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On this emphasis Sunday, members of our Southern Province churches are asked to support the Archives with their financial contributions and their prayers! If you have not yet made a contribution to this valuable repository of information about our church, we encourage you to do so by this emphasis Sunday. And if you have already made a contribution, please consider additional support! The Archives' \$300,000 annual budget is funded primarily by the churches of the Southern Province, as well as the Salem Congregation and contributions of individual donors, including both Moravians and non-Moravians. However, continuing economic realities make support from individuals like you even more important.

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- Unrestricted fund
- The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews Friends Fund
- Technology Fund (for necessary computer and research equipment)
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