



NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# 2016

## ANNUAL REPORT



**DEDICATED TO** locating, collecting,  
preserving, and interpreting the  
Norwegian-American experience  
with accuracy, integrity, and liveliness

# To our members,

supporters, donors, volunteers, and friends who made our 2016 programs and events possible: Tusen takk! Thank you! Here is a look at what we accomplished together last year.

## ENABLING RESEARCH

In 2016, NAHA assisted more than a hundred researchers, both onsite and online.



Associate Archivist Jeff Sauve (left) and archives volunteer Dale Hovland (right) assist a NAHA patron in locating a rare bygdelag banner.



“Kudos to all the staff at NAHA. They all have been a great help while searching *bygdebøker* and church records. Very special thanks goes to Dale Hovland, researcher extraordinaire!”

—Sidney Olson  
NAHA Member

“In all, a treasure trove for me and for future generations!”



—Jon Rondestvedt  
Northfield



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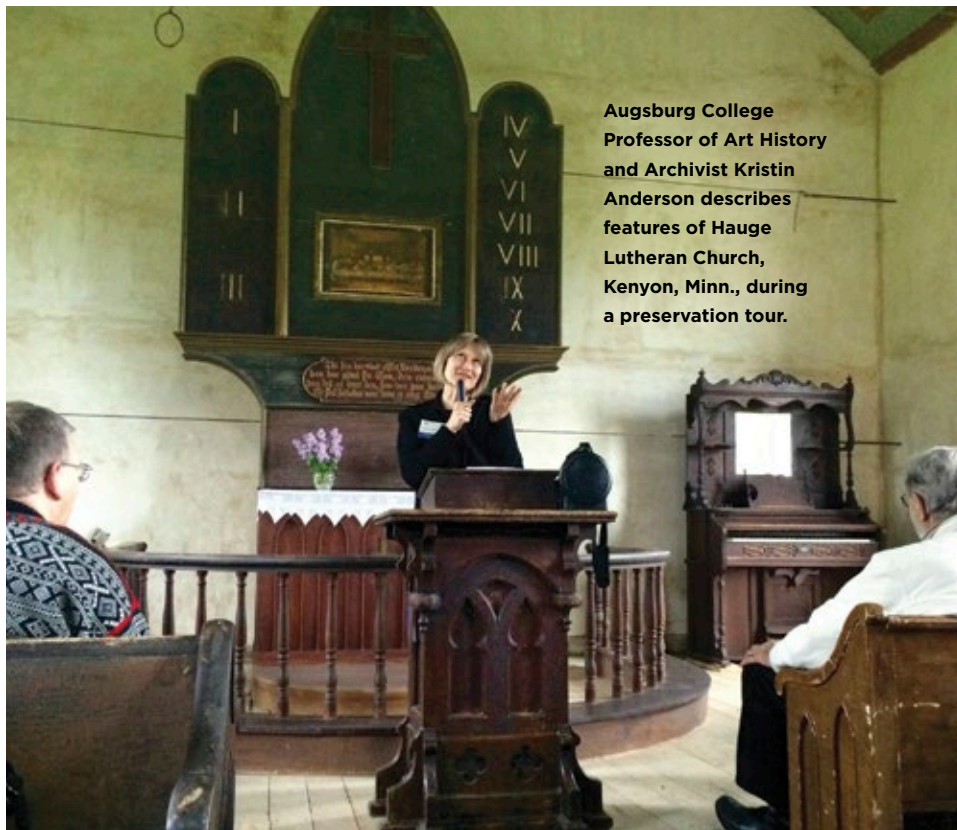
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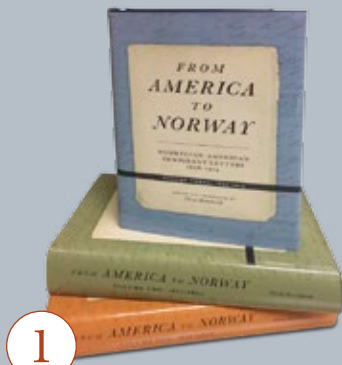
Augsburg College Professor of Art History and Archivist Kristin Anderson describes features of Hauge Lutheran Church, Kenyon, Minn., during a preservation tour.



Alter of Trondhjem Lutheran Church, Lonsdale, Minn.

## INTERPRETATION

NAHA interpreted the Norwegian-American experience for members and friends who attended our events and read our publications.



1

In November 2016, NAHA released Volume 3 of **“From America to Norway: Norwegian-American Immigrant Letters, 1838–1914.”** An index volume follows in 2017.



2

The 2016 NAHA Biennial Meeting included a day-long seminar on **Norwegian-American folk music.**



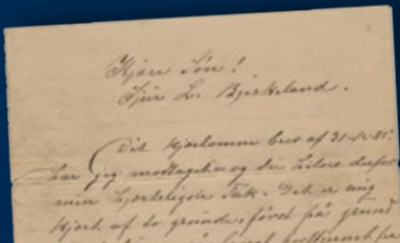
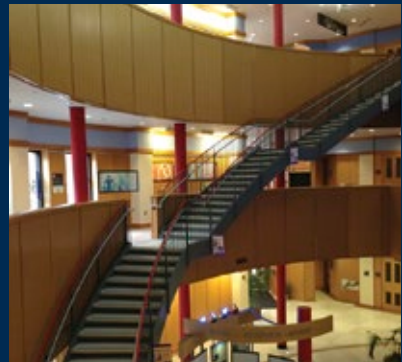
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**The Preservation Tour of Norwegian-American Churches in Rice and Goodhue Counties** made stops at Hauge Lutheran Church near Kenyon, Trondhjem Lutheran Church near Lonsdale, and the churches at Valley Grove near Nerstrand.

# PRESERVATION

In May 2016, NAHA met its goal of raising \$160,000 for climate-controlled archives in the Association's first-ever capital campaign. Since our project is part of a larger plan for the Archives and Special Collections of St. Olaf College's Rølvaag Memorial Library, our timeline is linked to that of the college. In the summer of 2017, the space we envision as the future home of the NAHA Archives is scheduled to become available and ready for its next purpose. In the meantime, we have invested our campaign funds so they can continue to grow while we plan for our new shared facility.

In 2016, thanks to funding from St. Olaf College, our special collections team made four site visits to combined archives facilities in Minneapolis, Chicago, and New York City.



From top: Reading room at Loyola University, Chicago; Reading room at the Center for Jewish History, New York City; University of Minnesota's Elmer L. Andersen Library, Minneapolis.



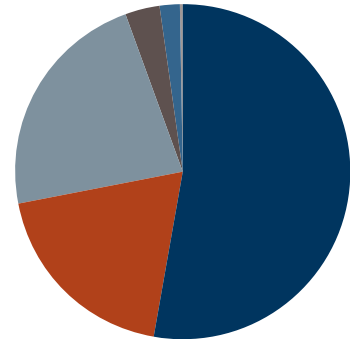
Norwegian folk dancers of Chicago circa 1960.

# financials

## FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS

Distributions from investments	\$96,664	53%
Membership fees	\$33,410	18%
Unrestricted donations	\$40,857	23%
Events/conferences	\$6,383	4%
Publications	\$2,685	1.8%
Other	\$427	0.2%

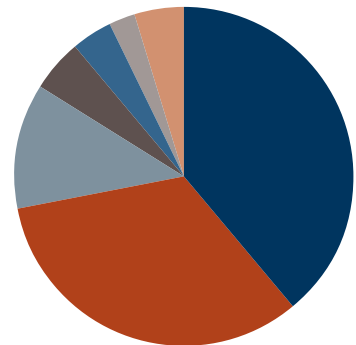
TOTAL \$180,426



## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	\$64,813	39.0%
Publications	\$54,626	33.0%
Professional services	\$19,296	12.0%
Events	\$8,235	5.0%
Administrative supplies and services	\$6,883	4.0%
Outreach	\$3,821	2.5%
All Other	\$7,231	4.5%

TOTAL \$164,905

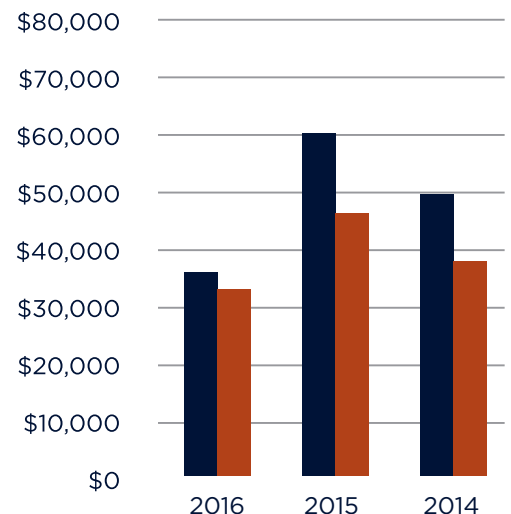


## INVESTED FUND BALANCES

Market value as of December 31, 2016

O. E. Rølvaag Memorial Fund (Endowed Fund for Operations)	\$939,848
Theodore C. Blegen Fellowship Fund (Editor's Fund)	\$391,684
Sigvald Quale Norwegian Society Fund	\$223,332
Operating and Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$377,945
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,932,809</b>

## INVESTMENT INCOME



Full financials are available upon request.

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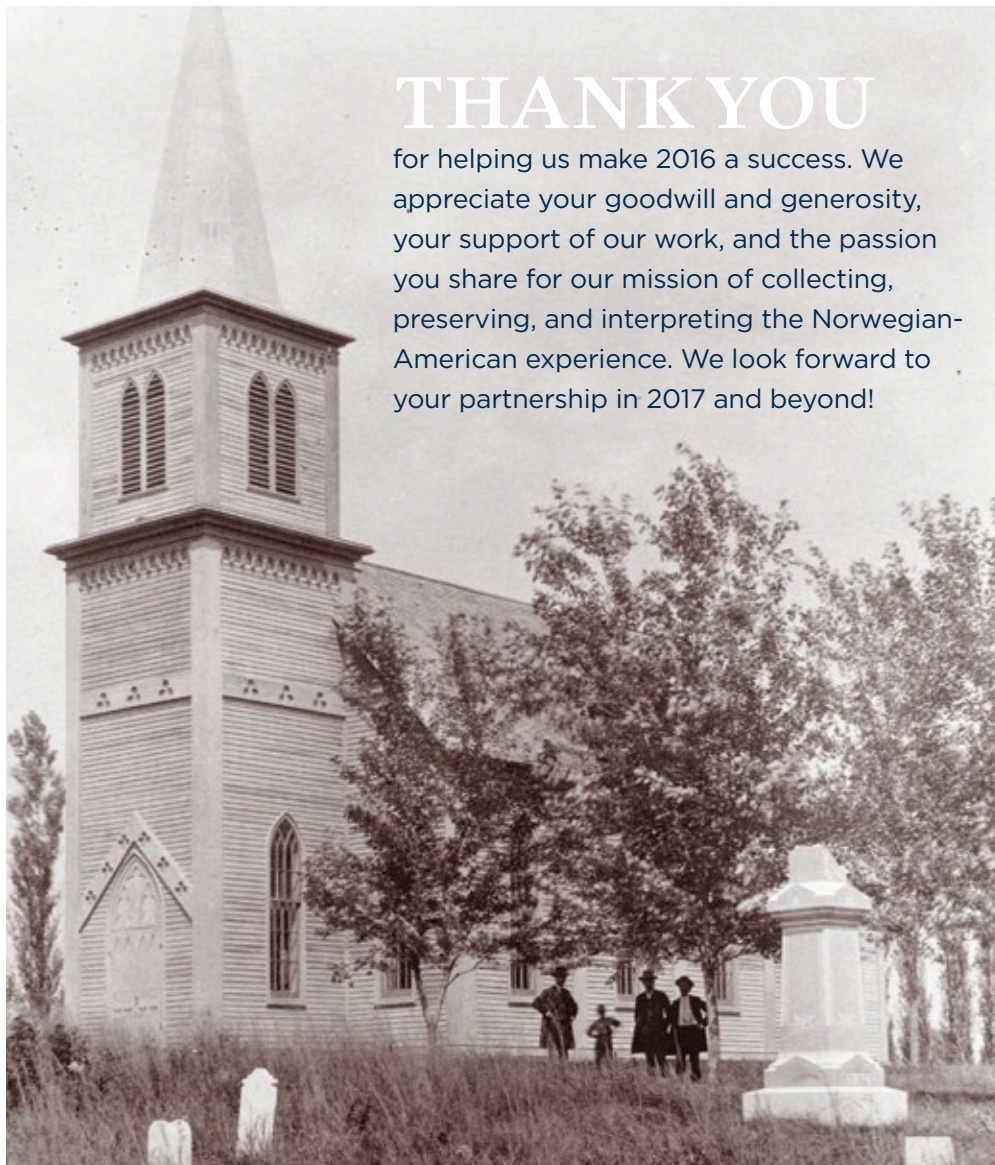
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