



# A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF PEC EWI PROVINCE

## The Information

To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4: 12-13



**Rev. Algernon Lewis**  
Chairman of PEC

### Journeying through Lent

Lent 2024 has come up us with company – Valentine’s Day. Notwithstanding, we must allow this season to calibrate our hearts to be in alignment with the liturgical year. This is the time of year when Christians who follow the liturgical calendar recall the days when Jesus was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the devil. During those 40 days in the wilderness, Luke 4 records that he ate nothing. Given the time of testing, Christians have used this time called “Lent”, to engage in *practices* that deepen our faith.

The world will not slow down for us to peacefully observe Lent. The varied crises around the world will continue to unfold while we look for ways to search our souls and course correct to be in better alignment with God. Maybe it is a good thing because we must learn to live our faith under less-than-ideal circumstances.

As we go into Lent, let us be deliberate to pray about the condition of the world. It is easy to only think of ourselves, but God is still looking for people to stand in the gap. Pray for peace, justice, governments, the poor and the marginalized, families in trouble, our youth, the church, and the world. The list is endless.

In addition to prayer, there are other practices that foster our spiritual growth. Given that Jesus ate nothing at that time, we might consider adding fasting to our prayer. Fasting is not a magic bullet. It is the believers' willingness to subject their personal agenda to focus on connecting with God.

Fasting comes in different forms. Fasting may be total, partial, or liquid. One may choose to fast from technology or from another personal habit or preference. All of this is to bring ourselves into greater alignment with Jesus.

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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, Evangelist discipleship and service.

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Your preference might not be for something as rigorous as fasting. How about other practices like silence and solitude – setting dedicated time to sit quietly before God? This is a time to connect with God and with self. In a busy world, it is difficult but needed to maintain balance and stay connected to God. One way of practicing silence is to set a time each day when we disconnect from the noise (phones, people, work) and focus on God.

There is also the spiritual practice of service. This may be as simple as setting time to volunteer at a hospital, a senior citizens' home, or preparing meals for people in need. The spiritual practice of service shifts the focus from us to others.

There are other ways we might choose to observe Lent that draws us closer to God. Whatever you choose to do, pray about it and listen for how God will instruct you. God might reveal habits and attitudes that consistently come between you and God and Lent can be a set time to purge those habits and attitudes from our lives. This quote from the Rule of St. Benedict might be instructive, “we encourage the whole community to set aside the season of Lent as a time to refocus on our goal and strip away anything that is slowing us down in our pursuit. The best way to do this is to be diligent about unlearning bad habits and to devote ourselves to prayer with tears—to reading, to soul-searching confession, and to self-denial” –(*The Rule of St. Benedict*).

Whatever your chosen practice to observe Lent, recognize the urgent need to pray for the world. We have been moving from one tragedy to the next and no one knows where the next tragedy will strike. We know that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). Even though Lent has begun, let us opt for an intentional practice that would strengthen our relationship with Jesus this Lent. Let us journey with Jesus in this season of denial looking forward to the hope of Resurrection.

## Consecration of Bishop

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Moravian Church in Cuba got its second bishop when the Rev. Obed Erelío Martínez Lima was consecrated a Bishop of the Moravian Unity at Jaurez Grande, Matanzas, Cuba. The consecrating bishops were Bishop Evelio Romero of the Honduras Province and Bishop Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province.



Bishop Almando Rucindo of Cuba who was scheduled to be one of the consecrating bishops was too ill to take the two hour journey from Havana to Jaurez Grande.

A very representative ecumenical congregation was present for the service and included Moravians from other Provinces, which was held at the Iglesia Evangelica Pentecostal Church of Cuba in Jaurez Grande. Bishop Martínez's number on the register of Bishops is 379/317.



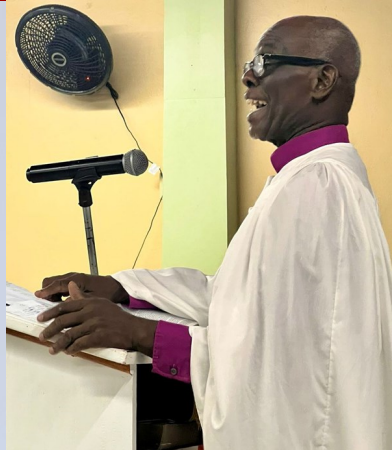


# Consecration of the Rev. Liselle Roberts to the Presbyterate

The Rev. Liselle Roberts was consecrated to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on Sunday November 19, 2023.

The service took place at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago. Bishop Conrad Spencer was the presiding Bishop at the consecration service.

Please pray for Sis. Liselle Roberts as she continues steadfast in the call of God and the ministry of the Moravian Church.



**JANUARY**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 29 – 31—PEC and Superintendents Conference at Provincial Headquarters

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 1– 4 PEC and Superintendents Conference at Provincial Headquarters
- 14 – Lent begins (Feb 14 – March 31)
- 29 – Staff Development Session

**MARCH**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 3 – Unity Sunday Offering
- 24 – Palm Sunday/Theological Education Offering
- 29 – Good Friday
- 31 – Easter Sunday

**APRIL**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- Unity Prayer Watch

**MAY**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 5 – Moravian Music Sunday
- 19 – Pentecost
- 23 - 29– PEC meeting Trinidad
- 30 - Staff Development session

**JUNE**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer

**JULY**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer

**AUGUST**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 16-20 – PEC meeting Tobago
- 29 – Staff Development

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 16 – Ministers Covenant Day
- 22 – Widows' Offering

**OCTOBER**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer
- 25-31 – PEC meeting Antigua
- 31 – Staff Development session

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer

**DECEMBER**

- 1 – Provincial Day of Prayer

The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from April 03 - April 17, 2023. The Schedule is as follows:

Tobago/Grenada Mission 12am, April 3 - 11:59pm April 5, 2023

St. Kitts 12am, April 6 - 11:59pm April 7, 2023

Trinidad 12am, April 8 - 11:59am April 9, 2023

Barbados 12pm, April 9 - 11:59pm April 11, 2023

Virgin Islands 12am, April 12 - 11:59pm April 14, 2023

Antigua 12am, April 15 - 11:59pm April 17, 2023

Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world, and ourselves.



**Provincial Watchword for 2024**  
**July 20, 2024**

Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me.



**Quote of the Day**

Every time I look at the cross, I am reminded of the greatness of God and the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. I am reminded of the beauty of sacrificial love and the majesty of unswerving devotion to truth."— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Strength to Love"



**Condolences**  
**From the Provincial Elders Conference of**  
**The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies**  
**Province**

1. The Provincial Board announces the sad news of the death of Bishop Hopeton Clennon on January 7, 2024. Bro. Clennon was consecrated a Bishop of the Moravian Unity on October 25, 1998, being the 320th bishop of the Unity since its start in 1457, and the 258th bishop of the Renewed Moravian Unity. Bishop Clennon was the preacher at the consecration of Bishop Conrad Spencer on 22nd November 2015.



Bro Clennon shared in numerous conferential events over the years as well as facilitate mission trips to various Conferences.

The funeral service for Bishop Hopeton Clennon took place at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on January 20, 2024

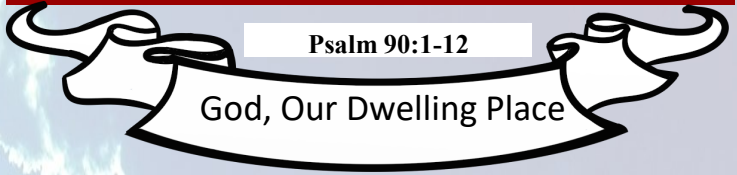


2. The Provincial Board announces the sad news of the death of Rev. Charlesworth Edwards on January 23, 2024 in Staten Island, New York after a prolonged illness. Bro. Edwards candidated to ministry from the Cedar Hall congregation in Antigua and was ordained to Word and Sacrament at Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua in 1976. He served in the Barbados, Antigua, and Virgin Islands Conferences.



The funeral service for Bro. Edwards took place on January 29, 2024 at the United Moravian Church, Harlem, New York at 7:00 pm. Please pray for his wife, his daughter, and the extended family as they celebrate his life and mourn his death.

**Children's Activity**  
**Corner**



**This Psalm is a prayer of Moses**  
**What did Moses say?**

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

**“Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
 throughout all generations.”**



**What else does the psalm say?**

Fill in the missing vowels.  
 eoeouaieeooououoeaae  
 ooeeaioeeaiouaeooouueoeaou

“B\_f\_r\_ th\_  
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## Let Us Celebrate



### Birthday Celebrants

January 16—31

Sis. Judy Winspeare Philip	23
Sis. Beverly Job	24
Sis. Andrea Lord-Smith	29



February 01—29

Sis. Adelyn Mgonola	03
Bro. Cortroy Jarvis	07
Bro. Errol Connor	21
Bro. Adrian Smith	21
Sis. Billie Sterling-Lewis	22
Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	24



March 1—15

Sis. Alicia Ross Floyd	07
Bro. Jeremy Francis	09
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	09



### Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

February 19—March 15

Bro. Kingsley Lewis & Sis. Maureen Lewis	19
Bro. Ralph Prince & Sis. Rosalind Prince	02



### Ordination Anniversary

January 1-31, February 1-15,

March 1– 15

Sis. Winelle Kirton-Roberts	January 10, 1995
Bro. Daniel Mark	January 13, 2019
Sis. Elva Richards-Goodwin	January 15, 2017
Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd	January 19, 2007
Bro. Kirk Barker	January 21, 2007
Bro. Delroy Burley	January 22, 2017
Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	January 23, 2005
Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis	January 29, 1995
Sis. Onita Samuel-Warner	February 04, 2014
Sis. Liselle Roberts	March 11, 2011
Bro. Ulston P. Smith	March 13, 2005

### Birth

Congratulations are extended to Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith and Dr. Jovanca Smith on the birth of the daughter, Jesanne Seraph Sophia Smith, on January 14, 2024 in Trinidad. Both mother and baby are doing well.



### Provincial Day of Prayer

Our next Provincial Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2024. This prayer meeting begins at 6:00 am and will be led by the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference. The link for the meeting will be shared in due course.



### Unity Sunday

Unity Sunday is observed on the **first Sunday of March** every year. It marks by celebration the birth of the Worldwide Moravian Church or the Unity - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1457. We share the joy of what God has done through Moravians over these 567 years. We are requested to pray for the work and witness of our Church Unity as we seek to be faithful to the mission of God.

A special Unity offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 3 2024. This offering will go towards settling of refugees from the displacement of the Ukraine crisis. Please give as you are able.



### Theological Education Sunday

Sunday March 24, 2024 is Theological Education Sunday.

Special prayers are requested for our Theological student, Sis. Chioma Henry, who is in her 3rd year of ministerial studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI).

ALL the words listed below are in the “Golden Rule Puzzle”, left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to high-light it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters to form the **Mystery Answer**.



Blessings,	Kindness,	Plank,
Coat,	Luke,	Poor,
Commandment	Mark,	Praise,
Community,	Mercy,	Pray,
Curses,	Money,	Receive,
Disciples,	Most High God,	Reward,
Do Good,	Needy,	Shirt,
Father,	New Command,	Sinners,
Followers,	Numbers,	Sons of God,
Forgive,	Others,	Speck,
Friendship,	People,	Thankful,
Golden Rule,	Perfect,	Virtue,
Jesus,	Persecute,	Warnings

1. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile? [Exodus 2:4](#)
2. Who would have nothing to do with the author of 3 John? [3 John 1:9](#)
3. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner? [Philemon 1:23](#)
4. James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results? [James 5:13-18](#)
5. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers? [1 John 1](#)
6. What does Solomon say about sin? [Ecclesiastes 7:20](#)
7. Who pretended to be mad to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy king? [1 Samuel 21:13](#)
8. Who was the priest of Bethel during the time of Amos? [Amos 7:10](#)
9. Who was the grandson of Samuel? [1 Chronicles 6:33](#)
10. Who was the high priest during the time of Zechariah? [Zechariah 6:10-11](#)
11. Finish this proverb: "Where there is no vision, ..." [Proverbs 29:18](#)
12. Finish this Proverb: "Labour not to be ..." [Proverbs 23:4](#)
13. Complete this verse: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth....." [Isaiah 52:7](#)
14. Complete this verse from Job: "...for the price of wisdom is ....." [Job 28:18](#)
15. 10. Who begins their book with: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken..." [Isaiah 1:2](#)

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# Moravian Multipurpose Complex

Conference Center & Apartments



*Conferences*

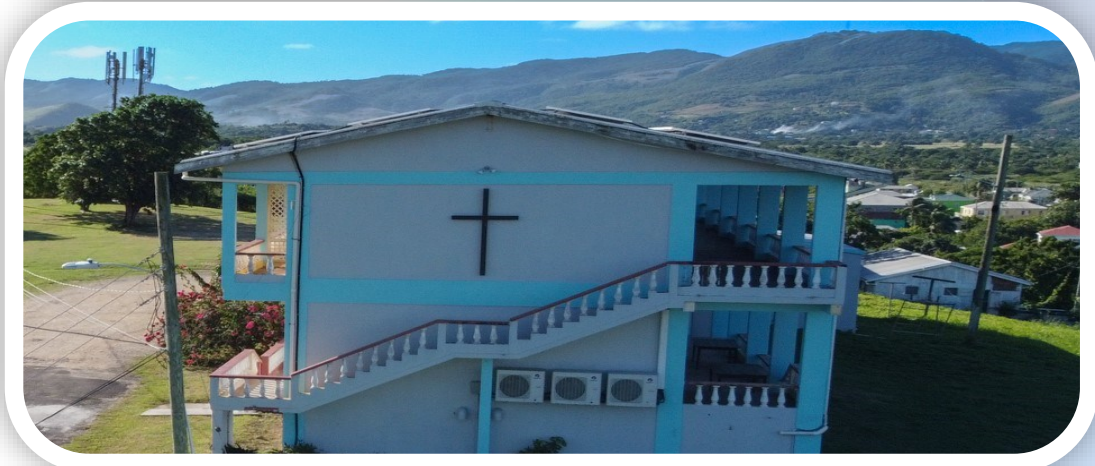
*Weddings*

*Banquets*

*Meetings*

*Dinners*

*Graduations*



- ◆ Only ten minutes away from the stores, shops and banks in St. John's. Our International airport is also just ten minutes away.
- ◆ Our balcony provides a refreshing view of undulating hills and valleys.
- ◆ The Conference Center has a seating capacity for 200 persons.
- ◆ We are situated on a hill over-looking the picturesque out-skirts of the city of St. John's, Antigua.
- ◆ There are EIGHT LARGE APARTMENTS which are available for rental. Each room is self contained with kitchenette. The rooms are air-conditioned with available internet cable TV. All utilities are included with the exception of telephone.

### Answers to Bible Quiz

1. His Sister Miriam
2. Diotrefes
3. Epaphras
4. Elijah
5. Children
6. That no one does not sin
7. David
8. Amaziah
9. Heman
10. Joshua
11. "...the people perish"
12. rich
13. good tidings
- 14 "...above rubies.
15. Isaiah

### Mystery Answer

*Sermon on the Mount*