The Facts of the Campaign

The goal of the Centennial Fund campaign is to “provide financial support for the preservation and communication of Seventh Day Baptist History.” More specifically, we need to increase the endowment of the Historical Society by $300,000 between now and our 100th anniversary in 2016. We hope all those who have an interest in preserving the story of Seventh Day Baptists will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Fund. For more information about how you can contribute to assure that your story and the story of all SDBs will be handed down, please contact the Society today to discuss the options!

Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord.
Psalm 102:18 (NIV)

About the Society

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit in the state of Wisconsin, chartered for the purpose of preserving the unique cultural heritage of Seventh Day Baptists. We are the official archive of the SDB General Conference of USA & Canada, Ltd, as well as the preferred repository for SDBs around the world. You can find out more about us, including how you can join in our work at our website: www.sdbhistory.org.

Handing Down Our Story

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We insure everything... but our stories.

Life Insurance. Homeowner’s insurance. Auto insurance. We insure nearly everything we own, from our homes to our cell phones. There are good reasons to insure our possessions—we have lots of our resources invested in the things we own and may hand down to others. But if we agree with Christ that “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions,” (Luke 12:15, ESV) what are we doing to insure the things that money can’t buy?

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society’s mission is to preserve the distinctive history and heritage of Seventh Day Baptists. That means that we preserve stories—stories like yours. Our collection is filled with the stories of faithful people living out their convictions for more than 350 years. Our mandate is clear: to preserve the stories of the past, both from individuals and from local churches, so that we can be inspired today and, perhaps most importantly, so that we can encourage others and provide for the future of our shared past and present.

The Rising Cost of Storytelling

Your Historical Society has been able to work diligently for nearly one hundred years to insure the future of our past, in no small part because of the contributions of Seventh Day Baptists, many of whom are no longer with us. Even so, because our stories increase by the day, so also do the costs associated with preserving them. The cost of taking care of our constantly growing collection requires the ongoing generosity of individuals to continue our mission. Amazingly, the generosity of previous generations of donors has provided funding for technology they never could have imagined or foreseen: websites, cell phones, digital scanning, and more! Their gifts decades ago makes high-tech preservation and communication possible in the present!

Celebrating a Century

In honor of the Society’s one hundred-year anniversary in 2016, we have created the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society Centennial Fund. The goal of this campaign is to raise the Society’s total endowments to a million dollars by the end of our centennial in 2016—an increase of $300,000. We are asking individuals who value SDB history to contribute to the Centennial Fund to make this dream a reality.

“Let the Redeemed of the LORD tell their story…”
Psalm 107:2a (ESV)

Insuring Our Story

There are a variety of ways to join with us to meet our goal. Cash contributions, planned giving as part of your estate, and making the Society a beneficiary of your life insurance are three possible methods. Each of these methods will help to insure your story and the story of our denomination. Capital contributions to the Centennial Fund are tax-deductible and will be used exclusively for furthering the Historical Society’s mission and vision—to insure our stories for future generations. To discuss specific giving options, we invite you to contact the Society today! Don’t wait to insure your story is told!