

Report to Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.

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The Moravian Archives

2022

The Moravian Archives would like to thank Bethlehem Area Moravians for their financial support during 2022. 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 2022

1. The financial support received from Bethlehem Area Moravians was gratefully accepted. BAM contributed \$20,000, which represents 3.6% of the Archives' 2022 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 13.5% of our operating budget in 2022. 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 hope that our bylaws will be changed this year so that we can make the BAM representative a full board member.
3. During the past year we received records from the following Moravian agencies and churches: Board of World Mission, Western District Board, Unionville Moravian Church, Lititz, Moravian Care Ministries, College Hill Moravian Church,
4. Other important acquisitions include a silver waiter given to Mrs. Edmund de Schweinitz by the Bethlehem congregation in 1875; various Moravian coins; a Daily Watchword book from 1740; an engraving of Zinzendorf's grandfather Nikolaus von Gersdorf; handwritten collection of hymns by Christian Renatus von Zinzendorf
5. During the past year, the following collections have been processed: Hope Seminary, papers from F. P. Stocker. Records from the following Moravian congregations: Great Kills Moravian Church, Staten Island; Uhrichsville, OH; Fry's Valley, OH; Schoenbrunn, OH, First MC Dover, OH; Second MC Dover, OH; College Hill,

- Bethlehem, PA; Reading, PA; Unionville, MI; Main Street MC, Northfield, MN. The following photo collections: Moravian Church studio portraits photo album volume V, Romig Alaska album, Adolf G. Stecker Alaska album, vol. I-III, The Great Commission Lantern Slide Collection, Allen S. Hedgecock Lantern Slide Collection Series I, & Allen S. Hedgecock lantern slide collection Series II; Camera Club Glass Plates, & Photographic Lecture Slides of Rev. Paul M. Grider. Ongoing: Provincial Helpers' Conference, Moravian Historical Society (business records and manuscript collection); Nazareth Hall Boarding School for Boys.
6. A portrait of Count Zinzendorf was restored in memory of Doris Yob, former administrative assistant of the Moravian Archives. Currently, the Nativity painting by John Valentine Haidt, purchased in 2021, is being restored. We expect it to return in 2023.
 7. Digitization has become an integral part of our work. The digital content of our online finding aid continues to grow. Collections that were digitized during 2022: Church Registers (ChReg), the Ludwig David de Schweinitz Papers (PP_SchwLD) and Oversize Drawings and Prints (DP_OVR). Additionally fairly substantial portions from MissInd, EWI, PEC Corr, PhotAlbums and VarMSColl were digitized.
 8. Issues 22/1 and 22/2 of the *Journal of Moravian History* (joint publication of the Moravian Archives and Moravian Historical Society) were published with Pennsylvania State University Press.
 9. We offered the following online lectures: Craig Atwood presented an online lecture on March 15: "After the Sifting: Zinzendorf's London Sermons."
 10. We received a grant from the BAM Ministries board for the bi-annual Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music that will take place in August of 2023.
 11. Paul Peucker and Tom McCullough participated in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Schoenbrunn, OH, on May 3. Both presented a lecture at the event.
 12. Paul gave lectures and presentations at Moravian Hall Square (Nazareth), Ephrata, the Athenaeum in Philadelphia, Hotel Bethlehem, Central Church, for the ESS Germanists, a keynote lecture at the International Pietism Conference at Halle, Germany, and at an online Moravian youth festival in Herrnhut.
 13. Tom gave a lecture at East Hills Moravian Church and at the Emmaus Historical Society.
 14. The English edition of Paul Peucker's study of early Herrnhut was published by Penn State Press in May. The Archives hosted a book launch on May 26. Paul gave several books talks during the year (online panel; in Lititz, PA, and twice in Herrnhut, Germany).
 15. This year's German Script Course was held in with sixteen participants. We also offered several online refresher workshops and a one-day workshop in at the German Historical Society in Philadelphia. Tom taught a German Script workshop at Whitehall High School.
 16. We were able to host our Summer Soirée for Friends of the Archives on August 16.

17. An extensive roof repair was completed during the summer. The remaining life expectancy of the rubber membrane on the roof is five years.
18. We have been able to subscribe to a new program from online library platform OCLC. Through this new program all our library holdings are now visible on worldcat.org, giving our library catalog worldwide accessibility.
19. A committee has been formed to work with a consultant to improve our efforts regarding planned giving.
20. Throughout the year, Paul has worked with Historic Bethlehem to review and revise sections of the dossier for Unesco World Heritage.
21. The proceeds from our gift shop (the Moravian History Store) are important to our budget. In September we were at Historic Bethlehem's Apple Fest for the first time. This Christmas season, BAM allowed us to set up a booth on the green next to Central Church. We also had a sales booth next to the Sun Inn and participated at the Holiday Market at Moravian Village.
22. In 2022 no research scholarships were awarded from the Rev. Vernon H. Nelson Memorial Fund as no qualifying applications were received. The allocated funding has been transferred to 2023.
23. The annual German-English Advent Singstunde took place on December 6 at the Old Chapel (together with Moravian Music Foundation and Central Church).

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Peucker, Archivist

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