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

July, 2016



Bearing the Torch with pride

August 13, 2016 will mark the 289th year since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

a disorganized, disenchanted, disheartened and disjointed Moravian Community in Herrnhut. The Community had been torn apart by infightings, jealousy, greed and a lust for power. Their division had nothing to do with their love for God and Him crucified. On August 13 at Bertlesdorf Chapel, the Holy Spirit transformed their outlook on life for good. It brought a Unity in their midst that they had never experienced before. It was out of this that the Moravians began to send Missionaries throughout the world, beginning with David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober in 1732 in St. Thomas Virgin Islands, formerly Danish West Indies.

A Moravian historian wrote that Church history abounds in records of special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and verily the thirteenth of August 1727, was a day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We saw the hand of God and His wonders, and we were all under the cloud of our fathers baptized with their Spirit. The Holy Ghost came upon us and in those days great signs and wonders took place in our midst.

He continues, from that time scarcely a day passed but what we beheld His almighty workings amongst us. A great hunger after the Word of God took possession of us so that we had to have three services every day, viz. 5.0 and 7.30 a.m. and 9.0 p.m. Every one desired above everything else that the Holy Spirit might have full control. Self-love and self-will, as well as all disobedience disappeared and an overwhelming flood of grace swept us all out into the great ocean of Divine

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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 Moravian brethren had sprung from the labors and martyrdom of the Bohemian Reformer, John Hus. They had experienced centuries of persecution. Many had been killed, imprisoned, tortured or banished from their homeland. This group had fled for refuge to Germany where the young Christian nobleman, Count Zinzendorf, offered them asylum on his estates in Saxony. They named their new home Herrnhut, 'the Lord's Watch'. From there, after their baptism in the Holy Spirit, they became evangelists and missionaries

Fifty years before the beginning of modern Foreign Missions by William Carey, the Moravian Church had sent out over 100 missionaries. Their English missionary magazine, Periodical Accounts, inspired William Carey. He threw a copy of the paper on a table at a Baptist meeting, saying, 'See what the Moravians have done! Cannot we follow their example and in obedience to our Heavenly Master go out into the world, and preach the Gospel to the heathen?' That missionary zeal began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Count Zinzendorf observed 'The Saviour permitted to come upon us a Spirit of whom we had hitherto not had any experience or knowledge. ... Hitherto we had been the leaders and helpers. Now the Holy Spirit Himself took full control of everything and everybody'.

One result of their baptism in the Holy Spirit was a joyful assurance of their pardon and salvation. This made a strong impact on people in many countries, including John and Charles Wesley, who later championed the establishment of the Methodist Church.

In 1736, John and Charles Wesley sailed to America as Anglican missionaries. A company of Moravian immigrants were also on the vessel. During a terrible storm, they all faced the danger of shipwreck. John Wesley wrote in his journal:

"At seven, I went to the Germans. I had long before observed the great seriousness of their behavior. Of their humility, they had given a continual proof by performing those servile offices for the other passengers, which none of the English would undertake; for which they desired and would receive no pay, saying, 'It was good for their proud hearts,' and 'their loving

Saviour had done more for them.' And every day had given them occasion of showing a meekness, which no injury could move.

If they were pushed, struck or thrown down, they rose again and went away; but no complaint was found in their mouth. Here was now an opportunity of trying whether they were delivered from the spirit of fear, as well as from that of pride, anger and revenge. In the midst of the Psalm wherewith their service began, the sea broke over, split the mainsail in pieces, covered the ship and poured in between the decks, as if the great deep had already swallowed us up. A terrible screaming began among the English. The Germans calmly sung on. I asked one of them afterwards: 'Were you not afraid?' He answered, 'I thank God, no.' I asked: 'But were not your women and children afraid?' He replied mildly: 'No, our women and children are not afraid to die'.

In Georgia, John Wesley sought spiritual counsel from the Moravian Bishop, A. G. Spangenberg. Back in England in 1738 the Wesley brothers became intimately acquainted with the Moravians, especially Peter Boehler who later became a leading Moravian bishop.

As men and women of faith in the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, what has gone wrong? Where is the passion to pass the baton that was handed over to us? Can we say that we are still bearing the torch that fell from the hands of those who gave their lives for the cause of Christ? Can we not recapture the passion that we once had? Where is the love for God that once burned within us? I want to challenge us as we embark upon the 43rd Unity Synod in Jamaica from August 12-19, 2016, to allow the words of the song writer, Frank Houghton to re-ignite that fire within us. Frank Houghton, in his song, "Facing a tasks unfinished" declares:

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those who gave their lives, proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours, fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers.

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HYMN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2016

Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.

For the month of August, our hymn is *Infant small*, so sweet and tender. In the new hymnal it is #545 and was written in 2010 by the Rev. Dorothea Rohde. The name of the applied tune is

STUTTGART.

As we draw closer to the arrival of the new hymn books, we continue to highlight some of the new entries that have been made. This hymn written by Sis. Rohde is one such example and it draws our attention to the importance of welcoming children and infants into our congregations as communities of faith. The hymn not only celebrates the value of our children but also underscores the important responsibility that is given to parents and God-parents in teaching and nurturing young children. At the same time, the hymn also emphasizes that this task is not limited to a particular group of people but should also be embraced by all within the faith community.

In the third and fourth verses, the hymn voices a prayer to God, the giver of life, to pour out his favour upon the infants entrusted to us. In the same way that 2010 D. Rohde & R. Hamblin Jesus our Saviour, who himself was once an infant, "grew in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and all the people" (Luke 2: 52), this hymn invites us to believe too that God's favour will rest upon our children. The prayer also expresses a desire that our children will live honourably before God. The words of this hymn also remind us of the value of each life. We are called to see that each child is a gift from God. When we receive children as special gifts from God then we also acknowledge that even though we seek to teach our children about God that God will also use each child to teach us some valuable spiritual lessons. This hymn is appropriate for occasions in which there is the sacrament of Infant Baptism, the Blessing of Infants or times in which the congregation is focused on its ministry to children.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for August:

Infant small, so sweet and tender, You've been brought into our midst; And because you live, we render Thanks and praise to the great God.

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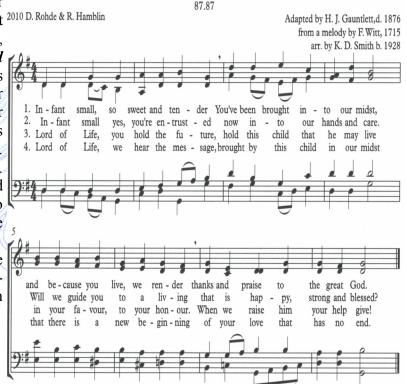
Infant small, yes, you're entrusted Now into our hands and care. Will we guide you to a living That is happy, strong and blessed?

Lord of Life, you hold the future, Hold this child that *he* may live In your favour, to your honour.

When we raise *him* your help give!

Lord of Life, we hear the message, Brought by this child in our midst; That there is a new beginning Of your love that has no end.

Infant Small So Sweet And Tender



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To: Department of Christian Education PEC Representative From: The Provincial Director Of Christian Education

Re. Provincial Youth Camp 2016

I trust that you are in good health, soundness of mind and basking in the peace, presence, and power of God.

This missive comes to formally report that all the delegates to PYC 2016 returned to the respective conferences in safety by Wednesday, 20th July. There were no major delays; except that Sis. Jahmira Rogers of the Virgin Island Conference, who was scheduled to leave Trinidad on Tuesday, 19th July, had to seek medical attention and was cleared to travel the following day along with Sis. Monique Richards who accompanied her.

Like in times passed the young people have returned to their domicile conferences determined to represent the one who has called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. Aided by the Spirit of Truth, their resolve is to advance the Kingdom of God wherever life takes them.

The attitude and general behavior of the campers were highly commended by the management and staff of the Urban Ministries of Trinidad and Tobago in St. Helena. The Chief Counsellor, Sis. Julie Jofield-Parris and the Assistant Chief Counsellor Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts along with the other counsellors were diligent, dedicated and determined to represent Christ and this was communicated to the campers both verbally and non-verbally. Thus, the campers had no choice but to give their best behavior because they were lead by the best.

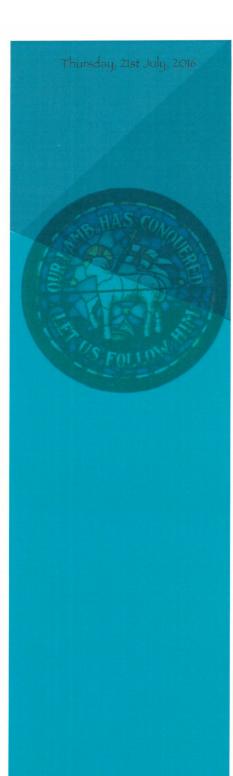
The ethos of the camp was set by the excellence, poise, confidence and spirit which the Camp Director, Bro. Erwin Warner and Co-Director Sis. Eulencine Christopher brought to the position. Both are highly commended for a job well done.

One cannot over look the sterling effort of the Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference, Sis. Adlyn Mgonela, the local supervisors, Sis. Liselle Roberts and Sis. Catherine Governor and the local committee. Even amidst limited human and financial resources, coupled with the overwhelmingly challenging task, the camp was hosted at the highest level.

The Camp Pastor, Bro. Nevin Lewis offered pastoral care through the preached word and compassionate ministry. He did not shrug his responsibilities but was equal to the task. Surly, the Camp Pastor feed the lambs and tended the sheep.

The Minister of Music, Bro. Patmore Smith rose to the challenge and wrote a camp song which can be described and lyrically sound and musically genius. His presence brought energy and synergy to the process as he inspired and motivated the young musicians present.

PYC 2016 was truly and totally a blessing!



In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, love.

FURLOUGH

The following members of Staff will proceed on furlough during 2016:

- Rev. Walton Frederick from August 1 to November 30, 2016
- Rev. Algernon Lewis from August 15 to December 14, 2016.
- Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford from August 15 to December 14, 2016.



STAFF CHANGES

The PEC makes the following announcement:

- The Rev. Adelyn Mgonela, presently serving as Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference and Pastor of the Memorial congregation, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Estridge and Bethel congregations in the St. Kitts Conference, with effect from August 05, 2016.
- ◆ The Rev. Catherine Governor, presently serving as Pastor of the L'Anse Noire congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Trinidad Conference, has accepted a call within the Trinidad Conference, to serve as Pastor of the Memorial congregation, in addition to her role as Minister of Christian Education, with effect from August 05, 2016.
- ◆ The Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith, in addition to his role as Minister of Music in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences, has accepted a call to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference, with effect from August 05, 2016.
- Sis. Elva Richards, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Zion, Estridge and Bethel congregations in the St. Kitts Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens congregation in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 05, 2016.
- Bro. Hilton Joseph will serve as Pastor of the Zion Congregation in addition to his role as Superintendent of the Moravian Church St. Kitts with effect from August 5, 2016.
- ◆ The Rev. Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his Furlough on December 14, will proceed on Study Leave from December 15, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

- ♦ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has accepted a Call to serve as Interim Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Newfield Moravian Congregations in Antigua from August 15 to December 14, 2016. Bishop Lewis will be assisted by the Rev. Jeremy Francis and the Rev. Ulric Smith. Future updates on this Pastorate will be provided.
- ◆ The Rev. Bonnie E. B.W Smith has accepted a Call to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference from August 15, 2016 to February 14, 2017. 4. The first Provincial Staff and Spouse Retreat will convene from July 29 – August 02, 2016 on the island of St. Maarten. All Moravians are asked to keep this gathering in prayer.

All Staff Members within the Trinidad Conference will share in the Ministry of the L'Anse Noire congregation.

Let us remember our brother and sisters in prayer as they assume their new responsibilities.



THE UNITY SYNOD

The year 2016 has begun, and for the Moravian Unity it means that we have seen the beginning of an important year, namely the year of the 43rd Unity Synod of the Moravian Church Unitas Fratrum (the 27th Unity Synod of the Renewed Church). It is our task to keep the Unity Synod in the Unity Synod.

CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION

- ◆ The Unity Synod is the constitutional body representing the Unitas Fratrum or Moravian Church as a whole.
- ◆ The members of the Unity Synod are representatives of the Church as a whole. They vote according to their own conviction and are not bound by detailed instructions of their electors.

SPHERE OF ACTION

The functions of the Unity Synod are:

• To represent the Unitas Fratrum in all matters which concern the Unity as a whole.

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- ◆ To decide on official statements of the general principles of the Unitas Fratrum in regard to constitution, doctrine, congregation life and the ministry and the spread of the Gospel.
- To determine matters touching the constitution of the Unity as a whole as assign to each Province its constitutional rights within the Unity.
- To uphold and further the fellowship of the several Provinces of the Unity and their respective spheres of work.
- ◆ To determine the boundaries of the several Provinces as parts of the Unitas Fratrum.
- To determine the spheres of work of the Unity and lay down the guiding principles for such work.
- To determine the principles governing the relations of the Unity as a whole and its Provinces to the other parts of the Universal Christian Church, and to further the cause of Christian Unity.
- To foster a common responsibility in regard to the problems of contemporary life and to further a spirit of mutual understanding and peace among the nations and the races.
- To elect Bishops on the proposal of any Province, should the occasion arise.
- To make the necessary arrangements for its own meetings and procedures.
- ◆ To provide for the holding of funds or other property belonging to the Unity as distinct from the several Provinces and for the safekeeping of title deeds, minutes and other documents belonging to the Unity.
- ◆ To elect the Directors of the Moravian Church Foundation, as provided for in its Charter.
- To act as the final court of appeal in all matters belonging to its sphere of action.

The Unity Synod is scheduled to be held from August 12th - 19th, 2016 at the Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa, Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica. The delegates for the EWIP to Unity Synod are: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Rev. Adrian Smith and Sister Jeaneta Waithe from Barbados.

The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Vice Chairman of the EWIP Provincial Elders Conference and pastor of Nisky Congregation in St. Thomas will serve as Chairman of the 43rd Unity Synod. In addition, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will represent the Bishops of the Unity.

The PEC has declared a day of Prayer and Fasting on August 13, 2016, as we focus on the 43rd Unity Synod being held in Jamaica from August 12-19, 2016. All Moravians in the EWIP are asked to engage in this time of Prayer and Fasting for Wisdom from on High to guide our Church into truth and righteousness. The time of Prayer and Fasting on August 13 is from 6 am to 6 pm.



Bearing the Torch with pride Cont'd from Page 2

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
to labour for Thy sake

Some people have a knack for making others hungry to know God. I know a few people who when I'm done talking with them make me want to know and love Him more. I treasure those people. They don't try to be religious. They don't attempt to be spiritual. They simply are themselves and in the process radiate the presence of God. Many of them have been through dark valleys yet they still carry a hopeful, persistent, passion and love about them.

God is calling us to come up higher with him. He is challenging us to so live that others will be drawn to Him. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, made a most powerful point which we should carry on our foreheads every day. He declared Matthew 5: 14-16:

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven".

May the August 13 event breathe new life in us. Are you willing to continue to bear the torch?

Photos of

The Moravian Church Antigua Conference 260th Anniversary High Tea Party















Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom

The Moravian Church EWIP Presents A

Mathematics Enrichment Program"August 8 - 19 2016. at the Tim O'Reilly Auditorium, St. John's, Street, Antigua.

9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m

The lecturers will include

Antiguan born Dr. Vanere Goodwin and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer,



both professors of mathematics. The course fee is only \$110.

This Program is geared toward Fourth and Fifth Formers



STATUS UPDATE ON CARIBBEAN MORAVIAN PRAISE HYMNAL

The historic publication of the first Caribbean Moravian hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise – is near completion. Upon completion of the hard cover hymnal, each congregation will also receive a database that will contain a reference to the hymn tunes. In this database the music for the new hymns will be provided. However, in cases where the tune for the hymn is unchanged the actual music for that hymn will not be provided. Instead the database will indicate the name of the tune and the number of that hymn in the current music edition. By so doing, it is our desire that the new hymns will soon be incorporated into the congregation's hymnal repertoire since the tunes will be at the congregation's disposal.

Work on the musical edition has been ongoing and is in the advanced stages. It is hoped that its completion should be finalized within 12-16 months. The compilation of the musical edition entails giving attention to some details that are not required in the words only edition of the hymnal. For example, in addition to the authors and translators index, there must also be added an index for hymn tunes and composers as well as the alphabetical listing of the hymn tunes. Furthermore, we have to once again negotiate with international copyright holders to secure permission for the printing of the tunes for the hymns that are still under copyright.

Mindful that this process may be lengthy, the provision

of the hymn tune database will therefore serve as a temporary but necessary measure until the musical edition of the hymnal is completed.

The other component of the provision of worship material for the Province that has also begun is the production of the Liturgy Book. We anticipate that this volume will be published locally. It will contain the revised Liturgies, Litanies and Orders of Public Worship. The publication of this volume will be the second worship resource we intend to have available within the Province. We anticipate that it will follow not too long after the publication of soon to be released words only hymnal.

The final phase of the work that will be engaged will be the provision of the hymnal and Liturgy books in an electronic downloadable format. There has been numerous request for the materials to be presented in this format and we are seeking to meet that request.

However, we currently do not possess the resources (financial and human) to give attention this matter.

In summary, there are four phases to the overall mandate of the Provincial Hymnal and Liturgical Committees:

- (1) Hard copy words only hymnal;
- (2) Prayer Book with Liturgies;
- (3) Musical edition;
- (4) Electronic format of hymnal and Prayer Book.

GLMS Celebrates Excellent SEA 2016 Results!

Gloster Lodge Moravian School ended its year-long 120th Anniversary Celebrations on Friday 24 June, 2016. A Principal's holiday was granted on that day by the Ministry of Education in recognition of the many achievements of the school over its 120 years of existence.

On Tuesday 5 July, however, the icing was put on the cake when the 2016 Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) results were released. There was great jubilation at the school when Principal, Ann Alves, announced the exam results, noting that all the children did extremely well and that the school attained 100% passes to secondary schools in Port-of –Spain and environs. In fact, the 2016 placements were described as being one of the best recorded overall results of the school in recent times.

The majority of the students were placed in schools of their choices, with many securing spots in 7-year institutions. This year, two of our girls who performed outstandingly will be attending the prestigious St. Joseph's Convent, Port-of-Spain. A number of other students will also be leaving GLMS to attend top schools such as St. Francois Girl's College, Trinity College, Providence Girl's High, Belmont Boys' Secondary, Corpus Christi College, South East Port-of-Spain, Bishop Centenary College, St. James Secondary, Tranquillity Government Secondary and Success/Laventille Secondary among others.

The principal and staff at Gloster Lodge are proud of all our students and wish them God's blessings as they move on to secondary school.







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for the month of August to

Sis. Marleen Browne	01
Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	04
Sis. Winelle Kirton-Roberts	20
Bro. Reuben Vessup	22
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew	22
Bro. Conrad Spencer	29
Sis. Angela Frederick	30



Bro. Erflin & Sis. Marleen Browne July 19th 2016



Bro. Winston & Sis. Bernadine Chase	
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STAFF AND SPOUSE RETREAT 2016

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Joke of the Day

Who is the Genius Now?

A proud and confident genius makes a bet with an idiot. The genius says, "Hey idiot, every question I ask you that you don't know the answer, you have to give me \$5. And if you ask me a question and I can't answer yours, I will give you \$5,000."

The idiot replies, "Okay." The genius then asks, "How many continents are there in the world?" The idiot doesn't know and hands over the \$5. The idiot says, "Now my turn, what animal stands with two legs but sleeps with three?"

The genius tries and searches very hard for the answer but gives up and hands over the \$5000. The genius says, "Dang it, I lost. By the way, what was the answer to your question?"

The idiot hands over \$5.

Quote of the Day

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."

-Helen Keller-



Conferences

- Meetings
- Seminars
- Weddings
- Banquet
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