



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Established 1777) 238 Years of Christian Witness



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The Voice of Zion

A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

Provincial Theme

Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus

Advance the Kingdom!

*(Developing God's Church
– Teaching, Reprimanding,
Empowering)*

Foundation Text:

Acts 1: 8

Matthew 28: 16-20

Romans 15:20

2 Timothy 4:2.

Conference Theme

*Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry*

Motto

In Essentials - *Unity*
In Non Essentials - *Liberty*
In All Things - *Charity*

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From The Pastor's Desk



Rev Hilton J Joseph

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

My family in Christ, the Buccoo Moravian Church (Tobago Conference) which was under construction for some time was dedicated on 12 February 2015 by the Rt Rev Dr Kingsley Lewis. We celebrate with them and wish them God's blessings as they continue to be the light in that section of God's vineyard. Below is a portion of the sermon preached by the Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis at the service of dedication.

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.

Message at Dedication of Buccoo Moravian Church

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.

*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.

One must never despise his/her beginning, The very first morning worship service was held



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Ministries Within The Church

Leadership

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Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday School
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ZMC Dancers

Ministry In Music

Zion Junior Choir
Zion Youth Choir
Zion Senior Choir
Praise Gospel Singers
Praise & Worship Team
ZMC Steel Band
Women's Fellowship
Dorcas Ministry
Zion Outreach Ministry
Bus Ministry
Bible Study
Health Care Team
New Believers Class
Zion Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team

Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God



Sister Sonia Daly-Finley

I was born in the beautiful village of Tabernacle to Gloria Archibald and Aston Rawlins on 04th December. My mother migrated to England and left me in the care of her older sister who was later assisted by her mother. They were assisted by my aunt, Vanta, uncles, Raphael and Melza, and Mrs. Azarine Mac Lachlan, my great aunt-in-law and godmother.

Like all of my maternal relatives of that and the preceding generations, I was christened and confirmed at the Estridge Moravian Church. I was a very active church member from a very tender age. I recall reciting and singing duets, trios or quartets at all of the Church activities. I also recall that my last presentation at the Church was singing "Unto Us a Child is Born" as a duet.

At the age of eleven (11) years, I was cooking "curry goat" and baking cakes for the various fund raisers that were held by the Church. In fact, around the same time, I embarked on my own fund raising drives for Missionary by making doughnuts for sale on Saturdays.

As a member of the Youth Club and Youth Choir, I travelled to Antigua where I met my life-long friends and confidants, Janet and Menelva. At the age of fourteen years, I became a Sunday School Teacher and taught for three (3) years before migrating to England.

My childhood years were laced with hard work, very little time to play. I attended two (2) Church Services, two (2) Sunday Schools and Open Air Services. Of course, I also had to attend all other Church activities as well as that of the "Gospel

Hall" Church. There were still the chores to be done, assignments to be done, week day Church activities to attend, Brownies, Girl Guides and then Rangers meetings and activities.

I was one of the first students to attend the Mary Lee Pre-School at Stone Castle, Tabernacle. I am most grateful to Ms Lee, now Richardson, as she had quite an influence on my life. She enabled me to develop some of my finer attributes and always encouraged me to aim for the stars.

Just before my fifth birthday, I was transferred to the Tabernacle Primary School. I quickly moved through the school system and at the age of ten (10) years sat the high school entrance examination. I was one of the youngest candidates to enter the secondary school system at that time.

Throughout my school life, I was fortunate to have had a number of teachers who believed in me. Mrs. Emily Mills, Ms Susana Lee, Mrs. Elizabeth Condell, Mr. Calvin Farrier, Ms Delores Hobson, Dr Burnell Nisbett, Mrs Joycelyn Ashby and Ms Katherine Taylor are most prominent in my mind. I am most grateful to them for believing in me and for encouraging me along life's journey.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention the many older women within the community, not just in Tabernacle, but also in Basseterre who never hesitated to correct me when they thought I was doing something I ought not to have been doing or when my uniform pleats were out of place.

I must also mention that my paternal grandmother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Rawlins and aunts - Inez Roberts and Constance Rawlins, impacted significantly on who I am today. It was no secret that my grandmother Mrs Rawlins and Aunt Inez were strict disciplinarians.

On completing the tertiary level education which was then the Sixth Form, I journeyed to England to undertake the Registered Nursing programme at my mother's bidding. Again, I was one of the youngest to enter the nursing programme at my school of training and won many prizes for my performance. I was fortunate to have my name entered in the British Medical Journal. I was



Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God (Cont'd)

recognized for my astuteness as a young and inexperienced nurse.

Also, it was no surprise that once again, I encountered tutors, clinical instructors and senior nurses who were impressed with my performance and encouraged me along my career path. Of course, I was not surprised as I firmly believe in my mantra, "the Lord looks after His children"; my steps are directed by the Lord (Proverbs 20:24).

I later pursued the post basic nursing programme in Midwifery and then the Bachelors and Master's Degrees along with numerous certified courses. I have had the opportunity to work in various specialized health care settings in England and Canada, as well as the Community and Hospital settings here in St. Kitts.

Although my dream was to be a dietician, I am thankful that I was led to nursing as a career. I have no regrets. The Lord has placed me in a strategic place to lead the wanderers home. I am about to celebrate my fortieth year as a nurse and I give God all the praise and glory for He has allowed me to serve my fellowmen, at home and abroad, with distinction.

While living in England, it was difficult to access the Moravian Church. It was a three (3) hour journey to the closest Moravian Church. I therefore attended the Anglican and Methodist Churches. Then, during my sojourn in Canada, I attended a Free Baptist Church. The experiences were rich and fulfilling. I appreciate the support of the late Mrs. Elaine Solomon and Mrs Valda Michael, Mr and Mrs Samuel Nathaniel, Mrs. Dahlia John, Ms Vivian Rawlins, Mrs Telca Francis and many others as I re-entered the Moravian congregation on my return home.

As I settled into the Zion congregation, I became a founding member of the Mini Multitude and later the Gospel Choir. I was also a founding member of the Zion Healthcare Team. I have served as a member of the Board of Stewards on several occasions and I am presently

completing my third term. I also served as a Sunday School teacher for a short time. Romans 12:1 encourages us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, to offer our mouths, our thoughts, our bodies, our words, our attitudes, our hands and our feet to Him to use in building His Kingdom.

In the wider community, I am a Board Member of the George Moody Stuart School and the Children's Home, Chairperson of the Wellness Committee of the Children's Home, Board Member of Alliance Française, Vice President of ICDF – Taiwan and an Executive Member of ROC'90 (a group of former classmates who assists selected secondary school children with their financial, educational and psychosocial needs).

There have been many trials and tribulations, but I hold fast to the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalms 23 and 121. I trust God; I know that He will never put me in a valley that He cannot take me out of. I am thankful for all my experiences as they have made me stronger and wiser. In fact, *Victory in Jesus* has become my favourite song and *Your Grace and Mercy*, my favourite chorus.

While Psalm 121 is my favourite Psalm, I encourage my family, in the good times and bad, to focus on the words of Psalm 23. He is a Shepherd that never deserts His children.

In 1980, I married Carlyle Daly (now deceased) and in 2009, Stanley Finley. I have two (2) lovely children, Karl and Kara and a grandson, Kaidyn. In 2013, I acquired another daughter, Valentina, by marriage. I am thankful to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me.

I am grateful to my many family members for their unwavering love and support as well as my dearest friends, Earla, Marilyn, Syl, Debbie, Orita, Zenia, Pearline, and ROC '90. I am also grateful to all the Pastors (and their wives) who impacted my life, from Reverend Brown to our present day Pastor, Reverend Joseph. I must also

make mention of my spiritual mothers and sisters, especially Mrs. Elva Kitson, Reverend George, Reverend Eulencine Christopher and Reverend Rosita Burton.

God has been in control of my life, He is my keeper and the Shade upon my right hand. I will ever praise and glorify His name.



The Leadership and Membership of the Zion Moravian Church express condolences:

Sis Marva Williams-Gumbs, Bro Trevor Williams and the Lewis/Williams Family on the passing of:

Sister Pearl Lewis
(Aunt)

Bro Glenroy Blanchette, Sisters Lydia, Xarielle, Kadeema Blanchette, Bro Merja Phipps, Sis Kimberly Phipps, Sis Shirley Phipps, the Phipps Boys and the Phipps Family on the passing of:

Sister Winifred Phipps
(Mother, Sister, Grandmother)

Sis Yvonne Jean, Bro Moise Jean, Bro Evan Jean and Sis Althea Jean on the passing of:

Mrs Lucienne Sancé of Haiti
(Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother)

May our Lord bless and comfort you and give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved ones rest in peace.



PEC Reports

Cloud of Witnesses

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 following biography of The Rev Rudolph Ignatius Clarence Holder 1929 - 2011 was submitted by his son Roland Holder.



Rudolph Ignatius Clarence Holder was born on 31 December 1929 in Georgetown, Guyana, the second son of Ronald and Vivian Holder. His parents had five sons and one daughter. Rudolph married Violet on 11 November 1961 and she predeceased him in 1999. That Union produced three children in Father Ronald 48, Richard 45 and Roland 43. From his children he has three grandchildren in Shandora, Romi

and Kristian. The RICH tradition started with his father. The initials of all his children spelled RICH.

Rudolph was a pharmacist until he received the call to enter the Ministry being ordained on 13 August 1959 at Calvary Moravian Church here in Barbados. He served in five of the six Eastern West Indies Provinces of the Moravian Church namely Antigua, Tobago, Trinidad, St. Kitts and Barbados. He returned to Barbados in October 1993 when he was posted at Mount Tabor Moravian Church in St. John where he served until he retired on 31 December 2000. During his initial period in Barbados he was Chairman of the Board of the Louis Lynch Secondary School, was an invigilator for CXC exams, was Superintendent of the Moravian Church and did some teaching/lecturing at some institutions when the need arose. Upon his retirement in 2000, he faithfully, on Wednesday mornings from 9 – 12 manned the MESA offices in Barbarees Hill until he was no longer able to do so.

As is the norm with the Moravian Church, he continued to serve when there was a need. He studied for a Master's Degree in Theology in Chicago while his wife Violet worked as a nurse nearby. Several times he told the story of Violet after being paid bringing the pay to him for him to take out whatever he needed to survive on. Of the balance she would use some and save the rest for a rainy day. I am not sure that many couples could exist in like manner today.

He enjoyed going to cricket at Kensington Oval to join Bishop Rufus Broome and John Blackman among others to watch the various matches being played there.

He was not much of a sports man himself, but several years ago he was 12th man of the Minister's side at a cricket match organised after a Synod in Barbados. He turned up in black dress shoes to be the 12th man, a fact that apparently did not go unnoticed, since he was never asked to be 12th man again.

Rudolph was an organised almost meticulous person and a very astute record keeper. He kept detailed diaries dating back to the 1980s and would go back and research what happened on a particular day. In almost every aspect of his life the evidence of a structured lifestyle stood out. When Violet was alive they would go to the supermarket on Tuesdays and once she passed away, that structure remained. Every Tuesday he would go to the supermarket to shop regardless of if he needed to or not. Letters written several years ago can be found to this day filed away in case they were needed. If Monday was therapy, whenever therapy occurred, it had to be on a Monday.

There was a determination about Rudolph which in some ways worked for him. Those who saw him in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital in the early part of 2007 can probably attest to that determination. He left the hospital weighing eighty-seven (87) pounds, had a feeding tube attached to his stomach so that he could eat, was unable to walk, literally unable to do anything for himself. He learned to walk again, learned to eat and began to gain some independence. He moved from needing 24 hour care to being able to be left on his own without supervision. While he learnt to do all this he never let on to most what the full extent of his mobility was and only those who went to physiotherapy with him knew how much mobility he had regained. That determination was such that if he did not wish to do something he simply would not do it. One day he said I don't want to go to physiotherapy today. Since he had missed a few of the preceding sessions, his care-givers decided he should go and made all the arrangements and took him to the physiotherapy session. Once he got there, he simply refused to do anything the physiotherapist asked him to do and when asked why he simply stated, "I said I didn't want to come." In local parlance the word most people would use is stubborn.

He found great joy in going to Mount Tabor to worship when he could, especially on Old Year's Night which was also his birthday. Since he looked forward to being among the congregation there, it was no great surprise when he chose Mount Tabor to worship on his 80th birthday in 2009. He was totally relaxed and at home among the congregation that he last served at and heartfelt thanks must be said to the Mount Tabor Men's Fellowship in particular who always welcomed him amongst them.



PEC Reports

Hymn of the Month for February 2015

With the arrival of February, the liturgical calendar of the Christian Church shifts to the season of Lent. This forty day journey begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. Throughout this Lenten season our attention is drawn to the image of Christ as the “Suffering Servant”. However, we do not just recall Christ’s temptation, suffering and death. We are also invited to embrace that as followers of Christ we too must share in his suffering and struggles if we are to share in the glory of his resurrection.

Lent calls us to once again realize that each day the call to discipleship involves bearing a cross. Yet we are not mournful for the cross is not just a symbol of shame and death. For us as believers, it also represents hope and victory. Most importantly, it points to the highest expression of God’s love for humanity. John 3: 16 is a fitting reminder of the extent of God’s love.

It is with that in mind that the hymn of the month for February brings us to once again meditate on the nature of God’s love for the whole world. The hymn is ***Love who in the first beginning*** and was written by Frances E. Cox in 1864. In our current hymnal it is #144 and the tune that has been designated is the German ***LIEBE DIE DU MICH***. The text of this hymn provides us with a panoramic view of the love of God from the beginning of time to that moment when we are reunited with God in heaven. It was God’s love that was first ignited in his creation of humanity. That same love continued to be manifested even after sin entered the world and corrupted us. To underscore the tenacity of God’s love and to highlight that God’s love is inescapable, the hymn reveals the ways in which God’s supernatural and eternal love has been shown: through the life of Jesus on earth; the work of the Holy Spirit; the submission of our will; and finally by our receiving the blessings of eternal life in the presence of God. Beyond the celebration of Valentine’s Day and the joys of human love, as we sing this hymn during the month of February and begin our Lenten journey let us also celebrate God’s love for us.

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

*Love, who in the first beginning
Man in thine own likeness made;
Love, who when we fell by sinning
Raised us up no more afraid;
Henceforth I myself resign,
Love, to be forever thine.*

*Love, who here on earth endured
Human sorrow, toil, and pain;*

*Love, who by thy death procurèd
Joy to me and endless gain;
Henceforth I myself resign,
Love, to be forever thine.*

*Love, who by thy word and spirit
Life and light to me revealed;
Love, who 'gainst the wrath I merit
Art my soul's protecting shield;
Henceforth I myself resign,
Love, to be forever thine.*

*Love, to whom my will submitted
When I took thine easy yoke;
Love, to whom my heart was knitted
When thy love its love awoke;
Henceforth I myself resign,
Love, to be forever thine.*

*Love, who wilt to heaven's bright story
Raise me from my sleep profound;
Love, who with the crown of glory
Wilt at length my head surround;
Henceforth I myself resign,
Love, to be forever thine.*

1864. Frances E. Cox

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts

Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee

Theological Education Sunday

Sunday 22 March 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, namely:

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 22 March 2015 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers-in-Training.

Let us pray that our Warden/Tutor and our Ministers-in-Training remain faithful to God and fulfil His purpose for their lives.

Glaucoma Information



Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that cause progressive damage to the optic nerve which is found at the back of the eyes. The damage is usually done at the point where the nerve leaves the eye to carry visual information to the brain.

If glaucoma is left untreated, it will progress without warning or obvious symptoms to the patients, towards gradual worsening and visual damage and may eventually lead to blindness. Once visual damage occurs, it is mostly irreversible and this has led to Glaucoma being described as “The sneak thief of sight”.

The most common type of glaucoma in adults is Primary Open Angle Glaucoma, a form most frequently encountered in patients of Caucasian and African ancestry.

There is no cure for Glaucoma as yet, and vision loss cannot be restored; however, medication or surgery can halt or slow down any further vision loss. Therefore, early detection is essential to limiting visual impairment.

If you are being treated for Glaucoma, it is critical that you maintain the eye medication regimen prescribed by your eye care professional or doctor in order for your medication to lower your Intra Ocular pressure (pressure in the eye) effectively.

You can also help to protect the vision of family members and friends, who may be at high risk for Glaucoma by encouraging them to have a comprehensive eye examination at least once per year. People with a family history of glaucoma are at risk; please encourage them to have their eyes examined at least once per year.

Remember the lowering of eye pressure in the early stages of Glaucoma slows progression of the disease and helps save your sight!

~ *Contributed by Sandra Lewis-Williams*
Assistant Nurse Manager
Ophthalmic Unit
JNF Hospital
Buckley's Site
St Kitts

Falling in Love with Jesus



Throughout history, the month of February has always been dubbed as the “love month” in honour of Valentine’s Day. The word love has been tossed around so freely over the years that it seems to have lost its true meaning and has become watered down. The Word of God tells us that true love comes from God who became flesh and demonstrated his perfect love for us by dying to save us from our sins. It is against this backdrop that the pastor and members of the Bethesda and New Dawn Moravian congregations decided to host their week of revival services under the theme “Falling in Love with Jesus,” to rekindle in us true love which comes from God and enables us to exhibit true love for Christ and for others. The services ran for one week starting on Sunday 01 February 2015 to Friday 06 February 2015. The Scripture focus for the week was John 21: 15-17 which highlights Christ’s plea to Peter to love and care for others and instilling in them the love that Christ demonstrated for us.

Rev. Hilton Joseph, the speaker for the first and second nights of services, spoke on the topic of **Loyalty** on the opening night. He said that Christ wanted Peter’s loyalty which He is still requiring of us today. He pointed out that true loyalty breeds **conviction** – our firm belief that Christ is who He said He is and will always be, **conversion** – putting away of our old ways and living a life that is sold out for God and **commitment** – dedication to doing all that He has asked of us.

Following the sermon the call was given for those who wanted to accept Christ as their Saviour to recommit their lives to Christ and give Him their complete loyalty and devotion and for those who were struggling to maintain their relationship with Christ. There was a great move of the Holy Spirit that night and many gave their lives to Christ while many more were able to experience true deliverance. For many the process of falling in love with Jesus began at the altar that night.

~ *Sis Lilette L Lewis*



For Your Calendar

March 2015

Bible Study continues on Tuesday at 7:00pm. All are invited.

Youth Fellowship meets on **Fridays at 07:15pm**

Girl's Brigade meets every **Monday at 5:00pm**.

Junior Choir meets on **Fridays at 5:00 pm**.

The **Zion Mass Choir** meets every **Saturday at 3:00pm**. Members are asked to take note and to be punctual.

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry Sunday on **15 March 2015**. Invite another brother to church and let's worship the Lord our God Almighty.

Copies of the 2014 Emancipation Concert Collector's Item DVD are available at the church office at a cost of EC\$40. However, you are welcome to give a love offering of \$50. Persons purchasing three (3) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each.

All-Night Prayer Meetings will be held on **20 March** from **10:00 pm to 5:00 am**. Come and pray as we "**STAND IN THE GAP**".

Convention Sunday (Birthday of the Unitas Fratrum) was observed at the **Bethel Moravian Church**, Parsons on **Sunday 1 March 2015 at 9:00 am**.

Daily Texts are now available: large print @ \$48.00 and small print @ \$40.00. Please support.

There are still copies of available of "**Emancipation Come – The yearnings of a people to be Free**" written by Rev Denise Smith-Lewis, former Superintendent and Pastor in the Conference.

The **St. Kitts Christian Council** invites us to the **Wednesday Lenten Midday**

Services, which started on **Wednesday 25th February 2015**, from 11:50am to 12:40pm at the St. George's Parish Church. The theme is "**GOD'S GRACE THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST**".

The General Theme is **Grace** to be used with each letter being crafted to become a concept as the sub-theme for each denomination spread over the five weeks as follows:-

25 February	Moravian Church	G
03 March	Methodist Church	R
11 March	Salvation Army	A
18 March	Catholic Church	C
25 March	Anglican Church	E

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 2: 8-9.
Come and be blessed.

Our **Lenten Season Deeper Life Services** started on **Ash Wednesday 18 February**.

Services have continued every Wednesday from 25 February. The remaining services are as follows:

Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 6:00pm
– Pastor Mark Hodge

Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 6:00pm
– Rev Deslyn Belle-Watson

Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 6:00pm
– Rev Devere Nugent

Thursday 26th March 2015 at 6:00pm
– Rev Devere Nugent

Friday 27th March 2015 at 6:00pm
– Rev Devere Nugent

The invitation is being extended to The House of Zion for 40 days of prayer and fasting from 18 February to 04 April, excluding the Sundays.

During this time we will be praying for:

- Salvation of Person who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;
- Spiritual growth of Members;

- Growth of Ministries;
- Healing for those who are sick;
- Persons facing issues;
- Prayer for Federation;
- Prayer for Leadership of Local Conference;
- Prayer for P E C;
- Prayer for the Moravian Church EWIP;
- Prayer for Synod; and
- Prayer for Election Processes at Synod (election of Bishop and PEC members).

Please see the following as a suggested guide for those fasting:

Week 1 (18 - 25)	Provision and Fish.
Week 2	Fruits and vegetables
Week 3	Soups
Week 4	Grains and nuts
Week 5	Liquids

There is also the option of fasting on the six Wednesdays for Lent (6:00am - 6:00pm)

Holy Week Services:

- **Palm Sunday 29 March** at 8:00am – march from Circus to Church
- **Palm Sunday 29 March** at 9:00am – Rev Devere Nugent
- **Palm Sunday 29 March** at 6:00pm – Senior Club – Rev Devere Nugent
- **Monday 30 March** at 7:00pm – Board of Stewards; Sis Moyia Rowtham
- **Tuesday 31 March** at 7:00pm – Bible Study; Sis Isilin Lewis
- **Wednesday 01 April** at 7:00pm – Youth Ministries; Sis Gwenella Benjamin
- **Thursday 02 April** at 7:00pm – Elders Board; Bro. Carl Greaux
- **Friday 03 April** at 9:30am – Sunday School Teachers; Rev Hilton Joseph
- **Sunday 05 April** at 5:00am – Pastor & Pastoral Team; Rev Hilton Joseph
- **Sunday 05 April** at 9:30 am – Rev. Hilton Joseph

Congratulations Bro Ian Liburd



The Leadership of the Zion Moravian Church extends congratulations to the Honourable Ian “Patches” Liburd on his recent victory in St. Kitts-Nevis Federal Elections on Monday 16 February 2015.

Bro Liburd contested the elections in Constituency # 1 (East Basseterre) as a candidate for the People’s Action Movement under the Unity Construct.

He ran against the former Deputy Prime

Minister and St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party candidate, Mr. Earl Asim Martin.

Bro Liburd was born and raised in Newtown, East Basseterre. He received his early education at the Newtown Primary School, Basseterre Boys’ School, and the St Kitts-Nevis Grammar School, now known today as the Basseterre High School.

Bro Liburd has a Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (DMS) from the University of Plymouth (Faculty of Maritime Studies) and is a qualified, Professional Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport (MCIT). He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (FCMI).

Bro Liburd’s career has been grounded in both the Private and Public Sectors. He served as the General Manager of St. Christopher Air & Sea Ports Authority, Director of Maritime Affairs and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministries of Public Works, Utilities, Transport and Posts, and Community Affairs, Lands, Housing, Fisheries, Community Development and Gender Affairs.

Bro Liburd is an avid sportsman, and has held leadership roles in the St. Kitts Football Association, St. Kitts-Nevis Olympic Association, and the St. Kitts Cricket Association.

Bro Liburd is an active member of the Zion congregation. When the time permits, he uses his soothing voice to add to the service.

In a ceremony held at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium on Sunday 21 February 2015, Bro Liburd was officially sworn into office as Minister of Public Infrastructure, Posts, Urban Development and Transport. Also at that the same ceremony, Bro Timothy Harris from the Ebenezer Estridge Moravian Church in Mansion and Bro Eugene Hamilton from the Bethesda Moravian Church in Cayon, were also sworn into office as Prime Minister/Minister of Finance, Sustainable Development, National Security, People Empowerment and Constituency Empowerment and Minister of Agriculture, Health, National Health Insurance, Human Settlements, Community Development, Gender, Affairs and Social Services, respectively.

Heartiest Congratulations Brothers Liburd, Harris and Hamilton. We prayer that God will guide you during your term in office as you serve this our twin island Federation, St. Kitts and Nevis.

From the Pastor’s Desk (Cont’d)

in the Buccooneers Pan Tent on 28 August 1988. The Captain of the Buccooneers 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 ask 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 9½ 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.



Special Prayer Requests



Whether your need is small or great, you are welcome to use God's direct 24-hour hotline — prayer!

His promise is, *"Call to me and I will answer you."* (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons

listed below and be reminded that *"you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* (Matthew 21:22)

Sisters Gloria James, and Veronica Stevens (USA). Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Dahlia John, Dorette Rawlins, Althea Byron and Brothers Samuel Nathaniel and Earl Brotherson (St. Kitts). Please also remember in prayer Bro Glenroy Blanchette and family, Bro Merja Phipps and the Phipps Family, and the family of Sis Pearl Lewis.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please remember in prayer our Zion Shut-Ins. Their names are as follows:



Sisters Connie Smith, Nora Godwin, Brenda Manners, Mavis Deosaw (Overseas) and Abdelita Glasford (Barbados).

Brothers Vernon Connor and James Phipps.

Celebration Corner



March Birthday Celebrants

5th - Sis Latoya Somersall, 6th - Sis Jillian Tudor-Akeem, Bro Orin Lewis, 9th - Bro Lloyd Matthew, 10th - Bros Omandey Byron and Bernard Rawlins, Srs Eileen Robinson and Sis Helen Woods, 13th - Srs Tryphena James and Greta Musgrave, 16th - Bro Rudolph Wattle, 18th - Sis Jasmine Jeffers, 19th - Srs Tonya Watts, Myrna Archibald and Sis Sandra DeSilva-Wilkes, 21st - Bro Charles Benjamin, 22nd - Srs Sheryl Reid-Nisbett and K'Tusha Liburd, Bro Wilfred Mitcham, 23rd - Sis K'Shanta Reid, Bro Frank Sargeant, 24th - Bro Zahmoyah Nisbett, Srs Veangele Williams (USA) and Audrey Henry, Bro Henry Mitcham, 25th - Sis Doris Powell, 26th - Sis Giovanna Greux, Bro Steve Francis, 27th - Srs Deidrea Morton, Hyacinth Gumbs, and Tammy Byron, 29th - Sis Sasha DeSuza and Sis Kristal Gardner and 31st - Sis N'Gozi Nicholls, Bro Sidney Osborne.

Happy Anniversary March Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

07th March Bro Orin & Sis Lilette Lewis
18th March Bro Charles & Sis Margaret Benjamin
31st March Bro Wilmoth & Sis Yvonne Farrell

College Prayer Watch



Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12 (NIV)). Studying abroad and being away from family and loved ones is a stressful time for many students. Hence, this is why the Zion Community is asking members of the Congregation to bear up in prayer our student members studying overseas. Their names are as follows:-

UNITED STATES

Sis Y'Cole Boncamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Bro Withley Williams
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Dujon DeSuza
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tonya Watts
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Christin Scarborough

CANADA

Bro Alester Thomas
Bro Hasani Lapsey

ST THOMAS USVI

Sis Nadia Francis

UNITED KINGDOM

Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Sis Asha DeSuza

TAIWAN

Bro Lindbergh Belle

JAMAICA

Sis Avicia Sweeney
Bro Kyle Bradshaw

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr



Youth Connection

Lenten Sacrifice for Our King

“Our sacrifice is little when we consider the sacrifice of our King.”

The stone is rolled away! The tomb is empty! Christ is Risen! These will be our joyous proclamations on Easter Sunday. Before we reach the Joy of the Resurrection, there is a season of preparation during which we focus our hearts and minds on the life of Jesus, and this is done during the season of Lent.

Lent is a forty (40) day journey (not counting Sundays!); starting on Ash Wednesday and climaxes during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. **The word Lent comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning “springtime”.**

During this season, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, as well as his death and resurrection. Also, during Lent we remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. During this time Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist.

Lent is a time of giving up things. It is a time when we give up or turn away from something that we enjoy or something that controls us, showing a sacrifice for God as we begin preparing for Easter. **In other words a time to test one’s self-discipline.**

During this season of Lent what do you plan on giving up? Very often, we tend to give up those bad habits that we enjoy, like

eating too many meats, desserts, candy, chocolate, sodas, etc. Some of us give up activities we enjoy, like watching too much television, Facebook and/or playing video games.

You can give up other things as well. Maybe you are a person who pops gum loudly or talks in class while the teacher is giving a lesson. Giving up such bad habits would certainly be a sacrifice to God! How about fighting with your brother or sister, or ‘back-talking’ your parents? Are those habits that could be given up for Lent?

How is giving up something during Lent making a sacrifice for God? Why is it important for us to make this sacrifice to God during the season of Lent? As we make the sacrifice of giving up something we enjoy or something that is a bad habit during Lent, we begin the process of tuning our lifestyles so we can live a clearer and cleaner life for Christ.

The way we live our life is called our lifestyle, so when we improve our lifestyle by giving up a bad habit, we are “tuning” our life. God wants us to always be tuning our life by giving up those bad habits and replacing them with good habits.

As you give up something that you enjoy or something that controls you, such as a bad habit, sometimes you substitute that old bad habit with another one! For example, I gave up drinking Coca Cola (Coke) during one Lenten season but

found myself drinking lots of ginger ale and coffee. Although I gave up Coke which is a caffeinated carbonated soda, I traded in my very favourite beverage for another carbonated soda (ginger ale) and continued drinking caffeine by way of coffee. I “traded” one bad drinking habit for two bad drinking habits until someone pointed it out to me.

So when you think about what you want to give up for Lent, try to trade that old habit with something good. If you give up candy and sweets for Lent, what could you eat instead that would be good for you? **How about if you give up television? What could you do instead of watching television that would be good for you?** Rather than fighting with your brother or sister, what could you do in exchange?

So making a sacrifice to God during the Lenten season not only means giving up something you enjoy or something that controls you, it also means trading old, bad habits with good, healthy habits. Once you have made that trade your lifestyle will become more in tune with God.

Prayer: *Dear God, as we move into the season of Lent, help each of us to tune our lives so we can know God more clearly. Help us to focus on good, healthy habits as we do away with old, bad habits in Jesus’ name with thanksgiving. Amen..*

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member

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Lenten Tribute



We give thanks to you, Father of Jesus Christ!

You continue to bless us richly by supplying us with so many things in this part of Your vineyard.

We lift Your name on high and offer praises unto the King!

Throughout this Lenten journey, we take into consideration the many things that Jesus Christ has done for us and continues to do. We remember the cross, a powerful symbol of His love for humanity. **His suffering on the cross, though a painful reminder, brings to life what I term as the four Ps – the truest form of purpose, passion, prayer and presence.** We thank you, Lord Jesus, for your commitment and shower praises on Your name. The cross is our bridge to the Father and we are eternally grateful that you sacrificed Your life for us in such a gruesome way.

As I reflected on this critical journey, the following verses which represent well-known hymns for this significant period resonated in my spirit. ***Let the peace of Christ surpass all our prejudices and overshadow all negativity in our lives. Let us be thankful and prayerfully reflect on these hymns. Amen.***

The Son of God: His Passion Section in the Moravian Hymn Book

Hymn 86 - Jesus, Source of My Salvation

*Jesus, source of my salvation
Conqueror of death and hell
Thou who didst, as my oblation
Suffer more than tongue can tell
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit
Thousand, thousand thanks to thee
Dearest Lord forever be*

Hymn 87 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

Hymn 91 - In The Cross Of Christ I Glory

*In the cross of Christ I glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime*

Hymn 95 - Lord Through This Holy Week Of Our Salvation

*Lord through this holy week of our salvation
Which thou hast won for us who went astray
In all the conflict of thy sore temptation
We would continue with thee day by day*

~Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Stewardship is profoundly spiritual before it is financial (Ps 24:1) – everything that I have—everything that I am—is a blessing from God! Our resources are a sacred trust—God still owns it all.

“Church Giving Matters: More Money Really Does Mean More Ministry”, Ben Stroup

Opportunity for Giving

Thank you for your donations towards the special offering – My Gift for the King. **A total of \$20,508.06 was collected as at 28 February 2015.**

Voice of Zion Newsletter Contributions

Please note that your financial contributions towards this ministry are greatly appreciated. This monthly publication bears a cost and we continue to ask for your support in this regard. **Your contributions can be made at any time, but if you wish, you can donate during the month of your birth or wedding anniversary.** Please submit your monetary gifts at the Church's office. We look forward to your continued support.

Windows Project

Thank you for your contributions thus far which have allowed the **installation of five windows.** We currently have **\$35,191.62** set aside and would like to resume this project with the installation of three windows in 2015.



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PEC Reports (cont'd)

Watchword 2015

The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province has been honoured to facilitate the drawing of the individual watchwords for the Unity Board, the Unity Provinces, the Mission Provinces of the Moravian Church and the Unity Undertakings.

The Watchword assigned to the Eastern West Indies Province for 2015, is the one drawn for 31 March 2015:

"Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, 'who sees us? Who will know?'" Isaiah 29: 15 NIV

Let us lift up our Church leaders in prayer and implore them to serve with humility and integrity.

"Lord, we pray for our leaders and ask that you give them the ability to make wise decisions, to govern with respect, and to accomplish their tasks in ways that build up our Church.

May they bring honour to the position that they hold as they serve our members. Amen."



Sunday 8th March 2015 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

Youth Sunday

Pastor: Rev Hilton J Joseph * Preacher: Sis Gwenella Benjamin

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Pre-recorded Music

A time of Encountering God

Song *Thank You For The Cross Lord*

Call to Worship

Song *Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed*

Song *All The Way To Calvary*

Communal Prayers: The Litany for Lent

Ministry through our Youths

- Junior Choir
- Youth Choir

A Time to Re-hear and Respond to the Word of God

Moment of Silence

Pentateuch Torah: Exodus 20: 1-17

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

Communal Response *Wonderful Words of Life*

Proclamation **Sis Gwenella Benjamin**

Wrestling with the Word/Altar Ministry

Offertory Song Praise Team

Welcome and Words of Encouragement

Notices

Youth Quake

Compassionate Father, as we come before you this Sabbath day, let us be ever mindful of your helpful and healing hands that protect us and hold us close to you always. Thanks be to God! Amen.