

# MORAVIAN ARCHIVES

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## Celebrating Moravian Archives Sunday April 25, 2021

TO: Pastors and Church Administrators, Moravian Church, Southern Province  
From: Archives Commission, Moravian Church, Southern Province

In 2020, the Provincial Elders' Conference approved designating the last Sunday in April to offer prayers for the Southern Province Archives and to request support for its ongoing mission as steward of our history and records. In 2020, COVID-19 eliminated our first opportunity to celebrate with congregations, and the pandemic continues to limit or eliminate in-person worship in 2021.

Regardless, we are hopeful that our churches will be able to recognize us this year on **April 25, the third Sunday of Easter**. We appreciate the opportunity to thank congregations and church members who sustain the work of the Archives with their gifts of service and money and to invite others to consider us as well. As you are aware, the Archives Commission is working earnestly on a restructuring plan to ensure long-term sustainability of the Archives, making this opportunity even more important in these challenging times.

To assist you in incorporating the Archives in your service, we have prepared support materials (attached). **We ask that you incorporate these materials into your plans for worship on April 25, and feature in your bulletins, newsletters, and other communications.** These materials may also be found on our website as follows:

**[www.moravianarchives.org/archivessunday](http://www.moravianarchives.org/archivessunday)**

- A **short liturgy** for Moravian Archives Sunday. Two versions are attached: one with a hymn; one without the hymn. If using the hymn, a CCLI license notification must be included with the liturgy.
- An **“overview statement,”** which focuses attention on the record-keeping charge of the Archives as a service to all our congregations, and the special opportunities those records give us for offering a faith witness to extended family members of Moravians and our wider communities.
- A **printable front and back bulletin insert** which may also be copy/pasted into printed communications. The insert describes our Moravian records and ways to support the Moravian Archives.
- A copy of our new **Contribution Card and envelope**. Contributors may contact the Archives to receive this card/envelope. Additionally, contributors may go to the Archives website to find a contribution form and/or to make an online contribution: **[www.moravianarchives.org/donate](http://www.moravianarchives.org/donate)**

Thank you for supporting our work on this first Moravian Archives Sunday and throughout the year. It is our great privilege to keep and share your heritage and future.

### Archives Commission, Moravian Church, Southern Province

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