

"Alone We Can Do Little; Together We Can Do So Much"

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Helen Keller's well-known quote perfectly describes what has been achieved since 2009 by the cooperation between the newly founded protestant-evangelical archives and documentation center and KADOC-KU Leuven. I intend to present this cooperation as an inspiring example of how smaller denominations may improve their heritage management by teaming up with a larger and more experienced partner. Evadoc was founded in 2009 with limited means to secure endangered evangelical archives in Belgium. By joining forces with an experienced partner, KADOC-KU Leuven, Documentation and Research Center for Religion, Culture, and Society, Evadoc could develop a comprehensive and integrated heritage service for the small protestant and Anglican community in Belgium. The cooperation is a win-win situation, as KADOC, founded as a Catholic Archives, Documentation, and Research Center, had broadened its scope in 2003 to the entire religious spectrum.

The main part of the presentation focuses on what has been achieved in the past ten years: preservation of important archives, increased awareness of the importance of archives, oral history, and record management among evangelicals. Recently even international organizations as Operation Mobilisation and the European Evangelical Alliance have decided to deposit their archives in Leuven.

I will close by concluding that Evadoc has developed into the gateway to protestant and Anglican heritage in Belgium. It is an example of good practice in preserving with limited resources the endangered heritage of smaller denominations.