

# The Information

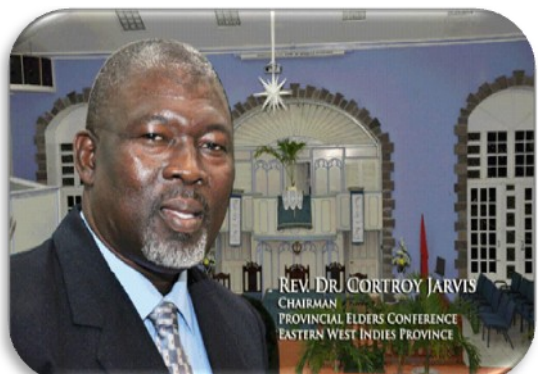
Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is day-break." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Genesis 32 vs. 26 [NIV]

December, 2012



## Hope and Expectation

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.



The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ. Our hope is wrapped up in expectation. Expectation refers to believing that something is going to happen or believing that something should be a certain way. An example of expectation is a belief that you will be getting promoted or a belief that you should behave in a certain way. As a Christian, there are expectations we have for ourselves. Our expectations should be grounded in the God who created us for HE holds the future in HIS hands. If indeed, God is the **Bright and Morning Star**, we have to believe that the Sun will rise and shine in spite of us. God can and will do His work whether we operate within His Will or not.

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### 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

### PROVINCIAL THEME 2012

### PURSUING THE BLESSING

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The Rev. Mikie Roberts in Friday Focus of November 30, 2012, is very decisive in his analysis of hope and expectation. I therefore borrow the next two paragraphs from the Rev. Mikie Robert's Friday Focus article for I find these paragraphs most apt for our discussion.

*"It's one thing to LOSE HOPE in human institutions or political leaders. But the sad truth is that there are some people who have even LOST HOPE in the Church too as an institution, its members and leaders. And for these people they can always find a justification for the LOST HOPE. It may be due to something that happened to them or someone close to them that they still find hard to get pass. There is no single answer for such persons. But even if some are on the brink of LOSING HOPE in the Church and other Christians because of our poor witness, the thrust of today's FF is to encourage that regardless of the fallout, ultimately DON'T LOSE HOPE in God. Since HOPE is about the future and only God knows the future, then we dare not LOSE HOPE in God.*

*But that can happen because life provides us with more than enough reasons to LOSE HOPE in God. But the HOPE which looks only to this life is not HOPE. After all "HOPE that is seen is not HOPE. For who HOPES for what he sees? But if we HOPE for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Rom. 8: 24 – 25) And let's not forget that Christ centered HOPE looks beyond this life. For "if our HOPE in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world." (1 Cor. 15: 19) So as we embark upon the season of Advent awaiting and HOPING for the return of Christ, DON'T LOSE HOPE. Rather take an attitude in life where we chose to "rejoice in HOPE." (Rom. 12:12) With God, it will get better. A God-caused change will come so DON'T LOSE HOPE!"*

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep. Let us celebrate and remember that God is in control of everything.

I leave us with the song of the month by Ernie Smith, "All for Jesus". I believe that this song, though old, can ignite hope and expectation in our hearts as we march forward in the light of God. This song is also the Hymn of the month for December, 2012.

Jesus come today, for a poor, poor man like me.  
Salvation come my way, my soul set free.  
Jesus come for all, and we must hear His call.  
Open up your heart today, and let it be.

*Nuh matter if you t'ief, or if you dread,  
Or if yuh have a crown pan yuh head.  
Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,  
Jesus bring love for one and all. Sing it children.  
I for Jesus, you for Jesus,  
All for Jesus, fall for Jesus,  
Come to Jesus.  
Jesus come for one, he come for all.*

Jesus come for I, see manger where He lie.  
See cross where He must die, for a wretch like me.  
For God so loved the world,  
Man, woman, boy and girl.  
He gave His Son for you, His Son for me.

Jesus Christ today, the same as yesterday.  
The one, the only way, the King for me.  
Let it come to pass, mankind find love at last.  
Just as it was time past, so let it be.

Glenroy Anthony 'Ernie' Smith





## My Experience in the "Holy Woods" (Part II)

### By Rev. Dr. Winellé Kirton Roberts

In last month's issue of the Information, I started a three part series on my experience at UTCWI. In that article I generally highlighted some of the changes that I found



and specifically shared my first presentation which I made with the Moravian students. As I write this second part I want to acknowledge the passing of one of the most revered and respected lecturers at UTCWI, Rev. Dr Hyacinth Booth. Many of us would recall her careful attention to academia, her thorough preparation, her polished language, graceful disposition and classic attire.

I had the honour of seeing her on my trip to Jamaica. In fact even though she was ailing and visibly weakened she attended the Graduate Colloquium at which I gave the lecture. I began my presentation by sharing with the faculty and student body how much she inspired me when I was a student. It was after reading her PhD dissertation, which was lodged in the West Indian collection, that I challenged myself to write a my own dissertation someday. Ordained in 1975, as the first woman in Latin America and Caribbean and the first African American woman to be awarded a PhD from University of St Andrews, she naturally became a mentor to many especially females in the ordained ministry. May her soul rest on in peace!

In this issue I will share a presentation I made to the History of the Reformation class. This course is taught by Rev Dr Glenroy Lalor and is part of the comprehensive studies offered by UTC over two semesters. The main areas of studies are Bible(literature and language), Church History, Theology, Practical Theology(Homiletics, pastoral studies, administration) and Ethics. These of course are done in conjunction with the requirements for the degree from University of the West Indies.

The content of most courses appear to remain the same although some courses have been modified to meet the degree standards. For example, what was Field Education and primarily an on the job training course is now Practicum in Institutional Chaplaincy. It is now a degree course with more substantive supervision and training. Worthy of note is that Women, theology and Religion studies is now a separate course which was taught by Dr Booth.

As a historian, I noted with some concern that while most of the courses are still spread over two semesters, year-long history courses are not confined to one Semester i.e History of the Reformation and Caribbean Church History.

Beyond the content of the courses, though, I had observed that theological reflection outside of the classroom was limited. All the courses I attended had very interesting and interactive discussions much to the credit of the lecturers. However at the end of each students dispersed! There is no eating together for meals in the Dining room (now closed) and there was little gathering under "the arch" except for pick up and drop off. The administration should not underestimate the value of a Dining room as a key part of ministerial formation.

I could not help but recount the days of coming from a theology or bible course having been exposed to some radical view but had the benefit of sitting at a lunch table with other students who have been there and even another lecturer who helped with processing this information. These "outside the classroom" discussions gave clarity of thought and provided the hope that kept you from discouragement and even disillusionment. This is an area that administrators responsible for theological education should review. I have the suspicion that lack of efficient and meaningful theological reflection does affect the way ministry is done upon graduations. Is it about individual performance (grades) or about ministering where people are at (listening and connecting with people)?

There appears to be a growing "disconnect" between how I do on Sundays and what I do with the rest of the week. After a while members themselves disconnect from the Sunday morning Pastor and the one who fails to listen, empathise and reach out.

Here now is the script for the History of Reformation class. There was one Moravian student in the class this Semester.

### CZECH REFORMATION

The Moravian church, Unitas Fratrum is historically designated as a pre-reformation church which began on March 1, 1457 under the "literary" founder Peter of Chelcic. It was the prolific writings of Chelcic that led to the establishment of the Moravian Church.

He drew the plan which was used by Gregory the Patriarch to construct the Unitas Fratrum. Prior to this development, the Moravian Church emerged out of little known Czech Reformation and the Hussite reformation. These are both 14<sup>th</sup> century movements.

The Czech Reformation was a movement that attempted to reform the Roman Church in what is now the Czech Republic. The key factors that led to the religious crisis were:

1. Decadence of the lives of the priests and m
2. Worldliness of Church especially since the Czech King was the head of the Church
3. Feudal society was disintegrating

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Two Czech priests known as Matej of Janov and Jan Milic were devoted to reforming the Church at the time. Milic was known as the father of the Czech reformation although he died before most of the reforms had taken place. Both Matej and Milic preached against the prevailing corruption of the Church and called for a cleansing of the Church through the Word of God. The movement gained momentum and there were some outstanding preachers who joined them. It was however their followers who erected a Chapel that provided a place for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. That chapel was called Bethlehem Chapel.

About this time the reformation under the leadership of the English Reformer John Wycliff was not only taking root in England but was influencing Czech. Because of Royal marriage there was an opening between Czech and Britain. Many students who had travelled to Oxford were inspired by the teaching of preaching of Wycliff. They were coming back to Czech with some of the radical views including opposing transubstantiation. One of the persons in Czech who was strongly influenced by the teaching of Wycliff was Jan Hus.

### Jan Hus

Jan Hus was born in a Bohemian village called Husinec around 1369. He was an outstanding intellect who attended the university of Prague as a theological student. He received a bachelor's in 1394 followed by a Master's of art degree in 1396. In 1401 he was ordained a priest and was appointed the dean of the philosophical faculty. It was however as a preacher that he became better known. He was appointed to preach in the Bethlehem chapel, by 1402.

In this chapel he was known to have brought the hearers back to the fundamentals of the gospel picking up from earlier Czech reformers. He constantly quoted the text "Ye are the salt of the earth." At Bethlehem Chapel, not only did he preach the Word of God but sought to revive congregational singing. He translated Latin Hymns into the vernacular and also wrote his own hymns. While John Wycliff used his philosophical realism to influence Reformation Jan Hus used his academic position as a teacher to influence his students.

When in 1412 the Pope Alexander V needed money in order to fight a local war he decided that he was going to raise money by the sale of indulgences. Jan Hus felt that he couldn't keep his silence anymore. So he preached that God alone could forgive sins of the people. He was immediately excommunicated. Not only was he excommunicated but he was ostracized from the society. No one could give him food or drink or anything. He then moved to the country where he continued to preach and his mes-

sage became popular. During the two year period he devoted much of his time to writing. In fact a significant portion of his works came during this time. His great piece *De Ecclesia* or "On the Church."

By the end of 1414 a Council of Assembly of the Whole church was called. Hus was called before the Council. He was arrested and imprisoned on Nov 28. He appeared before the council three times. It was on his birthday July 6 that the defrocking took place. He was asked to recant but he didn't and was burned at the stake.

The chief complaint against him was that he placed the authority of the bible over the authority of the Church. It was Jan Hus who became the inspiration for the founding of the Moravian Church.

### Hussite reformation

It is true to say that the Hussite reformation intensified after the execution of Jan Hus. After the execution of John Hus on his birthday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1415, his followers banded themselves together and sought to advocate for his ideological principles.

The basic tenets of the Hussite Reformation:

1. Worship should be conducted in the vernacular;
2. The lay people should be taught the scriptures;
3. Priests should live exemplary lives and that
4. salvation is found through Jesus Christ and not the purchase of indulgences.

There were some divisions among the followers of Hus but they eventually found unity among themselves.

As mentioned earlier Peter of Chelcic carefully constructed a vision for the Church which was used by Gregory the Patriarch who officially constructed the *Unitas Fratrum* on March 1, 1457. This group later gained the name Moravian which was indeed a nickname because they took refuge in Moravia.

*Unitas Fratrum* is still the official name of the Church, although the term Moravian is most commonly used. For three hundred years, the followers of Hus moved from place to place under various leaders. One of the outstanding leaders of the early Moravian movement was Bishop John Amos Comenius, who in 1657 commended the Moravians to the Church of England in hope of their survival.

Although many today focus on the influence of the Renewed Moravian Church under the leadership of Count Ludwig Nicholas Von Zinzendorf in Germany, the roots of the Moravianism was in the Czech reformation. With the renewal of interest in research in this area of ministry Moravians are taking greater pride in that pre-reformation connection. What is to be most importantly learned was the fact that the Moravians had the courage to oppose that which was not biblical and were not afraid to hold fast to their faith in spite of the threat of martyrdom.





## Congratulation Zion Youths

**Confident, Reliable and Dedicated - - These are only a few of the words which can be used to aptly describe Sis K'Shanta Reid.** As one of the '25 Most Remarkable Teens for 2012', an honour bestowed upon her by the



Ministry of Youth Empowerment recently, K'Shanta proudly exhibits some valuable qualities throughout her daily experiences. K'Shanta was

honoured in the category of **Campus Leadership**. She is currently the Student Council President at the Washington Archibald High School.

With the assistance of her executive team, the Council has organised numerous activities throughout the school year. Her leadership role is taken seriously as she continues to ensure that she unites her peers with a common purpose.

K'Shanta maintains high standards for herself and others. She feels that part of her life's purpose is to motivate her peers and younger children to move toward the positive things in life; to prepare themselves so that they will be able to make valuable contributions in their communities, schools, and to their country.

Committed to academic excellence, K'Shanta has been on the school's Honor Roll since first form. K'Shanta earned the title of Valedictorian at the Seventh Day Adventist Primary School.

K'Shanta enjoys sports, including netball, basketball, football, and cricket, and continues to play on the school's teams. K'Shanta was the Captain of her team for the 2011 Open Netball Tournament.

She sings at both school and church events, and since K'Shanta is educated in music, she helps to prepare the other students by teaching and directing their music practices.

The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church salute Sis K'Shanta Reid and pray that she will continue to have another successful school year. We pray that she will remain focused and continue to work towards her future goal of becoming a scientist in the discipline of criminology and forensic pathology. We extend congratulations to her parents, Bro Walter and Sis Tryphena James. May God continue to bless and encircle the entire family with love, peace and prosperity.

For most teens, music is considered a hobby, or even a medium of recreation, but for **Bro Christian Nathaniel**, music is life.

Discovering the antique piano in his grandparents' home at the age of two, Christian began his journey as a musician. Christian is a multi-instrumentalist: playing piano, fife, drums, keyboard, guitar, steel pan, recorder, and organ. He is also a talented singer.



Christian comes from a family of musical talents: his father Ian is a noted pianist, his grandfather Samuel plays

the steel pan, his mother Aslyn and grandmother Ellenitta both sing.

Christian is enrolled at the Hulda Lawrence School of Music and has received several Merits and Distinctions from the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music: Piano Exams. In April 2012, Christian completed his basic musical studies passing grade 8 Level. He plans to participate in the Caribbean Examinations Council Music Exams next year at the advanced level.

Christian currently assists with the playing of the organ at Zion, Bethesda, and New Dawn Moravian Churches. He has served as guest organist in other churches both locally and internationally, and at community events such as the National Independence Day Service, and other dignitary and public affairs. Christian accompanies choral groups as well, including the Moravian Conference Choir, Zion Moravian Junior, Youth and Senior Choirs, Boys Brigade Singers, Teen Challenge Club Band, and the St. Kitts and Nevis Independence Choir.

Christian is a member of the Basseterre High School Symphonic Orchestra, the Teen Challenge Club Band, and the SugaStix Steel Orchestra. Christian also has a passion for dance and drama. Christian plans to continue his musical education at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. His dream career is to build, manage, and operate a Performing Arts School in St. Kitts.

The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church extend sincere congratulations to Bro Christian Nathaniel for being recognized as a **Remarkable Teen in the category of Music** during the Special Sitting of the National Assembly on the 15 November, 2012. We pray for God's continued guidance in his life and wish him every success with his endeavours.



**The Moravian Church EWIP rejoices with the Virgin Islands Conference and the Tortola Fellowship** in particular as the first phase of its Sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday November 11, 2012. The service was celebrated with a Lovefeast. This is a great achievement in the Conference.

### **Dedication of the first phase of Tortola Sanctuary by Rev. Vankys J. Isaac**

“And though you started with little, you will end with much” (Job 8: 7 NLT).

The mission work of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference started in Tortola British Virgin Islands in 1993. During that time the Fellowship moved from the Catholic Church to the Treasure Isle Conference Center and in 2008 we moved to the St. Georges Anglican Church Primary School.



**Rev. Vankys Isaac**

The late Mary Francis, a faithful servant of God and a member of the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, gifted a parcel of land to the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference to erect a place of worship to the glory of God in Tortola.

Between 1999 and 2007 much work was done by the pastors assigned to the Tortola Fellowship to get the title for the land and advance the plans for the construction of the sanctuary. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the transfer was completed. After the legal transfer was finalized, Sister Mary Francis moved from the church militant to the church triumphant on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Along the way we encountered numerous hurdles, one of which was the encroachment on the lot given to the church by a neighbor who lived very close to the property.

In 2007 we had to survey and sub – divide the land in order to deal with the encroachment and reregister the sub – divided portion of the property with the Land Registry of

the Government of the British Virgin Islands before moving forward.

Having completed the legal transfer, sub – division, and registration, the Fellowship moved expeditiously to put plans in place for the construction of the sanctuary. After much discussion and planning in the latter part of 2007 and Early 2008, we developed the following:

- ◆ A Master Plan
- ◆ A Strategic Plan and
- ◆ A Stewardship Capital Campaign

Very early in the planning process we engaged Mr. Steve Augustine an architect who willingly consented to take on the project and gave his commitment to do all of the drawings, project management, and provided technical advice to the Fellowship when and where necessary. He did all of this work without billing the church one penny. “All things work together for good.”

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 we presented the “Development Design Drawings” for the new sanctuary in Tortola to Island Conference, the presentation was done by Bro. John Rodney ably supported by members of the Building Committee. The delegates of conference gave their overwhelming support to the project.

Because of the slope of the land, the architect, Mr. Steve Augustine engaged Mr. Harold Blair a Structural Engineer to study, design, and provide expertise and analysis on the structure to ensure that the integrity of the building is sound and meet the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Division of the government of the BVI.

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, the grounding breaking ceremony took place, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, officiated. The entire conference responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because we broke ground to build the Lord’s house on Tortola.

The Rev. George Bedford led the construction phase of the project. He received tremendous support from the members of the Tortola Fellowship, The Virgin Islands Conference, and the government and people of the British Virgin Islands.

The entire project is estimated to cost 1 million dollars. The first phase of the project cost \$300,000.00. “We walk by faith and not by sight.” By the grace of God we were able to complete the first phase without taking a loan from the bank.

On Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, members from all four islands (St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and Tortola)

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## ***Dedication of the first phase of the Tortola Sanctuary*** ***Con'td from page 6***

along with other faith communities gathered at the new sanctuary in Baughers Bay, Tortola to celebrate this joyous occasion.

The service was well attended. More than one hundred and eighty members and adherents of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference journeyed to Tortola from St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John to join with our brothers and sisters to praise the God of heaven who led and kept us throughout the years. "Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come; God's grace has brought us safe thus far, and God's grace will lead us home.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop of the Moravian Church, dedicated the first phase of the sanctuary and set it apart from all profane and common uses, and consecrated it to the worship and service to almighty God. The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference delivered the message. He took his text from Matthew 16: 13 – 20.

As a church, we can all declare, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. We look forward with great expectation to the completion of this project. With all of our faculties, emotions, and capacities, we join in the chorus, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.



### **Hymn of the Month ~ December, 2012** **Mikie Roberts (Rev) Chair,** **Provincial Hymnal Committee.**

As we continue observing within the Province our hymn of the month, we will give attention to the our hymn of the month for December, **All for Jesus**. This hymn as well is new to the trial hymnal and it is #68. The words and music for this hymn will be circulated in the near future.

The Provincial Hymnal Committee is now moving ahead to establish Editorial Sub-committees in each Conference. They will be charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the words and punctuation of the various hymns are correct. We continue to seek your prayerful support as we move ahead each month to the goal of producing our Caribbean Moravian hymnal.



## **PEC MEETINGS**

The scheduled meetings for the PEC in 2013 are as follows:

January 25 - 27, 2013 - Barbados  
April 26 - 28, 2013 - Tobago  
July - St. Croix  
October 11 - 13, 2013 - St. Kitts

The Superintendents Conference will be held in Barbados



### **Prayer Requests**

- ◆ **Your prayers** are requested for the Rev. Andrew Roberts, who is recuperating after a period of hospitalization. Let us pray that God will touch him in a special way and cause healing to rise in his body.
- ◆ Your prayers are requested for Sis. Camille James, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, who will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Kingsley Lewis on Tuesday December 11, 2012, at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Tobago. The Ordination Service begins at 6.30pm.
- ◆ As we draw close to the end of another year, we commit to prayer ALL of our Staff of our Moravian Churches throughout the entire Eastern West Indies Province. We also pray for our Warden/Tutor and Ministers in Training at U.T.C.W.I., that the light of God may continue to shine upon us all as we seek to be faithful to His will and His way.



**Date: December 17 – 20, 2012**

**8:00a.m to 12:30p.m daily**

These classes are opened to 5<sup>th</sup> Formers only.  
Register between the hours of 8:30a.m and 4:00p.m.

Registration closes on Friday December 7, 2012.

Please call 560-0185 for more information.

Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer, Mathematics  
Professor at the University of the Virgin Islands.





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

Bro. Ulric Smith	02
Sis. Eloise Stephen	02
Bro. Alban St. Hill	02
Sis. Liselle Roberts	08
Bro. Leon Matthias	08
Sis. Lucia David	09
Sis. Bonnie Williams-Smith	10
Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	12
Sis. Zenobia Lomax	13
Bro. Vankys Isaac	18
Bro. Hilton Joseph	18
Sis. Nasel Ephraim	18
Sis. Maureen Lewis	23
Bro. Alvin Barker	25
Bro. Matthew Crooks	25
Sis. Olga Baird-Joefield	25



**Anniversary Greetings  
for the month of December is  
extended to:**

Bro. Cortroy & Sis. Pearline Jarvis	07
Bro. Ulric Smith & Sis. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith	10
Bro. Winston & Sis. Karen Jones	13
Bro. George & Sis. Zenaida Ramsay	18
Bro. Algernon Lewis & Sis. Denise Smith Lewis	20
Bro. Errol & Sis. Joycelyn Connor	22
Bro. Patrick Cadogan & Sis. Nasel Ephraim	22
Bro. Patmore Smith & Sis. Jovanca Lewis Smith	27
Bro. Hilton & Sis. Sharon McCarty Joseph	29
Bro. Samuel & Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	31



**The Pastors Wife**

On Christmas afternoon, the Pastor's wife dropped into an easy chair saying, "Boy! Am I ever tired."

Her husband (the Pastor) looked over at her & said, "I had to conduct two special services last night, three today, & give a total of five sermons. Why are you so tired?" "Dearest," she replied, "I had to listen to all of them."

**Quote of the Day**

Good news from heaven the angels bring,  
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:  
To us this day a child is given,  
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

**Martin Luther**

**Star in the East?**

A woman takes her 16-year-old daughter to the doctor. The doctor says, "Okay, Mrs. Jones, what's the problem?" The mother says, "It's my daughter, Debbie. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight, and is sick most mornings."

The doctor gives Debbie a good examination, then turns to the mother and says, "Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but your Debbie is pregnant - about 4 months, would be my guess."

The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you, Debbie?"

Debbie says, "No mother! I've never even kissed a man!"

The doctor walked over to the window and just stares out it. About five minutes pass and finally the mother says, "Is there something wrong out there doctor?"

The doctor replies, "No, not really, it's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the east and three wise men came over the hill. I'll be darned if I'm going to miss it this time!"





# Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province Provincial Women's Conference 2013

Theme: Daughter of Virtue: Submit to the Sovereignty of God



*Wednesday, 17th - Sunday 21st July,  
2013*

*The Grand Royal Antiquan Resort  
St. John's Antigua*

*Keynote Speaker:  
Pastor Lucille Harris  
Presenters:*

*Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis  
Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel*

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- To consider their ways
- To embrace a lifestyle change
- To come under the rule of God

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**Day Rate** —US\$55.00

All rates are inclusive of government tax and service charge.

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**Final payment** on or before 29th March, 2013.

A **late Fee** of US\$ 50.00 will be charged after 29th March, 2013.







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