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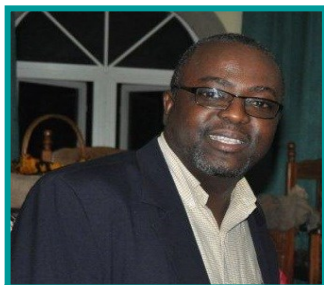
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

This month's issue of From the Pastor's Desk is a continuation of the article, **A Fast Message from God (Isaiah 58:6-8)**, an adaption from the *Grace Notes Sermon Ministry* and focus for this year will be guided by the Provincial Theme – Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys. I am suggesting that one such 'key' is FASTING.

Yours in Christ,
Hilton J Joseph
Pastor

God's Nine Main Purposes for Fasting (Isaiah 58)

- Fasting to get freedom from addictions (v.6: "loose the bands") – drugs, porn, alcohol, cursing, thought life.
- God has ordained that when we get serious about walking in victory we demonstrate it through fasting.
- Fasting to solve problems (v.6: "undo heavy burdens") – child's knotted shoelaces, messed up finances, marriage in shambles, job solution. Turn to prayer and to your Bible. When it seems hopeless, no way out, God will deal within an instant what you've stressed for weeks and months!
- Fasting for revival and soul-winning (v.6: "let oppressed go free") – I challenge you to do that this week!
- Fasting to conquer mental and emotional problems (v.6: "break every yoke") – I've never seen so many people stressed out, under such emotional strain as lately! Burdens: family, financial, etc.
- Fasting to meet the physical needs of others (v.7: "deal" = share) – to cut back once in a while and give that food or money to feed the poor (special blessing in Scripture!)
- Fasting for clearer insight in decision-making (v. 8 "light break forth") – Different from problem-solving... this is when you're seeking God's will in a major area of life... you're at the fork in the road and don't know which way to go [job offers/transfer/dating/

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom:

Thematic Focus
Use the Keys"

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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ministry/college]. It's like God turns on the lights and now you know what to do!

- Fasting for health reasons or healing (v.8: "thy health shall spring forth speedily") – Have loved ones who are in bad shape? Get serious and fast for them! Is it your health in question? When there's no hope from a human perspective, put it in God's hands...it may be His will to honour that.
- Fasting for a more righteous life and influential testimony (v.8: "thy righteousness shall go before thee") – It's easy for a Christian to grow cold...so say, "Lord, light a fire under me! Make me like I was when I was first saved! I want to be closer to You, Lord!" If you get serious enough to deny yourself in the physical realm, it will be amazing what God will do in your soul spiritually!
- Fasting for the glory of the Lord, to protect us from the evil one (v.8b: "reward" = protection) – Do you have a loved one under Satanic oppression or possession?

Matthew. 17:16-21 - ¹⁶*I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.* ¹⁷*Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.* ¹⁸*And Jesus rebuked the*

devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?* ²⁰*And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.* ²¹*Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

Apply this to our nation now: who would have ever thought we'd live under threat of something like a briefcase nuke, airliner missile, smallpox attack, anthrax attack, biochemical attack, weapons of mass destruction? These are perilous times...and we should pray thusly when we fast!

The Benefits of Fasting More Time to Pray

Fasting and prayer is illustrated in people who can't eat (waiting in surgery waiting room...can't eat, time on hands, might as well pray (I Samuel 1:7—Hannah) or the death of a loved one: it's a good way of demonstrating our grief over that. (II Sam. 3:35—Abner died, David fasted).

We talk about being grieved over abortion, but have we demonstrated that grief? Burdened for revival in our church – have you fasted? Fasting is also a way of

encouraging grief over sin. Ever wished you were more burdened over sin? One way to cultivate grief is fasting.

Fasting makes our heart more attentive to God.

Amazing how much time you have on your hands if you're not eating, preparing, cleaning up after supper, watching TV, or engaged in other fleshly endeavors.

Fasting demonstrates to God our seriousness ...about wanting a spiritual breakthrough...

Old hymn: "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou giv'n for Me?"

Most of us live to eat...few eat to live! When we get serious with God, He gets serious with us!

Potential Dangers of Fasting (but blessings far outweigh!)

Attempting to manipulate God with our fasting

vv. 1-9 Israel was living wickedly, yet they would fast for things they wanted, but then when their fasting didn't produce the desired results, they'd get mad with God and say, "Well, a lot of good it does to fast!" God rebukes them here for fasting incorrectly...trying to appease a God who is angry with their sin!

Fasting is meant to change our circumstances...and to change US, not to change God!

Worship: why does God demand it...ego? No, He

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RECEPTION: WELCOME TO THE FOLD

On Sunday 05 February, the Zion Moravian church received into the congregation, four (4) children through Infant baptism and nine Adults together with the newly confirmed individuals.

'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.' Proverbs 22 vs. 6.

The following infants were brought by their parents and godparents for baptism:



Darrenique Caines

Darrenique Ke'-Shaunte Caines – offspring of Nadia Francis and Darren Caines;



Jeovanni Lockhart

Jeovanni Isreal Tarron Lockhart – offspring of Ramornee Smith and Jeovanni Lockhart;



Malia Harvey

Malia Alma Caeli Harvey - offspring of Elneth Toussaint-Harvey and Wilmoth Harvey; and



Kyle Roberts

Kyle Maalik Alejandro Roberts - offspring of Estafani Ramnel Reyes and Kyle Roberts.

Reception

Following the Infant Baptism, the following Brothers and Sisters were received into the Congregation:

Bro Keith Roberts, Sis Lydia Roberts, Sis Bernadine Byron, Sis Kathleen Thomas, Bro Patrick Griffith, Sis Norma Griffith, Sis

Eudiler Pemberton, Sis Cherise Francis-Belgrove, Sis Ornelia Halliday-Bacchus. On Sunday 05 March 2017, Bro Damien Bacchus was received into the Congregation of Zion at the Combined Service held at the Estridge Moravian Church, Mansions.



The Leadership and members of Zion welcome the babies and Adults into the congregation. May the parents and godparents of the babies be ever mindful of their responsibility to accompany them to Church for exposure to the Word of God.

We do hope that you the adults, may over a period of time blend in with the congregation and identify one or more areas where you can assist in the Church ministries for the betterment of the Church in general.





PEC REPORTS

Hymn of the Month February 2017

Our hymn for the month of February is # 583 – ***I thirst for Christ so deep within***. It was written by the Rev Dr. Mikie Roberts in 2003. The name of the assigned tune, ***MIDNIGHT***, is an original composition that was written and arranged by the Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith.

Everybody knows what it is to be physically hungry and thirsty. They are among our basic human needs and we do all in our power to make sure that they are met. But we do not only hunger and thirst physically, we are also spiritual beings. Jesus himself when tempted by the devil responded in Matthew 4: 4, “***Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.***” Conscious of our need for spiritual nourishment, this hymn expresses this deep desire and assures us of the truth that Christ is able to meet us at our point of need. The opening verse mirrors scriptural invitations uttered first by God through the lips of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah in chapter 55: 1, “***Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink--even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk--it's all free!***” While in the Gospel Jesus makes this promise in John 6: 35, “***I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.***”

The second verse reflects the joy of one who having heard the divine invitation and accepted it can now testify of having had their spiritual longings met. Once we have experienced being fed and nourished by Christ, then we become conscious that there are others like us who are also searching to have their un-met spiritual needs satisfied. The focus of the hymn then shifts in the last verse to those who are still hungering and thirsting for more. The one who has been filled can now give direction to others and bring them to the banqueting hall where they too can “***taste and see that the Lord is good.***” Psalm 34: 8. This hymn will be appropriate for use in a communion service.

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

*1 I thirst for Christ so deep within,
He calls to me and says, 'Come, drink,'
I hunger for the bread divine,
He welcomes me to come and dine.*

*2 I came and tasted of the Lord,
My soul was filled to overflow;
My heart now bursts with endless joy,
For Christ, has set my heart aglow.*

*3 To all who long and thirst for more,
The Saviour stands outside your door;
A joyous feast awaits each soul
And grace abounds to make us whole.*

2003. Mikie A. Roberts

Mikie Roberts (Rev. Dr.)

Ordination

Rev. Elva Richards, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, was ordained a Deacon on Sunday 15 January 2017.



The service was held at the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands at 4.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer was the Presiding Bishop.

Rev. Delroy Burley, presently serving as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church in Barbados, was ordained a Deacon on Sunday 22 January 2017. The service was held at the Sharon



Moravian Church in Barbados at 6.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis was the presiding Bishop.





PEC REPORTS

Mission Trip to Tanzania for their 10th Anniversary of TEKU

Sis Winelle and Bro Mikie recently embarked on a mission trip to Tanzania. The following is a brief report of their experience:



We arrived in Dar es Salaam on Saturday 22 October 2016, after a very long but relaxing flight from Miami first to Quatar. Rev Samuel Mwaiseje warmly greeted us at the airport. It seemed as if we had come home in that a few persons including one customs officer approached us speaking in Swahili. We stayed in Dar es Salaam that weekend and had the opportunity to worship with one of the local Moravian congregations. It was truly a wonderful worship experience and the fellowship

with the members was inspiring. Rev Samuel and his wife hosted us after worship for lunch.

On Monday 24 October 2016, we took an early morning flight to Mbeya where we were excitedly greeted by Sis Mary Katigeli. For the next week, Sis Mary ensured that our visit to the TEKU was most memorable. We participated fully in all of the anniversary celebrations which included an exhibition, campus tours and the 10th Anniversary & Graduation Exercises. Sis Winelle and Bro Mikie, along with other specially invited guests, were embraced as honoured guests. The hospitality extended personally by Sis. Mary as well as Vice Chancellor, Professor Kassimoto and the entire staff and student body has left us with life long memories. We were able to have meaningful conversations which allowed us to better understand the general structure of the University and its vision for the future.

There are so many other experiences we had during our visit which we will long cherish.

Our final Sunday in Mbeya afforded Sis Winelle the opportunity to preach at one of the local congregations. That worship too was so inspiring especially with the music of the choirs. Sis Mary served as the interpreter for Sis Winelle's sermon. While in Mbeya we also had the chance to meet other members of the Provincial Board and several Bishops.

On Sunday 30 October, we left Mbeya back to Dar es Salaam for our return trip to Miami the following day. Overall, this mission trip, though relatively short, has made a lasting impact on us. We left with a clearer sense of vision of the scope of the TEKU Institution.

We returned very proud of the work in higher education that we as Moravians are undertaking, not only in Tanzania but also elsewhere. Dr. Byron Grigsby and his family were also present for the anniversary celebrations.

The collaboration between Moravian College and TEKU is to be applauded. We were so excited when we met Sis Cicely who was on furlough in Tanzania.

We give thanks to God for taking us safely and for allowing us the opportunity to fellowship with our Moravian brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

~ Reverends Mikie and Winelle Roberts

Unity Sunday

Sunday 05 March 2017 was Unity Sunday. It was on 01 March 1457 that the Moravian Church was born. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.

A special offering was taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday 05 March. The offering will go towards supporting the Unity Mission Conference which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 15 to 20 November 2017.

Congratulations

The PEC Extends congratulations to:

- The Rev Nevin Lewis and Sis. Billie Sterling-Lewis are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Amarah Elise Georgette-Ann Lewis. She entered this world at about 4.44 pm on 24 December 2016 and weighed in at approximately 6lbs 8 ounces. Both mother and baby are doing fine. We thank God for a safe journey and wish the family well. Congratulations, Brother and Sis. Lewis on behalf of the Provincial family.
- The Rev. Adrian Smith who has completed his PhD in Leadership, with Piedmont International University, Winston Salem, North Carolina. His thesis was entitled "Examining the transformational and servant leadership characteristics of Elders of the Barbados Conference of the Moravian Church. The Graduation is due to take place in May 2017. The Eastern West Indies Province offers Congratulations to Dr. Adrian Smith on the successful completion of his doctoral studies.

Furlough

The Rev Andrew Roberts of the Barbados Conference requested and was granted Furlough from 01 February to 30 May 2017.





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 Laverne Huggins, Gloria James, and Veronica Stevens and Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Rahmona Casey, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas and Beverly James; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Basil Byron and Mr Walter B. Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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

Sisters Connie Smith, Brenda Manners, Iris McDonald, Eugenie Belgrove, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, Eileen Robinson and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor, Arthur Thompson, Washington Archibald, Basil Byron, St. Clair Byron 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, Sis Eileen Robinson, 13th - Srs Tryphena James and Greta Musgrave, 16th - Bro Rudolph Wattle, 18th - Sis Jasmine Jeffers, 19th - Srs Tonya Watts, Myrna Archibald and 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 Greaux, 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.



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 Ycole Boncamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tarhia Slack

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza

BARBADOS

Sis K'Shanta Reid



THE 560/240 CHURCH BIRTHDAY SERVICE



On closing, Min Browne advocated that as we press through our various circumstances, we should Pray Until Something Happens (P.U.S.H).

After the sermon, two offerings were collected: one for the Unity Offering (Unity Conference in Africa) and the other to defray Moravian Week 2017 expenses. The Anniversary Service ended shortly after and was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday 05 March 2017 truly marked a great beginning to a new week and a new season for us as Moravians. May we, like Count Zinzendorf, declare, "I have but one passion: JESUS!"



Moravian Week 2017 climaxed on Sunday 05 March 2017 with a Combined Service celebrating the 560th Anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum as well as the 240th Anniversary of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference. The Service was held at the Estridge Moravian Church from 9:30 am.

The service was indeed a blessing with thanks and praise being offered to Almighty God for His faithfulness, providence, and guidance over the years. The Conference Combined Choirs sang beautifully unto God. The winners of the two age categories of Psalm Alive (both of Zion) brought Psalms 23 and 121 to life through their enunciation and gesticulation.

The preached Word was delivered by Min. Marlene Browne, the Co-Pastor of the Tortola Moravian Fellowship. After extending her congratulations to the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference and expressing her thanks for being afforded the opportunity to preach at this occasion, she 'dug in' to the Word. Min. Browne shared that as Moravians we are history makers and world changers, a great force to be reckoned with when we are united. She urged that we see ourselves as 'treasure islands' and exhorted that we do the following:

- Go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)
- Look at ourselves and see how we can make the church better
- Know who we are from the inside out
- Remain rooted and grounded in the Holy Ghost





FOR YOUR CALENDAR ~ MARCH 2017

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on Tuesday 14 March 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** on Monday at 4:00 pm.
- **Girls Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
- **Boys' Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00pm.
- **Oasis Moments** Wednesday at 12:00 noon.
- **Children's Ministry** on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15 pm.
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:15 pm.
- **Praise Team Ministry** on Saturday at 5.15 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of **March 2017**. Members are asked to note that the dates will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry on **Sunday 19 March 2017**. Bring a brother to Church with you.

Hospital Visitation

Members are asked to notify the office of persons who are hospitalised. Also, persons who are discharged from the hospital are asked to call and notify the office that they are at home.

Lenten Midday Service

The Annual Christian Council Lenten Mid-week Services will be held at Wesley Methodist Church commencing on 15 March from 11:50 am to 12:40 pm. The theme is "Crossing Barriers to Wholeness".

- 11:50 am to 12:00noon - Time of Singing
- 12:00 noon to 12:40 pm - Lenten Service

Zion Lenten Open Air Services

During the month of March a series of Lenten Open Air Services will be held starting on Wednesday 08 March starting at 7:00 am nightly:

- 15 March - Conaree Village
- 22 March - Buckley's
- 05 April - Corner of Shear Lane and Central Street.

All are invited to come and share as we spread the good news of the gospel in word and food hampers.

Moravian Senior Club

The Moravian Senior Club is celebrating its sixth anniversary this year. All active retired members of Zion, males and females, are invited to join the Club and enjoy their senior years in good Christian fellowship; make new friends and stimulate both mind and body. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 10.00am to noon at the Old Boys' School on Seaton Street.

Health & Healing Sunday

The Zion Health & Healing Sunday will take place on Sunday 19 March at 9:30 am. The Healing Service will commence at 9:30 - 10:30 am. This will be followed by a Health Fair: Doctor's visit and screening and testing at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Invite a friend or bring family. Bring family members, we expect God to show up and heal.

Coming Soon!

Zion Small Business Sunday

Our 1st Zion Small Business Sunday will be held on "The Sunday 23 April at 9:30 am under the theme. "Power to Give Wealth". More information will be given in subsequent Church Notices.





DE-RISKING AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS

What is De-risking?

- According to a definition by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), de-risking is the termination of or the restriction of business relationships to avert risks related to money laundering and terrorist financing.
- In the Caribbean, de-risking has taken the form of international banks terminating their relationships with regional banks and/or terminating their relationship with certain clients and businesses which may be perceived as high risk.
- For some international banks, de-risking is mainly a business decision to terminate some business relationships as the costs associated with providing correspondent services outweigh the revenue gained from same.
- Customers may notice an increase in the prices of certain products and/or services provided by local banks and other financial institutions.
- Customers may be required to provide additional information to facilitate certain financial transactions.
- Trade facilitation would be affected, with the result that countries may not be able to import essential basic goods such as food and medicine, which could ultimately destabilize regional economies.
- De-risking has already affected certain classes of business, customers, and jurisdictions throughout the Caribbean. One correspondent bank has ceased to conduct business with currency exchange businesses and businesses that handle money transfers. Some banks have also started de-risking in the jurisdictions where they operate. These banks no longer offer services to credit unions or building associations, or third-party transactions on behalf of lawyers and other service providers.

What is a Correspondent Bank?

- A correspondent bank is one (usually located in another territory) which provides services to another bank (the respondent – usually the local bank), often as a means of gaining access to overseas products and enabling cross-border transactions.
- As such, correspondent banking services are an important part of the global payments landscape used for settling overseas / international transactions.

Impact of De-risking

- De-risking has affected a number of businesses and institutions including money service businesses, non-profit organizations, correspondent domestic banks, and foreign embassies, inter alia.
- Any person or entity which is party to a transaction which requires settlement by an international bank will most likely be affected by de-risking.

Implications for Citizens and Businesses in the Caribbean

- Globalization and technology allow countries to conduct business, despite the distances between them. International correspondent banks facilitate international transactions by providing access to the global payment and financial systems. These transactions -including remittances, credit card payments, foreign direct investments, and international trade in goods and services - contribute significantly to the Caribbean's growth and development. Therefore, the loss of these relationships could threaten the domestic banking sector, as local respondent banks would no longer be able to conduct international transactions on behalf of their

customers.

What next?

- Citizens and businesses should keep abreast of de-risking trends and the risks associated with this new phenomenon. Persons are also encouraged to become aware of regional and international developments which affect the ease of conducting business of a financial nature in the region.
- Customers should discuss any concerns with respective officers at financial institutions to determine the impact on their services.
- The public should become informed of the initiatives being undertaken to address issues such as de-risking.
- Recommendations for addressing these issues should be shared with respective regulators and public officials who continue to work with international agencies towards finding applicable solutions.

A wealth of information on de-risking can be located via the internet. Persons are encouraged to research the subject for their own edification.

Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
January 2017





YOUTH CONNECTION



EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra

Participation in the St. Kitts National Steel Pan competition on 22 December 2016 was another milestone for the 30-member band, EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra powered by Vibes Beach BAR. Even though we placed 2nd with 220 points behind Cayon PANTASTIC steel orchestra with 230 points, the fun, love and laughter that brought us through during preparations, is what we bask in at the end. The title may be gone, but our gel and love got even better. We will continue to do our part in this arena in terms of lifting the art form from the dark into the light, raising the standard of performance and music that comes from steel pan, and regain the respect for the art form from the masses. So far, we are doing a fantastic job!



We now have our different social media, namely, www.ebjharmonics.com, FB - ebjharmonics, YouTube - EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra, Instagram - ebjharmonics.

We are grateful for our new sponsor Vibes Beach BAR. For this year 2017, we plan to open the school of pan by mid-January, a project which we eagerly look forward to. In March, we will present our first concert dubbed (FROM THE SOUL OF MY PAN) in honour of the Late Earl Boots Jones. We will also be honouring persons who have contributed to this art form over the years (playing, teaching, tuning, making) in St Kitts.

The Executive and members of the EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra powered by Vibes Beach BAR say to all of our fans, supporters and well-wishers, thank you for your love and continue to support what we do. We Not I.

MJ Byron



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

Sis Sharon Mc Cardy –Joseph and Rev Hilton Joseph and Family on the passing of:

*Ms Dorcas Prescott
(Aunt, Aunt-in-law)
Tobago*

Sis Rhoda Procope, Sis Lilette (Rosie) Lewis and Bro Orin Lewis and Family on the passing of:

*Mr. Stanley V. Freeman
(Brother, Uncle, Uncle-in-law)
St. Croix*

Bro Arnold De Silva, Sis Urlie De Silva and the De Silva Family on the passing of:

*Ms Constance Flemming
(Sister, Sister-in-law)*

*The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold.”
Brother and Sisters may the Lord grant you all Peace in these trying times.*





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth



Heavenly Father, we pray for peace throughout our paradise. Lord God, after having a relatively crime-free environment for the last couple of weeks, we are indeed grateful for this situation. Lord, we thank you for the Royal St Christopher and Nevis Police High Command and its Officers, the Defence Force, the

Doctors and Nurses, and the Parents who pray earnestly for their children. God, my ever-living Saviour, all I am praying for is “peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin.”

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” John 14:27 (NKJV)

Our song for this month is an all-time favourite titled “Let There be Peace on Earth.”

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.*

Written by: Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller in 1955.

In John 3:16, we learn that: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Let us remember these words as we traverse the hills and the valleys of life and show compassion to our fellowmen. Let us be loving and caring to all with whom we engage in business or pleasure.

Be blessed so that you can be a blessing! Enjoy and be appreciative!

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member

In Loving Memory of

~ **Brother Samuel Nathaniel** ~

Mansions in Heaven

*This world, however beautiful,
Was never meant to be
The place that we would call our home for all eternity.
And though we would not choose to leave,
A loving God knows best,
And in His time, He lifts us to a
Place of peace and rest,
For He has built a mansion where
His children will abide,
Free from pain and sorrow,
forever at His side.
He said He'd never leave us
To face our trials alone,
And though sometimes we fail Him,
He never fails His own.
And even when our choices are
less than He would ask,
He knows when human courage is unequal to the task.*

*We cannot judge what happens,
Though tears and questions start –
We only see what's visible – God sees into the heart...
And though there may be many things
That we cannot explain,
We can be sure it breaks
His heart to see His children's pain.
In loving arms, He bears us to a quiet place apart
Where He mends the wounded spirit,
and heals the broken heart.
And though these one we love
so much have left our present sight,
And passed into a better world of majesty and light,
Someday we'll be together in
Our Father's home above,
Where we'll thank Him for His mercy
and praise Him for His love.*

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doesn't require worship for what it does for Him, but for what it does for US! He's not more holy or righteous because we worship Him... the rocks would cry out if we didn't!

So, if we fast knowing we have sin in our lives, we're defeating the whole purpose.

Also, if we're fasting in order to find a desired result...we have to leave the result in God's hands, and accept the results as His will.

Fasting doesn't produce a blank cheque made out from God to us. Fasting will help us to receive God's will with grace! [miracle of healing or of grace!]

Attempting to impress others with our fasting

Matthew 6 – desire for people to know how “pious” you are. The exception

would be someone who needs to know, e.g.: spouse if he/she is cooking for you.

Becoming legalistic about fasting

Galatians 5:1— “*stand fast in the liberty you've received...be not entangled again with yoke of bondage...*”

Remember it's not a command; it's a choice...not a thing to look down your nose at others about if they don't fast.

Becoming prideful about fasting

Luke 18:10-14 - I tithe and fast twice a week (just tithe twice!)

Source: *Grace Notes Sermon Ministry*



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Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 175

Matt.20:1-16

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BORNE	NOTHING
BURDEN	ONES
DENARIUS	OTHERS
EARLY	OWNER
ELEVENTH	PAY
ENVIOUS	RECEIVED
EQUAL	RIGHT
EVENING	SIXTH
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