

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

March, 2015



DEDICATION OF THE BUCCOO MORAVIAN CHURCH



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ our Chief Elder, and on behalf of the Provincial Elders Conference, on this momentous occasion, as we dedicate this Sanctuary to the honour and glory of God. All of our Churches in St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John. Tortola, St. Kitts, Antigua, Grenada, Barbados, Trinidad and of course Tobago, wish you every Blessing on this occasion. I also bring greetings from my own family, Sisters Pearline, Dacia and Danielle Jarvis who worked with me here. They send their best wishes to you.

One must never despise his/her beginning, however small and insignificant, for in the hands of God there is no end to what He can do with you. In fact, I learned long time ago that little is much when God is in it. When this mission was started, it was the words of a Hymn Writer that motivated us to continue. The hymn is based on two scripture passages as the hymn writer sought to encourage others who thought that they were too small to achieve much. The passages are:

Matthew 14: 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

Joshua 23: 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. The hymn writer Kittie L. Suffield wrote:

In the harvest field now ripened
there's a work for all to do;
Hark! The voice of God is calling,
To the harvest calling you.

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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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Refrain:

*Little is much when God is in it!
Labor not for wealth or fame;
there's a crown, and you can win it,
If you go in Jesus' name.*

In the mad rush of the broad way,
In the hurry and the strife,
Tell of Jesus' love and mercy,
Give to them the Word of Life.

Does the place you're called to labor
Seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it,
And He'll not forget His own.

The very first morning worship service was held in the Buccaneers Pan Tent on August 28, 1988. The Captain of the Buccaneers steel Orchestra at that time was Codrington Johnson. We had no problem in getting the facilities to use. This date for me is very significant. After rigorous visitation with the Elders in the Buccoo area, it was evident that the Buccoo Community had lots of persons who though they claimed to be Moravians, were no longer coming to Montgomery Moravian Church. I sought to find out why they were no longer coming. Many persons felt that walking to Montgomery was a real task and they were no longer willing so to do. When asked if they would come out if we started to have periodic services in Buccoo, most of them said yes. Persons like Gertlin Johnson, Theresa Duncan, Eva and Angela Grace Johnson, Gracelyn Chance and many others were in the forefront of this move. Can I just asked all those persons who attended the first service in 1988 to stand?

At the next Board of Elders meeting at Montgomery, I shared the information with the Board and to my amazement; some Board Members felt that if the people wanted Church, they had to come to Montgomery. Some Board Members said, but Parson that would be too much work for you. I indicated to the Board after listening to all of the concerns, that I did not see too much work, instead I saw Ministry. It was an opportunity to reach out and Minister to many persons whose lives were no longer being impacted by the Word of God. So I said to the Board, don't worry, we are going to try once and if it doesn't work then I would abide by what you say. Meanwhile, I was in Buccoo encouraging people, not to miss the first service. At the first service, we had 83 persons present. At the end of the Worship, I asked, DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY? The resounding response of YES, could have blown off the roof. The congregation has not looked back ever since that time.

I served the Fellowship until the end of 1994 when I was called to serve in Antigua. There were lots of things about Ministry that I did not yet understand, but God used me in a way that even I myself didn't know I was capable of. I fell in love with everybody. I visited the School in Buccoo every week for 91/2 years ministering to the Students and Teachers alike. I had a passion for Christ and Compassion for the people.

I want to congratulate the Pastor and Members of this Buccoo congregation. You have come a long way. You did not get here on your own. It is because of God's Grace and Mercy that you are here. I want to encourage you to keep connected to the community. Look out for people who are hurting. Visit the sick. Embrace our young people with all of their challenges. They need us. Yes they might not behave the same way like us, but they are God's children and need to know that we love and care for them.

My Brothers and Sisters, we live in a Caribbean region where Crime and Violence have increase exponentially; Anti- Social behavior is all around us; Common courtesies of Good morning, Good afternoon, Thanks and Please seems to be things of the past; Gangs have mushroomed among our young men and women. You know what our young people are saying, they find LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE IN THE GANGS. Our congregations must be Houses of Refuge. They must be places where LOVE AND COMPASSION must demonstrate themselves in a real way. People must not only here talk of Jesus, but they must see Jesus in you and experience Him in your daily dealings with them.

Permit me to end by quoting the words of a Hymn written by C. D Bell in 1873:

Be with us, gracious Lord, today;
This house we dedicate to Thee;
O hear Thy servants as they pray,
And let Thine ear attentive be!

Within these walls let holy peace,
Let love and truth be always found;
May burdened hearts and sweet release,
And souls with richest grace be crowned.

May here be heard the suppliant's sigh,
The weary enter into rest;
Here may the contrite to Thee cry,
And waiting souls be richly blessed.

Here when the Gospel sound is heard,
And here proclaimed the saving name,
May hearts be quickened, moved and stirred,
And souls be kindled into flame.

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***Dedication of the Buccoo Moravian Church
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Here may the dead be made to live,
The dumb to sing, the deaf to hear;
And do Thou to the humble give
Pardon and peace instead of fear.

Make this, O Lord, Thine own abode;
Thy presence in these courts be giv'n;
Be this, indeed, the house of God,
And this in truth the gate of Heav'n.

Remember this; the Church is a Hospital for sinners and
not a Museum for Saints.

May God bless you and keep the fire burning.



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

As we continue the Lenten journey during the month of March, our hymn for this month is **I come to the Cross like a small boat**. This hymn was written by the late Jamaican poet Dennis Scott and originally appeared in the Caribbean hymnal *Sing A New Song No. 3*. The music for this hymn was arranged by prominent Jamaican musician Noel Dexter.



The image of the cross is central to this hymn. Traditionally, we tend to speak of the cross of Christ as a place of suffering and shame. Our view of Christ's cross oftentimes leads us to embrace it as the pinnacle of the expression of God's love for sinful humanity. After all, it is Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross which atones for the sins of the world. But the symbol of the cross is treated differently in this hymn. The cross is not depicted primarily as a place of suffering. Rather it is presented as a resting place; but not just any resting place. The cross is depicted as a home, a place we should all feel drawn and invited to; a place where we must journey to. In making the journey to the cross akin to coming home, Scott makes the movement to the cross both desirable and appealing.

But the painting of the journey to Christ's cross as a journey home is made all the more attractive because the home being spoken of is our heavenly home. So the main message that is communicated in this hymn is that as we journey to the cross, we are taking a journey that is also taking us beyond the cross of Christ to spending eternity with Christ. It is a permanent journey and once we take it there will be "**no more**" a desire to go back. There are other supporting images which are tied to this central image of the cross. So we are given at least three comparisons of our journey to the cross that everyone in the Caribbean can identify with: **a small boat**, **a sea stone** and **a river**. Each verse highlights the blessings that exist on this journey to the cross; a journey which takes us beyond the cross and ultimately to our heavenly home. Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for March:

I come to the Cross like a small boat
Sailing across the reef,
And the calm of my Christ is waiting
Behind the waves of grief.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not going to sail no more.
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Sailing to the promised shore.

I come to the Cross like a sea-stone
Wet in the Saviour's hand;
He will polish me for His glory,
Safe in the promised land.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not going to drown no more;
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Home and dry on the shore.

I come to the cross like a river
Folding down to the sea;
And the tide of love washes red-red
Down from the Cross to me.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not running down no more;
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Singing on the promised shore.

I Come To The Cross

96.96.87.87

Dennis Scott

Noel Dexter

1. I come to the Cross like a small boat Sail-ing a-cross the reef, and the calm of my Christ is
2. I come to the Cross like a sea-stone Wet in the Sav-iour's hand He will pol-ish me for his
3. I come to the Cross like a riv-er Fold-ing down to the sea; And the tide of love rush-es

wait - ing be - hind the waves of grief. Com-ing home, Je-sus, com-ing home! Not
glo - ry, safe in the prom-ised land. Com-ing home, Je-sus, com-ing home! Not
red - red down from the Cross to me. Com-ing home, Je-sus, com-ing home! Not

go-ing to sail no more. Com-ing home, Lord, in-to hea-ven, Sail-ing to the prom-ised shore.
go-ing to drown no more, Com-ing home, Lord, in-to hea-ven, home and dry on the shore.
run ning - down no more, Com-ing home, Lord, in-to hea-ven, sing-ing on the prom-ised shore.

Quote of the Day

"If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. But by all means, keep moving." — **Martin Luther King Jr.**

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Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom

The current situation in Albania **Board of the Lutheran and Moravian Church**

Albania is in the verge of a civil emergency. Since 10 days the south and south-east part of Albania are flooding. Enormous areas of land, villages, and main inhabit centers are flooded. Rain in all territory and snow in the mountain areas have created an unusual situation.

As a consequence heavy rains during this days that has not stopped all the rivers in south part of Albania have get out of their bed and this



has case floorings in many areas in Elbasan, Fier, Vlore, Gjirokastrer, Permet, Pogradec etc. Many houses are flooded and hundreds of people are evacuated from their houses. Not people have lost their life from these damages but damages in farming are many. Even in the areas where our Christian centers are located the conditions are not good. As a consequence of the flooding of a river in a village of Pogradec, a woman of 38 years old has lost her life.

This last three days that the rain has stopped, the level of water is lower, but the situation of thousands of people has not changed as the houses are inhabitable.

Now they are in the phase that they are sending food and cloths aid to the people whom have suffered the main damages. Even in the areas where our Christian centers are located the situation is not good.

In Bathore the electricity is missing for several days, the yard of the center is filled with water; with the contribution of the children together with the leaders they have tried to regulate the sewers around them.

In Elbasan as it is the city more affected our center there hopefully has not any damages.

In Burrel our leader there has requested the help of the emergency staff on Sunday afternoon and they have laid wait for the water in the entrance of our center.

In Pogradec, the camping center is surrounded by water. Thank God we are 1.2 m above the level of the area, so haven't had any damage. Even in Pogradec since 5 days a group of volunteer are on standby together with Beni to help in need.

In all the flooded area the emergency staff is on standby, also the police forces of civil emergency and in some areas also the military.

In the service we had this Friday, we all prayed for this situation to pass without damages in human life, and hoping that the situation will be better in the coming days. We have



also created a work group whom will follow the situation and will ask for financial support and food for families or people whom will need help. We ask to be in your prayers.

We have also joined the call of the, Evangelical Brotherhood of Albania (VUSH) and other humanitarian organizations to send our contribution for the people in the flooded areas. The main needs for them now are food, water, clothes, blankets, shoes boots.

In the coming days with cold that has muffled all the country, the situation will be more difficult, especially in meeting the needs of the people for food, and also food for their livestock and poultry in which they have suffered many losses.



The government has undertaken to compensate all the losses of this people but it seems like a political promise.

Our duty and your contribution are to help people in need in this kind of disasters.

We thank you for the continue help that you have given for us.



Cloud of Witnesses

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 unordained will be inspired to continue our ministry diligently knowing that our labour will never be in vain in the Lord.

The following biography of The Rev. Hugh King 1905 - 1953 was submitted by his daughter Mona King.



Rev. Hugh Archibald King was born on 12 August 1905 at the Moravian Manse in Cedar Grove Antigua to the resident Moravian minister Rev. Archibald Theodore King and Edith May King nee Pilgrim. Both parents were Barbadian although Edith May was born in Guyana to Moravian minister Rev. Alexander Pilgrim with whom young Archibald served as his assistant in Barbados. His siblings were Mona Kathleen and Dorothea who became nurses.

When his mother died at thirty two years his father remarried a lady of a prominent family in St. Croix and he acquired another brother Dr. Howard King and sister, Louise King. The children were sent to live with the Pilgrims at Mount Tabor, Barbados. In this atmosphere of educators and musicians and Moravian stalwarts – and Uncle Rev. Ivor Pilgrim, young Hugh was a natural candidate for the ministry.

He attended Harrison College in Bridgetown and successfully completed his Junior Cambridge Examination in nine subjects and at sixteen years in July 1922 left school with his Senior Cambridge Certificate with credits in English History, Latin and Spanish.

His tertiary education commenced at Codrington College, Barbados and then on to Lincoln University Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, USA. However, he was asked to return to help in the Antigua field cutting his studies to three years when he received a Diploma on First May 1928. It was at university he became a friend of Kwame Nkrumah the first Ghanaian president and prime minister which petered out when he returned to Antigua.

In Antigua he served at Spring Gardens and Cana Moravian churches. He was a pointed and articulate preacher

and teacher. He was a great orator and has great charm. His daughter was told by a ninety nine lad who remembered him that the Sunday evening services at Spring Gardens were well attended by many young ladies of other denominations who were quite taken up with the six foot four very handsome young eligible young preacher. Added to that he rode a motorcycle.

He became close friends with the Nantons of North Street the lady of the house being a close friend of his Aunt Mona. The Harneys and Gores were also close. James Allen Gore was a planter and his wife, Helen Gore nee Piper was a Montserratian who had attended the Moravian Teachers Training College at Spring Gardens.

In the meantime living in Montserrat was Miss Eulalie Geraldine Gore. She attended the Antigua Girls High School and at the school leaving age of sixteen she was recruited by Mr. Carrington to teach at the newly opened Boys School in Montserrat. She was a very dignified and accomplished young lady. Not only did she have a great command of the English Language and Mathematics, she also played the piano and organ, embroidered, tatted and baked delicious cakes. So the dear matchmakers got a working for what a complement to a man of the cloth. Furthermore in those days the spousal choices were vetted.

On First October 1930 the Rev. Hugh King married nineteen year old Eulalie Gore at the Cedar Grove Moravian Church the reception was held at The Mount, then a Codrington Estate where her father James Allen Gore was Overseer. The Mount is now the site of the Mount St. John Medical Centre.

Perhaps there was a need for early wedlock as he was to be stationed at Estridge, St. Kitts away from family connections. This position he filled from 1931 to 1945 where all five of his children were born, William Archibald Theodore, Hugh Archibald, James Allen, Helen-May and Mona Edith.

There under the watchful eyes of Rev. Williams, Ma and Pa Williams, they worked. Life long friends were established such as the Nesbitts, Brooks, Rev. Christopher, Reg. Delamos, Rev. John Knight along with Mary George whom he saw to it that she attend the Teachers Training College in Antigua.

To be mentioned here he acquired a Brownie camera and to this day there are many pictures which tell stories of family and friends and places. It was his weekly letters and many pictures which helped to sustain his brother in law, Leo Gore, during his war days in Europe with the Canadian Army.

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Returning to Antigua he was stationed at Cedar Hall Moravian Church, Jennings with responsibility for Grace Bay, Old Road in the South and Cedar Grove in the North. To make ends meet he taught English, History and Latin at the Antigua Grammar School and Antigua Girls High School which were private and run by Anglican Archdeacon Branch and his sisters and where his children attended.

He was also very involved in sports and sometimes drove athletes a little too hard but they excelled including his son, Hugh, who held the sprinters record for years even after he left school.

He was close to Rev. Davidson, Rev. "Pappy" Henry, Mr. Hilson Murdoch a lay preacher and several of the Jennings community members such as Teacher Millie, the Joseph family, Teacher Pratt, Teacher Rawlston.

He was very well beloved by all his parishioners and students for he was a compassionate and humble man. His calling was to minister and this he did willingly, leaving a good name as a man of God.

Most of all his family and friends adored him and were all close to each others' hearts. Of course, he was not without fault and perhaps like Samuel needed to spend more quality time with his children.

It was not a bed of ease but they rallied and were sustained by well wishing parishioners with produce and the thriftiness of Eulalie. The car No. 270 was not always reliable but served its owner the best it could.

For all that they had mostly joyous times.

His very heavy agenda resulted in a daily unhealthy meal-time and rest schedule. Coupled with an unreliable monthly salary and transportation and the fact that he shared the little he did have, his health deteriorated and unbeknown to his loved ones Doctor Winter had advised him to take a break.

But it was the eve of harvest and his wife and himself along with the choir and members of the congregation were busy with decorating. He had suddenly cross over to the mission house because of a sudden chest pain. Soon after he was taken to the Holberton Hospital.

On Sunday 17 May 1953 he died from a massive heart attack-it was Eulalie's birthday. He was 47 years.

In this day and age perhaps life would have been a little easier for the family, but Rev. Hugh Archibald King left a

legacy of godly love which was for ever memorialised by his wife, who died at ninety seven in 2008. She said to Mona "If I had to I would do it all over again".

Appointment of Superintendent

The Rev. Eulencine Christopher has been appointed as Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from March 1, 2015.

Sis. Christopher assumed the responsibility of Acting Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference from September 1, 2014.

We wish Sis. Christopher every blessing as she assumes this awesome responsibility of leading the Virgin Islands Conference.

Welcome aboard, Congratulations!

Unity Prayer Watch 2015

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight March 31 – Midnight April 14, 2015. The Schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Grenada - Midnight March 31- 12.00a.m April 02, 2015
- ❖ St. Kitts - 12:00a.m. April 02 -11:00a.m. April 03, 2015
- ❖ Trinidad - 11:00a.m. April 03- Midday April 04, 2015
- ❖ Barbados - Midday April 04 - Midnight April 06, 2015
- ❖ Virgin Islands - Midnight April 06 – 6.00am April 10, 2015
- ❖ Tobago - 6.00a.m. April 10 - 6.00p.m April 11, 20145
- ❖ Antigua - 6.00p.m. April 11 - Midnight April 14, 2015

Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began 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.

Theological Education Sunday.

Sunday March 22nd 2015, is Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training.

At present, there are three (3) Ministers in training: They are:

Elva Richards-Huggins	Pastoral Ministry	Year 03
Daniel Mark	Pastoral Ministry	Year 02
Kevin St. Hill	Pastoral Ministry	Year 02

Our Warden/Tutor is the Rev. Neilson Waithe. Let us remember them especially in our prayers.

A special offering will be taken on March 22, 2015 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.

On this Sunday a special offering will be taken to go towards continuing Education. Let us pray that our Warden/Tutor and our Ministers in Training remain faithful to God and fulfill His purpose for their lives.

It is also a time when we challenge our young people, to listen to and respond to the call of God and to offer themselves to the fulltime Ministry.



The 31st Provincial Synod

The 31st Provincial Synod will be held in Antigua from July 10-16, 2015 at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa. The committees are getting together and the Conference is in need of your support in prayer and hands on deck for smooth execution.

The PEC has also requested prayer for the election of another Bishop.

The opening service of Synod will be on July 12th at 9.00 am at Spring Gardens and the closing service and Holy Communion on July 15th at 7.00 pm at Cedar Hall. The Synod Programme will be held at the Gracehill Moravian Church on July 12 at 7.00 pm.

Members of the Church can attend Synod as casual observers or as official observers in which case a cost is attached.



Condolences

The PEC expresses condolences to Pastor Yvanne Jean and family on the passing of her Mother **Lucienne Sancé** in Haiti. She passed into the nearer presence of God on March 01, 2015.



The funeral service of Lucienne Sancé will be held on March 15, 2015 at the Baptist Church in Fond-Des-Nègres, Haiti.

Let us remember the family in our prayers.

600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Hus

July 06, 2015 will mark the 600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Hus. In keeping with the historical significance of this celebration which will be observed throughout the Moravian Unity, the PEC proposes that the EWI Province participate in celebrating the legacy and memory of John Hus.

The PEC proposes the following:

Date of celebration	Sunday July 05, 2015
Proposed theme	Courage to Stand
Celebration format...	Conference	Combined	Worship Service

Worship and Music Resources:

- ▶ 600th Anniversary Hymn
- ▶ Introit and anthem
- ▶ Special Anniversary Litany and suggested hymns
- ▶ A short (10 minutes) dramatic presentation by the youth

It is hoped that these resources will be provided by April 01, 2015 or before. Information will be forwarded to you from time to time.

The PEC proposes that the celebrations in Antigua be varied due to the 31st Provincial Synod. The Opening Service of Synod will be held on the morning of Sunday July 12, 2015, and emphasis will be placed on the John Hus Anniversary during the service.

On July 05, 2015, the congregations in the Antigua conference, as they celebrate Holy Communion, should place some emphasis on the John Hus Anniversary.



Condolences



The PEC expresses condolences to the family of the late Dickson Prince Senior former Lay Preacher in the Moravian Church Antigua Conference. Bro. Prince was a member of the Gracebay Congregation, where he also was at one time the Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent.

Bro. Prince passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday February 07, 2015 at the Mount St. John's Hospital in Antigua. The Funeral Service of Bro. Dickson Prince Senior was held at the Gracebay Moravian Church on Thursday February 26, 2015 at 2.00 pm.

Let us remember the family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of Bro. Prince.

MORAVIAN CHURCH – UNITAS FRATRUM

Office of the Unity Business Administrator

Rev. Dr. Jørgen Bøytler (PHD)



Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015

South Africa: Projects for Youth and Sunday school. Projects that will be supported through the Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015.

MORAVIAN YOUTH UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Union has 12 Districts. Presently they are challenged by a lack of resources. The Moravian Church in South Africa do not have a youth minister to see to the needs of the youth. We hope this will be rectified in the future. We need support in our youth development programs. This year we would like to do a follow-up on last year's program but do not have the funding yet.

A Youth Leadership Development Workshops was held last year 19-21 September to equip the youth with the necessary skills.

Aim

Equip present youth leaders

Equip new leaders

Topics

Formal lecture sessions:

Youth ministry in a South African context: the youth

Youth ministry in a South African context: the leader

Youth ministry in a South African context: the team

Practical workshop sessions:

Teambuilding

Discipleship

Strategic planning

MORAVIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION (MSUSA)

Statistics

The following are 10 of the 12 districts statistics: 347 Teachers and 4184 learners.

The Sunday School new Curriculum was work-shopped in all the Districts. The 70th Birthday of MSUSA was celebrated in 2012.

Presently the Sunday Schools function in almost all congregations. The Union members are thus challenged financially as the congregations do not pay their contributions to the Union. Sunday School camps are thus organised locally if they have funding.

There is no Sunday School teachers training in all our Districts. The churches stretch over a wide area, making it financially difficult to reach all by Union members.

They plan a national conference this year to elect new members to serve on the Union. Resources especially in the rural areas need attention.

MASANGANE MORAVIAN AIDS PROGRAM - MASANGANE (Xhosa: embrace)

The vision of Masangane is to reach out to people with HIV/AIDS and mobilise the Moravian church to make a sustainable, positive contribution to aids challenges and the reduction of the number of new HIV infections and to engage in HIV /AIDS education and care in partnership with others.

It is a Community-Based outreach programme of the Moravian Church that involves caring for HIV/AIDS infected and affected persons and families. The programme caters for orphans and the vulnerable. As from this year 2014, the programme has expanded its activities by introducing a woman forum which is called gender based programme, brothers union as well as an orphan's forum.

Masangane is well known in the surrounding areas of Maluti, Mt Fletcher and Shiloh by its program of initiating ARVs since from 2004-2010. The project saved many lives and most stakeholders including hospitals and clinics staff learnt from Masangane about ARVs. There are other activities conducted in the communities, they are as follows:- Health counselling and testing, Home base care and five poultry projects for the support group. Due to financial constraints in 2014 staff members had to be retrenched and the Mount Fletcher branch had to close its doors.

MORAVIAN BRIGADES ASSOCIATION IN SA (MOBRASA)

STATISTICS

25 Brigade Companies are affiliated to MOBRASA. Companies exist in Districts 2, 3, and 6 with 17 Chaplains, 65 Officers and 683 Brigaders. The boy's and girl's brigade work in close cooperation with the other unions of the MCSA. They attend Exaudi Sundays, Music Department Festivals and All African Mission Day. Visits to institutions and the Aged in communities are part of the four square programme. The national conference took place in 2014. The union is financially challenged as they do not function in all congregations and are not well supported despite the major role they play to instil good values and skills in the children.

Funds kindly forward to the Unity Fund: Unity Fund account:

Mathematics Enrichment Program

Are you a student of a Secondary School and need to sharpen your skills in mathematics?



The Moravian Church will once

again be conducting its

Mathematics Enrichment

Program which is geared

primarily towards Fourth Formers, and has greatly benefited those students who have attended. It will run from:



Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March

From 4:00 to 7:00pm

At the Tim O'Reilly Auditorium on St. John Street.

The Facilitators will include Antiguan born

Dr. Vanere Goodwin and the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer,



Mathematics Professors at the University of the Virgin Islands. The topics will be chosen as they are needed to strengthen preparation for General Proficiency and Additional Mathematics Examinations. The course fee is only \$120 which includes a non-refundable registration fee of \$20. There will be an additional \$10 for persons registering after 16th February, 2015. Space is limited, so register early at any of the Moravian Church offices or at the Moravian Provincial Headquarters at Cashew Hill between the hours of 8:30a.m – 4.00p.m. on weekdays.



**Anniversary Greetings
For the
Month of March is
Extended to**

Bro. Ralph & Sis. Rosalind Prince

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**Birthday Greetings
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Month of March is
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Sis. Alicia Ross	07
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*She Thought She Was Putting Her Foot Down,
But Then Her Husband Did This.*

Four guys have been going on the same fishing trip for many years. A few days before the group's annual departure date, John's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going. John's fishing buddies are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do? Two days later the three get to the camping site to find John sitting there with his tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire. Hey John, how long you been here, and how did you talk your misses into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last night. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my recliner when my wife came up behind me, put her hands over my eyes, and asked, 'Guess who?'" I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a nightie. She took my hand and pulled me into the bedroom, where she'd lit candles and put rose petals all over the place. Well, she's been reading '50 shades of Grey'On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did. And then she said, 'Do whatever you want.'

So, boys, here I am!

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