

**TITLE: Report of Disciples of Christ Historical Society**

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In May 2006, the Board of Trustees affirmed 'The Global View,' the strategic plan for DCHS through 2025. Work has begun in earnest on the plan, with a particular focus on Annual Giving.

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#### Board Actions

In its November 2007 annual meeting the Board of Trustees accepted the challenge of increased responsibility in individual giving and aid to the president in fundraising. The Board received a report on restoration to our building and a report on ongoing conversations with Bethany College on the preservation of Historic Bethany.

#### Budgeting

In its November 2007 annual meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a 2008 budget of \$892,000.

#### Staffing Issues

McGarvey Ice promoted to Director of Public Services; Sara Harwell transition to VP for Information Technology & Chief Archivist; Marlene Patterson transition to Operations Manager.

#### Grants

The completion of a grant from the Beasley Foundation was received for building restoration.

#### Building

The Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, home of DCHS, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### Website

Our website, discipleshistory.org, had an average of 1,000 visitors per month in 2007. A major update to the website was announced and planned for early 2008. *Streamers*, the Sunday School curriculum on the history and beliefs of SC movement (and developed in partnership with DHM) is now available for free download on the website.

#### Collection

Standard Publishing deposited a major and important collection with DCHS in 2007.

#### Publications

New history of the Stone-Campbell movement is now in the works. Fourteen historians will contribute to the book. Plans are to publish in 2012. This is a cooperative venture with CBP.

A new biography of Kenneth Teegarden was released through TCU Press in 2007. It was featured at our booth at General Assembly.

The second volume of Eva Jean Wrather's biography of Alexander Campbell was also released in 2007 through TCU Press.

A new Disciples history written by Duane Cummins will be released through CBP in 2009.

Books in the planning stages include a biography of Philip Slater Fall.

*Discipliana*, the journal of Stone-Campbell history published by DCHS will undergo a major re-tooling, with the new version appearing in 2008.

### Programs

The Kirkpatrick Lecture was held at the 2007 General Assembly in Fort Worth. A presentation by Mark Toulouse was featured.

The 2007 Faithful Servant Award was given to Mrs. May Reed of Nashville, TN.

The re-furbished exhibit hall, named in honor of Oscar Haynes, will be dedicated on July 29, 2008. The initial one-year exhibit is on the history of the National Convocation.

Plans for the 2009 bicentennial celebration continue.

Submitted by the President on behalf of DCHS and its Board of Trustees  
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