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Dear Ted:

Thanks for your memo of 19 May regarding the Wesleyan Scholars' Database.

If it is illegal or inappropriate to incorporate the WHS into the database, I would certainly support your proposal of a WMHS-funded mailing to the WHS list, as you propose.

WTS would be reluctant to have its list used extensively or indiscriminately, and would not want the list passed on to a third party. There would be no problem, however, with a mailing once or twice a year specifically regarding the WMHS, or once or twice about the Lilly Project. I would support your suggestion of a Lilly Project-funded mailing along the lines you indicated.

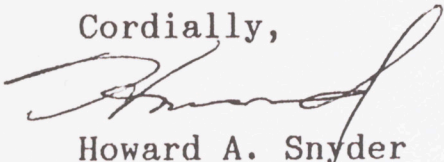
I think names should not be divulged to commercial interests, even if in the area of Wesley studies, without permission from the persons involved. So I would support option (b) in section 2 of your memo.

I don't know what to say about periodic updating, other than that if WMHS proposes to do this it will have to have the necessary human and financial resources. Would a simpler (if perhaps less reliable) method be to furnish WMHS information and/or materials to each society and have them distribute it with their mailing(s)? WTS would normally be willing to do this, I think. One problem might be time delay, as WTS mailings are not frequent.

Regarding the WTS list: I would guess about 10% of the names and addresses are non-U.S. Also, a sizable number of WTS members are pastors, not professional scholars. In light of this, it may be that the initial WMHS mailing should include an inquiry whether the persons want to be included in the WMHS list or not. Then the WMHS would include only those who respond, and do no further mailings to the whole WTS list (at least for three or four years). If you did this with all the various societies, this would mean simply expanding the WMHS list and maintaining it as the WMHS's own list, rather than having to secure a list each year from each society and entering all changes. You probably would have less names, but the process might be easier and the list better focussed.

Thanks for your work on this.

Cordially,



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