



"And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." Chronicles 4 9-10.

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By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service

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Moravian Women's Consultation 2008
19th - 25th June

at Herrnhut, Germany

Rev. Alicia Ross & Sis. Delyth Christmas

June 19 to 25, 2008, marked another significant milestone in the life of the Moravian Church, worldwide. Valiant Women in a Violent World was the theme used for the 3rd Moravian Women's Consultation 2008 held in Herrnhut, Germany.

The Consultation brought together 55 women from the following Moravian Provinces:

- ◆ Alaska - Nicaragua
- ◆ British - USA (Northern & Southern)
- ◆ European Continental
- ◆ Tanzania -(Southern, South Western, Western & Rukwa)
- ◆ Eastern West Indies - South Africa
- ◆ Jamaica - Suriname

Also representatives from Star Mountain, Nepal and the Board of World Mission.

Each day, focus was placed on a different sub-heading:

- A PRAYER WARRIOR
- A STRONG WOMAN
- A BIBLE READER
- A SOUL SURVIVOR
- AN OVER COMER

A MIGHTY MENTOR

A LIGHT

There was a time of sharing of experiences where violence impact women across the world. It was noted that even within the church there was violence against women because of some polices or practices that prevent women's access to ministry or other forms of leadership.

There was Bible Study led by Bishops Beth Torkington and Kay Ward which focused on Hagar. Bible Study was also done in small groups which focused on other valiant women of the Bible, which reminded us all of God's assuring presence and concern about the hurt and pain we encounter. Those settings further empowered us as valiant women.

There were presentations on the theme from Sis Angelene Swart-Spirituality, Sis Nelleen Murdoch - Legal Rights and Bosilka Schadlich (Working with Refugees) on the Social Aspect. Sis. Rawda Marouf- Star Mountain and Sis Vani Pradhan shared on the work both in Star Mountain and in Nepal. There was also a presentation by the Board of World Mission on HIV/AIDS.

Following the presentations were the plenary sessions that produced resolutions to be taken to Unity Synod 2009 and proposals to be implemented in each of the Unity's Provinces. The resolutions and proposals focused on communication, education and advocacy.

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A Suggested Charter was also distributed as a means of addressing

Domestic Violence. This was done with acknowledgement to Gloucestershire Churches Together. It reads:-

This church

1. Accepts that domestic violence is a serious problem which occurs in church families as well as the wider society.
2. Recognizes that domestic violence is unacceptable and must be stopped.
3. Undertakes to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic violence
4. Will keep up to date with the support agencies that are available locally and publicize them. It will also learn from them and support them in appropriate ways.
5. Will play its part in teaching that domestic violence is a sin that must be repented of on an individual level before reconciliation with God and with the victim can occur.
6. Will live a model of what it means to be human, male and female teaching and preaching it, thereby challenging society and affirming that God is a God of justice, love, mercy and forgiveness.
7. Will appoint an advocate who will use good practice guidelines and keep the church informed about the implementation and development of this Charter.

Also distributed was the Affirmation for women survivors...Taken from 'It Happens Everywhere-including your community' Lesley Orr MacDonald.

1. This is not God's will for you
2. It is not your fault
3. You do not have to tolerate, understand or accept it.

4. You deserve to find a safe person who will believe your story.
5. There are others who have also suffered abuse in their lives and yet have found a pathway to change.
6. Together we can work to transform the relationships, attitudes and structures which are used to abuse and violate women

Issued by the Conference of European Churches 1999

The Consultation came to a close with Holy Communion led by the three female Bishops in the Unity and a Candle Light Ceremony

The Consultation was informative and timely in light of what has been happening in our countries. This is a problem that constantly needs to be addressed by the Church. We were empowered to play a vital role as Christian women and challenged to identify ways in which our relationship with God in Christ can give us the power to stand up to the wrongs being done and accepted by society.

We believe that our EWI Province, like all other Provinces, should educate for change with regard to wrong perceptions of our women, men and youth. This could be done through Bible Study sessions and a collaborative effort between the Church and Gender Affairs Ministries of our countries

It is then our hope and prayer that the proposals and recommendations be implemented or accepted to further enable the Church to address this growing problem.

Using the English language

I found this very interesting and decided to share it with you.

The dynamics of the English language is amazing. Words have com-

pletely different meaning even when used in the same sentence and is spelt the same way. Try to negotiate these sentences and give the meanings of the word that is used two or three times.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. Seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most I intimate friend?

Let's face it -- English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

**MORAVIAN CHURCH
EASTERN WEST INDIES
PROVINCE
REPORT ON THE FIFTH
PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
WINDOWS ON WOMAN-
HOOD (WOW 2008)**

Rev. Adelyn Mgonela

One word seemed to prevail on the St Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies. That word was "WOW!" as women from different parts of the Province and beyond came together in worship, prayer, fellowship and just feeding on God's Word. God's presence was evident as we were challenged to examine ourselves, and model before the younger women what being a godly woman is all about.

SITE: St Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies (UWI)

HOST: TRINIDAD CONFERENCE

DATES: July 16th to 20th 2008

PARTICIPATING CONFERENCES AND PROVINCES

- Antigua 9
- Barbados 31
- St. Kitts 14
- Tobago 13
- Trinidad 22
- US Virgin Islands 18

- Suriname 2
- Guyana 8
- Speakers (and armour bearers) 3

A total of 120 were registered fully for the Conference with 110 accommodated at Milner Hall, UWI. Daily registration was permitted, this allowed for persons from other denominations as well as members of the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences to attend on days that were convenient to their work schedule.

There were several challenges experienced during the Conference:

1. **Location:** Having to travel from one site to the other sometimes resulted in late start of some sessions.
2. **Absence of a Tour:** We recognized that a tour was necessary. However, in the Trinidad context where distance is an issue, the duration of the Conference did not lend itself to having both shopping and tour. It was therefore necessary to choose one over the other.
3. **The caterers** were late on a few occasions due to traffic and other challenges.
4. **The lack of personnel** from the Trinidad Conference to serve on Committees was evident. This resulted in the local committee being overworked and so unable to enjoy most of the sessions.



**WOW 2008 THEME SONG
WOMEN OF WORTH**

Written by Rev Denise Smith-Lewis

Wonderful women of worth yes we are
We're gifted, we're strong and we're free!
Jesus is King! He is Lord! He is God!
So we walk in his victory.
By him we're redeemed, called by his name,
To declare his glory and praise!
We're God's priests, we're chosen and precious,
So our hearts and voices we raise.

*Wonderful women of worth called to be,
The bridge for our family
Wonderful women of worth you and me,
Let's fulfill our destiny.*

Wonderful women of worth, yes we are,
We're bearing the peace that's in Christ.
Pointing all people to Jesus, the Way,
The Way that will bring them new life!
We tell them their sins can be covered
In Jesus and his cleansing blood!
From sin and its guilt be delivered!
Christ saves now and gives all things good.

Wonderful women of worth, yes we are
We're seeking the Saviour's lost sheep.
Binding their wounds, giving healing and hope
Assurance that Christ, he will keep.
So fear not the world's persecution
It's sickness, diseases nor pain.
Jehovah God is our salvation
So praise him again and again.

Wonderful women of worth, yes we are,
Empowered to go and to bless.
Adorned with salvation, the blood, grace and hope;
The weapons of Christ's righteousness;
In prisons and dungeons we enter,
The captives from chains we release.
The blind see the Saviour's salvation,
All free through the gospel of peace!

The Election of a Bishop

The PEC is placing before the Province, the Election of another Bishop during our 2009 Synod. The PEC therefore invites the earnest prayers of members of the entire Eastern West Indies Province as we prepare for this election at the 29th Provincial Synod, to be held in St. Kitts from July 10—18, 2009. We regard the election of a Bishop as a most Sacred Undertaking and pray that members will understand the significance of electing someone to this office. With regard to the election of a Bishop, the Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum enunciates the following: "A Bishop is not appointed by any Provincial Board, but shall be elected by secret ballot from among the Presbyters either by a Provincial Synod or in a Provincial Election ordered by the Synod under regulations in its constitution". (COUF#689)

2009 SYNOD

The 29th Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province will convene in St. Kitts from July 11 – 18, 2009. Please take note of the following information and act on the same:

- ◆ All Synod proposals should reach the Provincial office on or before **February 15, 2009**. No new proposals will be entertained after Synod has been convened. Proposals received will be circulated to all delegates no later than **March 31, 2009**, in preparation for in-depth study and for the speedy Resolution at Synod.
- ◆ All Synod Reports from Superintendents, Conference Treasurers and any other specialized report including the PEC's Report, should reach the Provincial office **on or before February 15, 2009**. These reports will be distributed to all delegates **no later than March 31, 2009**. You are asked to submit your report on a "Jump Drive or Flash Drive" and indicate what program is being used.
- ◆ Only Conferences that are up to date financially will be allowed to seat delegates at the Synod. You are therefore asked to get your house in order for the Synod.
- ◆ The PEC intends for the Synod to spend its time planning for the way ahead and so as little time will be spent on the reports and more time on how the Church ought to Minister in these times. The schedule for Synod will be distributed shortly.

- ◆ The PEC is asking delegates from each conference to study the reports, meet and if they are questions on a particular report, you are asked to forward these questions to the Author of such report(s) who should supply the answers before we get to Synod.
- ◆ Reports at Synod will not be read. The Author of the report will prepare **fact sheet** with all questions received and the relevant answers to share with the Synod.
- ◆ No delegate will be placed on more than one Synod Committee, however, once the assigned work on one's Committee is completed, she/He will be free to sit in on any other committee. The Registration forms will be sent out shortly so that delegates can indicate their first, second and third choices for the committee they believe their Gifts would be most utilized. The PEC will assign delegates to the committees based on the delegates preference and availability of space on that Committee. Once assigned, delegates are asked to abide by the placement.
- ◆ The Synod Retreat will take place on Friday July 10, 2009, from 7:00 p.m – 9: 30 p.m.
- ◆ The Election of the Officers of Synod and the appointment of Committees will take place on Saturday July 11, 2009. In addition, a Government reception will be held for Synodals on the evening of July 11, 2009.
- ◆ Hospitality Sunday will be held on July 12, 2009, where Synodals will worship in different Churches and be

hosted for lunch by an assigned family.

- ◆ The opening service for Synod will be held on July 12, 2009, at the Zion Moravian Church at 6:00 p.m.



Birthday Greetings is extended to:

Bro. Winston Jones	2
Sis. Georgette John	6
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew	22
Bro. Algernon Lewis	25
Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	28



To

Sis. Lillette I. George who celebrated her birthday on September 25th.

Condolence

We express sincere condolence to the Rev. Kirk and Sis. Nicole Barker, on the tragic death of her brother who was recently shot and killed in Jamaica. Please bear them up in prayer at this time of bereavement.

As a Church we are standing with you and pray that God will grant you comfort and peace at this time as you face the reality of this tragedy in the family.

