



NEWSLETTER

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THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN OWEN SOUND

The sixth annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society is to be held in Owen Sound, Ontario on Saturday, August 27. The location of the meeting will be the Grey Roots Heritage & Visitor Center, 102599 Grey Road 18, RR#4, Owen Sound (N4K 5N6, (toll free) 877-473-9766). Ron Knight, Meaford resident, local historian, and vice-chair of the CCCHS board of directors, will present an address, "Restoration in the Georgian Bay." This region has a significant record in Restoration activities. With the arrival in 1842 in Owen Sound of A.M. Stephens from Norval, shortly after the founding of the community in about 1840, a congregation began. Subsequent works ringed the Bay: Meaford (1848), Stayner (1849), Sydenham (1850), Kilsyth (1858), Glenelg (1859), Collingwood (1860), Priceville (1873), Cape Rich (1874), Dunkeld (1874), Glencairn (1876), Griersville (1878), Walkerton (1879), Wiarton (1879), 11th Line, St. Vincent (1885), and Egremont (1895). The Georgian Bay Co-operation (1881-1882) and the publication, the *Christian Worker* (1881-1886) are linked with the region's past as well as significant persons such as William Trout, Duncan Stirling, C.J. Lister, H.T. Law, J. C. Whitelaw, and others. Our day together will explore our rich heritage of Restoration experiences in a most beautiful part of the province. It is hoped that through the main presentation and the contributions of the members who gather, an advance in the awareness of our past and in its documentation may result. The activities of the day will begin with registration at 11:00 a.m., business meeting 11:30-12:30, bag lunch 12:30-1:30 at nearby Inglis Falls Conservation Park, presentation by Ron Knight 1:30-2:30, and tours of the museum and area sites 2:30-4:00 p.m. (The

COX AND DALE STEP DOWN

Claude Cox and Jim Dale with almost six years of service to the CCCHS as members of the board of directors have stepped down from their posts as chairman and treasurer, respectively. Both charter members of the historical society, they participated in the initial discussions in 1998 when reports of the relocation of archives pertinent to Canadian Restoration history were pending. This spurred concern for the retrieval and preservation of our archival history. Through the leadership of Cox, Dale and others, the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society was formed and held its first meeting in 1999 when Claude and Jim were elected to their responsibilities as directors.

Claude's interest in Restoration pursuits is well known, having hosted a series of "Restoration Heritage Day" symposia, 1986-1990, and publishing the papers presented in *The Campbell-Stone Movement in Ontario* in 1995.

Jim, a direct descendent of pioneer Restoration leader, Jacob Snure (1800-1877), has led in gathering genealogical data for Snure descendents.

Both gave important service to the historical society in its formative years. Their contribution is appreciated.

McMASTER LOCATION LOST

Word has just been received from the director of the church archival center at McMaster University that due to changes in plans for expansion of space for archival holdings, there will not be room for the CCCHS collection. This is a disappointment for the accessible Hamilton location and the placement of our collection in the secure, controlled environment available at the university seemed ideal. The board is currently investigating other possible locations, inclu-

ding other universities, museums, archival centers, etc. Permanent, secure, accessible, and controlled facilities are desired for our collection. Society members are encouraged to join in locating a suitable setting.

ENCYCLOPEDIA LAUNCHED

The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement published by Eerdmans in 2004 was formally presented in a meeting held at the Keele Street Christian Church, Toronto on April 17. The Canadian launch was arranged and chaired by Russ Kuykendell of that congregation. Ron Fraser, president of Alberta Bible College, and editor of the entry on Canada was the main speaker. Geoffrey Ellis, chairman of the CCCHS board, was invited to present a response to the presentation. Claude Cox was also present and spoke briefly concerning the collection. The 889 page *Encyclopedia* contains entries from representatives of all three branches of the Restoration movement. While largely a record of the movement in America, entries are included regarding Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Russia, etc., as well as Canada. The Canadian entry is 12 pages in length. Stewart Lewis, Claude Cox and Ron Fraser prepared the contents for the Maritimes, Ontario and Western Canada respectively.

NOMINATIONS INVITED

Nominations for position of treasurer on the board of directors are invited from historical society members. One position on the board is presently vacant. Voting will take place at the annual meeting, August 27. Any three active members may nominate any other duly qualified person for election to the board of directors. Such must be in writing, signed by the nominators and be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to act as a director if elected. Nominations must be sent to the secretary 30 days before the annual meeting.

OCTOBER 15 WORKDAY

A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at the Waterloo Church of Christ beginning at 10:00 a.m. Society members are encouraged to plan to be present and to participate in the

processing of archival items in preparation for placement.

NEW OFFICERS

The CCCHS board of directors has held three meetings thus far in 2005, on Feb. 25, April 22, and June 10. Elections of officers were conducted that resulted in the following: Geoffrey Ellis, chairman; Ron Knight, vice-chairman; Donald Perry, secretary (continuing); and Dave Ellis, historian. Eugene Perry was appointed financial officer (non-board member) as an interim arrangement until the annual meeting. Ron Knight and Dave Ellis live in Meaford, Geoff Ellis in Waterloo, and Donald and Eugene Perry in Beamsville. The board meetings to date in 2005 have taken place at the Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, Hamilton.

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