

Report to Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.
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The Moravian Archives 2021

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The Moravian Archives would like to thank Bethlehem Area Moravians for their financial support during 2021. This support enables us to continue our programming, to preserve the history of the Moravian Church, and to share this history with the public.

Mission statement: The Moravian Archives collects and preserves records and historical materials of Moravians in North America and makes them available to the public. It is the official repository of the records of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province. The Archives fulfills its mission through archival processing, research services, education, publications, and public programming.

Highlights from 2021

1. The financial support received from Bethlehem Area Moravians was gratefully accepted. BAM contributed \$20,000, which represents 4% of the Archives' 2021 operating budget. Combined with the financial support from the Northern Province, the Larger Life Foundation and the Society for Propagating the Gospel, we can say that the Moravian Church as our main constituency covered 14% of our operating budget in 2021. The remaining funds come from the Friends of the Archives, from endowment income, and from program income.
2. Current board members who serve on behalf of BAM are Michael A. Long and Diane Shaw, and Brad Sennick as an additional (non-voting) representative of BAM. We are currently in the process of changing the bylaws so that we can make the BAM representative a full board member.
3. The Moravian Archives is now prepared and able to accept and process electronic records from our churches and agencies. The first transfer of electronic records was successfully processed during 2021.
4. During the past year, many of our volunteers were able to return to the Archives. We are extremely grateful for all the good work by our volunteer community.
5. During the past year we received records from the following Moravian agencies and churches: Board of World Mission, Provincial Elders' Conference, Calvary MC, Allentown, PA; Canadensis MC, PA; East Hills MC, Bethlehem, PA; Lititz MC, PA; Main Street MC, Lake Mills, WI; Saratoga MC, WI; Schoeneck MC, Nazareth, PA.
6. Other important acquisitions include a previously unknown Nativity painting by John Valentine Haidt (purchased at auction), View of a River by Gustav Grunewald (from Bethlehem Public Library); View of Friedensfeld Moravian Church in St. Croix by John Little (donation by family); album by Rufus Grider (purchase).
7. During the past year, the following collections have been processed: Post Card Collection; Moravian Prep School, and Lititz Memoirs; Lebanon MC, PA; Hebron MC, PA; Midway Manor MC, Allentown; Midland Beach MC, Staten Island; New Dorp

- Beach MC, SI; New Dorp MC, SI; Trinity of New Dorp Beach MC, SI; Midwestern States Moravian Women's Board; Protestant Church of Staten Island; Trinity Italian MC, SI; Good Shepherd Moravian Church MC, Yorba Linda, CA; Covina MC, CA; Morongo MC, CA; Downey MC, CA. Ongoing processing projects are: American Indian Missions, Congregational Accounts, Provincial Helpers Conference, Bethlehem Congregation, Lititz Congregation.
8. Digitization has become an integral part of our work. The digital content of our online finding aid continues to grow. We found a new partner with the State and University Library of Saxony in Dresden, Germany, who has begun to post digital content from the Moravian Archives on their website, thus increasing the exposure of our holdings.
 9. Issues 21/1 and 21/2 of the *Journal of Moravian History* (joint publication of the Moravian Archives and Moravian Historical Society) were published with Pennsylvania State University Press.
 10. We offered the following online lectures: Christina Petterson, “Time of Transition and Change in Mission: 1760-1764 in the Moravian Unity” on January 19; Thomas McCullough, “Moravians and Early American Holidays” on February 16; Richard Pointer, “Finding Peace on a violent Frontier: Papunhank and Native Moravians in Pennsylvania and Ohio, 1765-1775” on March 9; Paul Peucker, “Unveiling Haidt: The Discovery of an Unknown Moravian Painting” on April 6; Mark Turner, “Uncommon Bonds and the Digital Return of Labrador Inuit Documentary Heritage” on June 22; Alice Smith Duncan, “Rufus Grider, a Moravian Artist in 19th-Century New York State” on October 12.
 11. The bi-annual Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music that BAM financially supports took place on Zoom from April 20-24, 2021 (rescheduled from October 2020).
 12. Thomas McCullough presented a three-part online webinar on genealogy in May.
 13. New carpet was installed in the exhibit space in June. The current exhibit, “Zinzendorf in America,” reopened after completion of that work.
 14. This year’s German Script Course was held in a hybrid format with a total of fifteen participants (three online). Besides the United States, participants came from Canada, Great Britain, and Germany. We also taught an online German Script class for the staff of the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC (Jan. 25-Feb. 5), as well as a series of online refresher workshops.
 15. We were able to host our Summer Soirée for Friends of the Archives on August 24.
 16. The German edition of Paul Peucker’s study of early Herrnhut, which is scheduled to come out in English in the spring of 2022, was published in Germany in September.
 17. On October 18, 2021, Michelle Müntefering, minister of state at the German Foreign Office in Berlin, visited the Moravian Archives. Müntefering came to Bethlehem to submit an official declaration of the German government to cooperate with the US National Park Service to apply for the status of Unesco World Heritage for the three Moravian communities (Bethlehem, Herrnhut, and Gracehill). She was accompanied by David Gill, Consul General of Germany.
 18. The proceeds from our giftshop (the Moravian History Store) become increasingly important to our budget. Online orders have increased and our presence at Christkindlmarkt was very successful.
 19. Two research scholarships were awarded from the Rev. Vernon H. Nelson Memorial Fund:

- Lauren Clark, “Carl Heinrich Graun’s Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld: A Critical Edition“
 - Alice Smith Duncan, “Completion of Rufus Alexander Grider biography”
20. Throughout the year, Paul Peucker has been working with the Archives’ Commission of the Southern Province to assist them in their effort to find and hire a new archivist.
 21. Assistant archivist Thomas McCullough taught a course in Public History at Moravian University during the fall semester.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Peucker, Archivist

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