



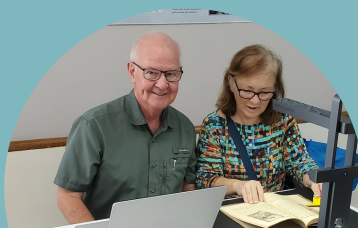
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October, 2023

Dear Board of Administration

Mission fidelity today requires knowledge of Free Methodist history and heritage. The church needs two fixed points in time - the present, and the historical point of origin (1860)—in order to project faithfully into the future. One way the FMC has maintained mission fidelity is by locating the Marston Historical Center and archive within the World Ministries Center as mandated by the 1964 by the General Conference.

And now, in 2023 we are settled into the new World Ministries Center! We hope you will take a few minutes to tour the four main components of the newly redesigned Marston Historical Center display area, Zahniser Chapel, Hugh White Library, and Evelyn Marston Mottweiler Archives while you are here.

Our primary goal is to serve the church through collecting, maintaining, and preserving key historical, legal, and administrative documents. Through the years we have aided the denomination in providing documentation for legal disputes stateside and internationally; digitization of educational and historical materials used worldwide; and repository space for sensitive legal documents for Free Methodist conferences in sensitive areas.

Our collections continue to attract scholars outside of the FMC. Recent scholars who used the archives include: a scholar using our holdings on the Pentecost Bands and another from Georgia State University on the Rev. James Suggs Family. A new book will be published this year on women deacons in the Free Methodist Church which relied heavily on our archival holdings.

We are here to serve you and the worldwide Free Methodist Church. Please let us know how we can be of any assistance,

Sincerely,

Rev. Mindi G. Cromwell, Ph.D.

**Mindi G. Cromwell, Chair
Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives**

Cathy Robling

**Cathy Robling, director
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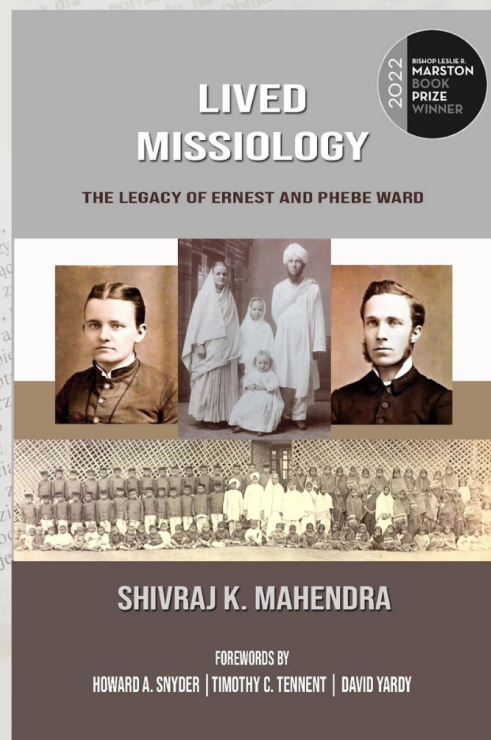
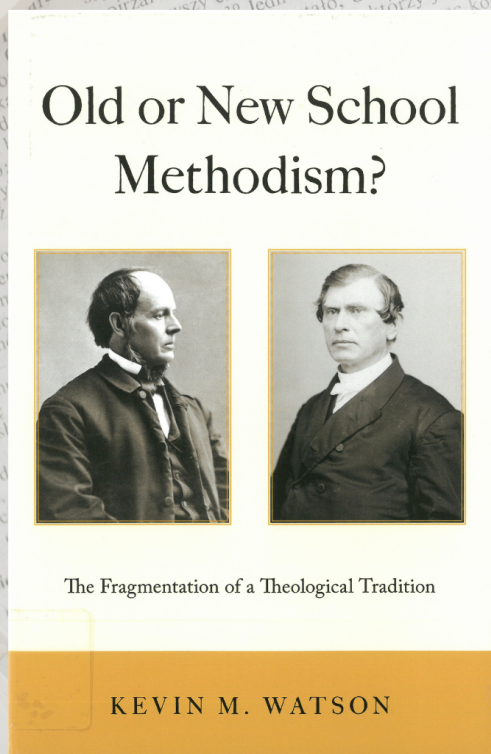


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