



# Commission on Archives and History New York Annual Conference

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## Letter from the Chair

Greetings to you from the Commission on Archives and History. We are honored to partner with the New York Annual Conference in mission for the transformation of the world through an embodied and beloved community of hope.

Historical documents and records management are rarely thought of as exciting things . . . and yet they are important reminders of where we've been and where we are going. Members of the Commission are stewards that hold and preserve this material in sacred trust.

Throughout the C. Wesley Christman Archives, located at the Conference Center in White Plains, NY, are treasures that reflect the earliest history not only of our denomination but also our country: the saddlebags of circuit rider Freeborn Garretson, birth records from a number of different churches within the Conference area, and in more recent history; testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Members of the Commission on Archives and History, together with the Conference Archivist, are ready to help local churches with their historical documents and records management. Workshops, manuals and on-site help are all available to each faith community and congregation.

We look forward to beginning a new relationship with your local congregation.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Leslie Reyman*



**Commission members at a recent meeting at the Conference Center in White Plains.**

## Mission Statement

The New York Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History supports the mission of the New York Annual Conference by preserving and making available the rich history of the Conference, including its agencies and local churches, celebrating our heritage and connecting our history to present ministries and future visions.

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In fulfilling our mission we will

1. Preserve the official records of the New York Annual Conference
2. Assist local churches in preserving their historical records
3. Provide a ministry of education and interpretation about the rich heritage and history of the New York Annual Conference, and
4. Carry out the provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the Commission and its purpose.

## HOW TO REACH US

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