

Notes from the Province V Archivists and Historians Zoom Meeting on September 11, 2023

Present: The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert-Convener; the Rev. Deacon Marlene Hogue-Province V Board Representative; Wendy Walker, Newland Smith, John Beatty, Kurt Cook, Sue Rupkof, Glynis Rosendall.

Opening Prayer

O God our great physician, healer, and giver of all hope, We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We pray for the repose of the nearly 3000 souls who were lost that day. We lift up those who are still affected -- families of the victims, police officers, firefighters, first responders, and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem Your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of those dark days. Surround us with Your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all of life's circumstances, and instill in us the courage to answer Your call to do the work you give us to do this day and in the days ahead. For we ask these things in your most Holy Name. Amen. (Adapted by a prayer for 9/11 written by Paige DeRuyscher on the Website "DaySpring")

Introductions

Who you are, where you are, how you benefit from doing this work. In addition to our regular participants we welcomed to our merry band Glynis Rosendall a parish archivist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Evansville, IN

Listserve updates - Brian asked everyone to double check the list he circulated and asked folks to consider adding phone numbers so that we can speak in between meetings and not just rely on email.

Province V Offering(s) at Big Provincial Gathering What shall we offer?

- 1) Archiving 101?
- 2) Digitalization of Archival Holdings?

Sue R. , John B. spoke about a computer program: SCALAR from University of Southern California. Addendum. John contacted Erika Mann, a university librarian, fellow Episcopalian, a devout churchwoman and a tech guru who is very knowledgeable about digital archives and helped him set up his diocesan archives database. She is willing to come to South Bend and talk about how she and John set up his digital archives with Scalar, a free website software from USC.

Newland S. reported that the Anti Racism Network, will offer a workshop on Reparations. He suggested that we offer to team up with them. Documenting the harm caused by slavery and aftermath in the Episcopal Church.

John B. Sue. R. and Brian W. will explore a workshop on digital archives. Newland S. and Brian W. will explore teaming up with the Anti Racism Network to offer a workshop on documenting material for Reparations. Titles and brief descriptions need to be into the Province V office on or before December 1st.

Wendy Walker reported that the Virginia Theological School (VTS) is offering scholarship for folks to come to VTS for a week, Travel, Accommodations, going through VTS Archives. The Archivist at VTS Reilly Temple. Here is the website which Wendy referenced: African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC) | Virginia Theological Seminary (vts.edu)

Brian Wilbert asked for a **Point of Personal Privilege** and made the following presentation:

Sue Rupkopf and Newland Smith. On behalf of your Bishops and the Province V Board and Deacon Marlene Houge our Board Rep, it is my great privilege to invite you on an all expense paid trip to the Archives of the Episcopal Church in Austin Texas TBD. Where we will have an opportunity to meet the staff and tour the current archives building. We will also have an opportunity to interview you in the Mark Duffy Reading Room with the hope that you will give us an oral history on the topic of your work with archives and archiving throughout your distinguished careers.

Addendum. We have been in touch with David Hales at the Archives of the Episcopal Church. After discussing various date options it appears that November 27 - 30th will work for everyone involved. So plans are moving forward, thanks be.

Closing Prayer

With the power of the Holy Spirit to aid us and with the presence of Christ to guide us, we dedicate ourselves to the work of preserving how the Church shares the Good News. Generous God you have called us to journey with you. You have promised to provide for our needs. You have promised to journey with us. For these and all other blessings that come from being Archivists and Historians across the church, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.