According to the Bylaws of the HSUMC, at the annual meeting following the General Conference of the UMC, a nominating committee shall be elected to prepare a slate of officers for the Society (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) who will serve for the next quadrennium. It has been the custom of the HSUMC to elect the officers by a mail ballot prior to the annual meeting in which a change of officers will be made (following the annual meeting). Thus, the slate must be prepared for publication in the January issue of Historian's Digest, since our 2005 Annual Meeting will take place from April 21-24, 2005 (in Fort Worth, Texas).

This year, for the first time, the Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for the names of persons who may be considered by the committee as possible nominees. Our bylaws require a slate of at least two persons for each office. Please understand that we are seeking suggestions only. A name may be submitted that does not appear on the ballot. However, every suggestion made will be carefully considered by the committee. And there is always the option of write-ins on the ballot, as well.

1) Suggestions must be made by current members of the Society taking into consideration the following guidelines:
   a) The person suggested should have held a membership in the Society for a number of years so that they are familiar with the Society and its workings;
   b) The person suggested should have attended at least two or three recent annual meetings so that they have an understanding of the annual meetings of the Society; or
   c) The person suggested might have held an office in one of the sections or another office on the Board;

Please understand that these are only suggested guidelines. If you know of any names that you believe should be considered, please submit suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

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RENEWAL REMINDER

Please look at the address label on this newsletter. Above your name you will find the expiration date of your membership. If you see the date July 2004 or any earlier date, the time to renew your membership is now. Send your checks to:

General Commission, Archives & History
Attn: HSUMC
PO Box 127
Madison, NJ  07940
NOMINATIONS, CONT’D

someone whom you think would make a good officer, please send in their name with the reasons why.

2) Suggestions should include a short biographical statement including the reasons why the individual is being nominated and his/her previous experience qualifying him/her for the particular office for which the individual is being nominated. This is especially important if you choose to submit the name of an individual who does not meet the guidelines suggested above. Please indicate, as well, whether you have contacted the individual to ask if s/he is willing to be considered for an office.

3) Suggestions must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than November 1 in order for a slate to be prepared for publication in the January issue of Historian's Digest. Suggestions may be submitted to any of the following members of the Nominating Committee, or you can fill out and mail in the enclosed postcard.

Thank you all for taking the time to consider possibilities for the officers of your

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MOMENTS FROM OUR PAST by LYLE JOHNSTON

John Calvin Broomfield (1872-1950) was a native Scotman. He began his working career as a sailor, eventually settling in Beaver Falls, PA. He was admitted on trial to the Pittsburgh Methodist Protestant Conference in 1895, ordained a year later, and served churches in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He was elected president of the Pittsburgh Conference in 1924 and served until his election as a Methodist Church bishop in 1939 at the union of the former MEC, MEC South and MP Churches in Kansas City. He was one of two former MP clergy elected. He was assigned to the St. Louis Area and retired in 1944.

Upon his election as a bishop, he was introduced by Bishop John Moore in the following way: “John Calvin Broomfield—a Methodist: born in Scotland and a naturalized American; a Methodist Protestant and a Bishop!”

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Consider a gift membership for a family member, friend, colleague, or local church library! Recipients will receive a special letter acknowledging the gift.
Dear members of the HSUMC:

What a wonderful experience those of us who traveled to Kingston in August had! Many, many thanks and words of appreciation go to Bill Lamb, Rick Spies, Linda Cormack, Marilyn Whitely and others for their gracious hospitality and the well-planned and most interesting program. I believe that the 200th anniversary of Barbara Heck's death was celebrated in grand style - and it was fun to be able to meet some of her descendants, as well. Our first international meeting was a great success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let all of you know about the listserv which HSUMC now has. That is, you may have your email address and name put on the listserv and then you may exchange information with all of those who are on the list. This is a great way for us to increase our communication with each other, ask questions, receive answers and stay in touch. If you would like to have your name added to the HSUMC listserv, please send your request to Dale Patterson at dpatterson@gcah.org.

Grace and Peace, Pat Thompson
Members who attended our 2004 annual meeting in Kingston, Ontario experienced a “resurrection” of Barbara Heck as our memories were pricked about her contributions to American and Canadian Methodism. On tour, we were each offered a stone with historical significance to carry home. J. William Lamb of the Canadian Methodist Historical Society has prepared the following statement to help us interpret these stones:

“The ‘Heck house stones’ come from the rubble-stone Georgian house erected in 1807 by Jacob Heck (1769-1847), second son of Paul and Barbara Heck. It was located on lot 17 on the bank of the St. Lawrence River in Augusta Township, Grenville County, Ontario, Canada.

“Previously Samuel Heck, his brother, had lived in a round-log house on that site. Samuel cared for his mother in her final year. She died on August 17, 1804 in Samuel’s house—not in the later stone house of Jacob.”

The stones were distributed on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the death of Barbara Heck, celebrated jointly by the Canadian Methodist Historical Society and our society. The stone house had been dismantled and stored in a barn when industry purchased an extensive piece of property along the River. Unfortunately the barn burned. The house could not be restored on other land, and thus the pile of stones is now scattered across the land.

The highlight of the meeting was the appearance of Barbara Heck (slightly resembling our Society President, Pat Thompson) as she spoke at the Hay Bay Church annual pilgrimage, the final session of our gathering. She vividly recalled her faith pilgrimage and her struggles to be faithful in the midst of one crisis after another.
Have you ever felt like you were not "on the same page" talking to someone? Maybe you did not have the information you needed or you didn't know where to get the information or what they were talking about?

After our meeting in Kingston, Ontario of the Historical Society of the UMC in August, I realized that I had not been on "the same page" for about a year as the newly elected Section Leader of Commissions and Historical Societies. I didn’t even know what HSUMC (Historical Society of the UMC) meant a year ago. I am trying to get the the acronyms straight in my mind and learn what I need to be sharing with you in Historian's Digest. So doesn’t that make you feel better already?

We are all learning together and trying to "get on the same page" as we promote history work in the UMC, in our local churches, conferences, jurisdictions and denomination. We won't all agree on the way to do history work and we all have different spiritual journeys. We can all have good information though and I would refer you to the website of the General Commission on Archives and history at WWW.GCAH.ORG to get us started and "on the same page with solid resources.

If you don't have a computer, maybe you can find a friend, neighbor, kid or grandkid that can help you find the website for the General Commission on Archives and History. It is loaded with resources for conference commissions and historical societies across our denomination. It is a valuable tool to help us get "on the same page."

1. Go to www.gcah.org and browse it. Go to MANUALS or RESOURCES to find the "Manual for Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History." It will answer many questions you might have about a Commission on Archives and History in your annual conference. Read it, print it, share it and use it.

2. Go to RESOURCES or MANUALS to find the listing for "Archives and History Directory of the UMC." It will include various listings such as the General Comm. on Archives and History, Commissions on Archives and History, Historical Societies and other listings to assist you. You can read and print them; share and use them.

3. We hope your fall meetings of commissions and historical societies go well! (In Nebraska we have our Commission Meeting on October 2 with a new commission, a new chairperson and a new quadrennium of visioning, goals, budget and fellowship.)

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Society Gathering at the Barbara Heck Memorial.