The Uniting Church Historical Society (Synod of NSW - ACT Synod) seeks to promote interest in, and the study of, the history of the Uniting Church, and also of the three denominations which combined to form the Uniting Church, and supports more general interests in Church History as well.

After our Annual Meeting for 2016, we enjoyed a lecture from Dr Geoffrey Treloar, in relation to his recent researches on the history of Evangelicalism in the earlier years of the Twentieth Century. His book on this subject has recently been published, and has received the appreciation to which it is due.

The Executive of our Society has met four times during 2017. We took part in the Annual Service of Dedication for those involved in Archival work and who are interested in the history of the Christian Church, which was held last March in the Pitt Street Uniting Church, but which was organized on this occasion by the Baptist Archives, the speaker being the Rev. Dr Ross Clifford. The refreshments were again supported by the Australian Society of Archivists.

The Society continues to publish its journal – *Church Heritage* – twice each year, and its newsletter – *The Recorder* – quarterly. It also seeks to arrange lectures and other events to promote its purposes mentioned above, as well as in other ways. The Society's membership continues slowly to decline. The Executive calls upon friends who have a concern about the historical heritage and story of our Church to add their help in building the membership.

On the Queen’s Birthday long weekend this year, Dr Glen O’Brien and I represented our Society at the gatherings in Adelaide where the new National Uniting Church Historical Society was formed. These events were mainly organised by the Uniting Church South Australia Historical Society, but most States were well represented, and we appreciated the presence also of various senior people who actually played a strong role in creating the Church’s history in recent times.

Our AGM for this year is on 9 September, 2017. It is to be accompanied by a Public Lecture by the Rev. Dr Geoffrey Cummins about the recently published history of Tupou College in Tonga, and his authorship of the first part of it.

I thank everyone who has contributed to the Society's work this year, especially the other office-bearers. I thank especially Margot Doust, who decided not to stand for re-election to our Executive this time, after serving our Society, and the Archives, in many ways for fifteen years and more.

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