A Letter from the Executive Director

People need libraries. The wisdom in books gives us roots, grounds us—makes us human. It’s no accident that the word “human” shares a root with “humus,” that part of the soil that holds moisture and nutrients. It provides the oxygen plants need to put down deep roots. We are, by definition, meant for depth. The quiet of a library, a space for thinking, learning, sometimes just contemplating, is the soil in which authentic people grow.

This was a year for “going deep” at the Congregational Library & Archives. The signal moment was the board’s momentous decision to find a new owner for 14 Beacon Street, our historic home. As the building receives the care and upkeep it needs, we have before us an inspiring opportunity to delve more purposefully into our fundamental mission, to preserve, interpret, and make accessible the story of the Congregational tradition.

It’s an honor and a joy to provide this service, and to know we will be doing so for many years to come. For more than a century and a half, the Congregational Library & Archives has been a home for people who value learning and curiosity, who want to “go deep.” We are grateful for all who share this journey with us.

Peggy Bendroth

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Harry S. Stout
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David A. Hollinger
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## Ordinary Income & Expense

**April 1 2016 – March 31 2017**

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### NET INCOME

**$73,918**