

Texas United Methodist Historical Society
Kate Warnick Award Guidelines

1. The Kate Warnick Award has been given annually by the Texas United Methodist Historical Society since 1978. It is named for Marion Kate Cullum Warnick (Mrs. John H. Warnick), long-time curator of the Methodist Collection at Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (SMU). It honors the best local UM church histories published in the sponsoring annual conferences (Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma Indian Mission, Rio Texas, Texas) during the preceding calendar year.¹ Its purpose is to encourage and celebrate the research, writing, and publication of histories of local churches within the Wesleyan tradition.

2. The Award is given in three categories, depending on the size of the membership of the local church:
 - Small church (less than 500 members),
 - Middle church (between 500 and 1,000 members), and
 - Large church (over 1,000 membership).The focus is on histories of local churches or pastoral charges. District and annual conference works, institutional accounts, personal memoirs, or thematic histories normally do not qualify. The Committee may give more than one Award per year in any of these categories.

3. The Award consists of (1) a plaque to be presented to the winning congregations, usually at the meeting of the appropriate annual conference immediately following the selection; (2) addition of the name of the church to the Kate Warnick Award webpage, hosted by Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, SMU; (3) accession of a copy of your entry into the collections of Bridwell Library with listing on the publicly accessible library catalog; and (4) placement of a copy of your book with the United Methodist History Center at Drew University.

4. Entries may be in any printed format, ranging from pamphlets to hard-bound books. Entries may also be in electronic format (videos, websites, and e-books). "Published" is defined (1) as a work which is reproduced in a sufficient number of copies to be distributed among the congregation; (2) as a work printed during a given calendar year; and (3) as a work focused primarily on the history of the congregation (this means that pictorial directories with a two- or three-page historical statement appended would ordinarily not qualify).

5. Subsequent editions of previously-submitted works may be entered, provided that there has been significant revision and updated material added to the earlier work. Further, at least ten years should have passed between publications.

¹ Local churches which have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, but were for some part of their history part of the UMC, are eligible and are encouraged to participate in the Kate Warnick Award.

6. Entries should be in the hands of the Warnick Committee chair **by January 31 of the year following publication**. Please use the official entry form (page 3 of this document). For electronic submissions, print out the form, fill in the required data, scan the document, and then forward a copy to the contest chair. Submission of printed materials requires the forwarding of three copies of the completed work to the Warnick Committee chair. One copy will be retained at Bridwell Library, one will be forwarded to your church's Annual Conference Archives, and one will be shared with the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church.

Electronic submissions should be in a format that can be stored and accessed by future readers: .pdf/a files for webpages and e-books and .mp4 files for videos.

7. Judging will be completed in time to announce award recipients at the annual meeting of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society, and results announced at that time.
8. Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History are encouraged to involve themselves in the Warnick Award process by:
 - promoting information about the Award in their respective local churches;
 - encouraging local churches to prepare their histories and submit them for judging;
 - keeping informed about which churches are preparing and have submitted entries;
 - sponsoring the presentation of the Award at annual conference when a local church has won it.

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Attention: Kate Warnick Award

*Texas United Methodist Historical Society
Kate Warnick Awards Entry Form*

Name and address of the documented church:

Annual Conference: _____

Size category: (based on the most recent annual conference journal)

- Small church (less than 500 members) _____
- Middle church (between 500 and 1,000 members) _____
- Large church (over 1,000 membership) _____

Name of the author, editor, or compiler: _____

Title of the submitted work: _____

When was the work published (in print or online)? [MM/YYYY] _____

Format of the work: (book, booklet, brochure, PDF/e-book, video) _____
(If other, please specify: _____)

Name and contact information for the person submitting the entry:

Signature and date of submission: _____

Please forward three copies of printed entries or one copy of digital files on flash drive to Kent H. Roberts, Highland Park UMC, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75205, Attention: Kate Warnick Awards. If your history is published in an electronic format, please send the file(s) to KateWarnickAwards@gmail.com. Questions? Email KateWarnickAwards@gmail.com or call 214-325-1117.

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