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# Reformed Church in the United States Pamphlet Collection

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Finding Aid

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

This collection contains various pamphlets, church anniversary booklets, and documents related to Pennsylvania congregations and conferences part of the Reformed Church in the United States and successor bodies, Evangelical and Reformed Church (E&R) and the United Church of Christ (UCC). The contents were received from unknown sources.

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Originally known as the German Reformed Church, the Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) was organized in 1725 with efforts by John Philip Boehm, who immigrated to Whitpain, Pennsylvania in 1720. He organized the first German Reformed congregation near Philadelphia, including members who were German immigrants, some from the Palatine area. Boehm was later joined by other pastors such as George Weiss and Michael Schlatter.

In 1934, the RCUS merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America (ESNA) to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church (E&R). In 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church joined with the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ (UCC.) Many congregations in this collection that began as RCUS churches are still active today and are part of the UCC.

### Sources Consulted:

Grossmann, Peter. "The History of the RCUS Since the 1934 Merger." The Reformed Church in

the United States. Accessed December 3, 2022. <https://rcus.org/history/>.

“A Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ.” United Church of Christ. Accessed December 3, 2022. <https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/history/#evangelical-reformed>

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## **SEARCH TERMS**

### **Organizations**

- Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches of Pennsylvania
- Evangelical and Reformed Church (E&R)
- First Reformed Church, Reading, Pa
- Old Goshenhoppen Reformed Congregation
- Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
- Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
- Salem United Church of Christ, Doylestown, Pa
- Salem United Church of Christ, Oley Valley, Pa
- St. Thomas Reformed Church, Reading, Pa
- Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa
- United Church of Christ (UCC)
- Zion’s Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa

### **People**

- Guldin, Samuel
- Schlatter, Michael
- Shetler, John C.
- Williamson, John

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1: Reformed/UCC Church Pamphlets

Box      Folder

1	1	<p>Pennsylvania Southeast Conference 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Pamphlets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Program held at Falkner Swamp Reformed Church, October 15, 1975 (3 copies)</li> <li>b) Program, December 23, 1975</li> <li>c) <i>Echoes from the Past</i>, June, 1975</li> <li>d) <i>Echoes from the Past</i> Volume 3, May 1976</li> <li>e) <i>Echoes from the Past</i> Ursinus Celebration, October 15, 1983</li> <li>f) Agenda for Celebration of First Communion at Falkner Swamp Church, 1975</li> <li>g) Program – Ordination Anniversary for John Philip Boehm, November 29, 1979</li> </ul>
1	2	United Church of Christ Constitution and Bylaws booklet, 1974
1	3	Letter from Samuel Guldin to C. Bruder at Halle, Nov. 1711
1	4	<i>Retracing our Roots</i> by Martha B. Kriebel, Institute on Pennsylvania Dutch Studies and PSE Conference, 1976; A Famous Dutchman of the Past Describes His Boyhood (an account of the boyhood of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh)
1	5	<p>Old First Reformed Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Proposal on the restoration project of the Old First Reformed Church, U.C.C. (Bicentennial Restoration Program)</li> <li>b) A historical tour of the site of the Old First Reformed Church, 151 No. 4th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106 (drawn from oral and written accounts of church history as compiled by the church's 1727 Society and edited by Peter Brigham for the church's 275th anniversary in 2002)</li> </ul>
1	6	<p>Michael Schlatter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Diary of Michael Schlatter, Founder Coetus of German Reformed Church in Pennsylvania (June 1 to December 15, 1746) (3 copies)</li> <li>b) Rev. Michael Schlatter visits Trappe (from his diary October 15-October 18, 1746)</li> <li>c) Rev. Michael Schlatter (from his journal October 15-October 18, 1746)</li> <li>d) Photographs (2 copies)</li> <li>e) Photocopies of text and newspaper articles (March 13, 1909) on Michael Schlatter V.D.M from Presbyterian Historical Society Library, Philadelphia</li> </ul>
1	7	Liberty Bell, Allentown

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Booklet – <i>The Liberty Bell's Interlude in Allentown (1777-1778)</i> (2 copies)</li> <li>b) Booklet – <i>The Liberty Bell Shrine, Zion's Reformed Church, Hamilton and Church Streets, Allentown, PA</i></li> <li>c) Article on UCC's 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of synod, <i>Sunday Call-Chronicle</i>, Allentown, PA October 30, 1977</li> </ul>
1	8	<p>Old Goshenhoppen Reformed Congregation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet (1732-1932)</li> <li>b) <i>Photographic History</i>, East Greenville, PA, October 9, 1927</li> </ul>
1	9	The Conference of Congregational & Christian Churches of Pennsylvania, A Brief History, 1887-1962
1	10	<p>Rev. John C. Shetler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Tribute, May 24, 1964</li> <li>b) Letter to Rev. J. C. Shetler from C. S. Buchart and Associates dated February 22, 1957</li> </ul>
1	11	Pennsylvania Folklife Magazine, spring of 1979 noting story on Philip Jacob Michael: Ecclesiastical Vagabond or "Echt Reformirte" Pastor by David H. Rapp
1	12	Almanac for The Reformed Church in the U.S. for the year of our Lord 1869
1	13	<p>John Williamson Nevin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Booklet – The Mercersburg Society Honors John Williamson Nevin, April 28-29, 1986 Annual Meeting</li> <li>b) <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>. LVIII/4, John Williamson Nevin and American Nationalism by Richard E. Wentz</li> </ul>
1	14	Salem United Church of Christ, Oley Valley, PA, Historical Booklet (1736 – 1976)
1	15	St. Thomas Reformed Church, Reading, PA Booklet (1890-1965)
1	16	<p>Salem UCC Church, Doylestown, PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Booklet – <i>The Bible in Tile, The Story of the Mercer Biblical Tile in the Sanctuary of Salem Church</i>, 1957</li> </ul>
1	17	<p>Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet with History (1868-1993)</li> <li>b) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Program, 1993</li> </ul>
1	18	<p>First Reformed Church, Reading, PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Historical Booklet, 1952</li> </ul>
1	19	First Coetus of Pennsylvania of the German Reformed Church 213 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 28-29, 1977 program
1	20	Historical Booklet and Pageant Program – Ist dieses nicht das gelobte Land?, A History of America's Oldest German Reformed Church, Falkner Swamp Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ
1	21	<p>United Church of Christ Pamphlets and Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) PSE Conference Study Report, June 1963</li> <li>b) The Campus Ministry of the United Church of Christ, December 1962</li> </ul>

		c) History and Program, 1978
1	22	Miscellaneous a) The Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ, Lancaster, PA, 143 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Commencement, May 27, 1968 program b) Palatines from the Kaiserslautern-County visit Pennsylvania, booklet, October, 1976 c) Revolutionary Soldiers Cemetery, East Vincent Historical Commission, Chester County, PA, booklet, July 4, 1997 d) Linfield United Church of Christ, Linfield, PA paper

### **RELATED COLLECTIONS**

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