

James R. Crumley Jr Archives
South Carolina Synod Assembly
2023

Administration

Personnel and Hours of Operation

The Archives employs five part-time workers: Shannon Smith, director and archivist; Trudy Bouknight, office manager; Scott Reeves, assistant archivist; Ashley Ragland, archivist aide; and Margaret Mancuso, project specialist.

Accessions

New and reoccurring accessions from Region 9 synods, congregations, and individuals are deposited in the Crumley Archives and are processed by staff.

Special Projects:

“Lutheran Church Visitor”

The LCV was a Lutheran publication that was published 1868-1918. We have had it digitized and are preparing the images for greater dissemination. Margaret Mancuso works on this project, in collaboration with USC.¹

“Historic Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Collection”

Scott Reeves continues to work closely with USC to upload new images. We look forward to this project's completion by Summer 2023.²

Frankie San Project

Production is complete and the film team is planning a premiere showing, possibly in April, and options for broader distribution. Please follow our Facebook page for more on “Prisoner by Choice: The Frankie San Story”.

Archives Promotional Film

In collaboration with Fisher Films, the Crumley Archives has produced six short segments highlighting the mission of Crumley Archives. They can be viewed on our website and YouTube channel.³

Development

Rev. Dr. Scott Hendrix Scholarship

Applications for this scholarship are due by April 21st, 2023.

Shannon L. Smith

¹ Issues from 1869-1904 can be “browsed” at <https://historicnewspapers.sc.edu/lccn/sn93060372/>

² “Historic Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Collection”: <https://scmemory-search.org/?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=lutheran+theological+southern+seminary>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZB25paG4DHI&list=PLZTWw8PTkt2yEQ1eSj60JYt-nxG0bUNZq>



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Partners in Ministry,

For many of us, 2022 represented a moment of hope. After the darkness and isolation of the pandemic, life has begun to return to normal –offering new opportunities for connection and renewed commitment to serving our neighbor.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has embraced this moment; in the past year, we have grown exponentially in both size and scale, expanding our capacity to welcome immigrants and refugees.

With the help of people of faith and communities like yours, we were able to...

- help **16,690 children** reunify with their families or find safe, loving foster homes
- resettle nearly **12,000 Afghans** forced to flee after Afghanistan fell under Taliban control
- welcome **3,169 refugees** from countries across the world
- assist **18,262 people** seeking safety from Central America and beyond

We continue to expand our slate of innovative programming to move beyond traditional resettlement into an empowered living experience that promotes not just surviving, but thriving.

That work reaches, too, into our media and advocacy footprint. You may have seen LIRS President and CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah on national news programs like *PBS Newshour*, *MSNBC*, *NPR*, the *BBC*, and others, advocating on behalf of our immigrant and refugee neighbors from Ukraine to Venezuela.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It remains a priority of ours in 2023 to combat the divisive, xenophobic rhetoric surrounding immigration and instead promote kindness, compassion, and inherent human dignity.

We invite you to join us in that work! This year, we will continue to offer opportunities to get involved in the work of welcome, including:

- advocating alongside LIRS and our newest neighbors in celebration of [World Refugee Day](#) on June 20th,
- sharing notes of welcome with children and families impacted by immigration detention through LIRS' [Hope for the Holidays™ program](#) each fall,
- and equipping leaders and faith communities to create more just and welcoming communities through the [LIRS Ambassador Network](#) and [EMMAUS Network for Congregations](#) throughout the year.

Together, we can realize Jesus's ministry of compassion and welcome. We're so grateful for your support and look forward to working alongside you in the coming year.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsey Johnson".

Chelsey Johnson, LIRS Mobilization and Faith Relations

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Helping Members Refill Their Cup with Responsive Benefits

In 2022, Portico invited plan members to use their full range of benefits to care for themselves following the challenges and stress of the last few pandemic years. We continually seek cost-effective and nimble ways to support ELCA leaders, congregations, and organizations with high-quality, innovative, and stable benefits that promote holistic well-being.

- ELCA-Primary health benefits provided both in-person and virtual access to health care and wellness resources.
- Portico's Financial Planners and LSS of Minnesota helped ELCA Retirement Plan members navigate the weight of rising interest rates and market downturns through no- or low-cost financial planning, coaching services, and financial education.

In recent years, we've added several eligible ELCA- and full-communion-partner organizations to the Portico community. Growing the number of members we serve helps us manage costs and offer innovative benefits not typically available to smaller groups, affirming the importance of church together.



The Rev. Jeff Thiemann
President & CEO

Meeting the Need in 2022

232

Podcast Plays

Of the "Creative Approaches to Innovative Ministry" episode of Being Here last year.

16,002

Total Pounds Lost

Through the Omada prevention program since it launched in 2018, with 2,643 pounds lost in 2022.

591

Retired

With Portico's bundled benefits program — Congratulations to these faithful servants!

1,132

Webinar Views

Of the annual Retirement Readiness Series (live and on-demand).

3,080

Medical Visits via Text Based Care

Through 98point6®, our virtual primary health care service.

9.75%

Increase in Net Membership

Over the past 5 years.

3,952

Health & Fitness Classes Completed

On Portico's online Burnalong platform.

Over \$2M

Debt Paid Off

By plan members working with LSS of Minnesota financial counseling since the partnership began.

86%

Very Satisfied

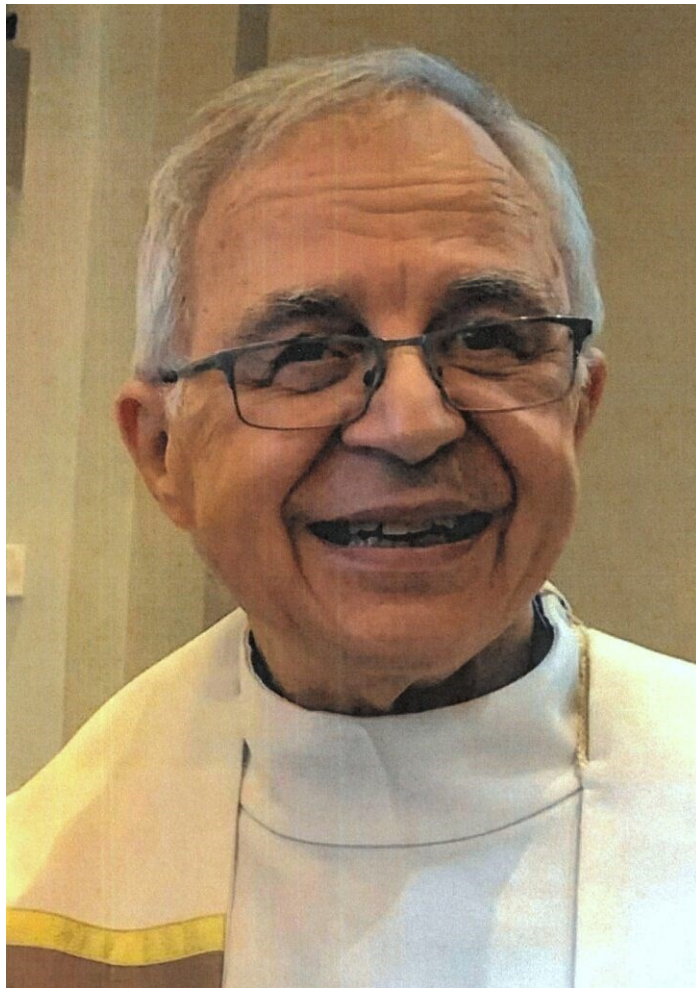
With our Customer Care Center, certified for excellence since 2015.

Report of the Necrologist



Dottie M. Lyerly, 80, of Columbia, South Carolina, passed away on July 22, 2022. She was born on June 27, 1942 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Dottie was a graduate of Ashley High School in Gastonia, Newberry College and earned a Masters degree in religious education from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. Dottie and her husband, Reverend Gary Lyerly, were married for fifty five years and had one son, Cory.



Reverend Eddie Cloma Miller Jr., 74, passed away on August 8, 2022. He was born on December 5, 1947 in Newberry, South Carolina. Eddie graduated from Newberry High School in 1966 and served in the United States Air Force after high school. He graduated from Newberry College and then earned a Masters of Divinity at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina.

Eddie served as pastor at St. Marks and Corinth Lutheran churches in Saluda, SC, and then as a Chaplain in the US Army at Fort Polk in Leesville, Louisiana. Pastor Ed served St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, Trinity and Saint Nicholas Lutheran Churches in Fairfax South Carolina, St. James-Summit Lutheran Church in Leesville, South Carolina, and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, in Saluda, South Carolina. He retired from Mt. Pleasant and then served as Stated Supply Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Newberry, South Carolina. Reverend Eddie Miller and Katheryn Power, who was the love of his life, were married for thirty one years.



June Olivia Moore Fulmer, 86, widow of the Reverend G. Alvin Fulmer, passed away on August 12, 2022.

She was born on November 9, 1935 in Newberry, South Carolina. June and Alvin had three children, Valerie, Steven, and Beth. June especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Reverend Steven Douglas Jackson, 65, of Newberry, South Carolina, passed away on October 8, 2022.

He was born on February 16, 1957 in Key West, Florida.

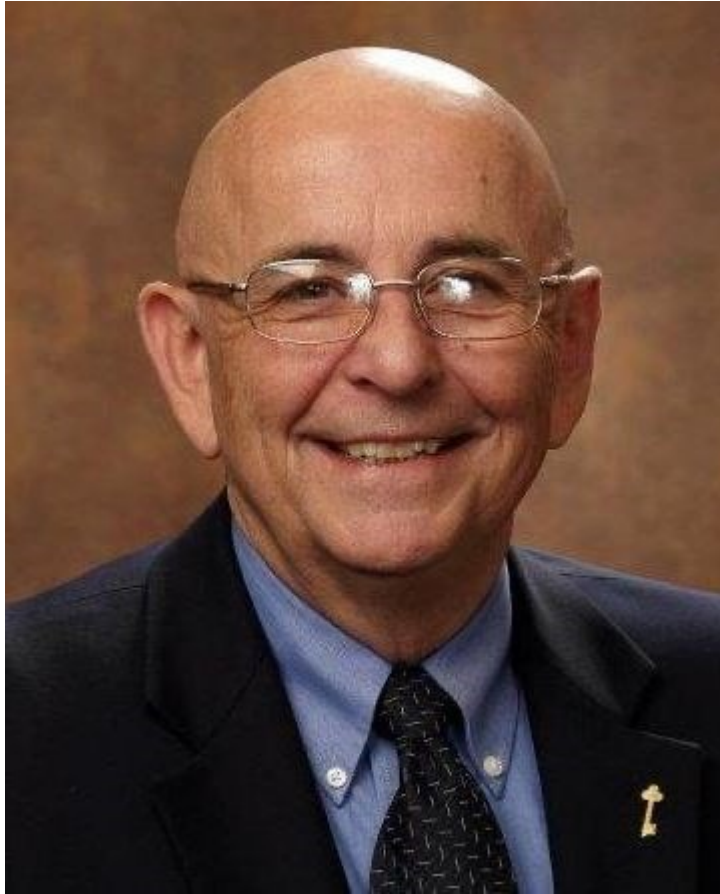
Steven was a graduate of Newberry College and earned his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. He served as pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pomaria, South Carolina, Silverstreet Lutheran in Silverstreet, South Carolina, and served at St. Matthew's Lutheran in Pomaria, South Carolina.

Steven faithfully served on the Pomaria Rescue Squad, the Pomaria Fire Department, and served as a chaplain and reserve officer with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.



The Reverend Dr. Larry S. Long, 82, passed away on November 24, 2022. He was born May 20, 1940 in Lexington, South Carolina . He graduated from Lexington High School and Newberry College. Larry received his Master of Divinity at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina and his Doctorate of Ministry from Drew University.

Larry served as pastor at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia, South Carolina, Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington, South Carolina, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in North Augusta, South Carolina, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbia, South Carolina and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lexington, South Carolina. He served as director of Church Relations/Major Gifts for Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas. He was married to Bonnie Roof Long for almost sixty years. They have two children, Keith and Kelly, and two grandchildren.

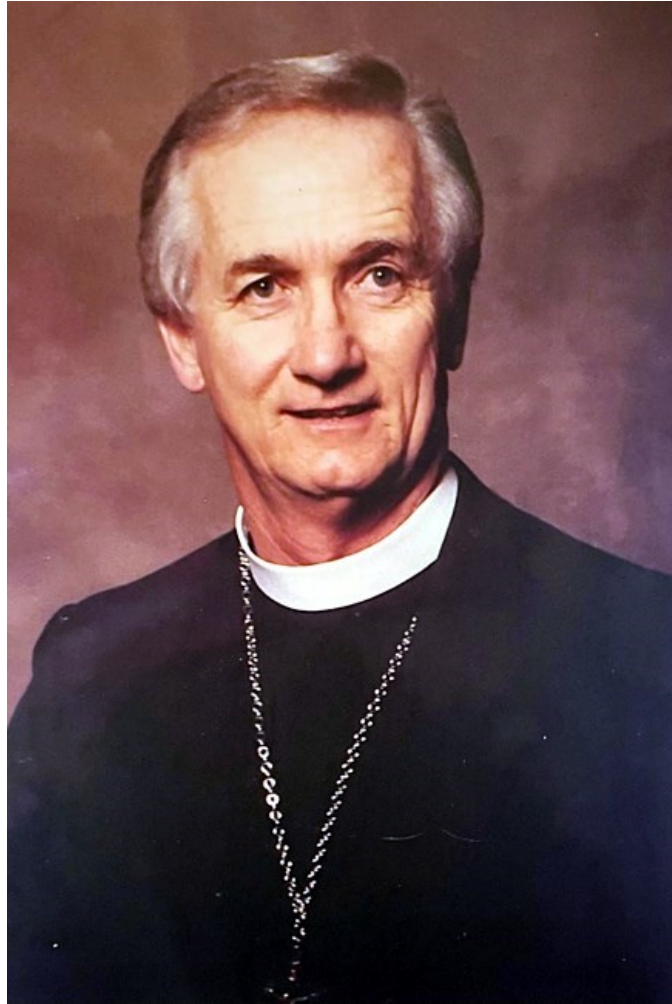


The Reverend Robert G. Coon, 76, passed away on November 18, 2022. Bob was born on August 28, 1946 in Lincolnton, North Carolina . He attended and graduated from West Lincoln High School in Lincoln, North Carolina, Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina and earned his Masters of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina.

Bob served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville, South Carolina for thirty three years. He then served as CEO of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation. He and his wife, Ann Coon, were married for fifty four years and have two children Elizabeth and Bob, as well as eight grandchildren.



Reverend James Heinley Nichols, 87, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2023. He was born on February 9, 1935 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Jim served as pastor at Mount Hope Lutheran in Shiloh, Ohio, Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville Ohio, and Reformation Lutheran in Columbia, South Carolina. Jim also served as Assistant to the Bishop of the Ohio Synod Office. He also served as Director and Retreat Leader at Yokefellow Institute in Richmond Indiana and as Executive Director for Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity in Columbia South Carolina. Jim served as interim pastor for various churches throughout the midlands of South Carolina and continued to supply as he was able until 2022. He especially appreciated serving as supply pastor for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Jenkinsville, South Carolina.



Reverend Dr. Jacob Harry Crout, 86, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023. He was born on September 23, 1936.

He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina and his Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina. He served as pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church Columbia, South Carolina, supply pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and as interim pastor at Silverstreet Lutheran Church.

He and his wife, Joyce Lord Crout had two sons, David and John and two grandchildren.



Reverend Everett Lewis Lineberger, 93, of Inman passed away on February 11, 2023. He was born on February 16, 1929, near Dallas, North Carolina.

Pastor Lineberger served as pastor of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, at Grace Rock Hill in South Carolina, and Redeemer in Charleston, South Carolina. He was named Pastor Emeritus of Saint John's in 1992.

He and his wife Elizabeth Ann Dry Lineberger were married for sixty five years and had three children, Deborah, Stephen, and John, as well as eight grandchildren.



Reverend Dr. Martin Fredrick Saarinen, 93, of Newberry, South Carolina passed away on April 1, 2023. He was born on July 6, 1929 in Portland, Oregon.

He earned degrees from the University of Minnesota, Suomi Theological Seminary, Wisconsin State University, Hamma School of Theology and Hamilton University. He was ordained into ministry by the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He served as pastor at bilingual Lutheran parishes in Brule, Wisconsin and Ashtabula, Ohio.

He also served as a developer and then as a campus chaplain at Suomi College. After serving as Assistant to the President of the Ohio Synod, Lutheran Church in America, he joined the faculty of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, in Columbia South Carolina. He consulted and served as interim pastor as well. Martin has many beloved family members, including his wife Marilyn and their son Erik.