relating to the history of our conference and state, accounts of local church observations, and similar interesting material. Our editor, Ferne Hoeft, needs all the material that can be sent. You can send material to her at the following address:

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Here are four Amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Historical Society of Wisconsin, which we will consider at the Annual Meeting. These Amendments must be published in Flashbacks before the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society at Annual Conference.

The four Amendments are as follows:

1. To Amend Article III entitled "Officers"

It now reads: "The officers shall be : president, vice president, secretary, membership secretary, treasurer (ex officio, the Conference Treasurer), and editor of the newsletter."

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2. To Amend Article IV, Section 7 entitled "Elections"

It now reads: "Elections. The officers shall be elected annually, at the annual meeting of the society. A nominating committee, to be named by the president at least 60 days prior to such meeting, shall present a slate of nominees, each of whom has indicated a willingness to serve in the capacity named. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor. Persons elected shall serve until the close of the following annual meeting. In case of vacancies the executive committee is empowered to fill the unexpired term (except in case of the president, who shall be automatically succeeded by the vice president)."

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3. To Ammend Article IV, Section 8 entitled "Executive Committee"

It now reads: "Executive Committee. There shall be an executive committee, composed of the officers of the society, plus two additional members elected at the annual meeting. In inerims between meetings of the society it shall exercise the powers of the annual meeting, subject to review at the next annual meeting. It shall exercise general over-, sight of the program and work of the society."

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4. To Ammend Article V entitled "Meetings"

It now reads: "There shall be an annual meeting held in connection with the sessions of conference. Officers shall be elected, reports received, and such ~~other~~ business transacted as may seem best to the society. There may be a program of historical interest in connection with its annual meeting. Special meetings of the society may be called by the president plus at least two other members of the executive committee, The executive committee shall meet on the call of the president."

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ANNUAL MEETING

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