

The Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

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Dr. V. Nelle Bellamy, Archivist of the Episcopal Church
The Rev. John E. Booty, Historiographer
The Rev. Canon John W. Davis, National Episcopal Historians Association

Representatives of the Commission at General Convention

The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell, House of Bishops, is authorized by the commission to receive non-substantive amendments to the report. The Very Rev. David Collins, House of Deputies, is authorized by the commission to receive non-substantive amendments to the report.

B SUMMARY OF THE SOCIETY'S WORK

The Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, by General Convention resolutions, is designated publisher of the Church's historical journal and historiographer of the Church. It publishes the historical journal, *Anglican and Episcopal History* (formerly the *Historical Magazine of the Episcopal Church*) under the editorship of the Rev. John F. Woolverton. The Rev. John E. Booty bears primary responsibility for the historiographical responsibilities and has been designated Historiographer of the Episcopal Church by the Presiding Bishop.

During the past triennium the Historical Society Board of Trustees has continued its historical endowment fund drive, a subscription drive for the historical journal, arranged for the appointment of a Historiographer who would have primary responsibility for developing a historiographical program for the Church, co-sponsored a conference on church history, and worked to encourage research on history of the Episcopal Church. The Board of Trustees of the Society has held its annual meetings in Dallas, Los Angeles, and Baltimore during the triennium. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Editorial Board of the historical journal have maintained oversight of the programs of the Society.

The historical journal, *Anglican and Episcopal History*, has continued its effort to expand the scope of its publication to make it more serviceable to the worldwide Anglican community. Efforts to encourage popular articles with wide appeal to the general church membership have also continued. The subscription drive that is currently underway is aimed at parish libraries, in the hope that the journal might be readily available to the church membership at large rather than limited to specialists in historical studies.

The aim of the Society is to make all church members appreciative of their church heritage through publications, educational programs, and research. The Society co-sponsored a conference on "Tradition and Traditions" with the National Episcopal Historians' Association and the Episcopal Women's History Project in 1990. Grants by the Society from its historical endowment fund were made for research, for a historical conference, and for a special issue of *Anglican and Episcopal History* on "Lambeth Conferences Past and Present," which was also published in book form by Forward Movement.

The Episcopal Church has been without a Historiographer for many years. The new Historiographer, the Rev. John Booty, will have to develop a historiographical program for the Church from anew. He must develop a network of support for his work, make an inventory of resources already on hand to assist in his efforts, and seek to develop an awareness among church members of the informing role that historical knowledge plays in carrying out the Church's mission. Dr. Booty will need a minimum budget for office expenses and travel to begin his work.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Historical Society does not receive any funds from General Convention for its activities. Membership fees and donations have funded its historiographic activities. Limited resources have restricted the Board's ability to carry out its responsibilities. Completion of the endowment fund drive, particularly if General Convention provides funds for the expenses of the Historiographer, should make possible expanded activities by the Society.

D. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

The Society will continue its effort to make the historical journal more widely available in the parishes of the Church. Another historical conference is planned for the next triennium. Publications and conferences on the historical dimension of evangelism are being considered as a part of the Society's contribution to the Decade of Evangelism.

A major activity of the Society will be to assist the Historiographer in the development of a historiographical program for the Church. To increase knowledge and understanding of the Church's heritage in a world that has forgotten its religious past is a major concern for the Society.

THE BLUE BOOK

E. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TRIENNIUM

Office and travel expenses of the Historiographer

| | <i>1992</i> | <i>1993</i> | <i>1994</i> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Travel | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| Office | <u>500</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>500</u> |
| Total | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |

F. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Resolution #A103

Whereas, The Rev. John E. Booty has been appointed as Historiographer of the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Presently no provision is made for covering the basic expenses of the office; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, **That there be appropriated from the Assessment Budget of General Convention, the sum of \$15,000 for the triennium for the expenses of the Historiographer.**

The Rt. Rev. Bennett J. Sims
President

The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Sugeno
Secretary