

UNCOMMON BONDS: LABRADOR INUIT AND MORAVIAN MISSIONARIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: PURPOSE & TERMS OF REFERENCE

These are the functions of the Committee defined in the application:

The project partners will establish an Advisory Committee for the project to provide oversight. The roles of the partners are: creator (MCNL); custodian (MAB); knowledge-builder and provider of higher education (MUN); and NG, which seeks to reconnect with its history and documentation of its cultural identity through these records. The NHDS, who will participate on the Advisory Committee as an observer, will provide project coordination and support and promote the project at the national level in Canada. The Advisory Committee will ensure that the project is undertaken in a way that safeguards the original records and provides new opportunities to provide access to them via multiple access points. This project will provide broader scholarship opportunities, aligning with interest in Indigenous archives initiatives in Canada, which continues to grow.

This project will help partners build collaborative working skills, as well as afford the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Labrador Missions archival collection and how it relates to the broader archival infrastructure projects underway in Nunatsiavut. This project will also provide an opportunity to increase understanding of cross-border collaborative digitization projects, especially around repatriation of material.

Building on those, the proposed terms of reference for the committee are as follows:

1. The main purpose of the Advisory Committee (UBAC) is to provide oversight of the project. We take this to mean that the UBAC should comment on any aspect of the project it sees fit.
2. The granting organization, the [Council on Library & Information Resources](#) (CLIR) imposes certain requirements around things such as allocation of budget, relevant activities, reporting and ensuring open access to all materials. It will be the task of the Principle Investigators (Mark & Paul) to translate UBAC directives into actionable items.
3. Current public health measures have not only forced us to reconfigure some of the immediate, public events for this project, they also affected the relevance of online dissemination. The UBAC should play a lead role in re-defining both.
4. While CLIR mandates that all material we are digitizing is made publicly available, both external reviewers of the application and common sense require we account for Labrador Inuit cultural practices of information sharing. Those practices are also tempered by federal, provincial and Nunatsiavut-based laws, [Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami policy](#) as well as the emerging policies of a joint Nunatsiavut Government – Moravian Church in Newfoundland & Labrador Archival Records Co-Management Committee. The membership of that committee is represented on the UBAC (Mark, Sarah and Lena).
5. At the outset, the committee will conduct its business with a circle methodology. This can be altered at any time.