

THE LIBRARY & ARCHIVE



The library and archive are situated at Moravian Church House and are open, by appointment, to researchers and others with reason to visit.

Since its founding in 1742, the British Province of the Moravian Church has accumulated a considerable archival collection, consisting of approximately 400 boxes of material as well as a library of almost 4000 printed books.

The archival material consists of records relating to certain congregations, particularly those that are no longer in existence; mission records, including material relating to the Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel (SFG); Synod minutes and resolutions, and records of the administrative bodies of the Province, the Moravian Union and Unitas Estates.

The library contains printed books relating to the history of the Church, both in Britain and abroad, biographies, Moravian hymn and tune books and theology. There are also a number of periodicals published by Provinces from all over the world.

Our library and archive are a unique resource and one that we are keen to improve and develop. Recent years have seen the installation of movable shelving in the basement archive, a humidity and temperature control system in the library and the repacking of the archival material in acid-free materials.

Funding was obtained for a project archivist to catalogue the major collections in congregation possession meaning that a common cataloguing system is now being used throughout the major archival collections in our care.

However, there is so much more to be done! As with many private collections, raising money is always a stumbling block. We hope that the Friends of the Archive will be able to offer support for the work of maintaining and disseminating the material held at Moravian Church House.

Please join the Friends of the Archive and pledge your support.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The Friends of the Archive has been formed to support the work of the library and archive by:

- Raising funds for conservation work, the acquisition of new material, transcription of documents, purchase of specialist equipment etc.
- Seeking external sources of funding and of generally raising the profile of the library & archive
- Offering time & expertise in a voluntary capacity under the supervision of the Provincial Archivist.

Membership of the Friends of the Archive is by subscription of a minimum £15 per annum.

Donations are, of course, most welcome. Both donations and subscriptions are gift-aidable and we would encourage all UK taxpayers to complete the declaration allowing the tax you have paid on the amount you give to be recovered.

Please complete this form, detach and send to Lorraine Parsons, Provincial Archivist, Moravian Church House, London N10 3TJ



I would like to make a donation to the Archive & Library and enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to 'Moravian Union—Archive Fund'

I would like to join the 'Friends of the Archive' and will make an annual standing order payment of £_____¹ to the Archive Fund (you will be sent a form by the Archivist)

I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Moravian Church to reclaim the tax I have paid on this donation

¹ a minimum of £15 per annum

