

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF PEC—EWI PROVINCE

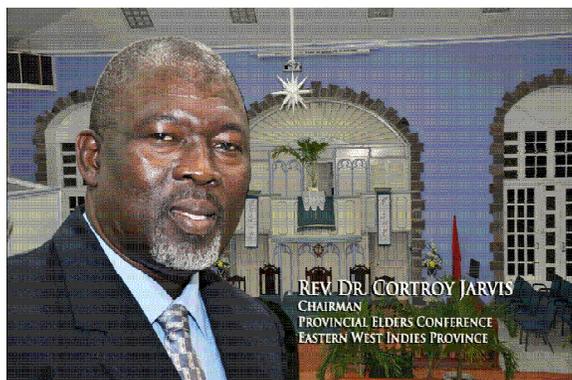
The Information

Then the man said, *"Let me go, for it is daybreak."* But Jacob replied, *"I will not let you go unless you bless me."*
Genesis 32 vs. 26 [NIV]

February, 2010



PROFIT FOR THE LORD



Can we as the people of God, "Profit for the Lord?" Can the Moravian Church Profit for the Lord? At our recent Superintendents Conference held on February 01-02, 2010, we were challenged to read the book, "Profit for the Lord" by William J. Danker. The book speaks to economic activities in Moravian Missions and the Basel trading

company. The main focus of the book is to stimulate economic activity in Missions to support the work of the church. While the offering plate has been good and has served a good purpose it is reaching its breaking point and so there is need to challenge the Church to intentionally seek other ways to support and expand the work.

Danker is very passionate about Profit for the Lord and the development of the Church from the ground up. He says, "The disciple is challenged to help befriend his neighbour in every bodily need, and to do this in the name of Christ. That function can scarcely be served without in some way helping him to improve and protect his livelihood."⁽¹⁾

There is a three fold ideal or aim of general Missions of self supporting, self propagating and self governing. This ideal challenges the local church to not only use its resources wisely, but to seek to generate economic activity to support and expand its ministry and employ its members as well.

The renewed Moravian Church has had a passion for missions. One of the core values of the Moravian church is a zeal for missions: "The Moravians were the first Protestants to put into practice the idea that the evangelization of the heathen is the duty of the church as such. Hitherto it had been a part of colonial policy, or had been espoused by missionary societies. It was this concept, carried out at the cost of blood, sweat, and tears, that made the Moravian mission so influential. No church better illustrates the total apostolate."⁽²⁾

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VISION STATEMENT

A Church - Transformed,
United, Victorious in Christ

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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In the early 1900's it is said that while other Protestant Churches had 1 Missionary to every 5000 Members, the Moravians had 1 Missionary to every 60 members and later 1 Missionary to every 400 members with the emphasis on indigenous leaders.⁽³⁾

From the inception of Moravian Missions there has always been the passion for self support. The Missionaries all had some skills and encouraged the members to learn a trade to support themselves. Very early the Moravians established, a Credit Union, the growing and Spinning of flax, a salt monopoly, beer brewing and an apothecary's shop or (pharmacy). In addition, they were involved in the retail and wholesale trade.

The quintessential of Moravian economic activity is the Moravian Church Foundation which was started by two Tailors who were sent out to Suriname to ply their trade and evangelize the nation. Today, from what Dehne and Ralfs started in Suriname, C.F. Kersten has become one of the largest Companies in the Western Hemisphere. They have established every imaginable company in Suriname Aruba and Curacao. These companies help to support the Moravian Church worldwide especially in the area of Theological Education.

The Moravian Church has always been involved in Publishing to support its mission work. In addition, agriculture has played a part of Moravian Missions over the years, where we seek to ensure food production and food security and at the same time, employ and empower our people. Our recently concluded PEC meeting and Superintendents Conference resolved that we will establish a Moravian College at Gracehill in Antigua, the place where Moravian education in Antigua started.

As we seek to Profit for the Lord, the core values of the Moravian Church should always be upper most in our minds. They are:

1. A strong commitment to Biblical Faith
2. A zeal for missions
3. Leadership in Christian Education
4. A rich musical heritage and worship tradition.
5. Social reform/Action

As we Profit for the Lord, we challenge all of our Conferences to organize an association of Moravian business persons with a focus on mission activities. As never before, the call goes out to the Church to help men/women all over the world lead a truly human life as the children of God. The Church's ministry in the world must therefore include ministry to man's economic needs.

Notes: (1) Profit for the Lord Pg. 9
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(3) Profit for the Lord Pg. 16



PROVINCIAL YOUTH CAMP 2010

The Moravian Church Antigua Conference will host the 2010 Provincial Youth Camp from August 4 -14. Invitations have been extended to the Provinces in America, North and South, Cuba, Suriname, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Maarten and Denmark. They will join the youth from the EWIP. We look forward to seeing as many young people as possible converging in Antigua for this camp.

PEC MEETING

The PEC met in the Antigua Conference during the period 29-30 January, 2010.

The Superintendents met with the PEC on Feb 01 and 02, 2010 in our annual Superintendents Conference.

FURLOUGH

The following members of Staff will proceed on furlough during 2010:

- ◆ Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer from February 15- June 15, 2010.
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford from July 01- October 31, 2010.
- ◆ Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis from September- December 31, 2010.

Launching of Susanna the Kid Preacher

January 07, 2010 saw the launching of the book, *Susanna the Kid Preacher*, the story of the Children's Revival, August 17th 1727 in Herrnhut, Germany. The launch took place at the Museum of Antigua and Barbuda.

The launch was attended by approximately 40 persons who thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Sister Irma Batchelor chaired the proceedings, while the Rev. Romeo Challenger did the opening prayer. Reflections were done by the Rev. Leon Matthias and readings from the book were done by him and Irma Batchelor. Allison Lewis did a surprise rendition for the Author the Rev. Leon Matthias. Before the signing and sale of the books, the Rev. Kirk Barker did the acknowledgements.



Rev. Leon Matthias

In *Susanna the Kid Preacher*, Author the Rev. Leon H. Matthias shares the story of an 11 year old girl who made a difference in her home, her school, and the world around her. She accomplished this great task when she invited Jesus Christ into her life and chose to be used in His service. Purchase a copy and read

the story of this little girl who has inspired thousands of persons for over two hundred years. Her example presents a challenge to us to make ourselves available to be used by God, no matter our age.

As you read this story you are called to consider and answer these questions: Are you willing to venture out and see what God has in store for you? What is God calling you to do for Him? Susanna's leadership in the Children's Revival in Herrnhut, Germany in 1727, inspired Count Nicholas Zinzendorf to declare that the Children's Revival in Herrnhut motivated him and gave him the strength to work on behalf of Children. May we follow in the steps of these two brave leaders.

This is the seventh book to be published by the Rev. Leon Matthias. He has shown a keen interest in folk history and this has led to the publication of the following: *The Boy from Popeshead* (1995), *Tales from the Hills* (1996), *Against the Odds*

(1998), *The Winds of Change* (1999), *Gracefield a Northern Star* (2005) and *Down Punt Hill* (2008).

The Rev. Leon Matthias was born in Antigua on December 08, 1946. He graduated from Seminary in 1974 and served as a Moravian Minister in Tobago, St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Croix, St. Thomas, Grace Moravian Congregation in Queens, New York and Tremont Terrace Moravian Congregation in the Bronx, New York.

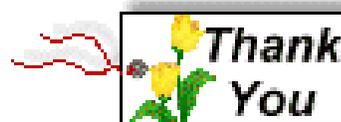
Congratulations Rev. Matthias, continue to use your gifts for the glory of God.

Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis



WATCHWORD

The Watchword assigned to the Eastern West Indies Province for 2010 is the one drawn for July 04, 2010.



The Bishops and Superintendent Sis Cora Antonio of the Nicaragua Province of the Moravian



Sis. Cora Antonio

Church by way of a letter expressed thanks on behalf of their Provincial Board and the Delegates of the XV Synod, for allowing Bro. Cortroy Jarvis to attend and lead the Bible Studies for their Synod held in Bluefields, Nicaragua. The Synod took place from January 25-30, 2010. The Synod elected Bro. Gonzalo Paiz as the new Superintendent. In Nicaragua, the Chairman is called Superintendent. He will take up his position in 90 days.



***Birthday Greetings for the month of
February is extended to:***

Bro. Dufferin Culpepper	01
Sis. Binta Mgonela	03
Bro. Fabian Lewis	03
Bro. Cortroy Jarvis	07
Sis. Shirley Joseph	08
Bro. Willard Prout	10
Bro. Sean Roberts	10
Sis. June McMillan	17
Bro. Errol Connor	21
Bro. Adrian Smith	21
Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	24



***Belated Birthday Greetings to the follow-
ing persons who celebrated in January:***

Sis. Jovanca Lewis-Smith	05
Sis. Beverly Job	24

***Anniversary Greeting for the month of
February is extended to:***

Bro. Ray & Sis. Shirley Joseph	07
Bro. Kingsley & Sis. Maureen Lewis	19

Christians Jokes

The Army of the Lord

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Author is Unknown

Prayers and Support for Haiti

Our Prayers and Support are requested for the people of Haiti who were struck by a 7.0 magnitude Earthquake on January 12 at about 6 p.m Haiti time.



There are reports that hundreds of buildings have collapsed including the presidential palace, a hospital,

the U. N. Headquarters and the police station in Port au Prince. I ask that we pray for the safety and security of the people of Haiti.



The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is challenging the entire membership of our Church to make financial contributions to assist our Brothers and Sisters in Haiti. All Congregations were asked to collect a special offering for Haiti on Sunday January 24, 2010.



Once the money is received it would be sent off to Haiti in a timely manner.

The words of Kittle L. Suf-field are very appropriate for our times:

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.



Chorus

Little is much when God is in it!

Labour not for wealth or fame

There's a crown and you can win it,

If you go in Jesus Name.

Thanks very much for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Our own Sis. Andrea Charles-Browne who was working with the United Nations in Haiti survived. However, the death of almost 100 of her colleagues has troubled her very much. Please remember Andrea and her family in your prayers. Andrea is a member of the Estridge congregation in St. Kitts, but was based in the U.S.A.



Many died by the side of the streets



Baby pulled from rubble



Man rescued 14 days after earthquake



Teenage girl is pulled from the rubble of the College St. Gerard in Port-au-Prince 15 days after earthquake