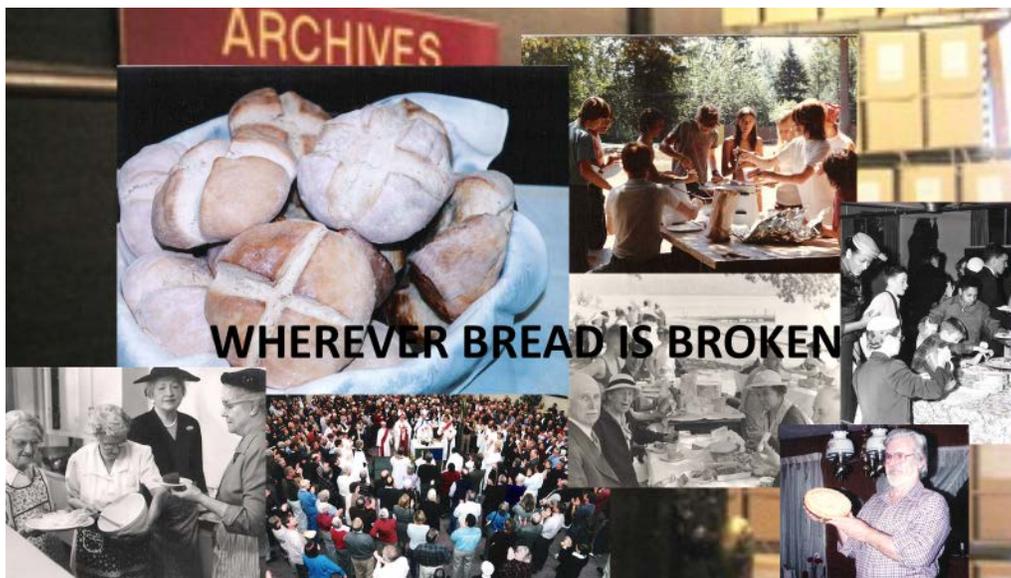


REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER

2017

The Archivist and Records Manager is the official custodian of diocesan records and is responsible for the direction and implementation of the Archives and Records Management Program of the Diocese of Olympia.

<http://www.ecww.org/departments/archives>



Wherever Bread is Broken is the theme of this year's Diocesan Convention – and in keeping with the theme, the Archives will be offering an exhibit depicting some of the many ways in which the breaking of bread brings the people of our congregations and our diocese together. The photos, taken from our diocesan archives, once again illustrate the depth of our Archives collections.

Another collection which is particularly noteworthy is our refugee resettlement case files. Digitizing these files has been a priority for several years, and I am very happy to announce that the project which entailed digitizing 7,000 case files, representing approximately 20,000 individuals from 30 countries, will be complete by the end of 2017.



In conjunction with this project, I prepared a presentation entitled, 'Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Resettlement in the Diocese of Olympia' and offered it at the annual meeting of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists in New York City this summer. A version of this presentation will soon be available on our diocesan web site.

The Archives database is another project that is making progress. A database is never 'finished' but once the bulk of the material is entered it will allow virtual searches of our primary archival collections – including photographs – and other audio-visual material.

Reference requests for information arrive daily and I would encourage anyone who is interested in the history of a congregation, the diocese, or any of our ministries to contact me. I would also encourage congregations to contact me with any archives or records management questions they may have. I continue to meet with congregations regarding archives and records management concerns and hope to meet with many more over the coming year. There are also many resources available online, including the Archives web page www.ecww.org/departments/archives; the Archives of the Episcopal Church www.episcopalarchives.org and the Episcopal Archivists <http://episcopalarchivists.org>.

I continue to represent The Diocese of Olympia Archives as a founding member and Treasurer of the Seattle Heritage Emergency Response Network (SHERN), established to provide mutual assistance among cultural institutions in the Seattle area during times of emergency.

Other professional associations in which I participate include: ARMA (Association of Records Managers and Administrators), Seattle Area Archivists, Northwest Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists.

For more information about the Archives and Records Management Program – or for a tour of Diocesan House - just give me a call, send me an email or go to the Archives web page at: <http://www.ecww.org/departments/archives>

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

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