



## MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, SOUTHERN PROVINCE

*Provincial Elders' Conference*

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### **Southern Province Archivist Named**

The Provincial Elders Conference is pleased to announce that Meaghan O’Riordan has been chosen as the new archivist for the Southern Province. Meaghan has been an archivist at Emory University’s Rose Library since 2016, where her career has focused on developing, implementing and overseeing a programmatic approach to ensure manuscripts, archives and rare book collections in all formats and across all collecting areas are appropriately tracked, accessioned, described, discoverable and available for use. She also completed several projects to enhance collection management, including a database of containers in the Library’s holdings, a database of Rose Library acquisitions from 2012-present and transcription of legacy accession records into ArchivesSpace.

Meaghan’s resume lists more than 15 professional presentations and 11 professional publications she has authored or coauthored since 2014 including most recently: Davis, R.K.J. & M. O’Riordan. Accessioning, archival in P. Franks (Ed.), *The Handbook of Archival Practice*, 2021. She is professionally active in the Society of American Archivists, for which she co-chairs the Best Practices for Archival Accessioning Working Group and sits on the steering committee for the Accessioning, Acquisitions & Appraisal Section. She also is a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies* and member of the Rare Books and Manuscript Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

A native of Welcome, N.C., Meaghan simultaneously earned two bachelor’s degrees at NCSU, one in English and one in Religious Studies, graduating summa cum laude. She holds two master’s degrees: an MS in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill and a Master of Theological Studies from Emory University (with transferring credits from Duke University). After completing her MLIS, she worked in the Special Collections Research Center at North Carolina State University. She also has public library experience.

Meaghan is very familiar with the Moravian Church and its history and knows German. She and her husband were married in St. Philips Moravian Church.

The PEC expresses great appreciation to the search committee that shepherded the archivist search, including Margaret Burri, assistant director for Academic Liaison and Special Collections at Johns Hopkins University’s library; Dr. Kevin Cherry, retired deputy secretary and director of North Carolina’s Office of Archives and History, Dept. of Cultural Resources (the only committee member not a Moravian but who knows the Moravian Archives well); Heather Fearnbach, president and owner of Fearnbach History Services, Inc. and member of the Archives Commission; Paul Peucker, archivist of the Northern Province Archives; Tim Pyatt, dean of Wake Forest University’s libraries; Chris Thore, PEC president; and Peggy Carter, PEC representative on the Archives Commission.

A welcoming event will be held for Meaghan after she joins us in August.

The Rev. Christopher Thore, President • The Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse, Vice President • Mrs. Peggy Carter  
The Rev. Matthew Allen • Mr. Tommy Cole • Mr. Keith Kapp • The Rev. Judy Knopf  
The Rev. Dr. David Marcus, Assistant to the President

## **New Archives Commission Members Named**

The PEC is also pleased to announce the members of the restructured Archives Commission, reported in May's Provincial Ties. The new structure includes the PEC president, to whom the archivist reports; two members who are clergy/Christian educators; two members who are laity; a representative of the Provincial Elders Conference; a representative of the Salem Congregation board; and the president of the new Friends of the Moravian Archives. Providing continuity from the previous to new commission are Heather Fearnbach, John Jackman, Karl Kapp and Paul Knouse, with Paul representing the new Friends group. Joining the new Commission is Frank Crouch, retired Dean of Moravian Seminary. Peggy Carter continues to represent the PEC until a member of the new PEC replaces her. We expect Salem Congregation to name a representative from its board soon. After the new PEC is seated, the Commission will elect a chair from its members. The PEC is grateful for the work of Toni Bigham, Zack Routh, Kirk Sanders and Madi White along with Heather, John, Karl, Paul and Peggy on the Commission during the challenging COVID years and search for a new archivist.