

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]



The 30th Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province

The Thirtieth Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province met at the Sugar Bay Resort and Spa in St. Thomas from July 13 – 19, 2012. The Synod began with a retreat for all participants on Friday July 13, 2012 at 8.30p.m, Under the Theme "Pursuing the Blessing", thematic focus been Presence, Power and Proclamation. The retreat was led by The Rev. Dr. Harvard Stephens.



The Word Proclaimed by Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis at the Opening Service of the 30th Provincial Synod 2012

The Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford served as Chaplain to Synod and guided all the devotional activities.

The Chairman of Synod, elected on the evening of the first day was Rev. Dr. Errol Connor with the Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher as Vice Chairman. The Rev. Algernon Lewis was elected to serve as Secretary and the Rev. Winston Jones was elected as Assistant Secretary.

Reception was hosted at the Catharineberg Residence, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands on the evening of Saturday July 14, 2012 at 7.00p.m, under the distinguished patronage of The Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Mrs. de Jongh and the Lieutenant Governor of the U. S. Virgin Islands and Mrs. Francis and The Reverend Dr. Cortroy Jarvis and Mrs. Jarvis.

The Synod Opening Service was held at the Memorial Moravian Church on Sunday July 15, 2012 at 8.45a.m. The Sermon "*The Cup is full yet many Starve*" was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.

The Synod Closing Service was held at the Nisky Moravian Church on Wednesday July 18, 2012 at 7.00p.m. The Sermon "*Food for the Journey*" was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer.

The synod celebrated and recommitted the church to the new work in Grenada, hearing a report of steady progress from the Missionary, Sis Hyacinth Taylor.

The socio-economic realities of the region and the challenges they pose to the ministry of the church were acknowledged.

Twenty-one resolutions and ten (10) recommendations were passed on matters including administration, finance, church growth and church planting, the exercise of spiritual gifts, Christian Education and baptism. The Synod Journal will be made available to all Ministerial Staff, Board of Elders and Stewards for study and reflection in all Congregations.

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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

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The Synod wrestled with the matter of the election of another Bishop and eventually concluded that the same should be delayed.

A total of seventy-six (76) Delegates and forty-one (41) Observers attended the Synod.

Synod elected as Chairman of PEC, Bro. Cortroy Jarvis and without reference to office: Bro. Errol Connor, Bro. Ezra Parris, Bro. George Ramsay and Sis. Elisa Hodge.



Members of the PEC Left to Right Bro. Cortroy Jarvis (Antigua), Bro. Errol Connor (Virgin Islands), Bro. Ezra Parris (Barbados), Sis. Elisa Hodge (Virgin Islands) and Bro. George Ramsay (Barbados) at the 30th Provincial Synod Communion and Installation Service at Nisky Moravian Church, St. Thomas V.I.

The responsibility of the individual members was agreed on by the PEC as follows:

Bro. Cortroy Jarvis - Chairman - Administration, Christian Education and Youth, Ecumenical and Fraternal Relations

Bro. Errol Connor - Vice Chairman - Mission and Evangelism

Bro. Ezra Parris - Secretary - Ministry and Theological Education

Bro. George Ramsay - Lay Member with responsibility for Development

Sis. Elisa Hodge - Lay Member with responsibility for Finance

The PEC is reconsidering the office of Treasurer and will make a determination at a later date.

The Synod was pleased to have had as the ADVISORY DELEGATE, Sis. Joycelyn Hewlett of the New Herrnhut Congregation in St. Thomas. Sister Nelleen Murdoch of the Spring Gardens Congregation in Antigua, the other Advisory Delegate, fell ill and was unable to be in attendance at the Synod.

The Synod celebrated the fact that Bro. Jørgen Bøytler, Unity Business Administrator; Sis. Judy Ganz, Executive Director of the Board of World Missions and Bro. Paul Gardner, President of the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and Chairman of the Unity Board, were in attendance and made valuable contributions to our deliberations.

Before adjournment, the Antigua Conference invited the Province to convene the 31st Provincial Synod in the year 2015 in Antigua.

There is much work to be done and much land to be conquered. We need all hands on deck if we are going to propel the work forward. This is the work of God and so we need men and women who are dedicated to Kingdom Building. God is depending upon each one of us to avail ourselves to this work.

The Provincial Theme for the Intersynodal period 2013-2015 is **“Fulfilling the Mandate.”** The Thematic focus is:

- ◆ **2013 “Submit to God’s Rule”** (Focusing on personal development- Transformation & Renewal of Body, Mind and Soul) Romans 12: 2; 2 Timothy 2: 15; Micah 6:8; Haggai 1: 1-7.
- ◆ **2014 “Step out in Faith!”** (Developing God’s people – Relinquishing Fear; Focusing on God) Matthew 14:23-33; Luke 5:1-11
- ◆ **2015 “Advance the Kingdom!”** (Developing God’s Church – Teaching, Reprimanding, Empowering) Acts 1: 8, Matthew 28: 16-20 Romans 15:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.

We ask for the continued prayers of our Membership as we continue to Minister in these challenging times. Let us all continue on the battle field as Kingdom Builders to do exploits for God.



Photo Gallery



Antigua Delegation to Synod 2012



Virgin Islands Delegation to Synod 2012



St. Kitts Delegation to Synod 2012



Trinidad Delegation to Synod 2012



Barbados Delegation to Synod 2012



Tobago Delegation to Synod 2012



Back L - R Bro. Jørgen Bøytler, Unity Business Administrator, Sis. Joycelyn Hewlett, Advisory Delegate, Bro. Frank A. Barker, Warden/ Tutor Front L - R Sis. Judith Ganz, BWM Representative and Sis. Catherine Governor Moravian Theological Student UTCWI



Synod 2012 Planning Committee



Missionary to Grenada Mission, Sis. Hyacinth Taylor



At the 30th Provincial Synod in St. Thomas, L - R Bro. Hilton Joseph, Sis. Hyacinth Taylor, Sis. Betty Duncan, Bro. Cortroy Jarvis and Sis. Nasel Ephraim, some of Team Grenada.



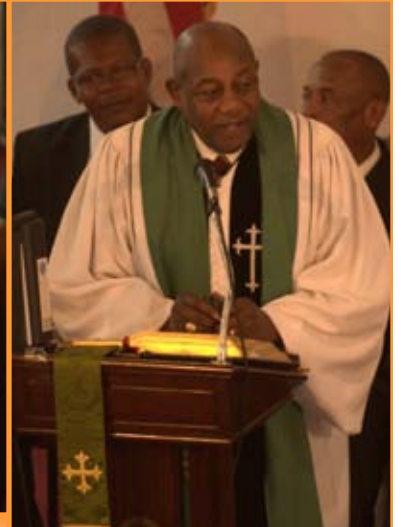
Synodals At the 30th Provincial Synod in St. Thomas,



Greetings by the Lieutenant Governor Francis of the Virgin Islands



Greetings by Congresswoman Donna Christensen at the Opening Service



Rev. Frank A. Barker ,Retired Warden/Tutor U.T.C.W.I



Sections of Joint Hand Bells Choir Nisky and Memorial Moravian Churches



Rev. Dr. Harvard Stephens Leading the 30th Provincial Synod Retreat

Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford-Synod Chaplain 2012 and Keith her husband



A Section of the Synod Choir



Brass Section of the Synod Choir



Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis Bishop in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province pronouncing the Benediction at the Opening Service of the 30th Provincial Synod in St. Thomas.



Boat Ride to St. John

PROVINCIAL THEME 2012: PURSUING THE BLESSING

BASIC COUNSELLING SESSION HAILED A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

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in Barbados. From 04 June to 09 June, participants assembled at the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Centre in Lime Kiln for dynamic instruction, stimulating discussions and informative case studies.



Topics covered included the following: **Building and Maintaining Confidentiality, Counseling Techniques, Characteristics of Effective Counselors and Crisis Counseling.**

At the Opening Ceremony on 04 June, Rev Hilton Joseph in his introductory remarks stated that one of the areas that ZMC plans to focus on more this year is Community Outreach. He further highlighted that there are increasing social ills affecting people across our nation.



As individuals try to explore coping mechanisms to confront and/or curtail these challenges, they establish contact with family, friends and agencies/institutions for help. "In that light and from our experiences we realize that counseling was one of the areas that we could make an impact," said Rev Joseph.

Moving forward, the Church has decided to make a greater and more visible contribution through outreach activities such as this one.



Ministry Counseling Team
Left to Right, Sis. Gail Gumbs-James,
Dr. Sharon Archibald, Sis. Karimu Byron
and Bro. Hilton Joseph

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Meanwhile, we wish to extend our appreciation to the following individuals and institutions:

Organizers and Contributors: The Leadership of the Zion Moravian Church, Organizing Committee (Rev Hilton Joseph, Sis Karimu Byron, Sis Sharon Archibald and Sis Gail Gumbs-James), Ministerial colleagues and their congregations, Rev Neilson Waithe and the Network Counseling Centre, Participants and their respective families, The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) at Lime Kiln, Ms Jacynth Francis (NEMA), Media Houses in St Kitts-Nevis, Mrs. Lorna Callendar, Mrs. Michele de la Coudray-Blake and the Counselling Centre in Greenlands, Sis Tryphena James and the National Council on Drug Abuse Prevention.

Sponsors: Rituals Coffee House, Bro Dwight Huggins, Bro Alex Duggins and Alex's Extraordinaire Services, Bro Allan Pennyfeather, Sis Myrtledeen Francis, Mac Pennies Ltd, Sis Linda Gumbs, Sis Delyth Christmas, Sis Rhoda Procope, Sis Kathleen Thomas and Sis Julia Hodge.

Administrative Support: Sis Sharon Mc Cardy-Joseph, Sis Desarie Williams and the administrative team at the Church's office.

Technical Support: Bro MJ Byron and Bro Chessley Williams.

Transportation: Bro MJ Byron, Bro Wycliffe Morton, Bro Walter James and Sis Desarie Williams.

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Basic Counseling Session cont/d from page 6

Hospitality: Sis Valdine Henry, Sis Sonia Hector, Sis Allison Belle, Sis Arlene Walters and Sis Cassandra Hobson (St Kitts Marriott Hotel).

We give God thanks for His many blessings on this successful community outreach activity. We firmly believe that the timing was right for this activity as we continue to face ongoing behavioral and psychological challenges among our brothers and sisters (biological and non-biological alike). In recent times we have become more enlightened on issues such as depression, bipolar, hallucinations, suicide, family dynamics, coping mechanisms and counseling skills. It is important that as a Church and a community we learn more about these issues so that we can better position ourselves to be ready to assist whenever it becomes necessary to do so. Should you require more information on some of these issues, please visit www.brainblogger.com, www.familylife.com, www.pendulum.org and www.parenting-healthy-children.com or visit your personal physician.

May God's grace continue to sustain all of us. We encourage you to reflect on the following quote (Author unknown):

“If we all understood that everyone has their own battles to fight, insecurities to face, loves to contend and goals to attain, the world would be a gentler place.”

~Contributed by a Member of the Organizing Committee



Furlough

The Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted Furlough from August 01, 2012 to November 30, 2012.


The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor will act as Superintendent from August 01-31, while the Rev. Vankys Isaac will act as Superintendent from September 01-November 30, 2012.

Congrats!



On behalf of the Eastern West Indies Province, we offer congratulations to the Rev. Adelyn Mgonela who graduated from Oasis University in Trinidad on Saturday July 28, 2012, with a **Master of Science (M.Sc) in Organizational Leadership**.

We give God thanks for His grace and faithfulness towards Sis. Mgonela.



Day of Prayer for the surviving Spouses of Moravian Ministers

Sunday September 16, 2012, is a **Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Ministers in the Eastern West Indies Province**. The idea is, for the Church to remember and pray for those who stood by their Spouses in Ministry for the building up of God's Kingdom.

On this day also, a special offering will be taken to assist the surviving spouses.

Hymn of the Month– September, 2012

Mikie Roberts (Rev) Chair,
Provincial Hymnal Committee.

HAPPY  INDEPENDENCE
to
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

I am the Bread of Life is the hymn of the month for **September**. It is a new hymn that has been included in the trial hymnal as # 594. The words and music for this hymn will be circulated in the near future.



I am the Bread of life,
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.

S. S Toolan

History records that on August 30th 1962 at approximately 11:45pm the Union Jack was lowered and at midnight the National Flag of Trinidad and Tobago was raised heralding the birth of an Independent Nation on August 31st. Fifty years later, there I stood in Woodford Square, just mere feet away from the spot where history was created as I witnessed a re-enactment of what transpired in 1962. At the stroke of midnight, the bells of the Trinity Cathedral (Anglican) chimed, as the national flag of Trinidad and Tobago was once again raised, and citizens both pre and post Independence stood with extreme pride and joy in our hearts as we sang lustily, the words of our National Anthem.



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar and the President, His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards addressed the thousands gathered at Woodford Square for this August occasion. Special mention was made of our first Prime Minister Dr Eric Williams and other significant persons that led us to Independence.

For me this was a moment of pride, a time where I felt extremely proud to be a Trinbagonian. It was great to see that in a country that is often divided along the racial lines; citizens of all creed, race and class can come together as one to celebrate the anniversary of our Independence. The night ended with a spectacular display of fireworks as persons smiled, hugged and danced. Happy 50th Anniversary Trinidad and Tobago - it is my prayer, as I echo the words of our National Anthem that "**here every creed and race find an equal place and may God bless our Nation.**"

Rev. Liselle Roberts



The Word Proclaimed by Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer at the Synod Communion Service



Rev. Dr. Paul Gardner, President, Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands



Closing Communion Service

Scenes



Hand Bells Choir

from Synod Reception



L to R Sis. E. Richards-Huggins, Sis. A. Ross, Sis. C. James and Sis. M. Richards

L to R (1st) Bro. Mikie Roberts, (3rd & 4th) Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Francis(6th) Sis. Winelle Kirton Roberts, (7th) Bro. Cortroy Jarvis, (8th) Bro. Errol Connor, (10th) Congresswoman Donna Christensen



We Exercising, Hands up and Wave



Watch we now, we getting down, we had lots of fun



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

Bro. Collin Matthew	02
Sis. Cynthia St. Hill	03
Bro. Walton Frederick	07
Bro. Samuel Jacobs	07
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	08
Bro. Keith Horsford	10
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Sis. Lillette I. George	25
Sis. Lynda Prout	29



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

Bro. Ezra Parris & Sis. Julie Joefield Parris	05
Bro. Conrad Spencer & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Frank A. Barker & Sis. Gloria Barker	27
Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	30



Our Prayers are requested for the Rev. Leon Matthias and Family. Bro. Matthias was is presently at home recuperating.

Please continue to lift Him and his family up in prayer.

PEC MEETING

Your prayers are requested for the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) as it convenes its first meeting in Antigua, following the 30th Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province. The meeting will be held from September 7-9, 2012 at the Provincial Headquarters.

Appointment to Serve on Copyright Subcommittee, of the Music Committee

The following persons have been appointed to serve on the Copyright Subcommittee of the Provincial Music Committee under the Guidance of Bro. Eversleigh Warner.

*Bro. Junior Nibbs *Sis. Joycelyn Sterling
*Sis. Carolyn McCoy *Sis. Laurie Freeland

Quote of the Day

Life is too short

Laugh when you can
Apologize when you should
Let go of what you can't change
Learn from your mistakes
Love deeply and forgive quickly

**Fun Corner
Execution**

In some foreign country a priest, a lawyer and an engineer are about to be guillotined.

The priest puts his head on the block, they pull the rope and nothing happens -- he declares that he's been saved by divine intervention-- so he's let go .

The lawyer puts his head on the block, and again the rope doesn't release the blade, he claims he can't be executed twice for the same crime and he is set free too.

They grab the engineer and shove his head into the guillotine, he looks up at the release mechanism and says, "Wait a minute, I see your problem...."

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*

*Please Contact the Minister of Christian
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- To consider their ways
- To embrace a lifestyle change
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Mountain View—Single Occupancy US\$183.75 / Double Occupancy US\$257.25 per room, per night.

Lagoon View—Single Occupancy US\$196.00 / Double Occupancy US\$269.50 per room, per night.

Day Rate —US\$55.00

All rates are inclusive of government tax and service charge.

Half deposit required on 30th November, 2012.

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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