



ARCHIVES & HISTORY

General Commission on Archives and History

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10 Reasons to learn more about GCAH: (Since history has a tendency to repeat itself...)

- GCAH is much more than an administrative book and record collection agency. We're the UMC's ministry of memory, its history detectives and storytellers. By understanding the past, GCAH helps the UMC envision the future! Check it out at: www.gcah.org
- As the keepers of the Church's ethos and DNA, GCAH brings voice and gravitas to the Connectional Table's visioning, planning and programming for the life and witness of the UMC.
- Have fears for the financial security of the denomination? GCAH uses less than 1% of the overall UMC budget, processing records equal to the height of 30 story high building each year.
- We're tweeting stuff that makes people excited and proud to be United Methodist @UMCHistory. Are you stumped for a cool UMC themed #TBT? You should see the archives! We can "Throw Back Thursday" all the way to the Wesley brothers and forward to their impact today.
- Got Records? Need information on how to manage electronic records for your annual conference or your local church? We've got you covered: <http://bit.ly/recordsPDF>
- Still worried about the financial security of the denomination? A restructure aligning GCAH with another board or agency would increase administrative and travel cost.
- Celebrating an anniversary, writing a local church or annual conference history, or looking for ways to make being United Methodist relevant to ministry today? We can help! <http://gcah.org/resources/how-to-write-a-local-church-history>
- Our state-of-the art facility houses more than 2 miles worth of valuable records. Come take a tour and see for yourself.
- We're still making history! GCAH awards \$80,000 / yr. in awards, prizes and grants that inspire and support publication of the next generation of Wesley and Methodist Studies scholars and providing for 46 Heritage Landmarks around the world.
- The UMC needs an "honest broker" in times of dispute and conflict between groups or agencies in the denomination. Records housed, kept and services here have the integrity of a neutral party.