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FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Upcoming Events:
(Tentatively Scheduled)*

The 135th Anniversary Meeting of the Huguenot Society of SC has been rescheduled for Friday, October 16, 2020

The Society's Fall Service will be held at 10:30 am on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston.

I write this as the COVID-19 virus continues to spread in many areas of the world while beginning to flatten out in some of the earlier and hardest hit American hotspots. We hope that you, your family, friends and colleagues are well and are taking the necessary precautions to remain so. For those less fortunate, we hope time plus a continuing commitment to faith will assuage your suffering and pave the way for a renewed tomorrow. Our offices at 138 Logan Street in Charleston remain closed and our staff is working remotely in accordance with current governmental and healthcare guidelines.

As we were unable to hold the Annual Meeting this April due to the pandemic, I offer a lengthier than usual President's Report to bring you up to date on the Society's business. Your Board's staff and committees remain active, albeit 98% virtually.

For those of you keeping score, our offices were impacted by Hurricane Dorian in early September 2019. We lost sections of our roof and incurred significant water damage. Thankfully, none of our archives or office equipment were harmed. The necessary renovations plus a few improvements are almost

complete, having begun in earnest in January 2020 only to be slowed by COVID-19 guidelines. Our contractor is adhering to all the prescribed safety measures. The House Committee, Chaired by Vice President John Hilton, is keeping a watchful eye on the aforementioned building renovations.

The Branding and Communications Committee, chaired by Past President Ford Menefee, is developing a new branding and communications strategy with a focus on communicating the Huguenot Story in more creative ways. This ambitious project will touch many areas of our outreach with a responsible emphasis on web and digital delivery.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Charlton deSaussure, presented a proposed slate of officers for 2020 at the May (virtual) Board Meeting. Normally, the slate is approved by the membership at our Annual Meeting but it was postponed due to the pandemic. Consequently, in this uncharted water, the Board has provisionally approved the slate until the nominating committee can secure ratification by the membership at the Annual Meeting, which has been rescheduled for Friday, October 16, 2020. The 2020-2021 provisional Board of Directors can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Search Committee, seeking a new Executive Director for the Huguenot Society of SC, has posted the job description nationally and is now vetting the candidates and holding first round (virtual) interviews. Ultimately, travel restrictions permitting, the finalist(s) will be invited to meet the full Board for final consideration. I am the Chair of this committee and have a talented, energetic group working with me.

For background, the arrival of a new Executive Director will occur in harmony with plans for our long-time Executive Director Renée Marshall to move into a research role at the Society. Our current Researcher, Cheves Leland, will shortly thereafter reduce her hours as she moves towards retirement. Both Renee's and Cheves' recommendations for these changes are long overdue for action and their patience and commitment in the interim receives our highest level of appreciation.

While it seems like there is "no time like the present", within the context of our Huguenot remembrances, it is



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healthy to correlate some of our present hardships with those of our French protestant ancestors.

Your Huguenot ancestors also faced an age of uncertainty. Triggered by a desire to worship freely as a protestant, Huguenots faced state-sponsored persecution, imprisonment, physical harm, banishment, loss of land and home, loss of fortune, and workplace discrimination. Their only options were 1) convert to Catholicism, 2) suffer the aforementioned consequences or 3) emigrate from France, leaving everything behind.

Consequently, during the periods of persecution in France, thousands of Huguenots with courage of conscience immigrated to points around the globe; typically, without any more resources than the meager provisions supplied by patrons - public and private. These patrons were almost always motivated to assist industrious Huguenots by an expected return on investment. These aspirational returns on investment were pitched to patrons by savvy Huguenots and their promises ranged from expanding colonial empire to developing viniculture, silk making, timber, tobacco and rice industries.

To say these proposed paths to prosperity were met with challenges, hardships and oftentimes failure is an understatement. There are success stories; but they often were the result of major alterations in plans, moving to yet another refuge or leveraging their Huguenot network of family and friends back in Europe. Entire volumes are dedicated to this single topic spread amongst the global Huguenot diaspora. One such new publication on the subject is *The Global Refuge: Huguenots in an Age of Empire*, written by Owen Stanwood, Ph.D. Dr. Stanwood will be our speaker at our rescheduled Annual Meeting this fall. I am looking forward to hearing Dr. Stanwood's perspective resulting from his research and publications on Huguenots seeking refuge.

Today, as we all await the return to a sustainable level of social, health and economic well-being, I am thankful that our country's founding fathers (including Huguenots) created a system of government forged from the hardships of their experiences. Our American Experiment doesn't always get it right; but the lessons learned by these immigrants from suffering through most of the so-called Age of Enlightenment is clearly evident in their governmental framing.

We American descendants of Huguenots live within this framework. A framework that comes together when called upon for defense against tyranny, anarchy, public health crises, religious extremism and infringement on individual liberty. Although the current pandemic is fraught with hardships, I think the Huguenots of colonial America would expect us to adjust, adapt and draw upon community for the benefit of our children. All the while investing in the framework that can be redeployed when necessary for the benefit of our children's, children's children. Just as the Huguenots did for us.

-John E. Huguley, Jr.

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has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday, October 16, 2020. We also hope to hold the Society's Autumn Service at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston on Sunday, October 18. While we are proceeding with optimism and making plans, the health and safety of our members is paramount. COVID-19 may impact these upcoming events and we will keep you informed as we get closer to the fall.

