

Kansas Area Commission on Archives and History

The Commission on Archives and History for each Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is expected to collect, preserve and make accessible the records of the United Methodist Church and its predecessors, such as the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Evangelical United Brethren and to celebrate and expand the knowledge of these churches.

The Kansas Area Commission works to collect and preserve materials in local churches and the Kansas Area United Methodist Archives, housed at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. The Archives contains conference journals for the United Methodist Church in Kansas and its predecessors; publications like the Central Christian Advocate and the Ladies Repository; and, records for the United Methodist Women, closed churches, and some offices, camps and other groups.

The Archives are open 9-4, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is considered courteous to call ahead when planning a visit to an Archive or Special Library Collection. In this way, the staff can better help you.

Cover: photo of the first Epworth League Institute, held at Baker University in 1912.

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Competition for the 2012 Day Award for Undergraduate Research relating to Methodism in Kansas

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The Award

This annual award which honors Brenda Day, late Archivist of the Kansas Area Archives of the United Methodist Church, is given for as many as two outstanding papers that explore facets of Methodism in Kansas and take advantage of material housed in the Kansas Area Archives. The award provides \$400 for the winners and an additional \$100 is available for travel expenses to accept the award.

Brenda served as the Kansas Area Archivist from 1999 until her death in 2009. During those ten years she spread her infectious enthusiasm for the history of Kansas and Kansas Methodism to student researchers and church historians, alike.

One of her particular interests was the Bleeding Kansas Era, especially the events surrounding her home town of Lane, Kansas and the Battle of Black Jack, considered by some to be the first battle of the Civil War, that took place just a few miles east of Baldwin City. She spent any spare hours helping to clean up and restore the Battlefield.

The Kansas Area Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church chose to remember her work by instituting an award that would continue her work of getting students excited about research and rewarding their efforts.

Competition details

Eligibility

Undergraduate students enrolled at Kansas colleges and universities.

Projects must be nominated by a faculty member.

Projects must explore some facet of Methodism in Kansas, broadly construed to include social, religious, historical, and other issues. Methodism in this context includes the United Methodist Church and its predecessors, such as the Evangelical United Brethren, the Methodist Episcopal, South, and the German Methodist Church.

Nomination

The paper or project, accompanied by a letter of nomination, should be received electronically by January 1, 2013.

Nominations should be sent to John Richards (john.richards@bakeru.edu)

Judges

Judges for the award include three faculty members from colleges or universities in Kansas; the Kansas Area Archivist; and, a member of the Kansas Area Commission on Archives and History.

Criteria

Winning entries will

- ξ Demonstrate high quality research and writing
- ξ Provide significant insights into Methodism in Kansas
- ξ Draw on resources in the Kansas Area Archives

Announcement

The winner of the award will be announced on March 15, 2013 and the award will be presented at both the East and West Kansas Conferences of the United Methodist Church in late May and early June.

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