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MARSTON MEMORIAL HISTORICAL CENTER & FREE METHODIST ARCHIVE

MARSTON MEMORIAL HISTORICAL CENTER

# 2019 year-end report

## Exciting developments

This time last year we were happily reporting on the newly renovated space that featured the Zahniser Chapel, display areas and expanded library.

New this year is the Light & Life Hour Radio Broadcast studio as well as an interactive exhibit geared towards children. In addition, the “Journey Though the Years” timeline is a big hit with visitors and is available digitally.

It was great to connect with many of you at

General Conference in Orlando this summer. Some of you even came looking for us with precious treasures in hand to add to the FM Archive. Thank you for your part in preserving the FM story.

In addition to all the GC19 planning, this year’s focus has been fundraising for new library shelves. We shared with you this time last year our goal of \$30,000 and praise the Lord we are almost there!

We have taken a step of faith to save money and had the shelves installed by volunteer laborers.

Please continue to pray for us as we re-shelve over 4,000 volumes of books and set up the digital card catalog. You’ll be the first to know when this is accomplished.

Making the rich collection accessible to the global church is a major focus as we are “Mining the past to shape the future”!



*Bishop Bacus of the Philippines inside L&L Hour Studio*



*Starting Strong members in the Zahniser Chapel*

## Free Methodist Historical Society Members

The Free Methodist Historical Society *New Annual Giving Levels.*

**Roberts Founders \$250**

**Heritage Partners \$100**

**Legacy Associates \$50**

**Senior/Student Affiliates \$25**

Beginning in 2019 those with a cumulative amount of \$1,000 will now be listed as Marston Fellows.

Our member benefits include:

- ◆ research assistance
- ◆ private tours
- ◆ reading privileges in the White Library

Our members also gain access to:

- ◆ *Annual Conference Minutes/Yearbooks*
- ◆ digitized historical books
- ◆ photographs
- ◆ *Book of Discipline*

Some Light & Life Hour broadcasts and music is also available. We are just an email or phone call away.

Join the ranks of those helping to access FM History by starting or renewing your membership **today!**

Please complete and return the enclosed card or go online to <https://give.fmcusa.org/givemarston>

Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

Please be patient as a new website is being created. You can still access eBooks, Kirundi-English Dictionaries and current FMHS Newsletters and FM History Updates. Go to [fmcusa.org/ministries/marston-memorial-historical-center](http://fmcusa.org/ministries/marston-memorial-historical-center)

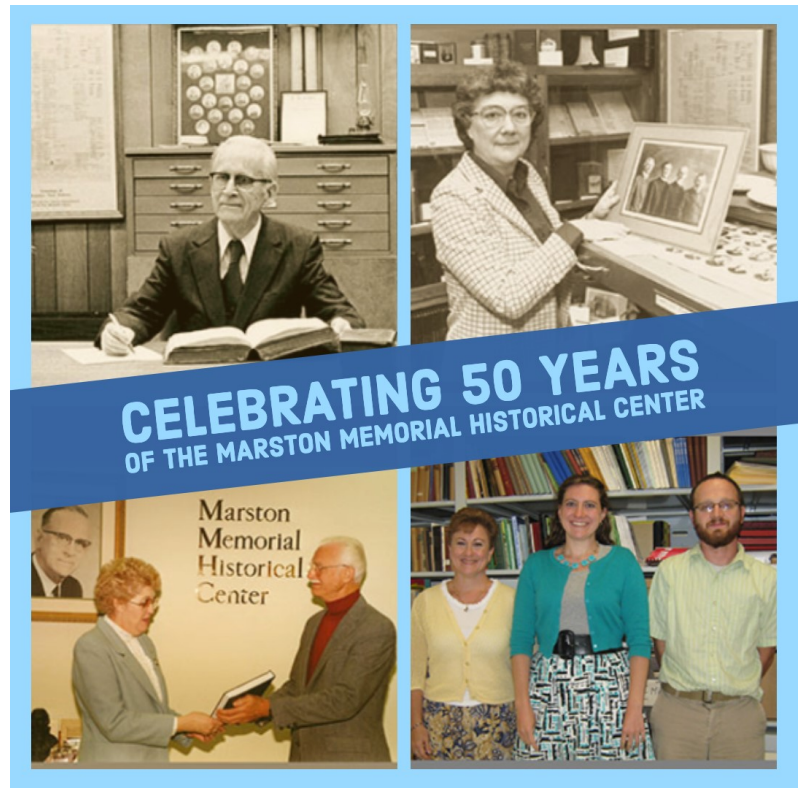


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**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**  
OF THE MARSTON MEMORIAL HISTORICAL CENTER

We are so thankful to Bishop Marston for establishing the Historical Center in 1969. He began the historical library with his own personal collection. He and his daughter, Evelyn Marston Mottweiler organized the collection in a very professional manner— some of which is still being used today. The next director, Fran Haslam took on the challenge to move the collection from Winona Lake to Indianapolis. She set up a very attractive space for visitors to enjoy and learn about the history of the FMC. The current staff has established the FM Archive and digital access as well as caring for 159 years of journals, ledgers, photographs, documents, letters etc. Soon we will be setting up the newly expanded Hugh White Library. Please pray for us!

## HELP NEEDED

Library Shelving—Goal \$30,000

Contributions to date = **\$21,750**

Only **\$8,250** needed

Total 2019 Budget \$82,260

Supported by \$35,000 in contributions

Contributions received as of 9-26-19  
**\$20,433**

How can you help meet these goals?

### **LET'S REVIEW -**

Capital Improvements—

Covered by your donations!

Archive Room \$150,000 **PAID IN**  
**FULL 2013**                      **THANK YOU!**

Redesign Project \$200,000 **PAID IN**  
**FULL 2018**                      **THANK YOU!**

*“Conserving the legacy of the Free Methodist Church as a resource for its identity and future”*



**Japan FMC deposits local church history for FM Archive. GC19**