

ELCA Region 3 Archives

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Its purpose is to collect, organize, and make available the permanently valuable records of the synods and ministries of Region 3 (the synods of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota). Ultimately, they exist to collect and tell the stories of ministry relevant to the ELCA. Additionally, they will work with congregations to create their own archives, teach how to celebrate anniversaries, write an effective history, and more.

Located on the Luther Seminary campus in Gullixson Hall, the office is where you might find Paul Daniels, the archivist for Region 3. In the last year, they have handled over 840 individual, congregation, and synod reference requests. Over 150 congregation historical and 410 biographical items were added last year. Once processed and organized, these items are available for research. Daniels hopes to have more articles for his “Ask the Archivist” column soon, which started in this synod’s newsletter.

Benevolence funds from all nine synods keep the work going. And the collection only grows when people like you send helpful materials their way. The more pieces of the puzzle they have, the clearer the picture of the church becomes. Daniels hopes that this archives ministry will help inform, challenge, and build the body of Christ in Region 3 and beyond.

To find out how your congregation is already represented or what might be missing, reach out to Paul Daniels. (Email: pdaniels@luthersem.edu. Call or text: 612.875.2112.)