Winning Entries in the Kate Warnick Awards Competition

Marion Kate Cullom (1896-1993) was born in Garland, Texas, the daughter of Dora Sewell Cullom and newspaperman John H. Cullom. As a young adult, Warnick studied music at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She began working in the SMU library under the direction of Dorothy Amann in the fall of 1918.

Kate Warnick served as Librarian of the SMU School of Theology (now Perkins School of Theology) from 1924 until 1950 and as Reference and Methodist Historical Librarian at Bridwell Library from the founding 1951 to 1979. She served one term as President of the Methodist Librarians Fellowship (1963-1964) and several years as Librarian-Historian of the South Central Jurisdictional Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

The Texas United Methodist Historical Society established the Kate Warnick Awards in 1978 to honor Warnick’s long career of dedicated service to Southern Methodist University and her keen interest in documenting Methodist history. The annual competition encourages the publication of exemplary local church histories within the eight Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church that constitute the Texas United Methodist Historical Society: Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Oklahoma Indian Mission, Rio Grande, Rio Texas, and Texas.

Over the past thirty-seven years, the Kate Warnick Awards have succeeded in stimulating the production of more than three hundred local church histories. More than eighty of these works have received awards. Entries are judged in the following categories: small church (less than 500 members), medium church (500 to 1000 members), and large church (more than 1000 members). On occasion special awards are given to additional outstanding publications on Texas Methodism.

Bridwell Library collects copies of all competition entries. These works comprise a significant body of knowledge that is valued by church historians, local historians, genealogists, and other researchers. The process of publishing a history also benefits participating churches by stimulating an awareness of their own rootedness in the Christian tradition and vision for mission and ministry.
1976-1977 (awarded in 1978)
Small Church Division
Look Back with Pride, Look Forward with Hope: A History of the Throckmorton Methodist Church.
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas Call number: 287.6764 T531F P / BY 1730 .T57 P57

Large Church Division
Methodism Comes to the Pass: A History of Trinity United Methodist Church of El Paso.
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: 287.6764 E48T A / BY 1730 .E4 A32

1978
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: 287.6764 B836G T / BY 1730 .B73 T87

Large Church Division
History of the First United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: 287.6764 C822F W

1979
Small Church Division
History of First United Methodist Church, Cedar Hill, Texas.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .C42 P67

Large Church Division
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .S34 H57

1980
Small Church Division
The First United Methodist Church, Prairie Lea, Texas, 1953-1980: A Link With the Past.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .P72 D48

Large Church Division
110 years of Methodism: History of First United Methodist Church, Bay City, Texas, 1870-1980.
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .B59 I53 1980

1981
Small Church Division
A History of the United Methodist Church of Medina.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .M42 G34

Large Church Division
History of First Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas: A Century of Faith.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .W57 S64 1981

1982
Small Church Division
History of the First United Methodist Church, Anson, Texas.
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas Call number: BY 1730 .A57 P57
Large Church Division
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .D44 R46

1983
Small Church Division
The Story of St. Andrews United Methodist Church [of Borger].
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas Bridwell Library Archives Subject Files

Large Church Division
History of Wesley United Methodist. Austin, Texas.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .A97 H57

1984
Small Church Division
Faith West of the Pecos: The History of the Fort Davis First United Methodist Church.
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: BY 1730 .F66 B37

Large Church Division
Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, 1909-1984: Seventy Five Years of Service.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .S34 L38

1985
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .L67 M3

Large Church Division
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .K54 F76

1986
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .P67 S53

Large Church Division
Centennial 1886-1986: First United Methodist Church, Richardson.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .R52 A83

1987
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .Z32 H57

Large Church Division
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .B42 W5 1987
1988  
Small Church Division  
*History of the Lone Oak, Texas United Methodist Church.*

Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .L66 H57

Large Church Division  
*First United Methodist Church, Farmersville, Texas, 1856-1988.*

Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .F37 M57 1988

1989  
Small Church Division  
*A Faithful Journey: The History of Travis Street United Methodist Church.*

Annual Conference: Rio Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .L33 F34

Large Church Division  
*A Joyful Journey: First United Methodist Church, Canyon, Texas, 1889-1989.*

Annual Conference: Northwest Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .C36 J69 1989

1990  
Small Church Division  

Annual Conference: Rio Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .W37 D45

One Hundred One and Counting: A History of Meier Settlement United Methodist Church.

Annual Conference: Central Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .M43 O53

Large Church Division  
*First United Methodist Church: Georgetown, Texas.*

Annual Conference: Central Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .G46 S32


Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .D34 B72 1991

1991  
Small Church Division  
1889-1990: *First United Methodist Church, Grand Saline, Texas.*

Annual Conference: Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .G763 E5

Large Church Division  
*We Finish to Begin: A History of Travis Park United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, 1846-1991.*

Annual Conference: Rio Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .S34 W4 1991

1992  
Small Church Division  
*First United Methodist Church, Sonora, Texas, 1892-1992: Celebrating Our Blessings.*

Annual Conference: Rio Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .S66 F57 1992
Large Church Division
Annual Conference: Central Texas Call number: BY 1730 .F67 W47 1992

1993
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .S34 H57 1992

Large Church Division
Methodism in Historic Richmond on the Brazos.
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .R525 C52 1993

1994
Small Church Division
A Century of Celebration with Christ: The United Methodist Church, Fredonia, Texas, 1887-1994.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .F73 C46 1994

Large Church Division
"God's Work We Carry On": A History of Coker United Methodist Church.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .S34 G62 1994

1995
Small Church Division
History of Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church: The First Sixty-Eight Years.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .D34 C62 1994

Large Church Division
The History of the First United Methodist Church of Carthage, Texas, 1854-1995.
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .C377 F57 1995

1996
Small Church Division
No award given

Large Church Division
A History of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 1958-1995.
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .H68 H57 1996

1997
Small Church Division
A History of Lakeview United Methodist Church.
Annual Conference: Texas Conference Call number: BY 1730 .P653 L34 1997

Large Church Division
Church at the Crossroads: A History of First United Methodist Church Dallas.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .D34 C58 1997
1998
Small Church Division
*Rural American Methodism in North Texas: The History of Chinn's Chapel.*
   Annual Conference: North Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .D46 F34 1998

Large Church Division
   Annual Conference: Central Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .A74 S36 1998

1999
Small Church Division
*Former Pastors' Comments Relating to Their Time of Service from May, 1961 Through August 11, 1996: Asbury United Methodist Church, Odessa, Texas.*
   Annual Conference: New Mexico   Call number: BY 1730 .O34 F67 1999

Large Church Division
*First United Methodist Church, Plano Texas: The First 150 Years, 1847-1997.*
   Annual Conference: North Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .P53 F57 1999

2000
Small Church Division
[Grace United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.]
   Annual Conference: Texas   No copy of Bridwell Library

Large Church Division
*With the Warm Heart: A History of Aldersgate UMC. [Abilene, Texas]*
   Annual Conference: Northwest Texas   No copy at Bridwell Library

2001
Small Church Division
*History of the Robstown First United Methodist Church.*
   Annual Conference: Rio Texas   Bridwell Library Archives Subject File

Large Church Division
*What Hath God Wrought! Centennial History of Grace United Methodist Church, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 1898-1998.*
   Annual Conference: New Mexico   Call number: BY 1730 .A33 W52 1998

2002
Small Church Division
*History of the Copeville United Methodist Church 1902-2002.*
   Annual Conference: North Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .C657 W38 2002

   Annual Conference: Central Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .A74 J83 2002

Medium Church Division
*The History of Saint Andrews United Methodist Church of Fort Worth.*
   Annual Conference: North Texas   Call number: BY 1730 .F67 J64 2002
2003
Small Church Division
_A History of Coldspring United Methodist Church Organized in 1848._
Annual Conference: Texas Call number: BY 1730 .C62 H57 2003

Medium Church Division
_A History of the First United Methodist Church, Gallup, New Mexico._
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: BY 1730 .G344 T87 2003

Large Church Division
_Through the Centuries: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 1869-2002._
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: BY 1730 .L37 T47 2003

Best story award
_Going to the Chapel._ Winnsboro, Texas: Tinney Chapel.
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .W577 G65 2003

2004
Small Church Division
_Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church: Our Second 25 Years, 1979-2004._
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .D34 V47 2004

Medium Church Division
_From the Beginning: A History of First United Methodist Church, Kingsville, Texas._
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .K56 2004

Large Church Division
_Chronological History of Saint Paul United Methodist Church._ Amarillo, Texas.
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas Call number: BY 1730 .A42 B66 2004

2005
Small Church Division
_Estancia United Methodist Church 100th Anniversary Celebration._
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: BY 1730 .E82 E92 2005

Medium Church Division
_125 Years in the Heart of the City: First United Methodist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1880-2005._
Annual Conference: North Texas Call number: BY 1730 .G722 O63 2005

Medium Church Division
_Building Minds and Hearts: The History of Asbury UMC._ Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Annual Conference: New Mexico Call number: BY 1730 .A34 C37 2005

Large Church Division
_Our Birthday Book: Kerrville First United Methodist Church, 1854-2004._
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .K472 O97 2004

2006
Small Church Division
_The History of a Country Church: Monthalia United Methodist Church, 1886-2006._
Annual Conference: Rio Texas Call number: BY 1730 .C6793 F56 2006
Medium Church Division

Annual Conference: Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . J32 M47 2006

Large Church Division

Annual Conference: Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . H68 F44 2006

2007

Small Church Division

Annual Conference: Central Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . S67 S76 2007

Large Church Division

Open Hearts: The First 150 years of First United Methodist Church of Denton, Texas.
Annual Conference: North Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . D46 S53 2007

2008

Small Church Division

Testimony of Faith: A History of Simpson United Methodist Church.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . A97 D36 2008

Medium Church Division

150 Years of Methodism in Mason County, Texas. Part 1, 1852-1952.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . M372 O53 2008

2009

Small Church Division

Thanks Be to God: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church 50th Jubilee.
Annual Conference: North Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . F365 . T52 2009

Large Church Division

Born of the Spirit Living the Legacy: The First Thirty Five Years of Christ United Methodist Church (1973-2008).
Annual Conference: North Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . P53 B67 2009

2010

Large Church Division

Loving God, Loving Neighbor: Seventy Years of Methodists in Deer Park.
Annual Conference: Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . D423 F72 2010

Special Award for Texas Methodism History

Historical Atlas of Texas Methodism by William C. Hardt and John Wesley Hardt.
Call number: BY 1723 . T4 H37 2008

2011

Small Church Division

History of White Deer United Methodist Church 1911-2011.
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas
Call number: BY 1730 . W534 H57 2011
Medium Church Division
Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call numbers: (Print) BY 1730 .D34 N67 2011 (and DVD) Theol. Video 213

2012
Small Church Division
First United Methodist Church, Hart, Texas, 1922-2012.  
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .H375 F57 2012

2013  
No entries / no awards given.

2014
Medium Church Division
A Century of Serving: First United Methodist Church, Decatur, Texas, 1914-2014.  
Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .D42 C46 2014

Large Church Division
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place: the Centennial of First United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 1913-2013 Temple, Texas.  
Annual Conference: Central Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .T4 F47 2014

Honorable Mention
Annual Conference: Texas  
Call number: BY 1730 .H68 C53 2014

2015
Medium Church Division
The History of the “Mother” Church of Methodism in Texas: Gonzales, Texas 1841-2015.  
Annual Conference: Rio Texas  
Call number: BX8481.T4 G66 2016

2016
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: Central Texas  
Call number: BY1720.T4 S53 2016

2017
Small Church Division
66 Years of History 66 Años de Historia. Casa Linda United Methodist Church, Dallas.  
Annual Conference: North Texas  
Call number: BY1720.T4 D35 2017

Large Church Division
First United Methodist Church: 25 More Years of Grace-filled Ministry to the Lubbock Area.  
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas  
Call number: BY1720.T4 L86 2017
2018
Medium Church Division
On Fire With the Spirit! First United Methodist Church, Pflugerville.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas

2019
Small Church Division
Annual Conference: North Texas

2020
Small Church Division
Hedley Station: A History of the First Twenty-five Years of the Hedley Methodist Church. By Stan Cosby.
Annual Conference: Northwest Texas

Honorable Mention
First United Methodist Church of Bracketville: One Hundred Years 1920 – 2020. By Mary Ellen Miner.
Annual Conference: Rio Texas

Note: Call numbers refer to locations at Bridwell Library.