Methodist Librarians Fellowship

The Methodist Librarians Fellowship met at 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2003 at the Portland Marriott Downtown in Portland, Ore. The meeting was called to order by Roberta Schaafsma. Twenty-eight people were in attendance. Roberta has assumed the presidential duties due to the upcoming retirement of Stephen Pentek.

New members were introduced – Beth Sheppard (Southwestern College), Laura Harris (Iliff School of Theology) and Jack Ammerman (Boston University). Linda Umoh read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. She also reported that the Fellowship has $1558.58 in the checking account, and $2131.09 in the CD.

Andy Keck reported on the Methodist Web page, which is part of the ATLA website. The Founders picture and information has been placed there. The Methodist listserv has 71 members.

New officers were elected. Linda Umoh was re-elected secretary. Because of the retirement of Stephen, Roberta will be filling out his term as President. Pat Graham was elected to fill Roberta’s remaining term for Vice-President/President elect. Andy Keck will continue as Listserv Administrator/Web Master.

A term limit was discussed for the Listserv position, plus other bylaws considerations. Roger Loyd and Al Caldwell were appointed to find a copy of the bylaws and report of such a finding to the group by Dec. 1, 2003. At that point, they are to look over the found bylaws and make suggestions for revisions. If no bylaws are found, they are to start drafting a new set.

Bridwell Library distributed copies of the catalog of the exhibit “Wesley in America” to the members present.

Library announcements and news were shared. Al Caldwell announced the retirement of David Himrod and read a Resolution of Thanks (see below)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Umoh, Secretary

Resolution of Thanks to David Himrod.
The Methodist Librarians' Fellowship meeting in session in Portland, Oregon, June 26, 2003, extends our thanks and best wishes to Dr. David Himrod on the occasion of his retirement from The United Library on February 1, 2003. We recognize David for his leadership in the Publication Committee of ATLA and particularly for his participation in and his bibliographic contributions to the Methodist Librarians Fellowship. Moved by Alva R. Caldwell, and voted unanimously with an accolade of applause.