

## James R. Crumley Jr. Archives - Fall 2018 Archives Report

### Accessions

In August, 2018, we accessioned 6 boxes belonging to the Southeastern Synod's WELCA. A box belonging to the Synod was also delivered to us for processing and maintenance.

### Administration

#### Personnel

Currently, the Archives employs four part-time workers: Shannon Smith, director and archivist; Trudy Bouknight, bookkeeper; Scott Reeves, assistant archivist; and Ellen Triplett, archivist aide.

#### Collection Development and Preservation

We continue to accession material from synods, churches, clergy, and laity, in accordance with our collection development policy.

### Accessions

The Archives has accessioned more than 120 banker's and archival boxes from the Virginia Synodprogress is being made in processing collections belonging to schools, groups, congregations, and the Synod.

### Development

The Archives continues to network with archival association and universities in an effort to share its collections.

### Grants

The Archives has applied for the Peeler/Casey Grant through the NC Synod to fund a project that will be a digital exhibition of the historic Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

### Annual Fundraiser

This spring's annual fundraiser, "Lutherans and Prohibition: 100 Years Later", which was celebrated April 27th was a great success. Festivities included heavy hors d'oeuvres with wine and other beverages, a lecture by Dr Susan W. McArver and opportunities for sponsorship of archival boxes for our Salzberger Collection. Dances of the era were performed by Columbia's Big Apple Dancers Richard Durlach and Janet "Breedlove."

### Networking, Outreach, and Scholarship

#### Workshops

The Archives is offered workshops for churches and individuals in June and July 2018. The workshops included a discussion of church archives, preservation techniques, and a tour of our facility. Several North and South Carolina Synods participated in these offerings.

## **Patronage**

The Archives continues to receive weekly requests regarding church histories, records, genealogies, and Lutheran heritage. Most requests are made via our website, though phone calls are not unusual.

## **Memberships**

The Crumley Archives belongs to two archival organizations in South Carolina: PALMCOP (Palmetto Archives, Libraries, Museums, Council on Preservation) and SCAA (South Carolina Archival Association), Lutheran Historical Conference this summer.

## **Web Presence**

We have created a manuscripts division on our website, as well as a digital archives that inventories our media, both audio and visual. These two projects can be found on our website,

## **Conferences and Publications**

In October 2018, Archivist Shannon Smith and Dr. Maria Erling (United Seminary) will be giving a lecture at the Lutheran Historical Conference on the history of Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church (St. Thomas, USVI) and on the records that are currently maintained at the Crumley Archives.

## **Disaster Preparedness**

### **Preventative Measures**

As we enter a season for inclement weather, the Archives has taken several measures to ensure full preparedness. We have revised our disaster preparedness policy to include an updated contact list. We have consulted with a fire education chief in Columbia so that we are familiar with what steps to take in the event of a fire. A purchase for "sandless" sandbags has also been made to secure the doors of the archives and reading room.

## **Salzburger Bookcases**

Through donor support, we have been able to preserve more than a third of our Salzburger Collection with custom-made "Kase" boxes. Some cases (i.e., book boxes) were "sponsored" individually by donors. Thanks to a grant from Ascension Lutheran Church, Savannah, we were able to purchase additional cases. These book cases have been dedicated to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

**Shannon L. Smith**

**Director of Archives**