

Archives Committee

These days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, in every family, province and city. Esther 9:28a.

Our archivist and Archives Committee seeks to tell the story of the life of our church as we explore new ways to preserve our history to share with future generations.

Our new Maritime Conference Centre is now fully functional with many people using the Centre. We have had numerous people touring the Archives and look forward to many more people sharing in this experience.

The Archives Committee is presently using the Centre for our spring and fall meetings which took place on May 23 and October 27 respectively. In the past year we planned our spring meeting to coincide with our annual Maritime Conference meeting in May. We used this time to review the priorities of the Committee and discuss a wide variety of issues including the protection of privacy; digitization, and outreach activities.

We welcomed some new members to our committee, each adding a new flavour to our committee; their input and time is much appreciated.

Our Archives committee would say a special thank you to our amazing archivist, Sarah Wallace. I believe Sarah guides our ship to many different places, but always keeps us on course. She is a strong advocate for our Maritime Conference Archives. She may be found in a Presbytery, Pastoral Charge or an individual church working to preserve and enhance our church's records and history for future generations. In the office Sarah works diligently to receive the many boxes that are sent to our Archives. She painstakingly catalogues and stores each record of our history.

We are grateful for the diligent work of Rev. Stephen Mills, our past chairperson. The Committee also would like to say thank you to our secretary, Beth Johnston, who somehow takes all our discussions and records them faithfully for each meeting. We always appreciate our Executive Secretary, David Hewitt, as he shares updates and insights during our meetings.

We look forward to another exciting year as your Maritime Conference Archives.

Sincerely,

Rev. Gary MacDougall
Chairperson