

NCR COMMITTEE REPORT

REGION: North Central Region ACPE

COMMITTEE: History and Research

CHAIRPERSON: Rev. Ronald W. Mahnke

AGENDA: Committee Activity October 2002 to November 2003

Since October 2002 when the annual North Central region ACPE Conference was held in the Wisconsin Dells, the main work of the committee chairperson and committee members has been as follows:

1. There has been dialogue between the past Chairperson of the History and Research Committee, Larry Shostrom, and the present Chairperson Ron Mahnke, regarding committee business, committee functions and concerns. Focused discussion was given to making committee members more active in the working operations of the committee in terms of the committee's specific responsibilities, to update committee records and reports and the acquisition of personal and professional information of the supervisors in the ACPE North Central Region regarding their history and their supervisor work both on a regional and national level. Larry and Ron met while at the Grand Geneva Hotel at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in March of 2003 to go through the history and research material and to categorize and update this material.

The History and Research Committee met at Lake Geneva with only three members present: Rev. Harvey Berg, Rev. John Thomas and Rev. Ron Mahnke. Other committee members were unable to attend because of personal or family matters. Some specifics coming out of that meeting were as follows:

A. Dividing the committee members into subcommittees with each subcommittee having a chairperson and committee members focusing on a specific area of the committee's task, i.e. Book of Remembrance, retired supervisor's newsletter, research proposals, recognition awards for outstanding service, history and research display projects and the annual budget.

B. Chairperson Mahnke shared with the committee members present, a form which he had been designing that would give structure in terms of the format and content regarding supervisor write-ups for the Book of Remembrance. This form was approved and it was suggested that whenever a supervisor of the North Central Region dies, we try to involve a supervisor who knew that person well to do the Book of Remembrance write-up. It was also suggested that the form be made available to all regional supervisors so that we could get as much of this information and data as early as possible to make this task much easier. This information would be sent to the chairperson of the History and Research Committee and kept on file.

2. The committee allocated \$500 for a North Central Region display at the National ACPE Convention at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in November, 2003. The committee members allocated \$250 for Chairperson Mahnke to obtain secretarial help in order to get the history and research past business agenda, records and reports in the sequential order.

3. Specific subcommittees of the History and Research Committee have been assigned to respective areas named above. Subcommittee members and chairperson will be listed in the future in the NCR
4. Book *of* remembrance write-ups *of* the deceased NCR Supervisors are being done both by committee members as well as by NCR supervisors who were in close acquaintance with the deceased.
5. The History and Research Committee material (past agendas, reports, etc.) which is quite extensive and voluminous, has now been filed into 17 three-ring binders. Each binder is categorized according to a specific topic and contains a table *of* contents. It is deemed that this should facilitate greater accessibility to past records as well as accommodate greater ease when specific forms, records or information is needed.

Note: On September 15, 2003, Chairperson Rev. Ron Mahnke had to terminate his CPE Supervisor position at Trinity Health in Minot, North Dakota because *of* health reasons. At this time, he is tending to his health and he and his wife Barbara have moved to Sauk Centre, Minnesota. Plans are for Ron to continue as chair *of* this committee unless further health complications would deem that not advisable. If terminating the chairperson position is required, Ron will contact the North Central Region Director in this regards.

ADDITION for November 2003 to May 2004:

Sub-Committee Chairs Harvey Berg & John Thomas re the Book *of* Remembrance: Completed forms are beginning to come in from supervisors with their wishes for their future page(s) in the Book *of* Remembrance. This allows each individual to be remembered in the way they desire, and makes it much easier for family members and History/Research Committee work. [A recent photo is also appreciated.]

Sub-Committee Chair Mary Ann Weigel and members have worked out the selection *of* the Distinguished Service Award and Supervisor Emeritus. The Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the Chula Vista Conference in May.

Sub-Committee on Research Chair George Paterson reports that no research proposals were received this past year and as yet, none have been received this year. \$3,000 is available for research proposals as acknowledged again in the recent NCR Newsletter.

Committee member Frank Brown submitted his resignation from the Committee due to his concentration *of* retirement time on his own denominational Presbytery work.

Committee member John Thomas continues to work on displays for the NCR and will have a display table for all to peruse at Chula Vista in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Mahnke, Committee Chair