



Global Archives
of the *Ecumenical Institute* and
the *Institute of Cultural Affairs*

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

February 25, 2020

Re: An Update – and An Invite

If you have been following the archive journey of these past few months, you will know that we are in the midst of major change. In 2018 the Archives Team announced the vision to have the global archives available to the world by putting key documents online on a global website, now available at www.icaglobalarchives.org. Three phases are envisioned to make our work more public.

Phase I: File Organization. In 2019 we created a framework of the archives that includes three areas with nine collections. We then organized 200 file cabinets into the nine collections. At the end of the fall sojourn we renamed the website: **The ICA Social Research Center - The Global Archives of the Ecumenical Institute and the Institute of Cultural Affairs**. Phase I is now completed.

Phase II: Highlighting Our Global Wisdom. As you review the website today, you will note that many files have already been added. But it feels like the tip of the iceberg relative to identifying the best of our work and formatting it in such a way that speaks to today. The work of the Spring Sojourn is to find and scan key documents and to write the contextual statements that will help past resources come alive to present-day social and spiritual activists.

Phase III: Linking to 21st Century Movements. Next the challenge will be to get this historical wisdom into the hands of people who are leading change in various movements around the world. We need help identifying people who may benefit from any of the collections. In May we intend to pilot connections to people involved in climate change.

We are hoping you will seriously consider being involved with Phases II and III of the archive work during the Spring Sojourn of the ICA Social Research Center from **May 10 – 14, 2020**. Please let us know if this is a possibility for you by writing: icasocialresearchcenter@gmail.com.

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