



# The Information

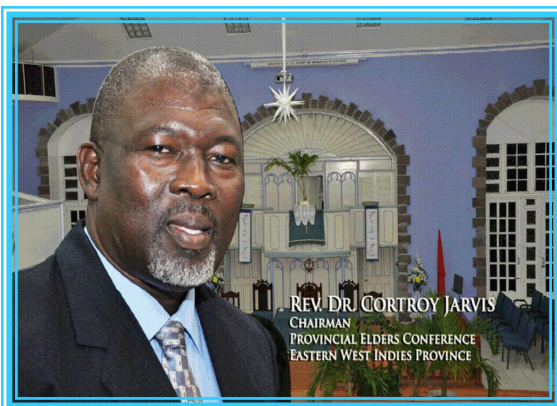
Then the man said, *"Let me go, for it is daybreak."* But Jacob replied, *"I will not let you go unless you bless me."*  
Genesis 32 vs. 26 [NIV]



## What is the significance of the Resurrection?

Easter is the most important annual religious festival in the Christian liturgical year. According to the scripture, Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. We celebrate Easter for the purpose of having a memorial to remember the

Resurrection of Jesus. Easter serves as a reminder for all what the Lord has done for all humankind.



Faithful children of God reflect upon the Savior's resurrection **every Sunday**, the resurrection day, as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the church. 1 Corinthians 16:2 declares, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes, usually caught up in the pursuits of wholly materialistic things, will take at least some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior's resurrection. It is entirely appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends, at least those who have some reverence for Christianity, the significance of the Lord's resurrection.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian faith. 1 Corinthians 15:13-17 says, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

<sup>14</sup>And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

<sup>15</sup>Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

<sup>16</sup>For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

<sup>17</sup>And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

we can have forgiveness from our sins.

If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. The truth is, the event of Jesus' resurrection is incontrovertible, that is, it is unquestionable, irrefutable, indisputable and undeniable. What therefore is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is **the Son of God**. Paul affirmed that Christ is "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

### VISION STATEMENT

A Church - Transformed,  
United, Victorious in  
Christ

### MISSION STATEMENT

By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service

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Second, Jesus' resurrection represents an assurance that we can have **forgiveness from our sins**.

Paul contended: "If Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Corinthians

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15:17). The reverse of the apostle's affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that **the kingdom of God is ruled by a living, sovereign God**. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. The founder of Hinduism lies silent in the grave. But the founder of Christianity, sixty years after his death, appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: "I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:17-18). He is alive! Hallelulah! Hallelulah! Hallelulah!

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Fourth, Jesus' resurrection proves that **physical death is not the termination of human existence**. God, who is the giver of life (1

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Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate, restore, revive or resurrect the human body. Jesus' triumph over the grave is the pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the "first fruits of them that are asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Fifth, the Lord's resurrection previewed the **ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies**. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was "the lion of the tribe of Judah" that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (Revelation 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths that the resurrection:

1. Is Evidence that Christ is the Son of God;
2. Represents an assurance that we can have **forgiveness from our sins**.
3. Tells the world that **the kingdom of God is ruled by a living, sovereign, God**.

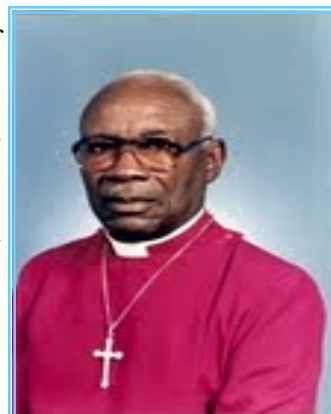
4. Proves that **physical death is not the termination of human existence**;
5. Previews the **ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies**.

We honor our Master's victory over death, not once a year, but every week! A Blessed Resurrection to you my brothers and sisters.



### The Moravian Church EWIP Congratulates Bishop Neville Brown on his 60th Anniversary of Ordination

The Eastern West Indies Province congratulates Bishop Neville Brown on his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Bishop Brown has been a champion and Guardian of the faith. This Province and the Moravian Church on a whole is richer for having had Bishop Brown as one of its Chief Shepherd. He along with Sister Ida, his dear loving wife has served with distinction over the years.



Neville Brown was ordained a Deacon on April 11, 1951, at Spring Gardens, Antigua, by the Rt. Rev. Peter M. Gubi. He was consecrated a Presbyter on May 19, 1959 at Estridge, St. Kitts by the Rt. Rev. Peter Gubi. On November 11, 1993, he was consecrated a Bishop of the Unity at Spring Gardens, Antigua by Bishops Neville Neil, John Wilson and Stanley F. Thomas.

The Eastern West Indies Province salutes Bishop Brown on this momentous occasion and pray that God will bless him more than he can imagine.

**To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.**



## Hymn of the Month

Recently, a recommendation was made that the data for the Hymn of the Month be presented to the Province on a quarterly basis. That recommendation was favourably



considered by the Provincial Hymnal Committee at its monthly meeting. In light of that, please note that this current issue of the INFORMATION is addressing the hymn of the month for **April, May and June**. Our focus for this quarter is on hymns that are original in nature and which were composed (words and music) by persons within our Province. These hymns will also be included in the new hymnal.

### APRIL/MAY

Moravian Music Sunday this year will be on **Sunday May 22, 2011**. For this year the focus of that Sunday will be the hymns and/or music that have been written by the **Rev. Ulston Patmore Smith**. In light of that then, for the months of **April and May**, we are offering not just one hymn but instead five (5) hymns from Rev. Smith. They are:

**Courage when the storms are raging**

**Lamb of God**

**You are Holy**

**We Worship You**

**Rise up Young People** (*Words by Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis*)

Mindful of the fact that not all persons in the Province would be familiar with these hymns, the words, musical score and an audio file of each of hymn will be distributed shortly within each Conference. It is the desire that during the months of **April and May** the Province will be exposed to learning these hymns. Should that be realized then the observance of Moravian Music Sunday on May 22, 2011, will be more meaningful.

Please note that additional pieces for the choirs (an introit and anthem) will be circulated in time for Moravian Music Sunday.

In addition, more information related to the observance of Moravian Music Sunday will be presented in next month's INFORMATION.

### JUNE

For the month of June two original hymns written by Sis. Janice Thompson (Barbados) in commemoration of Father's Day will be featured as the hymns of the month. These are:

**God bless Fathers**

**A Father's Love**

Similarly, the words, musical score and audio file will be distributed shortly throughout the Province.

It is our hope that as we sing these new hymns over the next three months, that as a Province we will have a greater appreciation of locally written hymns and tunes. By so doing might we be enabled to celebrate the musical gifts that God has deposited among us as a people.

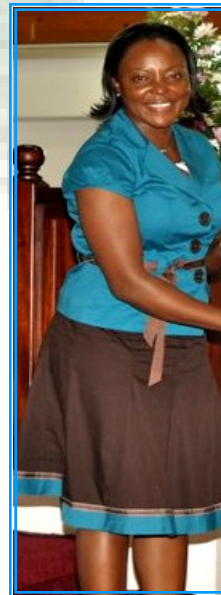
Mikie Roberts (Rev)

Chair, Provincial Hymnal Committee



## Moravian Week 2011

In celebration of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457 the Antigua Conference has designed a weeklong festival tagged "Moravian Week". This year's Moravian Week started on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> February and climaxed on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. From most accounts this week offered exciting and spiritually uplifting experiences. The atmosphere was created to foster healthier relationships with our sisters and brothers as we continue to pursue kingdom building.



The activities for the week were as follows:

a. **Saturday February 26, - Prayer-Cade and Beach Splash with stops in various communities for prayer especially those where there is no Moravian presence in the form of a congregation.**

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1. **UNITY PRAYER WATCH 2011**—The EWI Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 12:01 a.m. April 01, 2011 – Midnight April 14, 2011. The Schedule is as follows:

- Antigua—12:01a.m. April 01-Midnight April 04
- Trinidad—12:01a.m. April 05—Midnight April 05
- St. Kitts—12:01a.m. April 06—Midday April 07
- Barbados-12:01-a.m. April 07-Midnight April 09
- Tobago-12:01a.m. April 10-Midday April 11
- Virgin Islands-12:01p.m. April 11-Midnight April 14

Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting developed on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us therefore encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church and indeed our lives.

All hymns/songs should be accompanied either with music or suggested tunes. The name of the hymn writer and country of the hymn writer should also be included. You are asked to forward by email to: [moravianchewip@gmail.com](mailto:moravianchewip@gmail.com) no later than April 30, 2011.

5. **Furlough** - Two (2) Staff Members are presently on Furlough:

- ♦ Rev. Anique Elmes-Matthew from March 15—July 15, 2011
- ♦ Rev. Elroy Christopher from March 15—July 15, 2011

The following Staff Members will proceed on Furlough later.

- ♦ Rev. Errol Connor from June 01—September 30, 2011
- ♦ Rev. Romeo Challenger from September 01-December 31, 2011

6. **Ministers in-Training Retreat**-The Ministers in Training Retreat will be held at the Provincial Headquarters on Monday, 16th and Tuesday 17th May, 2011.

The Retreat being held is to prepare the Ministers in Training for their assignment in the respective Conferences and also to assist them as they look ahead to concluding their studies at UTCWI and enter into the pastorate.

2. **PEC MEETING** -The PEC will meet in St. Thomas Virgin Islands Conference April 6 - 8, 2011. Please bear up the members of PEC in your prayers as they meet for this very important meeting.

3. **PROVINCIAL MEN'S CONFERENCE** - The Provincial Men's Conference which had been scheduled for July 4 – 8, 2011 in Barbados has been cancelled, due to the lack of interest shown by our men and the very low registration of delegates.

7. **Summer Assignments** - The Summer Assignments for the Ministers in Training are as follows:

Moise Jean	- Tobago	- May 18 - July 18
Onita Samuel	- Barbados	- May 18 - July 18
Erwin Warner	- St. Kitts	- May 18 - July 18
Catherine Governor	- Virgin Islands	- May 18 - July 18
Yvonne Jean	- Antigua	- June 19 - Aug 19

4. **PROVINCIAL HYMNAL** - The Provincial Hymnal Committee is making a final request for the submission of newly composed hymns to be considered for inclusion in the new hymnal.



The Rev. Liselle Roberts was ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on March 11, 2011 at the Moriah Moravian Church, Woodlands, Tobago at 7.00p.m. Rev. Roberts is the Pastor of the Rosehill congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Trinidad Conference.



**Bishop Laying hands on Sis. Liselle Roberts**  
The Chairman of PEC The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis is at the right of Bishop Lewis, Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts on the left and Rev. Simmons can also be seen in this photo.



**Rev. Rowan F. Simmons presenting Sis. Liselle to Bishop Lewis**



**Clauravine and Fulton Roberts parents of Sis. Liselle**



**Tobago Conference Choir**



**Rev. Liselle Roberts pronouncing the Benediction at her Ordination service at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago**  
Superintendent of the Tobago Conference Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts (r)



**Moravian Week 2011 Cont'd**

- b. Sunday February 27, - Festival of Choirs - (Spring Gardens)**
- c. Tuesday March 01, - Pan Fest—(Cana)**
- d. Friday March 04, - Psalm Alive: Sunday School Coral Speaking Competition. (Spring Gardens)**
- e. Saturday March 05- Leaders Retreat-(Coco Rose Reception Hall)**
- f. Sunday March 06, - Moravian Festival of Arts (poetry, instruments, vocals and dance) - (Cashew Hill)**

The Moravian community took to the streets for a move of spiritual witness in the form of a Prayer-Cade. Beginning at the Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill with devotions and prayer of covering by Bro. Edgar Barreiro, we moved off subsequently with stops in the following areas: Clare Hall, Pigotts, Parham, Pears, Bethesda and Cobb Cross. Individuals were assigned to pray at each stop. The prayers offered were based on concerns raised by residents in each community.

The Christian Education Executive Committee allowed the Conference's Music Committee to take the lead in realizing the Festival of Choirs and Pan Fest. This they did faithfully for two (2) consecutive years. These events were well attended.

The Psalm Alive was a highlight of the week. The Infants (3-7 years), the Children (8-12 years) and the Teens (13-19 years) along with their teachers created the hallmark for the event. With eloquence, poise and creativity, the various groups of participants presented a Psalm, which they chose from a given list of Psalms in each category. While the infants were not competing, the winners from the other categories were as follows:

Children:	Teens:
1st Place Cana	1st Place Cana
2nd Place Gracehill	2nd Place Green Bay
3rd Place Potters Zion	3rd Place Spring Gardens

The Church Leaders were called for a time of retreat as we reflected on Stewardship and Tithing. The facilitators were Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel and Rev. Adrian R. Smith. They both captured the attention of the two hundred (200) plus persons who were in attendance as they revealed and reinforced biblical truths.

In addition to this, the Moravian Art Festival created the platform to showcase the wealth of talent through-

out the conference. The young and the old alike rendered colourful praises to God as they danced, recited poems, ministered on the musical Instruments and harmonized in choral singing.

Thanks must be extended to the Christian Education Executive Committee as well as the Music Committee for a dynamic week. You worked hard! We do anticipate continued excellence in worship as you give yourselves away to the perfect will of God who has equipped you to serve.



Conference Choir at Festival of Choirs for Moravian Week 2011

Section of the crowd at Pan Fest Moravian week 2011



Congregation at Psalm Alive Sunday School Coral Speaking competition



**Birthday to**

Bro. Edgar Barreiro who celebrated his birthday on March 29.

**Birthday Greetings for the month of April is extended to:**

Bro. Elroy Christopher	4
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	8
Sis. Megan Gibbs	22
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bro. Neville Brown	27
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Bro. Rudolph & Sis. Esther Roberts 22

When you carry the Bible, the devil has a headache, when you open it he collapses, When he sees you reading it, he faints, so let's read the bible, every time so that he keeps on fainting. (maybe one day he'll have a stroke and never wake up)

**255 and Counting**

April 01, 2011 marks the 255th Anniversary of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. It was on April 01, 1756, that Samuel Isles, the first Moravian Missionary to Antigua started the work. Congrats! Spring Gardens.

**Fun Corner****A man and his Casket**

A man who makes caskets was on his way to deliver one of the coffins when his car broke down.

Trying not to be late, he put the coffin on his head and began heading to his destination.

Some policemen saw him and wanted to make some money off him (bribe), so they challenged him:

"Hey!!! What are you carrying and where are you going?!"

The man said "I don't like where I was buried, so I am relocating."

The Policemen ran for their lives.

