YEAR BOOK AND DIRECTORY
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The Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the organ for maintaining the official list of the denomination’s congregations. This is accomplished by seeking to report new congregations once they are recognized by a region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 2007, 87 congregations were listed in the Year Book for the first time. Of this 87, 21 were previously unknown congregations acknowledged for the Year Book by the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly of the Church of Christ Disciples of Christ, the regions acknowledged 64 congregations in formation, and 2 new congregations were the result of congregations merging.

The Year Book also works with regions to remove congregation in order to maintain a correct listing of Disciples congregations. Regions announce the closing of congregations, but it is necessary to maintain the formalities of the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) before a congregation can withdraw or be removed for lack of interest. During 2007 there were 60 congregations removed from the Year Book. Of this number 33 congregations closed, 9 congregations withdrew, 9 congregations were removed through the procedure outlined by General Assembly Resolution 9516, 2 congregations were removed because they were duplications, 2 congregations were formation congregations that had their regional recognition withdrawn, 4 congregations merged (to form 2 of the new congregations), and 1 congregation’s ethnic ministry was wrongly listed as an independent congregation.

Year Book orders were up in 2007. To date there have been 1,965 orders for the 2007 Year Book and Directory as compared to 1,447 for the 2006 issue. The paper cover edition is by far the most popular. Two thousand four hundred (2,400) copies were ordered and we purchased the overrun (about 200 copies) as well. Current inventory for the paper cover 2007 Year Book is less than 50 copies. The CD has not sold as well (about 250 copies a year) mostly in tandem with a hard copy purchase. The loose-leaf issue sold all 100 copies and many persons who ordered a loose-leaf edition did not receive the edition they initially requested. A larger number will be printed in 2008. Of the one hundred hard cover copies ordered there are still six in stock.

The Year Book office stopped receiving payments from for the Year Book and asked, on the invoice, that payment be sent directly to a bank lock box in Chicago. This increases security and complies with standards set forth by the auditors. Accounting for Year Book sales is now done by other OGMP staff.

The Year Book has contracted with DDI to develop a web based Year Book. We plan to test the online Year Book with the 2008 edition then make it possible to purchase this with the other editions beginning with the 2009 Year Book. Some issues remain for resolution including the purchase price, an estimate as to how online service will affect paper copy sales, and how to insure that those who use the online service pay for the service.
The Year Books are the modern English name that is now typically given to the earliest law reports of England. Substantial numbers of manuscripts circulated during the later medieval period containing reports of pleas heard before the Common Bench. In the sixteenth century versions of this material appeared in print form. These publications constituted the earliest legal precedents of the common law. They are extant in a continuous series from 1268 to 1535, covering the reigns of King Edward I to... They are year-books, almanacs, directories, hand-books, manuals, guides and so on. They are called ready reference sources as they are referred to answer the factual queries. They are usually serial publications useful in getting brief and pinpointed answers. As it is usual to describe ready reference service as fact-finding service, ready reference sources are also known as "fact-books thoroughly up-to-date". The ready reference sources which are published annually and known as yearbooks usually cover the information about the last three months of the previous year and first nine months of the... Mennonite yearbook and directory. Item Preview. remove-circle. Share or Embed This Item. Share to Twitter. Share to Facebook. Share to Reddit. Mennonite yearbook and directory. Publication date. 1952. Topics. Mennonites--Periodicals, Mennonites--Directories. Publisher. Scottdale, Pa. Directories and yearbooks. Though not strictly "official", these resources make up a substantial part of the collection and are heavily used. A mixture of almanacs, yearbooks and directories, including Post Office directories and Kelly’s directory, are held, together with staff lists published in the United Kingdom, such as the Colonial Office List and the India Register. Yearbooks and directories are an important resource for research into social, economic and family history. Topics covered include...