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Author to speak at LancasterHistory about history of America's first appointed woman missionary

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*Lancaster, PA (November 21, 2022) – On Thursday, December 1 at 7pm, author Reid Trulson, D. Min. will join LancasterHistory for a lecture on his latest publication, *Charlotte Atlee White Rowe: The Story of America's First Appointed Woman Missionary*.*

Charlotte Atlee White Rowe was born in Lancaster in 1782 and faced controversy throughout her life. In 1815, scandal erupted when she became the first woman appointed as a missionary by the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. It came again over her work educating girls at her post in India and once more when her correspondence was repurposed for anti-missionary propaganda. Long overlooked, her story is now being reclaimed. Dr. Reid Trulson will discuss Rowe's life, the previously unexamined archival materials that led to her rediscovery, and her importance today.

Reid Trulson, D. Min. is the retired Executive Director/CEO of International Ministries. He previously served in Austria and the Czech Republic as the American Baptist representative to Europe and Baptist World Alliance representative to the United Nations in Vienna. Earlier, he served as the Area Director for Europe and the Middle East, the Scripture Union Regional Secretary in Ghana, and as a pastor in California and Wisconsin. Trulson is the author

of *Charlotte Atlee White Rowe: The Story of America's First Appointed Woman Missionary* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2021).

Tickets: This event is expected to take place **in person** at LancasterHistory **and online** on Thursday, December 1. The doors open and check in begins at 6:30pm. The lecture will begin at 7pm.

The program is free and open to the public but **requires advance registration** in order to guarantee a seat or to receive your link to the presentation. Register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on December 1 at 6:30pm ET. Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

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