

Report to Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.  
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## The Moravian Archives 2014

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The Moravian Archives is grateful for the continued financial support of the Bethlehem Area Moravians. This support enables us to continue our programming, to preserve the history of the Moravian Church and to share this history with the public.

The renovations of the Moravian Archives continued in 2014. A generous donation from a Bethlehem Moravian enabled us to install new museum-standard LED lighting in the gallery spaces. The galleries were also repainted. The next phase of renovations will begin in February of 2015. During this final phase, the reading room and the offices will be renovated.

In July the affiliation agreement with the Moravian Historical Society (MHS) was expanded. The office and finance manager of the Archives now also works one day a week at MHS to do the book keeping. The operations and events manager of MHS also oversees events and the shop at the Archives. The affiliation with MHS has proven productive and useful for both institutions. We will continue to explore ways for our small non-profits to cooperate and support one another.

Derrick Clark became operations and events manager of MHS in July of last year. In that capacity he also has responsibilities at the Archives (see above). In December Kelly Givens, who used to be business manager at the Moravian Historical Society, joined the staff of the Archives as office and finance manager.

### *Other Highlights from 2014*

1. During 2014 the Archives counted 333 research visits in the reading room (2013: 160). In addition, the Archives' staff addressed many research requests by email and telephone.
2. A total of over 31 volunteers gave us a total of exactly 1,600 hours of service.
3. The Archives received four important paintings by Moravian artists: two portraits by John Valentine Haidt, and two portraits by Gustav Grunewald. We were able to raise enough funds to restore the Grunewald portraits. This will be done in 2015. The portraits were part of the exhibit, "New Faces at the Moravian Archives," that was on display from April until November of 2014.
4. A manuscript history of Lititz, PA, that was discovered during the renovations of the vault during 2013 was restored by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia. The restoration was made possible by the generosity of a friend of the Archives.
5. Archivist Paul Peucker was able to attend the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Unity Archives of the Moravian Church in Herrnhut, Germany, in June. He spoke about

- the resources of the Bethlehem Archives. Following that conference, Paul toured with a group of Moravian travelers from both the Northern and Southern Provinces to Prague, Kunwald, Suchdol, Herrnhut, and Dresden.
6. The biannual Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, organized by the Archives, Moravian College, and other Moravian institutions, took place in October. We are grateful to BAM Ministries for their financial support.
  7. In conjunction with the Conference, the Archives hosted a meeting of Moravian archivists from Herrnhut, Winston-Salem, London, and Bethlehem. The curator of the Moravian Museum in Bethlehem was also able to attend. This was the third time this meeting took place.
  8. Paul was asked to chair a committee to coordinate the upcoming 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem (2016/17). All Moravian churches and institutions in Bethlehem are invited to participate.
  9. The traditional German-English Advent *Singstunde* had to be canceled because of bad weather. The historic Christmas Eve service at the Whitefield House in Nazareth had a good attendance.
  10. The website of the Moravian Archives was completely redesigned.
  11. Issues 14/1 and 14/2 of the *Journal of Moravian History* were published in cooperation with our publisher, Pennsylvania University Press.
  12. Translation work on volume 3 of the Bethlehem Diary continued during 2014. This work is done by a volunteer. Translations of excerpts from the Nazareth Diary were scanned and placed on the Archives' website in preparation of the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nazareth in 2015.
  13. The Moravian Archives worked with the Moravian Historical Society to compile a guidebook of Moravian sites in Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Emmaus. The guide book was published in the Spring of 2014 and has received a lot of praise.
  14. Ralph Schwarz who has faithfully served on the Archives' board for many years, was voted an emeritus board member in December.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Peucker, Archivist

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