

The Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

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The Rev. John E. Booty, Historiographer
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Dr. Peter Williams, Editor, Monograph Series

Representatives of the Commission at General Convention:

The Rt. Rev. Gordon Charlton, House of Bishops, and Ms. Pamela Chinnis, House of Deputies, are 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 journal *Anglican and Episcopal History* (formerly *Historical Magazine of the Episcopal Church*) under the editorship of the Rev. John F. Woolverton. The Rev. John E. Booty bears the primary historiographical responsibility and has been designated Historiographer of the Episcopal Church by the Presiding Bishop.

During the past triennium the Historical Society Board of Trustees has worked to improve its internal functions, to develop a broader historical consciousness on the part of the Episcopal Church, and to improve and extend the opportunities for the dissemination of historical research. The annual meetings, held this triennium in Atlanta, Austin, and New York City, attracted widespread participation by combining historical presentations with the necessary business sessions. By strengthening its endowment fund and embarking on a campaign to increase awareness of the Society's work among academics—particularly among Episcopalians who teach history in U.S. colleges and universities, the Board has improved its internal functioning.

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. Articles about Anglicanism in England, New Zealand, Canada, Costa Rica, Jerusalem, Liberia, and Tanzania indicate the growing international emphasis of the journal. Reprints of articles on the Church in Panama published in both English and Spanish were distributed to bishops in preparation for the 1993 House of Bishops meeting in Panama.

A program to provide back issues of the journal to developing theological seminaries abroad has begun with the Society making the issues available and sharing equally with the seminaries the cost of transporting the volumes. The first set was sent to St. Andrew's Seminary in the Philippines. To encourage international scholarship, an annual subscription to the journal will be exchanged for publishable articles received from persons in other parts of the Anglican Communion.

To extend the opportunities for the dissemination of historical research, the Society has initiated a new project this triennium, the Anglican Historical Monograph series. In cooperation with the University of Illinois Press, Dr. Peter Williams is editing a series of occasional monographs on Anglican history. Present plans are to issue at least two monographs each year, and several manuscripts are currently under consideration.

"Richard Hooker: A Celebration of Editions" was the theme of a conference co-sponsored by the Society in September 1993 in Washington D.C. Papers from the conference will be published in a volume edited by A. S. McGrade. In addition, several research grants were made by the Society from its historical endowment fund to scholars working in the field of U.S. and Anglican religious history. A dinner during the 1991 General Convention featured presentations by Dr. Robert N. Bellah and Dr. Suzanne Massie, and tapes of their speeches were distributed through the Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation.

C. REPORT OF THE HISTORIOGRAPHER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Much of my effort in the last triennium has been spent on re-establishing the officer of historiographer. This has involved attending meetings of the Board of the Historical Society and assisting in its work, serving as an ex officio member of the National Episcopal Historians' Association, and working toward ex officio membership on the Board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church. I have established contact with the English Historical Society and attended its annual meeting at Oxford last summer. I chaired a section at the meeting of the American Society of Church History in Williamsburg, Virginia (Spring, 1993). At the international conference on Richard Hooker in Washington, D.C., in October 1992, I chaired two section meetings and preached a sermon.

I am working with Donald Anderson at the Anglican Communion office in London to compile a directory of historiographers and archivists in the member churches of the Anglican Communion. During the triennium I have assisted various persons in numerous ways at the Episcopal Church Center and elsewhere. One such effort was "The Civil Rights Movement and the Episcopal Church" project, initiated by Bishop Arthur Walmesley with my aid, involving research and writing by the Reverend Gardiner Shattuck, Ph.D.

To my mind, the Historiographer's role is to remind the Church of the importance of historical reflection on issues of the day and to assist persons engaged in such reflection. Another part of the Historiographer's task is to serve as liaison among various organizations committed to historical tasks in the Church—in this country and around the world. I would like to see the Historiographer produce a historical study of the Anglican Communion, engaging other national church historiographers in the task—something which I believe would be invaluable for the future of the Communion.

Respectfully submitted, John E. Booty

D. 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. A successful endowment fund drive has enabled the Society to strengthen its activities so that it needs to rely on the General Convention only for the expenses of the Episcopal Historiographer.

E. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING TRIENNium

A major effort to enlarge the subscription list for *Anglican and Episcopal History* is projected for the next triennium. In addition, the Society will join with EWHP and NEHA in sponsoring a historical conference aimed at attracting younger scholars to the field of church history. An address by Dr. Mary Tanner, Moderator of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, will highlight the Society's General Convention dinner in Indianapolis and strengthen the Society's commitment to mutual responsibility within the Anglican Communion during the next three years.

F. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TRIENNium

Office and travel expenses of the Historiographer

	1995	1996	1997
Travel	\$4,500	\$4,600	\$4,700
Office	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total	\$5,000	\$5,100	\$5,200

TOTAL FOR THREE YEARS \$15,300

G. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Resolution #A059

Funding the office of Episcopal Historiographer

- 1 *Whereas*, The Rev. Dr. John E. Booty has been appointed
- 2 Historiographer of the Episcopal Church; therefore be it

- 3 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, **That there be appropriated from the**
- 4 **Assessment Budget of General Convention, the sum of \$15,300 for the triennium for**
- 5 **the expenses of the Historiographer.**

Mary S. Donovan,
President

The Rev. Frank E. Sugeno
Secretary