MESSAGE from THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EVERY year at the Congregational Library & Archives is like no other. Sometimes it’s a new person on staff with a special skill, like a digital archivist or a social media expert. Or it’s an experiment with something we haven’t tried before, like a Christmas concert of Renaissance music or hosting a chorus of shape-note singers in our Reading Room. And of course, some of the best new things here are very, very old—the seventeenth and eighteenth-century church records we’ve uncovered in attics and basements, digitized, and made available on our website.

SOMEHOW this year seemed more special than others. In fact nothing prepared us for the thrill of opening The New York Times last July and seeing ourselves on the front page. There it was, a feature story on New England’s Hidden Histories, our church records project, relating our exploits in recovering those wonderful treasures, documents that hadn’t seen the light of day for centuries. And now, with a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, we’re looking forward to many more new discoveries and new adventures. It’s been a year of surprises and growing expectations for an exciting future. Who knows, we say at 14 Beacon Street, what next year will bring?

We Congregationalists are really lucky that our forebears created the Library, and that there are people like you all to carry it forward.

I applaud the CLA for preserving records of churches that might otherwise have been lost to history, had no one taken on this vast project, I could not have attempted my own.

SHELBY M. BALIK Assistant Professor, Department of History Metropolitan State University of Denver Rally the Scattered Believers: Northern New England’s Religious Geography

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EDITH BARTLEY Plymouth Church Brooklyn, New York

was able to knock down a very large brick wall in my genealogical research because of these records, which contain vital information about the early members of this congregation… a bridge back to their roots in Central Europe.

DANIEL ELLICICKSON Cedar Rapids, IA

Thank you for coming to our church and helping us organize our thoughts on how to put 150 years of our papers and records in some kind of order.

CYNTHIA HAMILTON Archivist Committee United Church of Jeffrey Jeffrey, New Hampshire

Within these documents are recorded the voices and lives of countless ordinary women and men.

RACHEL HOPE CLEVES Associate Professor of History University of Victoria Charly and Spike A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America

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You have no idea how many lives you have touched here in our small town of 800 folks. The information you have sent is priceless.

John Maynard Star, North Carolina

Every student of early American history needs to spend some time in the Congregational Library.

TODD JONES PhD Candidate, Musicology and Ethnomusicology University of Kentucky

Spotlighting Congregationalism’s core values of religious freedom, equality under the law, education, and philanthropy, the Library helps churches remember their roots, live their mission, and move into the future with enduring purpose.

BOB BACHELDER Minister and President Worcester Area Mission Society

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## Ordinary Income/Expense
### April 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015

### Income
- Rental Income: $1,339,488
- Donations: $123,480
- United Church Foundation: $12,640
- Library Operating Income: $26,481
- Investment Income: $190,902

**Total Revenues:** $1,751,931

### Expense
#### Facilities
- Maintenance: $146,601
- Utilities: $145,175
- Real Estate Taxes & Insurances: $137,074
- Depreciation: $182,180

**Total Facilities:** $611,030

- Compensation and Benefits: $576,673
- Building Management and Staff: $341,006
- Professional Services: $142,341
- Programs, Support and Development: $28,362
- Supplies, Communications and Postage: $9,624

**Total Expense:** $1,829,805

### Net Income
**($77,874)**