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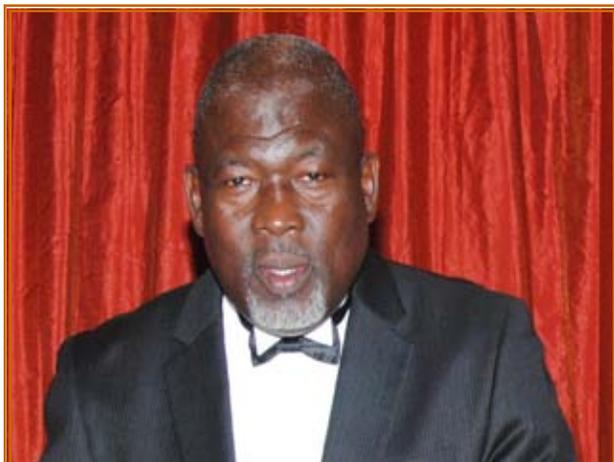
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The Information

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]

The Advent of Jesus

The word "advent" means "arrival," or "coming" and it refers to the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world. The "Advent season" usually starts four weeks before Christmas and concludes with the celebration of Christ's birth.



REV. DR. CORTROY JARVIS
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Some churches emphasize the Advent season more than others, but all Christians look forward to Christ's birth during this season of the year. And why not, since the coming of Jesus Christ into the world is at the center of our faith? Even people who aren't religious divide their calendar into two parts -- the centuries before Christ's birth ("B.C.") and the centuries afterward ("A.D.," or "after the Lord").

Christmas is more than the birthday of a great man. The Bible tells us that Christmas marks the entrance into the world of the divine Son of God, sent from heaven to save us from our sins. Jesus Christ was God in human flesh -- fully man, but also fully God. The Bi-

ble says, "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9). Many have the idea that our good works can save us and get us into Heaven, but the Bible says this isn't so:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Rom. 3:10)

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Rom. 3:23)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

We have no really "good" works, because we're all SINNERS by nature. We were born into this world as sinners (Psa. 51:5), and this is why Jesus said we must be "born again" (John. 3:3).

This new birth is given to us freely, and was made possible when Christ died and shed His blood at Calvary for our sins. By receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior, trusting Him alone to save you, you can be born again. You can have eternal life TODAY by faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9-10 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

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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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How do we prepare for the coming of Jesus the Christ?

- The Bible teaches that the return of Jesus Christ is imminent. Throughout the gospels Jesus is quoted as saying that no one, not even he, knows the day or the hour of his return, that his coming will be at a time when he is not expected, and that believers should keep watch and be ready. The imminent return of Jesus Christ built expectation in generations of believers, who were comforted that soon they might be delivered from the cares and tribulations of this world.
- To be ready, a believer should be living a life of faith in Jesus Christ, seeking the fullness of the spirit of God and growing in discipleship.
- The expectation of the return of Jesus Christ has been termed, "The blessed hope." The New Testament speaks of the fact that persons who have this hope and expectation of the coming of Christ purify themselves in their anticipation.

As we enter the season of Advent and the coming of the Lord Jesus, who is the Christ, there is cause for concern all around us, for Jesus signals Peace, Love and Justice. The question is, where is the peace that we yearn for? The Angel sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". (Lk.2:14). The world today is in crisis. There is the economic, political and financial crisis. There are demonstrations everywhere and many regimes have been removed by people power. Thousands of people have died in the upheavals across North Africa and the Middle East. There are suicide bombings in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine. Security has been tightened all around us and there is uncertainty everywhere. The peace anticipated for decades between Israel and Palestine is still a dream.

Hunger, drought and deadly diseases operate like plagues upon the land. On the other hand, there are persons who have billions of dollars and pay no concern to the rest of society. Where is the justice in our land, when the rich gets richer and the poor gets poorer? If there is genuine love for one another, we would ensure that there is bread for each person. It cannot be that some eat bread, while others have to settle for the crumbs that fall from the table. If Advent means anything to us, it must mean that Jesus the Christ, is going to make a difference in how we live and treat each other. The words of the song writer in *O come, O Come, Emmanuel* is very appropriate in our times. Allow the words to resonate as you read or sing them:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

*O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Take time between now and Christmas to reflect on this great truth of the coming of Jesus.. Read passages from the Old Testament that predicted His coming (often in startling detail); read, too, the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke that tell of the events surrounding His birth. Then thank God every day for the greatest gift we could ever receive: the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.



Mathematics Enrichment Follow-Up Program

All those persons who were part of the Summer mathematics Enrichment Program are asked to take note that there will be a Three (3) day Follow-up Program. The program will be at Cashew Hill on December 19, 20 and 21, from 9:00 a.m—12:00 noon daily. No new students will be accepted for these sessions since this is a follow-up to the Summer Program 2011.

Black Tie Affair and Awards Banquet

On Friday, November 11, 2011, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province hosted a banquet at the Grand Royal Antiguan Beach Resort in Antigua. At the event, dubbed 'A Black Tie Affair,' educators who are also active in the life of our church were honoured; three from the host conference, Antigua and two from each of the other five Conferences of the Province. Those selected by the Conferences and honoured were:

Barbados – Sis. Gloria Skeete, Bro. Lisle Map

Tobago – Sis. Roslyn Moore-Alleyne, Bro. Philbrick Smith

Virgin Islands – Sis. Carmen Moorehead Mills, Sis. Jeanette Smith-Barry

St. Kitts – Bro. Sidney Osborne, Sis. Sandra Morton

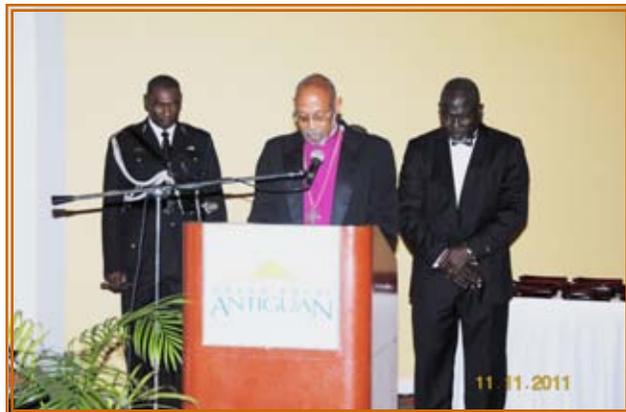
Trinidad – Sis. Jasmine Jacob, Sis. Trudy Kerr

Antigua – Sis. Ruth Limerick, Sis. Genevieve Smith, Bro. Clarence Edwards

The banquet was also an effort to “kick-start” the fund-raising for a multi-discipline college in Antigua. The Moravian Church has long recognized the importance of education for the growth and development of any people, and from its advent in the Caribbean sought to meet that need of the people. The College would be a renewal of the church’s educational trust at the secondary and tertiary level.

Although it will be located in Antigua, the College will be a Provincial project. This means that all Moravians in the Province are invited to support it prayerfully and financially.

We congratulate the honourees.



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis Invoking God’s presence at the Moravian Church EWI Province Black Tie Affair on November 11, 2011.

The Governor General of Antigua presenting plaques on behalf of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province to the Honourees at its Black Tie Affair and Awards Banquet at the Grand Royal Antigua Beach Resort November 11, 2011.



Sis. Gloria Skeete—Honouree from the Barbados Conference began her Teaching career in May of 1946 and retired in April of 1987. Sis. Skeete served as Sunday School Teacher for fifty-five years.



Bro. Lisle Mapp—Honouree from the Barbados Conference, began his Teaching career in 1963 and retired in 1996. He was a Lay preacher and Sunday School Teacher for a number of years.



Sis. Sandra Morton—Honouree from the St. Kitts Conference began her Teaching career in June of 1982 and has been an Educator for over twenty-five (25) years. She is actively involved in all aspects of her church. She is a Sunday School Teacher and was Sunday School Superintendent.



Bro. L. Sidney Osborne Honouree from the st. Kitts Conference, began his Teaching career in 1962. In 2010—2011, he was appointed Graduate Teacher at Immaculate Conception Catholic School and at present is the Principal. Bro. Sidney served as Delegate to Island conference and was elected as representative to Synod. Bro. Sidney is a member of the Provincial Elders Conference. He is actively involved in the life of His Church.



Sis. Carmen Moorehead-Mills, Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference began her Teaching career in 1970 and retired on August 31, 2009. She is an active member of the Friedensthal Moravian Church in C/Sted St. Croix. She served as Sunday School Teacher and Secretary of the Church Committee for many years, Conference Delegate and a member of the St. Croix Moravian School Board.

Sis. Jeanette Smith-Barry— Honouree Moravian Church Virgin Island



Sis. Roslyn Moore-Alleye Honouree from the Tobago Conference began her Teaching career in October, 1973 where she taught for over thirty-six (36) years. Sis. Moore Alleyne gave nineteen (19) years of yeoman service as Treasurer of the Spring Garden Moravian Church in Tobago and has been involved in many areas of her Church.



Conference began her Teaching career upon graduating from the College of the Virgin Islands in 1973. she worked in this field for thirty-eight (38) years, which she describes as the noblest of all professions. She is very active member of the Memorial Moravian Church. She served on the Provincial Elders Conference prior to being elected as Delegate to Unity Synod in 2009.



Bro. Philbrick Smith—Honouree from the Tobago Conference, began his Teaching career in February of 1962. He taught for well over fifteen years until his retirement. He is the longest serving Lay preacher on the present schedule in Tobago. His messages are spiritually sound and relevant.



Sis. Jasmine Jacobs—Honouree from the Trinidad Conference began her Teaching career in 1964 as an Assistant Teacher. She later became Principal I of the Gloster Lodge Moravian Primary during the period 1997—2001. She is a member of the Rosehill Moravian Church Choir and Sunday School Teacher, She was the Conference treasurer in Trinidad from 1980, a Member of the Moravian School Board of Management and Member of the Board of Stewards.



Sis. Genevieve Smith—Honouree from the Antigua Conference began her teaching career at the age of (nineteen) 19 where she excelled in her studies and dedicated over fifty (50) years of her life to this noble profession. After she retired, she was rehired to teach disabled children for a further Ten (10) Years. She has helped over sixty (60) children. Presently she is engaged in the teaching of Sunday School and Confirmation Classes at Potters Zion Moravian Church in Antigua. Teaching has been and continues to be her passion and her life.



Bro. Clarence Edwards— Honouree from the Antigua Conference, had an illustrious Teaching career which spanned thirty-one (31) years from 1945-1976. He progressed from pupil teacher to certified teacher, then he became headmaster from 1961 and functioned in that capacity at three schools respectively. He later became Principal in the Secondary school from 1968. Bro. Edwards has been serving the Moravian Church for over forty years. He served as secretary to the B.O.S and B.O.E., delegate to Island Conference, Lay reader and Acolyte, delegate to Synod and chairperson for John E. Knight Golden age Home.

Sis. Trudy Kerr Honouree—from the Trinidad Conference has taught Spanish and French for thirty-six (36) years. She was head of her Department. She was also Vice Principal and Principal respectively. Sis. Kerr organized prayers from September 1990—May 2005. She was involved in youth Group, a Church Elder and also taught Sunday School.



Sis. Ruth Olive Francis Limerick— Honouree—from the Antigua Conference began her teaching career on July 1st, 1954. Her



first teaching assignment was at the Swetes Primary School where she taught all the core subjects. In 1970 she worked at the All Saints Secondary School for 10 years as a Graduate Teacher after which she was appointed Principal of the Pares Secondary School for another 10 years. After she retired, she was employed as a Supervisor of the Adult Continuing Education Evening Institute where she spent 6 years and 10 months. Teacher Ruth was involved in all aspects of the Cana Moravian Church. She believes

in “Tithing” and has encouraged members of the Adult Choir, Women’s Fellowship and others to Tithe.



Honourees with the Chairman of PEC Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis and the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda Dame Louise Lake-Tack.



L to R Rev. Hilton Joseph, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, and Wife Mrs. Sharon McCurdy Joseph, Honourees Bro. L. Sidney Osborne and Sis. Sandra Morton, and Bro. Levi Bradshaw, Treasurer of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church at the Black Tie Affair and Awards Banquet.

Grenada Building Project Appeal

The people in Grenada are excited about the prospect of having Sis. Hyacinth Taylor and Sis. Olga Baird – Joefield living amongst them as Missionaries as of January 15, 2011. Their excitement has turned into action. The people have a mind to work and so they have started to erect a wooden building for worship meetings and other events on lands leased by our Church.

So far, pledges and donations have assisted this building project and the latest report reveals that the pillars have been erected and that they are boarding up the structure and would need an injection of funds to



bring it to bring it to completion.

The PEC therefore makes an appeal to all Conferences and Congregations to give a little more from “Mission Funds” raised to assist in the construction work. The building will be needed for the installation of Missionaries on



January 15, 2012. You can determine to contribute towards the roof; windows or Flush Toilets.

The roof will cost EC\$14,000.00
 The windows will cost EC\$6,000.00
 The Flush Toilets will cost EC\$4,000.00



Let us challenge ourselves and give to this worthy cause. God is depending upon us and I know that we can do it. All pledges from Conferences and Congregations should be forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters with the relevant instruction.



Hymn of the Month
Advent and Christmas
A Christmas Song

1. **In Bethlehem one glorious night**
Cum dung to all a we;
Some shepherds nearly die with fright;
Cum dung to all a we;
Dem hear dat in a cattle pen,
Cum dung to all a we;
Was born de Saviour of all men
Cum dung to all a we;

CHORUS

Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung,
Cum dung to all a we;
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we

2. **Three wise men see a glowing star,**
Cum dung to all a we;
Although it was a-shining far;
Cum dung to all a we;
Dem bring rich gifts to give dis king,
Cum dung to all a we;
Dem also kneel an' worship him
Cum dung to all a we;
3. **Ole Faro give his men a ring**
Cum dung to all a we;
He say, "Jus' kill dat newborn King';
Cum dung to all a we;
But God look after him for sure
Cum dung to all a we;
So he will reign forevermore
Cum dung to all a we;
4. **Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more,**
Cum dung to all a we;
Cum dung an' stay upon dis shore
Cum dung to all a we;
Yes, cum dung, Lord, Please go no more,
Cum dung to all a we;
Oh cum dung Lord forevermore
Cum dung to all a we.

Everton Joseph

Hymn of the Month Summary- Year 2011

Month	Hymn #	First line	Tune
Feb	76	When the Lord of Love was here	Salvator
March	89	Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus	Rex Glorae
April	Songs by Patmore Smith	1. Rise up young People 2. Lamb of God 3. Courage when the storms are raging 4. You are Holy	
May	Songs by Patmore	1. Rise up young People 2. Lamb of God 3. Courage when the storms are raging 4. You are Holy 5. We worship you	
June	Song by Janice Thompson	God Bless Fathers	'Standing on the Promises'
July	174	Souls of men why will ye scatter	Ebenezer
August	199	Come let us to the Lord our God	Kilmarnok
Sept.	214	My God accept my heart this day	St. James
Oct.	252	Awake our souls, away our fears	Deus Tuorum Militum
Nov.	594	Fair waved the golden corn	Holborn
Dec.	A Christmas song # 88	In Bethlehem One Glorious Night	'Sing a New song #3'

Quotes of the Day

- **Those who choose the path of a fault-finder will never be a pathfinder. Matthew Awujoola**
- **Confidence should be like clothing, one should always wear it. Andrew Liverpool**

Commissioning Service

A Commissioning Service to Commission Sis. Hyacinth Taylor and Sis. Olga Baird-Joefield will be held on Sunday December 11, 2001 at the Buccoo Moravian Church in Tobago. Let us remember our Sisters in Prayer. Both Bishop Kingsley Lewis and the Chairman of PEC Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis will be in attendance.



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

Bro. Ulric Smith	02
Sis. Eloise Stephen	02
Bro. Alban St. Hill	02
Sis. Liselle Roberts	08
Bro. Leon Matthias	08
Sis. Lucia David	09
Sis. Bonnie Williams-Smith	10
Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	12
Sis. Zenobia Lomax	13
Bro. Hilton Joseph	18
Sis. Nasel Wendy Ephraim	18
Bro. Vankys Juan Isaac	18
Sis. Maureen Lewis	23
Bro. Alvin Barker	25
Bro. Matthew Crooks	25
Sis. Olga Baird-Joefield	25

**Anniversary Greetings
for the month of
December is extended to:**



Bro. Cortroy & Sis. Pearlina Jarvis	07
Bro. Ulric & Sis. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith	10
Bro. Winston & Sis. Karen Jones	13
Bro. George & Sis. Zenaida Ramsay	18
Bro. Algernon & Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis	20
Bro. Errol & Sis. Joycelyn Connor	22
Bro. Patrick Cadogan & Sis. Nasel Ephraim	22
Bro. Patmore & Sis. Jovanca Lewis Smith	27
Bro. Hilton & Sis. Sharon McCardy Joseph	29
Bro. Samuel & Sis Gwendolyn Jacobs	31

FUN CORNER

An elderly couple were having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor and get checked out. The doctor told them that they were physically just fine but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things.

The couple thanked the doctor and left.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and his wife asked,

"Where are you going?"

"To the kitchen."

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" she asked. "Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?"

"No, I can remember that."

She then added, "I also would like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget that."

He replied, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

With irritation in his voice, he said, "I don't need to write that down,

I can remember that." He then fumed into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stared at the plate for a moment and said, "You forgot my toast."