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Dear George:

For many years it has been a desire of the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ to have its history written and preserved. I have volunteered to undertake this project.

I envision the Ecclesiastical History of the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ to be in three parts.

The first part will be a general history of the Conference. Here we need a lot of help. As many of you may know, there is a starting document that was done some years ago. It is a good document and is invaluable to this work. We also need memories and research. Many clergy and laity who were around at the formation of this conference are still available to us as resources. Many of you have had an interest in our history and have gathered information, which needs to be shared.

The actual format of this section -- the chapter headings, areas of concentration, etc. will take form as we gather information and see how it naturally fits into chapters.

If you would like to work on this project or have material which you think would be helpful to the project or know someone who should be contracted, please call me at 602-967-2275 or fax me at 602-967-6866.

The second section we can have as a hand out at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference if you would take a few minutes to complete the enclosed form. This section will come under the heading of Historical Sketches of the Churches of the Southwest Conference of the United Church

of Christ. My goal is to have this section completed, copied and bound for distribution at the Annual Meeting as a way to spark interest in the completed project.

The third section would be the Historic Snapshots section. My goal in this section is to collect photographs of each of our churches, photographs of each minister that served that church, and photographs of significant events in the life of the congregation.

Your help and assistance is of utmost importance to this project. I am personally excited to have the opportunity to work on a document of such historical value to both the Southwest Conference and the United Church of Christ as a whole.

If you have a history of your congregation, could you forward it to me? I am sure that it would be of great value to the conference.

Again I want to emphasize that this is not “my” project but “our” project and I welcome and can use all the help you can give. If you would like to work on this project or have material which you think would be helpful to the project or know someone who should be contracted, please call me at 602-967-2275 or fax me at 602-967-6866.

In the Service of our Christ, your servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Ronald Wilson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

C. Ronald Wilson