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ELECTION RESULTS

The final tally of votes indicates the following elected officers. These officers will take office at the Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, April 21-24, 2005.

President—Patricia Thompson

Vice-president—Jim Morris

Secretary—Mary Bakeman

Treasurer—Michael Peterlin

Pat Thompson (*clergywoman in Vermont*) is an elder in full connection in the New England Annual Conference and serves currently as the Historian and Chairperson of the New England CCAH. Pat served as the Secretary of GCAH from 1996-2004, as President of the NEJCAH from 1996-2000, and as a member of the NEJCAH Executive Committee from 1992-2004. Pat served from 1989-1995 as the Chair of the Section on Commissions and Historical Societies for the HSUMC and has served as the President of the HSUMC for the past four years.

Jim Morris (*Clergyman in Iowa*) has served on Iowa CCAH 1966-87, 2000-date (Chair, 1976-84); NCJ Commission, 1966-87, 2000-date (Chair, 1980-84); Red Bird Missionary CCAH, 1987-2000 (Chair, 1988-96); SEJ CCAH, 1988-2000 (Chair, 1988-92); GCAH, 1972-76, 1980-88, 1992-2000, 2004-date; Founding Member, HSUMC; Member, World Methodist Historical Society.

Mary Bakeman (*Laywoman in Minnesota*) has been a member since the Denver meeting, is currently the chair of the Genealogy Section, has served as Board representative from that section as well, and has served as the Secretary Pro Tem at the last two annual meetings. She is a member of various historical and genealogical societies, owns a

local history/genealogy bookstore, and is an author. A life-long Methodist, she is serving as co-chair of her local church's 125th anniversary celebration this year.

Michael Peterlin (*Clergyman in Michigan*) led tours for the NCJCAH. In addition, he presented a paper to the annual meeting of the Detroit CCAH. During his wife's tenure as Archivist for the Detroit Annual Conference he frequently assisted researchers at the Archives. He has served on the Detroit Annual CCAH. Currently he is chair of the Local Church section of the HSUMC. He has attended meetings on the jurisdictional level and national level, most recently in Kingston, Ont., Canada. Peterlin is a full-time senior pastor at The United Methodist Church of Corunna. He is also an adjunct faculty member of Spring Arbor College.

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RENEWAL REMINDER

Please look at the address label on this newsletter. Above your name you will find the expiration date of your membership. If you see the date March 2005 or any earlier date, the time to renew your membership is now.

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General Commission, Archives & History
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NOTES FROM THE FORT WORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE, BY ROB SLEDGE

COPING WITH THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

Though Texas has been part of the Union for a number of years, there may still be a few linguistic differences. Here's a glossary of a few terms you are likely to encounter:

"give out" – to be exhausted. "I'm gonna preach till I sweat this collar down. By then, I expect I'll be plumb give out."

"HOO-rawin'" – to tease by offering friendly insults. "Aw, Preacher, he didn't mean nothin' by it. He was just a'hoorawin' ye."

"enough of that foolishness" – frustration, impatience, end of tolerance. "You kids on the back pew hush up. I've had about enough of that foolishness."

"fixin' to" – to plan or anticipate. "We was just fixin' to go to the covered dish supper." (*The evening meal is "supper."* "Dinner" is what you eat at noon.)

"go to the house" – to end the day's work. "You ladies been cleanin' the church house all day. It's about time for us to go to the house."

"pore" – starved, emaciated, ill-nourished. "Ain't nobody never seen a pore preacher." Or "That cat's gittin' pore. I believe he's been eatin' lizards again."

Speaking of lizards, and since we're going to be in Fort Worth, there's one more thing you should know -

"horny toads" – aka horned frogs, but actually horned lizards. In Texas, 'most everything has horns or spines or burrs or thorns, even the frogs. It's appropriate that we end with this. That's the team nickname of Fort Worth's Texas Christian University teams – the "Horned Frogs."

Well, that's enough of that foolishness. I believe I'm about give out, so I'm fixin' to go to the house now. But we'll see y'all in April.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The brochure for the meeting is included with this newsletter. If you are planning to attend, send an email or call RIGHT AWAY!

HSUMC Plenary's are scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at 1:30-3pm and Friday, April 22 at 4:15-5:30pm. The Closing Plenary will be Saturday evening, April 23 at 8:30pm.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

PATRICIA J. THOMPSON

Dear Members of the HSUMC:

As I write this letter, the ground is still covered with snow here in Vermont, but I, along with many others are really looking forward to Spring. I am also looking forward to heading out to Fort Worth in a few weeks for some warm weather and warm hospitality from the folks in the Texas Historical Society, who are hosting our 2005 Annual Meeting. I am sure that it will be both an enjoyable and an educational time.

As many of you also know, I am also writing a book on United Methodist clergywomen for the 2006, 50th anniversary celebration of women in the Methodist tradition receiving full clergy rights. As I have been doing that, I have found an interesting source of information for early United Brethren and Methodist Protestant women who may have received full clergy rights or at least served as clergy in some capacity prior to the 1956 decision. That is the "Conference Journal Memoirs Index CD-ROM" that has recently been produced by GCAH. Although the original intention was not to use it for this purpose, I understand from Dale Patterson that when Dawn, his wife, was preparing the index, she did, to the extent possible, try to separate those women who clearly served as laity, from those who served as clergy. Those who served as laywomen are identified as "laity." Those who served as clergy are identified with the name of the annual conference. This is the case for both men and women.

Although I think it is not always easy to determine this in the memoir, this is one way for those of you who are attempting to collect information on early United Brethren and Methodist Protestant women to identify women who might have served as clergy. It would be interesting to cross reference the information which many of you already have with the names on the CD-ROM. This is something that I have not attempted to do for

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GENEALOGY SECTION NOTE

BY MARY BAKEMAN

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"QUERIES AND QUESTIONS"

For most of us, time is a precious commodity. Whether you seek information for a church or family history, preparation will help you target the right place with the right question.

For the Section Workshop in Fort Worth, the Commissions & Historical Societies and the Genealogy Sections have planned a workshop to help you get the most out of your limited research time. Good questions and queries can make all the difference, whatever kind of historical research you are doing. Thelma Boeder, MN Conference Archivist, and Mary Bakeman, Genealogy Section chair, will lead the discussion.

We'll explore what archives and historical centers expect of you as a researcher, and what you can expect from them. Please join us as we explore together better ways of doing queries and questions!

this particular project, but I think that the CD-ROM is a great resource for this kind of research - as well as for its original purpose. And if you don't have a copy of the CD-ROM, it can be obtained for \$10.00 through the GCAH office - www.gcah.org or PO Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

In the meantime, may you all enjoy a blessed Easter season and the warmth of new life as Spring comes upon us.

Peace,
Pat Thompson



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