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This newsletter, in its title and masthead, pays homage to the *American Lutheran Survey* published by the noted Lutheran leader, Dr. Walton H. Greever, and was originally published at a site near the present-day Archives.



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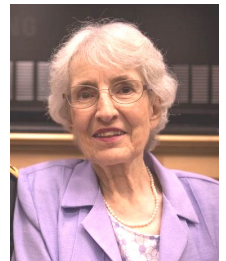
2016 Friends of the Archives Banquet October 7—Columbia, SC

The 2016 Friends of the Archives Banquet will be held on Friday evening, October 7, at the Palmetto Club of Columbia, SC., beginning at 6:00 PM with the reception and auction, and the banquet at 7:00 PM. Honorees for 2016 include Ms. Martha Haigler, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (Atlanta), and the ELCA-Southeastern Synod. This year's banquet also celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Archives.

Ms. Haigler is the recipient of the 2016 Walton H. Greever Award for her significant and distinguished service as the retired Finance Manager of the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives.



The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta, GA, is being recognized for its outstanding contribution to Lutheranism in the South and its long time witness to the Gospel in mid-town and greater Atlanta.



The Southeastern Synod is being recognized for its ongoing regional efforts of evangelism within the ELCA and Region 9.

Dinner reservations, which will include a live and a silent auction, may be reserved for \$60 per person by writing to the Crumley Archives at 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203. If you cannot attend the banquet, but would like to make a donation in honor or memory of someone, you may do so by writing to the Crumley Archives.



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among the most heavily consulted of the nine ELCA archives. The Archives is dependent on the generosity of individual Lutherans for nearly 80 percent of its annual operating budget. ◆

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“Six Churches, No Bar Rooms,” and Other Glimpses of the Past

By Susan Wilds McArver

How do you find out what life was REALLY like for your congregation, its members, and its pastors a hundred or two hundred years ago . . . ?

Anyone who has ever researched the history of a congregation knows the usual sources: Church Council minutes, parish registers, committee meeting notes, etc. But to be honest, often times, these sources can seem somewhat “sparse.” They may report action items, but not the story behind the action. Pastors and buildings may appear frequently, but not the ordinary people who filled the pews. Women’s groups and youth groups may not even appear at all – unless they got in trouble.

One type of source to examine in order to get a little closer to the stories “on the ground” is that old standby, the “church paper”.

In the southern Lutheran church, weekly or monthly Lutheran periodicals served a variety of purposes over the years – as the forum for sometimes quite spirited theological debate, as a bulletin board for public announcements, local news sharing, or to advertise for pastoral services (today’s bishops would be horrified), or even to promote “Frost Proof Cabbage Plants”.

These newspapers offer a fascinating snapshot of life in any given era, from the hardships of the Civil War between 1861-65 (in *The Southern Lutheran*) to plans for the 400th anniversary of the Reformation in 1917 (In *The Lutheran Church Visitor*).

The James R. Crumley Jr. Archives contains many of southern Lutheranism’s most historic newspapers. These articles can sometimes give life to the brief details only hinted at in more official documents.

If you are researching a particular moment in a congregation’s life and know the approximate date of the event you seek, you might be able to find an article or notice in the local Lutheran press.

Like the “e-newsletters” of today’s Synods, they record the joys and the concerns of local congregations and a sliver of life too often forgotten. And besides, where else today can you find a church college recruiting for students with the proud slogan: “Six churches, no bar rooms”? ♦

Magnificent Gift for the Service of Mercy.—Just as we go to press we receive official information that the committee from the South Carolina Synod has accepted the large donation from Mrs. Malissa Lowman, of Chapin, S. C., recently offered by her to the South Carolina Synod for the establishing of a home for the helpless and the aged, and for the beginning of a Deaconess Training School. All of the papers of transfer have been regularly executed. The gift consists of about one thousand acres of fine farming lands, well wooded and watered, in the vicinity of White Rock, S. C., together with lots and houses in the towns of White Rock and Chapin. There

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The Salzburger Collection

By Scott Reeves, Archival Assistant

There is something almost sacramental about a really old book. I love history in part because I love good stories; stories are essential to our faith—to our humanity. But to hold a book that was treasured by the people in the story, a book that was printed and bound with a view to durability and beauty, a book carefully inscribed with the names of the people in the story, gives one a deeper sense of connection to those people. Therefore, working with the Salzburger collection here at the Crumley Archives has been one of the highlights of my academic career.

The Archives received the Salzburger book collection containing 146 books from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary on May 31, 2016. Exactly how and when LTSS acquired the collection is unclear, though we know it was from the earliest years of the school's existence and a probable lineage is outlined below. A large number of the books have labels from the "Classical and Theological Seminary, Lexington, S.C." (the location of LTSS from 1834-1856) pasted inside the front or back cover, and we have record of nearly 30 of the volumes from the collection listed in the Crumley Archives from as early as 1836.

Many of the books have undeniable connection to the Salzburger emigrant community that settled in Ebenezer, Georgia in 1734. Several of the books are mentioned in the early letters of their first pastor, Johann Boltzius. The collection contains many important devotional and song books true to the Pietism of the community; a few are inscribed with the names of Boltzius and Israel Granau (Granau was another one of the community's initial pastors). Other volumes are inscribed with the names of Lemke and Rabenhorst—the ministers who came to help Boltzius after Granau died in 1745. Finally, many of the books have J. E. and Christopher Bergmann's names inscribed in the front. Most of the books are in German, though a very few are in Latin or English.

So who are the Salzburgers? In 1731 the newly elected archbishop Count Leopold A. E. von Firmian of Salzburg, Austria ignored the requests of the

weakened Holy Roman Emperor, Charles VI, and increased persecution of Lutherans in Salzburg, Austria. While the Treaty of Westphalia that ended the Thirty Year's War in 1648 upheld the idea that the religion of the ruler was the religion of the land in German states and that the princes had the right to expel nonconformists, the law required that those expelled be given three years to leave. However, in 1731 Firmian violated that law by issuing the Edict of Expulsion, only giving propertied Salzburger Lutherans three months to leave and requiring all others to be gone in eight days. He justified this action by claiming that these were not Lutherans but some other sect.

They were in fact quite devout Lutheran Pietists educated by their parents and with smuggled books, well versed in the Augsburg Confession. Since pietism focused on the personal spiritual life and small Bible studies in the home, the lack of a church structure or established clergy among these persecuted believers had little impact on their beliefs and practices. However, it gave Firmian the grounds for his claims that they were not traditional Lutherans protected by Westphalia.

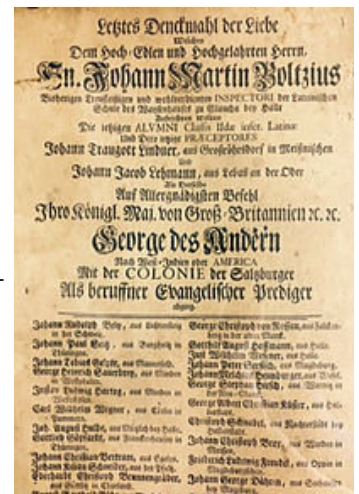
The hardship of these devout Lutherans garnered the attention and compassionate response of Protestant rulers in Germany and elsewhere. Frederick William I of Brandenburg-Prussia who considered himself the protector of German Protestants resettled nearly 20,000 emigrants in areas of East Prussia and Lithuania. Still, more important to the Salzburgers of Ebenezer, Georgia were the positive attentions paid by King George II of England.



and Samuel Urlsperger—both of whom were considered "Reverend Fathers" by the Georgia Salzburger community—were members of the SPCK and promoted the cause of the Salzburgers in the English court. In 1732 Urlsperger agreed to recruit 300 Salzburger emigrants to settle in Georgia and all English (SPCK) donations for their resettlement was restricted to the Georgia immigrants from that point onward.

In 1733 a small group of those Salzburgers recruited by Urlsperger were joined by Johann Boltzius and Israel Gronau, two Pietist ministers who had served as instructors at the Latin School of the Francke Foundation in Halle (a major Pietist institution in Europe). Boltzius and Gronau traveled with their new congregation to Georgia in 1734 and were given property near Savannah which was subsequently named Ebenezer. They served until their deaths. Boltzius took the primary role as a strong autocratic leader in both religious and secular matters, and he held the community together through many hardships that included recurring bouts of sickness and disease as well as difficulty raising crops. Because the initial location proved to be poor land for farming, Oglethorpe eventually conceded to pressure from Boltzius and allowed the group to move to a better location on a bluff above the Savannah River in 1736.

True to their Pietism, the Salzburgers established Sunday Schools in 1734 and an orphanage in 1737, which proved necessary due to the ongoing struggle with fever and disease that claimed so many lives. In spite of the struggles, they built a strong community. While George Whitfield who had become familiar with the community because of his charitable work encouraged Boltzius to put efforts into building a church early in the life of the settlement, Boltzius delayed those building efforts to build a mill for processing grain. Therefore, the construction of the Jerusalem



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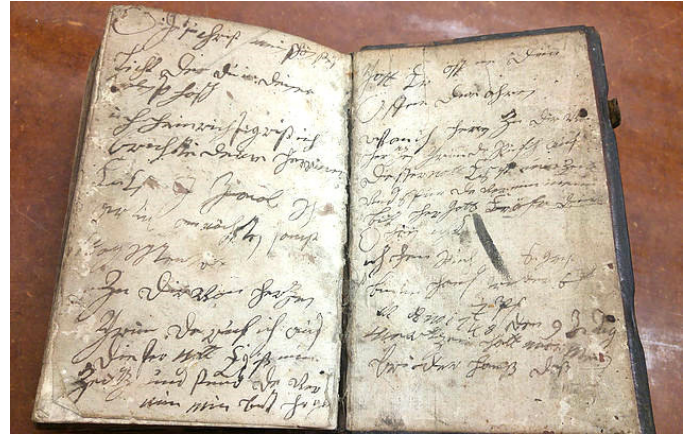
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church was not completed until 1769; it remains today as one of the oldest continuing Lutheran churches in the US, having weathered both the Revolution and the occupation by Sherman in the Civil War.

The Salzburger community was weakened by the death of Boltzius in 1765 and ensuing division within the church leadership. Also, many of the descendants of the original Salzburger were dispersed by the war. Following the Revolution, the "Reverend Fathers" in Halle, Germany were petitioned for help. A minister named Johann Ernst Bergmann volunteered and came to Ebenezer in December of 1786, though the church declined under his leadership because he refused to adopt English in worship. The loss of members ended when his son Christopher became pastor in 1824 and adopted English as the language of worship.



It is likely that the Salzburger book collection came to the LTSS library by way of Christopher Bergman. In 1824 Rev. John Bachman, a leading Lutheran pastor from Charleston, met with Christopher and through a series of correspondences swayed Bergman to take up his father's mantle at the Ebenezer church. In the following years he served with Bachman as the secretary to the general synod of South Carolina; he held that office through 1829—the year in which the synod, with Bachman's constant encouragement, resolved upon the founding of a seminary in South Carolina. An 1831 resolution lists Bergman as part of the board of directors for the proposed seminary. However, Bergman died in 1832. Since many of the Salzburger books with Bergman's inscription appear in the seminary's library records from 1836, we have concluded that Bergman's library was given to the seminary after his death.



The Salzburger story opens up a forgotten chapter in American history—the story of the role of Lutherans in the founding of our nation. The contents of the Salzburger collection at the Crumley Archives reveal something deeper about the people who lived that story. It is truly a treasure to be preserved for posterity.

To that end of preserving this collection, the Crumley Archives staff is working with some help from USC scholars and other academics and historians familiar with the Salzbuger settlement in Georgia. The books have been catalogued and are safely stored in the archives with some of the more attractive and important volumes on display in our climate controlled facility. In the months ahead we hope to present the collection at library and archival association conferences and inform key church history associations about the existence of the books through published bibliographies. We are also working on scholarly articles focused on some of the more significant volumes in the collection with hopes of getting published in historical, religious, and library journals. ♦

A Celebration of Service: Saying Farewell to The Rev. Dr. Clayton Schmit



The Crumley Archives bids the Rev. Dr. Clay Schmit farewell as he moves on to a new ministry. Dr. Schmit was both LTSS's Provost and a member of the Crumley Archives Board of Trustees for several years. For those of you who remember Clay's service to the Archives, you will recall his fondness for history. He recognized, both as an academic and dedicated Lutheran, that the preservation of Lutheran history was of the utmost importance. As you may recall from his last entry to the *Archival Survey*, Clay remarked that "when I learned that it was my duty to appoint someone from the seminary to serve on the archives board, I appointed myself. I did so because of the great value of having the collection housed at the seminary. I made a commitment to doing all I could to preserve the collection and provide for its future at the seminary." We're indebted to Clay for his commitment, and though we acknowledge that others need and will benefit from his contributions, just as we have, we will certainly miss his enduring advocacy of the Crumley Archives. But we are confident that wherever he may be, he will continue his commitment to Lutheran posterity, and for that, along with his service to our Archives, we remain most grateful. ♦

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Looking Back – 25 Years of the Archives

By Shannon Smith, Archives Director

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Crumley Archives. Having only known it well for just over one year, naturally, I've had a lot of questions about the Archives' beginnings. I think we tend to think of the Archives as an institution that maintains a rich history, a history riddled with accomplishments, failures, joys, sorrows, continuance, and transition. But what about the history of the Archives, the archives of the Archives, so to speak?

This year has afforded me the time to talk with some of the Archives earliest forbearers and supporters. Dorothy Jeffcoat, one-time coordinator of Region 9, Helen Sanders, the Crumley Archives first archivist, and Don Poole, a long-standing member of the Crumley Archives Board of Directors, all agreed to share their memories with me in a short interview. The Archives is grateful for their accounts, contributions that add to our story, which we hope will continue for years to come.

Shannon Smith: What was your role in the establishment of the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives?

Helen Sanders: My title was facilitator. My tasks were to organize the records, volumes, loose materials, minutes, etc., that were on the shelves, in cabinets, and lying around. I knew nothing about archival work.

Dot Jeffcoat: I was the coordinator for region 9. In that role it was my job to be a link between the churchwide organization and the synods (there were seven) of Region 9. Soon after beginning this role, the ELCA archives made contact asking that regions take some responsibility for preserving and maintaining the history for the area through archives. Mitzi Jarrett was the librarian at Southern Seminary and offered to attend the meeting in Chicago where we could learn more. I welcomed this offer. When she returned, with support from the synod bishops, we assembled a group to discuss what to do with the suggestion for regional archives. The group included Mitzi Jarrett; Dr. Raymond Bost, a well known researcher and historian in the region; and Dr. Joe Troutman, librarian at ITC in Atlanta. Through the conversations begun with this group and then synod representatives, by May 1989 the Region 9 Steering Committee had approved plans for a Cooperative Center for Archives in Region 9.

Smith: How did R-9 decide to establish an archives for the entire region? How did synods respond?

Sanders: When the ELCA was formed through the merger of three Lutheran bodies, it was divided into 9 regions (geographically). It was mandated that each region should have an archives. N.C. already had a well-established archives. A sizable collection of the SE Synod materials was at the seminary. The S.C. Synod had its own archives and was very reluctant to part with it.

Jeffcoat: Following up on the first conversation and discussion, synods were invited to send representatives to discuss further plans. Most synods sent a representative. Those I remember are: Paul Lutze, Florida Bahamas; Carol Ann Hoffman, Southeastern; Ginny Aull, South Carolina; Karl Park, North Carolina; Keith Brown, Virginia; and Mitzi Jarrett, Southern Seminary. The needs of the synods were very different. North and South Carolina and Virginia had on going plans for record management and storage with their own archives. Florida Bahamas was eager for space and protective storage of records. Southeastern already had some records at the seminary. The seminary offered space along with their records, most of which were boxed and not very accessible at the time. The Caribbean synod had concerns for proper storage in part due to records lost to a fire where the records were stored in a home. The idea was well received. The synods were supportive, but there were a variety of levels of involvement as we moved forward slowly but deliberately. Planning for a Cooperative Center made possible many levels of involvement and participation to keep as many partners as possible involved in some way.

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Archival Aspirations

By David Seymour, Director of Development

Why give to The James R. Crumley, Jr. Archives?

* Because, while every organization needs to maintain its historic records, the Archives is more than a collection of organizational records. It is the stories of the faith, endurance, struggles, and blessings of the Lutheran tribe of Christians in the southeastern United States. We all know the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story." Supporting the Archives is one way to tell that old, old story.

* Because we depend on you. Eighty percent of the funding for the Crumley Archives comes from individual donors. If you do not support the Archives, how will the Archives survive?

* Because it has become clear that the Archives needs to expand. The Board is seriously exploring some expansion possibilities. To be blunt about it: expansion takes more money than the Archives usually needs.



How can I give to the Archives?

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- * Designate the Archives as a primary or secondary beneficiary of your retirement plan.
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You can donate all or part of mandatory IRS withdrawals directly to the Archives without paying taxes on the withdrawals. It's another way to consider your support for the Crumley Archives. For information on how to do this, contact your financial institution, or tax advisor.

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Since the last issue of the *Archival Survey* (Spring 2016), the following friends have made contributions to the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives. We are most grateful for these gifts because they enable us to preserve our church's history and to assist researchers, congregations, and institutions in their work. If you have made a contribution since Spring 2016 and your name is not listed here, please accept our apologies and send us a note indicating the amount and date of your gift. Also, if you've made a donation in honor of others, be assured we have written them directly.

If your congregation could make a gift to the Archives, that would be a wonderful support. We would be glad to supply any information you might need to help you make such a request at your church. Many thanks for your gifts!

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Smith: What is your memory of how R-9 preserved its archives prior to the establishment of the Crumley Archives?

Sanders: [The basement of Lineberger library, in which archives were kept] was not a real archives. Old minutes, all kinds of records, correspondence, etc., were kept on shelves but in no really organized manner. Dick Fritz (former librarian at LTSS) knew what was there, but it was all in his mind. Carl Ficken, Susan McArver, and Russell Kleckley used the materials for research in their writing and teaching.

Jeffcoat: Prior to region 9 and the ELCA, synods and institutions and agencies cared for (or not) their own records. What was preserved, how items were stored, where files were kept varied considerably. The variety continued even as the region worked toward establishing archives. In fact, we worked on regional archives for about five years before the region 9 archives were named for Dr. Crumley in 1994. The synod representatives (those named as archivists or one who worked with the synod records) met once or twice a year to share ideas and concerns, coordinate archival efforts, and implement steps needed with the Cooperative Center. It all started small. Florida Bahamas and Southeastern, along with Southern Seminary, were the first synods on board with records stored at LTSS. Synods contributed to support the work which soon included volunteers working on the records which were on hand and others which were arriving. During this time the synod representatives continued to meet and discuss the ongoing activity of the archives in Region 9, including funding, growing the partnerships, providing services, providing supplies, and staffing.

Smith: Why did R-9 decide to name its archives after James R. Crumley Jr.? Describe his reaction.

Sanders: It was suggested by a professional archivist associate with the national church as a means to get some necessary funding. Dr. Crumley agreed because he knew the needs and understood the plan.

Jeffcoat: After several years of working together, establishing some volunteer staff, working on records at Southern Seminary, Ray Bost suggested we invite Roland Bauman who was the LCA archivist when Dr. Crumley was LCA secretary and responsible for archives, for a consultation to help us identify the next steps to move the regional archives to another level. Among Bauman's suggestions was what should have been obvious to us but no one had considered. He reminded us we had a great resource in the person and name of Dr. Crumley. He suggested, if we could convince him, that we ask Crumley to let us use his name for the archives and fund raising and noted that it would be a great way for the region to honor Crumley, a native of Tennessee, as the last bishop of the LCA. He also suggested a naming event which could bring financial gifts to honor Crumley and support the archives. Ray Bost and I convinced a very reluctant Crumley that this was important for preserving and maintaining the history and records of the region.

Smith: What is your fondest memory of the Crumley Archives?

Poole: Having the wisdom and wit of Dr. Crumley on the Board.

Sanders: I learned the value of and necessity for archives. Because of my earlier experience in youth work throughout the national church, it was so satisfying to see all the connections in my life through church work.

Jeffcoat: It has been 15 years since I have been directly involved so my memories go back a while. Two very different things come to mind. First, the faithful, dependable, committed people who stuck with this project as planners, volunteer workers, staff. Without them, nothing could have happened. Second, the weekend congregational heritage workshop (I think it was actually the third one we hosted) with the first gathering of Friends of the Archives at Embassy Suites with naming of the archives in honor of Dr. Crumley. We heard from and received financial gifts from many of his former colleagues, members of congregations he served, and classmates. It was the kick start needed to move the archives to the next phase.

Smith: Don, how long have you served on the board of the Crumley Archives, and in what capacities?

Poole: I have been on the Board since the fall of 1995, with the exception of one short period (less than a year?) when I moved from the SE Synod to the NC Synod... so was no longer representing the SE Synod, but was then asked to come on the Board as an At-Large member. During my tenure on the Board I have served as Secretary, Vice-President and President... in the latter position twice. But I couldn't tell you the years... you'll have to check the old Minutes for that info.

Smith: Name three notable achievements of the Archives since you've served on its board:

Poole: The hiring of a full-time professional archivist (Jeanette Bergeron) 2) The acquisition of the archives of the S.C. and N.C. Synods, which had been held in the respective synod offices; and 3) The publishing of the *Archival Survey* two to three times a year.

Smith: Where do you see the Crumley Archives in another 25 years?

Poole: I am hopeful that the Crumley Archives exists in 25 years! The major on-going struggle for the Archives has been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, money. For an "institution" that was an unfunded mandate of the ELCA, in a time period that has seen significant shrinkage in the membership of the church, with subsequent financial consequences, it has been a never ending struggle to "stay afloat". Supporting the Archives is not "sexy," and it has been very difficult for the supporting Synods to maintain the level of funding necessary to carry on the work of the Archives. With some notable exceptions, it has also been difficult to "sell the Archives" to individual donors, or congregations. The donor list for the Archives would barely make a decent size congregation! My hope is that all of this concern over finances would change in the next 25 years... but I am not holding my breath.

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Sanders: Continuing to be the leader it has grown to be at the present.

Jeffcoat: My personal vision and dream for these archives has been that we have a museum of history and archives of the Lutheran church in Region 9 (the South), including a free standing building with appropriate storage, staff, and space for special exhibits. There is so much history and so many interesting items that church groups might even want to visit. Maybe special historical events would be offered as well as support and training for congregations to preserve their archives, perhaps even storing their records in this facility. With a growing number of researchers, I also think online access will be important. There are many treasures in these archives. There are church records which provide insight into the history of this country and region.

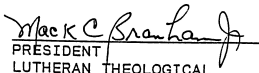
Smith: Don, one final question for you: What is the significance of the Crumley Archives to future Lutheran generations? Why should congregations continue to preserve their records?

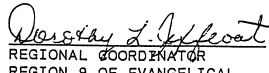
Poole: Knowing where we have come from... what have been our joys and sorrows... who are those who have gone before us and laid the foundations of the church in this part of the world... how the church (and individual congregations) have responded to local, regional and national crises.... etc., etc., etc..... all of this and so much more is so important to preserve, treasure, and study so that we as a church are able to not simply endure, but to grow and thrive as the Body of Christ in this place. ♦

AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE
CENTER FOR ARCHIVES IN REGION 9, ELCA

DATED this 5th day of June, 1991.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have set our hands and seals.


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Resolution

Whereas the Region 9 Cooperative Center for Archives partnership includes Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and the archival collections of its library, including the official archives of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and

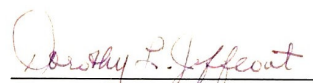
Whereas history reveals a close connection between Southern Seminary and the leadership of the Lutheran Church bodies that succeeded the United Synod, and

Whereas three former leaders who served the national church as Secretary also served Southern Seminary officially (M.G.D. Scherer, Walton H. Greever, and F. Eppling Reinartz), and

Whereas it is deemed wise to build on this history and heritage, and

Whereas the Reverend Doctor James R. Crumley, Jr., son of Silver Grove Lutheran Church, Bluff City, Tennessee (once part of the historic Holston Synod); a graduate of Roanoke College in Virginia and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; a pastor and officer of the Southeastern Synod; Secretary and last Bishop of the Lutheran Church in America; Distinguished Visiting Professor of Ecumenism at Southern Seminary; and an active member of the Region 9 Archives Committee, personifies the Southern leadership of the Lutheran Church historically and currently,

Therefore, be it *resolved* that the name of the Region 9 Cooperative Center for Archives be changed to the James R. Crumley, Jr., Archives.


Coordinator, Region 9


President, Southern Seminary

Adopted September 1993 by Region 9 Steering Committee and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Board of Trustees.