

The Information

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

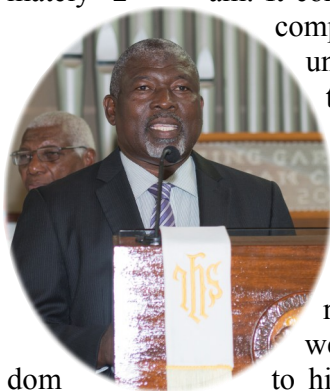
August, 2015



Synod is Over

The 31st Provincial Synod concluded on the morning of July 16, 2015 at approximately 2 am. It concluded after some long tiring hours of work as we sought to complete the agenda that was forced upon us. It was a time of Reunion, Renewal and Celebration. It was a time of Reunion for those who have not seen each other for a long, long time and more so for those who last came to a Synod in either the 80's or nineties. It was Renewal for so many who found the atmosphere at the Synod electric, motivating and inspirational. It was Celebration as together we rejoiced to see how God has positioned our Church to launch out into new possibilities to reach the lost for the Kingdom. Indeed, we celebrated the God who has called us to Advance the Kingdom to higher heights and deeper depths. The Worship Services were tremendous and we thank God for taking us on the Journey that he took us. Among the wonderful things we celebrated was the election of another Bishop. This was done on Monday July 13, 2015.

The Membership of the Antigua Conference responded and attended every event in their hundreds. The Spring Gardens Moravian Church was packed to capacity for each event. There was much rejoicing and celebration within and after each worship experience. God continues to lead his Church and we are determined to follow and raise the standard so that he receives all the honour and glory and many more will come to know Him as Lord. The Psalmists declares in Psalm 47, "O clap your hands all ye people, shout to God with the voice of triumph". We thank God that he allowed us to have been together for such a time as this. One member of the Antigua Conference was so moved and inspired that she penned a hymn immediately after the Synod. The Hymn is quite humbling. The Hymn written by Sis. Edris Roberts inspired by the Synod is being used as the Hymn of the month for August.



VISION STATEMENT

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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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Hand Bell Choir Workshop in the VI Conference

The Virgin Islands Conference presented for the first time a handbell choir workshop from June 14 – 20, 2015. The training sessions were facilitated by Kathleen Ebling Shaw, the director of the Westminster Choir College Concert Bell Choir, a position that she has had now for 21 years.



Mrs. Shaw, an experienced handbell clinician, engaged in sessions with bell choirs both on St. Thomas and St. Croix. The three nights on St. Thomas (June 15 – 17) involved the bell choirs of St. Thomas while the newly formed handbell choir on St. Croix, the St. Croix Moravian Harmony Ringers also benefitted from three sessions (June 18 – 20).



Participants were exposed to the history of the instrument, sight reading and various ringing techniques. Overall these workshop sessions were well received by the choirs and Mrs. Shaw's wealth of experience and depth of knowledge have left a lasting impression on all of the participants. Because this week long training, the overall musicianship and ministry of our handbell choirs in the Conference has been given a tremendous boost.



To God be the glory!



Synod is Over Continued from Page 1

It is reproduced in this Newsletter. On July 25, 2015, Sis. Edris wrote the following to me: *"Firstly, My sincere congratulations to you for being reelected to the position of Chairman of PEC. A most responsible position in the life of the Church, I think. The PEC keeps the wheel of operations turning, and no doubt you have been performing excellently. May God continue to help you to perform to the best of your ability in His strength and by His grace, as He calls you again into His service."*

Secondly, I commend you and all concerned, highly, for a successfully operated Synod! I had a glorious experience as I attended the Services and the Concert. The ministers requested prayers from the congregations, prior to the Synod."

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Moravian Church in the EWIP

Elects another Bishop

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, at its Thirty-First (31st) Provincial Synod held at Jolly Beach Resort and Spa in Antigua, after prayerful contemplation, has elected the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer as a Bishop of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum).



He is married to Sonia Spencer and they have three (3) daughters. The Moravian Church gives God the glory as he continues to lead us. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will have the number 358 in the line of the Ancient Moravian Church and 296 of the Renewed Moravian Church.

Dr. Spencer, an Antiguan was elected on the 7th Ballot cast on 13th July, 2015. Rev. Dr. Spencer is currently serving as Pastor of the Faith Moravian Congregation in the Virgin Islands Conference, on St. Croix. He was ordained on July 11, 1982, and just celebrated his 33rd Anniversary of Ordination.

Released by Sis. Roslyn Hamblin, Chairman of Synod and Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC.

Expression of Thanks

The Delegates and Observers express sincere gratitude to Officers of Synod for the way they executed their responsibilities as officers of the Thirty-First (31st) Provincial Synod. The work load was heavy, our time was limited, but they were able to guide us to a successful completion of the Business of Synod. Thank you for serving with distinction in your various roles:

- ⇒ Rev. Winton Chase - Chaplain
- ⇒ Rev. Roslyn Hamblin - Chairman
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher - Vice Chairman
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts- Secretary
- ⇒ Rev. Adrian Smith - Assistant Secretary

We also offer expressions of Gratitude to:

- ♦ The Antigua Conference and
- ♦ Jolly Beach Resort and Spa

We are very pleased that the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer was elected as a bishop of the Unitas Fratrum at this synod. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will have the number 358 in the line of the Ancient Moravian Church and 296 of the Renewed Moravian Church. He will now serve as Pastor Pastorum (Pastor of Pastors). Bishop elect Spencer will be consecrated to the Episcopate on November 22, 2015 at Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.



10th - 16th JULY 2015

We give God the glory for the newly elected PEC which will serve for the next 3 years, 2015-2018.

Chairman- Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis has responsibility for Administration, Finance, Ecumenical & Fraternal Relations.

Vice Chairman -Rev. Dr. Errol Connor has responsibility for Mission and Evangelism

Secretary -Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Robert has responsibility for Ministry & Theological Education

Lay Delegate- Sis. Karen Challenger-George has responsibility for Christian Education and Youth

Lay Delegate-Bro. George Ramsay has responsibility for Development

Treasurer- Sis. Elisa Hodge has responsibility for financial matters.

The Delegates elected to Unity Synod are Bro. Adrian Smith and Sis. Jeaneta Waithe. Unity Synod will be held in Jamaica in 2016.

Photo Gallery of the July Jolly Beach



Left to Right Officers of Synod: Chaplain, Bro. Winston Chase, Secretary, Sis. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Chairman Sis. Roslyn Hamblin, Vice Chairman, Bro. Dion Christopher and Assistant Secretary, Bro. Adrian Smith.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis Chairman of PEC and Rev. Devon Mannix of the Grenada Mission



Left to Right:- Moravian Warden Tutor, Rev. Neilson Waithe, Bro. Leroy Levans of the Guyana Province, Theological Student Bro. Kevin St.. Hill, Rev. Judy Ganz, ABWM, Bro. Lowell Morgan of Jamaica Province and Bro. Joel Pinas of St. Maarten



Synod Steering Committee of the 31st Provincial Synod



Secretariat Staff

the 31st Provincial Synod

July 10 - 16,

Resort and Spa



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Delegates and Observers from the Antigua Conference



Delegates and Observers from the Barbados Conference



Delegates and Observers from the Moravian Church VI Conference



Delegates and Observers from the St. Kitts Conference



Delegates and Observers from the Trinidad Conference



Delegates and Observers from the Tobago Conference



Female Staff of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province



Male Staff of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province



L to R, Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Lewis, Rev. E. Moore Roberts, Rev. A. Lewis, Rev. V. Waithe, Rev. Dr. C. Jarvis, Rev. A. Mgonela, Rev. H. Joseph, Rev. E. Christopher, Rev. Dr. C. Spencer

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Cloud of Witnessess

by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton Roberts

This monthly feature is to re-tell the stories of ordained Pastors who served in the Eastern West Indies Province in recent past. It is intended to inform us of the life and witness of these ministers and their spouses so that we can better appreciate the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, it is hoped that both the ordained and un-ordained will be inspired to continue our ministry diligently knowing that our labour will never be in vain in the Lord.

The biography of Rev. LeRoy G. Miller (04/12/1933-05/21/1997) was submitted by his daughters Elizabeth and Joyce.



Reverend LeRoy Gustavus Miller was born on April 12, 1933 in Corn Island, Nicaragua, to Avenel Welcome de Miller and Gustavus Miller. He was the fourth child of seven children born to Avenel and Gustavus, siblings consisting of six (6) brothers and one (1) sister. Rev. Miller spent his childhood between Corn Island, with his Aunt Verona, and Bluefields with his parents. As a straight A student LeRoy excelled in school. His passion for learning, education and mathematics, propelled him on a path in education. He became a professor at the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, Nicaragua teaching secondary level subjects, to include Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Accounting and Bookkeeping to name a few. During the Summer Rev. Miller would fly to Managua taking specialized courses in Math and Physics to advance his learning. As a result of delving into his interests, he became a Mathematician.

As a teacher Rev. Miller began to pursue a career in medicine. However, a career in the Medical field did not come to fruition, as he answered God's call and entered the Ministry. Rev. Miller, along with childhood and school friends Reverend Steadman Bent and Bishop John Wilson, left Bluefields for Bilwas Karma to study at the Instituto Biblico de Bilwas. Upon graduation Rev. Miller returned to the Colegio Moravo as Sub-Director, under Ms Elizabeth Marx, as professor of Mathematics, Physics and Bible. He was also the Chaplain of the school. During his tenure, he served as Pastor of the Central Moravian Church in Bluefields. It was not until Ms Marx left to return to the United States that he took over as Headmaster of the Colegio Moravo. In 1965, he was ordained as Deacon in the Moravian Church. In 1974, he was consecrated as Presbyter, both blessings given by Bishop Hedley E. Wilson.

In 1970, Rev Miller married Myrtle Jane Cuthbert Sinclair, and both continued to teach at Colegio Moravo, Mrs Miller in the primary and Rev Miller in the secondary. This union produced two daughters Elizabeth, a registered nurse, and Joyce. Joyce is married to Giovanni Saraos and they have two children Vicente and Cristiana.

Rev Miller continued as a teacher until the Sandinista Revolution in 1979, forced him and his family to flee to the United States seeking political asylum, as he was considered a leader in his community. Rev. Miller and his family migrated to Miami in December of 1979, where he worked as a bookkeeper for a cruise ship food service company. At this time Rev. Miller, along with other friends from Nicaragua who had migrated because of the revolution, decided to congregate in each other's homes to have fellowship and service. Eventually this group of Nicaraguans grew in capacity, forcing them to seek a larger facility for worship. These worshipers subsequently founded the Prince of Peace Moravian Church.

Rev. Miller was not serving as Pastor in the Moravian Church during those difficult times in Miami, it was not until 1983 that he received a call to serve the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on the Island of Antigua, in the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church.

Rev. Miller served as pastor of Spring Gardens Moravian from 1983 to 1988 and 1990 to 1994 serving in both Spring Gardens and the Gracefield Moravian Congregations simultaneously. Rev. Miller also answered God's calling to serve the Nisky Moravian Church in St. Thomas U.S.V.I. from 1988 to 1990, where for a short time took on the role of Spanish teacher to 5th and 6th grade students and his wife to the 3rd and 4th graders of the Nisky campus of the Moravian School. Rev. Miller also served the Friedensthal Moravian Church in St. Croix U.S.V.I. from 1994 until his passing in May of 1997.

Rev Miller faithfully served the Moravian Church for Thirty-One (31) years, fourteen of which he faithfully served in the Eastern West Indies Province. His unbendable faith and teaching have greatly impacted all of his family and fellow worshippers. He was well-known and known for his solid discipleship ministry.



Sis. Elva Richards-Huggins Graduated from the United Theological College in Jamaica on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. She graduated with Second Class honors. The speaker at the graduation exercise was the Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. Her challenge to the class was, *"Guard your Character"*.



Ordination to The Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) has requested the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop, to ordain as Deacon, Sis. Catherine Governor.

Sister Governor, presently serving as Christian Educator and Pastor of the L'Anse Noire congregation in the Trinidad conference will be ordained on Sunday August 16, 2015 at the Montgomery Moravian Church at 6.00p.m.

Let us remember Sis. Governor in our prayers. All are invited.



Staffing Assignment

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. The Rev. Winston Jones, Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian congregation in Barbados, has accepted call to serve as Pastor of the Trinity Moravian Church in Jamaica, with effect from August 01, 2015.
2. Pastor Delroy Burley from the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian congregation in Barbados, with effect from August 01, 2015.

Let us remember our Brothers and their families in our prayers, as they take up these new assignments.



Quote of The Day

When you reach out to hurting people, that's when God is going to make sure your needs are supplied.

*When you focus on being a blessing,
God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.*
Joel Osteen



Clips from Synod Services



The Word Declared by
Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis



A Reading from God's word
by Bro. George Ramsay



A Reading from God's
word by Sis. Elisa Hodge



Fr. Reid Simon brought greetings on
behalf of the Antigua Christian Council



Superintendent, Antigua Conference
Rev. Algernon Lewis



Organist . Bro. Jamoy Morrison



Psalm Alive Group from Spring Gardens Moravian Church



Moravian Mass Choir

Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom

Hymn of the Month for August, 2015
by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.

The Moravian Church in the Eastern West Indies has just completed its tri-annual Provincial Synod. This, the 31st synod was held in Antigua from July 10 – 16. There were many memorable moments during this synod. To name just a few, we witnessed the election of Bro. Conrad Spencer as a Bishop of the Unity; the ordination of the first clergy couple in our Province and the



election of a new Provincial Board. Of course there were the usual discussions on proposals which were fine-tuned in committees and voted on by the general body. Though opinions may vary on which aspect of synod was most memorable, there is no denying that the worship encounters that were had during the official synod services and concert were all a tremendous blessing. The singing on all level was heavenly whether it was rendered through choirs or individuals. However, the one aspect of singing that was most moving was that which was done by the congregation. I can best describe that singing as ‘full-throat’ meaning that there was no holding back. The sound within that sanctuary was truly uplifting. With such wonderful singing the congregation was also challenged at each worship occasion with sermons that reminded us of God’s mission to be accomplished through us in this season.

The worship experiences were so inspiring that one of our own members, in the person of Sis. Edris M. V. Roberts of the Antigua Conference, was moved to capture the spiritual mood that permeated the 31st Provincial synod. I therefore offer her hymn as the hymn of the month for August. My prayer is that we will all reflect on the just completed synod whether we were in attendance or not and ask God to guide not only our Province but the entire Christian Church to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. By so doing might we all together continue to advance God’s Kingdom knowing that we have received a divine mandate to reset our mission focus since our souls have been refreshed.

The suggested tune is **BISHOPGARTH** (# 390 in the current hymnal). As we sing this hymn during the month of August our prayer is that as a Province we will again be reminded of the challenge to advance God’s Kingdom in each of our Conferences. Below are the words and music of this hymn:

From East and West as One, we came,
 From North and South, to praise You!
 We came as people of One Flock,
 To worship and adore You!
 We came, our lives to recommit
 To Service, Holy Father,
 To You, our Master and our Lord,
 Our King of Kings, forever!

Your Holy Spirit’s power, we plead
 For strength and faith and guidance,
 As we strive daily to fulfill
 The vows made in obedience,
 That we, Your People and Your Priests,
 Our various missions-calling,
 Will dedicate ourselves, our all,
 To Your great work-unfailing!

And those, dear Lord, You call apart,
 Bless, with Your knowledge, richly,
 With wisdom and with heavenly grace,
 May they always stand firmly-
 Upon the Truth- Your Holy Word;
 May they proclaim with power,
 Jesus the Christ the Son of God!
 The Saviour and Redeemer!

To East and West, as we return,
 To North and South; We Thank You!
 Our “Souls Refreshed, Missions Reset”,
 In each vineyard, to serve You.
 May showers of blessings, fall on us!
 Accept all our endeavours-
 Your Kingdom here, Lord, to increase,
 To rise above all others!

2015 Edris M. V. Roberts

Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

The PEC offers Congratulations to:

Rev. Moise Jean presently serving as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Moravian Churches in Antigua, who was ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on July 11, 2015 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

Rev. Yvonne Jean presently serving as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings Moravian Churches in Antigua, who was ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on July 11, 2015 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.



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Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

The PEC also offers Congratulations to:

Rev. Erwin Randy Ricaldo Warner
presently serving as Pastor of the Bethesda and New
Dawn Congregations in St. Kitts, who was ordained to
the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on July 11, 2015
at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.



Anniversary Greetings



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It was obvious, and no doubt, the prayers went up, and the blessings came down. To God be the glory! I thank God, especially, for the three (3) sermons preached by Bishop Lewis, You, and Rev. Connor. God bless you, all! Please find attached an inspirational hymn written as I reminisced on the Synod".

On July 28, 2015 Sis. Edris Roberts wrote to Bro. Errol Connor the following: *Congratulations on your being called again to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Moravian Church EWIP. May God continue to inspire and strengthen you through His holy Spirit to perform to the best of your ability to His honour and glory!*

It pleases me to attach a hymn written as I reminisced on the Services and the Concert I attended, which is a glorious and Spiritual experience for me that cannot be easily erased from my mind. The prayers of the people went up prior to the Synod, and the blessings came down. To God be the glory!!

We were also truly thankful for our Advisors, Sis. Nelleen Murdoch and Bro. Collin Derrick who gave valuable advice not only in the Committee stages, but in the plenary sessions as well. In addition, our Fraternal Delegates, Sis. Judy Ganz and Brothers Leroy Levans, Joel Pinas, Lowell Morgan and Paul Gardner were very busy and were of tremendous assistance as they shared their experience and expertise. We thank God for them!

The Leadership of the Synod did a tremendous Job in guiding the Synod through some delicate and choppy waters. The Chairman, Sis. Roslyn Hamblin; the Vice Chairman, Bro. Dion Christopher; the Secretary, Sis. Winelle Kirton-Roberts and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Adrian Smith must be highly commended. When everyone looked tired and weary, they appeared very energized and willing to go the distance.

What can we say of the Secretariat and the Ushers, they simply made things work. The team of Cicely Barnes, Anetta Roberts, Jackie Freeland, Cyrene Christian and Joan Thomas worked around every imaginable problem that surfaced. There were times when all of the photo copiers broke down, yet still they made things happen in a very seamless way. They too must be highly commended for their hard and dedicated work. In addition, the Ushers, led by Paulette Charles and Holliette Valentine and the team never missed a beat. They worked hard and late into the night to facilitate the work of the Synod. To God be the glory!

Bro. Paget Jarvis provided the PA System which facilitated the efficient running of the Synod. In addition, all of the sessions were recorded for posterity. He deserves a special medal for his stick-ability and willingness to go beyond the call of duty to ensure that we were able to hear each other audibly. Bro. Kirk Barker our professional photographer did a wonderful Job as well and we thank him sincerely. Thanks to all of our Musicians who did a masterful Job.

The food was tasty and plenty. The accommodation was great and the atmosphere was conducive for the Synod. The Jolly Beach Resort and Spa must be highly commended for the professional way in which they executed their task to ensure that everyone was comfortable and well rested and refreshed for the Journey.

What of the days ahead? The Synod passed several Resolutions and Recommendations which will help to chart the course as we continue to Advance the Kingdom. Of vital importance is the preparation and presentation of the strategic plan for the Province. We walk with God and look forward with great anticipation of how He will lead us into triumphant procession with Him.



The Smart Monkey



man goes into a pet store looking for a monkey. "I don't want any old monkey," he says to the store owner, "I want one that can do something special."

The store owner points towards three identical looking monkeys in politically-correct, animal-friendly natural mini-habitats.

"The one on the left costs \$500," says the store owner.

"Why so much?" asks the customer.

"Because it can program in C," answers the store owner.

The customer inquires about the next monkey and is told, "That one costs \$1500, because it knows Visual C++ and Object-Relational technology."

The startled man then asks about the third monkey. "That one costs \$3000," answers the store owner.

"3000 dollars!!" exclaims the man. "What can that one do?"

The owner replies, "To be honest, I've never seen it do a single thing, but it calls itself a Consultant."



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