



# The Information

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*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”  
Ephesians 2:10[NIV]*

## MORAVIAN JUBILEE!

### 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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**Jubilate!** This is the year of jubilee and ours is a godly and goodly heritage. The evidences of God’s favor and faithfulness are unmistakable and awe-inspiring. God has blessed us and God shall bless us. This is precisely what the psalmist said. And not surprisingly, it has become our experience in a special way.

Across the Province, the cascade of celebratory activity will gain momentum as we thank God for the past, take seriously the present and trust God fully for the future. Indeed across the nations of the world, Moravians will exalt in thanksgiving to God, singing and shouting — **Jubilate!**

*Let the people praise you, O God  
Let all the people praise you.  
Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For...  
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth  
shall fear Him. (Ps. 67— NKJV)*

### Pulpit Exchange for 550<sup>th</sup>

The following indicates the pulpit exchange assignments in observance of the 550<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Unitas Fratrum — March 4, 2007:

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|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Antigua        | - | Bro. Conrad Spencer (VI)             |
| Barbados       | - | Bro. William Sibert (BWM—USA)        |
|                |   | Bishop Sam Gray (BWM—USA)            |
| St. Kitts      | - | Sis Winelle Kirton-Roberts (VI)      |
| Tobago         | - | Bro. Cortroy Jarvis (Antigua)        |
| Trinidad       | - | Sis. Nasel Ephraim (Barbados)        |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS |   |                                      |
| St. John       | - | Sis Binta Mgonela (Trinidad)         |
| St. Thomas     | - | Bro. Rowan Simmons (Tobago)          |
| St. Croix      | - | Sis. Deslyn Belle-Watson (St. Kitts) |

## P E C NEWS

In this 550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, other notable anniversaries within the Province include:

- 10<sup>th</sup>** - Faith (St. Croix)
- 15<sup>th</sup>** - Judges Hill (Antigua)
- 25<sup>th</sup>** - Ordination of Women in EWI Province
- 50<sup>th</sup>** - Laymen's League (Barbados)
- 100<sup>th</sup>** - Estridge Building (St. Kitts)
- 125<sup>th</sup>** - Gracehill (Barbados)
- 185<sup>th</sup>** - Cedar Hall (Antigua)
- 190<sup>th</sup>** - Enon Newfield (Antigua)
- 210<sup>th</sup>** - Gracebay (Antigua)
- 225<sup>th</sup>** - Bethel (St. Kitts)
- 230<sup>th</sup>** - Zion (St. Kitts)
- 270<sup>th</sup>** - New Herrnhut (St. Thomas)

### 550/275th Plans - Around the Province

#### Antigua

- A week of special services leading to March 4
- Pursuing plans to establish a Moravian Radio Station
- Establishing 2 other radio programs
- Lecture series on Moravian History, Worship/Doctrine
- Moravian moment: A weekly historical perspective
- A 15 Minutes Television Documentary
- The posting of Banners throughout Antigua
- Construction of a new home for the Bishop John E. Knight Home for the Aged.

#### Barbados

- A Local Missions Conference with presenters from

- the Board of World Mission (BMW) - William Sibert and Bishop Sam Gray: March 2-3
- Special Service of Thanksgiving March 1
- An Exhibition at the Barbados Museum
- A March of Witness with Banners reflecting the Provinces—March 4
- A Youth March through Bridgetown—August
- A concentrated focus on the St. Philip Fellowship
- The Unity Board Meeting

#### St. Kitts

- A commemorative Stamp Issue
- Missions Motorcade to areas where there are no Moravian churches. Places like *Palmetto Point* where the missionaries landed.
- Rock of Remembrance to be erected near Zion
- Unrolling the Scroll—ceremony celebrating past and present leadership
- Special services at Warner Park, Basseterre
- End of year Anniversary Banquet
- Provincial Camp in August

#### Trinidad

- March of Witness
- Service of Thanksgiving
- Focus of Mission Survey

#### Tobago

- A week of special services
- An anniversary Relay Run
- A Steel Band Explosion Experience
- The writing of cartoons reflecting Moravian History

- Continuing the Mission to Grenada
- Setting up a mission at Black Rock
- Making a board game on Moravian Mission in the form of snakes and ladders (*hurricanes/diseases—will take you down, and prayer and praise will take you up*).

#### Virgin Islands

- The Bishops' Conference on St. Thomas
- A Handbell Choir of Festival involving Faith Moravian Church of Washington DC
- March of Witness and Ceremony of the unveiling of a Rock of Remembrance on August 21—the departure of the first two missionaries from Herrnhut in 1732.
- 550<sup>th</sup>/275<sup>th</sup> Club to be launched later in the year.
- Memorabilia items will be on sale and an anniversary magazine will be published
- December 13, 2007 will mark the 275th Anniversary of the Arrival of the first two missionaries Dober and Nitschmann on St. Thomas It also marks the 270th Anniversary of the New Herrnhut congregation.  
A Banquet and Service of Thanksgiving are being planned in collaboration with the New Herrnhut congregation.
- A Missions Conference to be held in the summer 2008.

## UNITY NEWS

### PRAYER SUPPORT AND CONCERN



It is with shock and sadness that we have learnt of the sudden death of Bro. Bernie Broomfield on 12 November 2006. Bro. Broomfield was the Chairperson of the Board in Labrador where he provided substantial leadership to the church. His death is a huge loss for the church in Labrador and for the Unity.

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We give thanks to God for the progressive healing of Rev. David Wickmann, President of the America North Province, after his operation. May he be blessed with full recovery.

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Bro. Leon Matthias was hospitalized in New York. He continues to receive medical treatment.

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Retired Pastor Bro. Rudolph Holder has had surgery and remains hospitalized in Barbados.

### JAMAICA

The Jamaican Province welcomes Bro. Efeso Jastin Sichinsambwe and his family to the ministry. Bro. Efeso comes to the Province from Tanzania. Also Bro. Philimon Nyrienda will begin pastoral duties in December. The Jamaican Province is very happy to have this relationship with the Tanzanian Provinces. The 70th Synod of this Province

will be held at Bethlehem Moravian College, Malvern, St. Elizabeth, in Jamaica from April 9 - 13, 2007.

### Honduras

On request of the President of the Honduran Province and reports received from the Board of the World Mission in August 2006 the Executive of the Unity Board approved of the consecration of Rev. Wincap Cassy as Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum. The consecration was on hold for a year and a half. The consecration took place January 14, 2007. We wish Bishop Cassy the wisdom and courage of the Lord in all his pastoral duties in the Worldwide Unity and particularly in the Honduran Province.

### AMERICA, NORTHERN PROVINCE

On October 4 the Coordinating Council, the governing board of Church Uniting In Christ (CUIC), formally voted to receive the Moravian Church - Northern Province into full membership. This was in response to a request from Provincial Synod 2006. CUIC has ten members, all members of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. The major aims of CUIC at this time are combating racism in both the church and American society, the full recognition of each other's ministries, and closer working relationships.

Conversations continue between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Moravian Church, Northern Province to enable the recently approved bi-lateral agreement to have impact in areas other than the sharing of clergy and agreement in

doctrinal matters. Currently these conversations impact the development of new congregations and the financing of buildings or building improvements. The Moravian Church, Northern Province welcomes these discussions and believes it will enhance the witness of Christ in the United States. Conversations also continue with the Lutheran Church in Canada.

The Moravian Church, Northern Province continues its emphasis upon the development and planting of new congregations. This program called 2020 seeks to plant 20 new congregations by the year 2020. Currently work is progressing on 4 sites. It is anticipated that this effort will in time reverse the downward trend of denominational statistics and improve the overall health of the province.

### BRITAIN

Rev. Beth Torkington was elected Bishop at the July 2006 Synod and was consecrated on December 02, 2006. We welcome our third female Bishop and pray God's blessings on her Episcopal ministry.

The Province will be celebrating the 550th anniversary with a service in Coventry Cathedral where Rev. Dr. R. Sawyer, immediate past President of the Unity will be the preacher.

### SOUTH – SOUTH EXCHANGE

As of February 2007 Bro. Hesse and Sis. Rosalyn Zamuel-Rotgans with one boy child, Elithai, will go from Suriname to Tanzania. After language studies in Morogoro, Bro. Zamuel will start his service as a lecturer at

the Theofilo Kisanji University in Mbeya. This exchange of personnel is supported by the Moravian Mission Associations in Germany and in the Netherlands.

**EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL PROVINCE**

**550<sup>th</sup> jubilee of the Ancient Unity—275<sup>th</sup> jubilee of the Moravian Mission**

The European Continental Province will celebrate the 550th jubilee of the Ancient Unity together with the Unity undertaking in the Czech Republic. On 27<sup>th</sup> of April a seminar-day with lectures about different topics of the history of the Moravian will be held in Herrnhut. Then on the 28th of April there will be a joint celebration in Mlada Boleslav in the Czech Republic. The motto of the commemoration of the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be: **“Called From God To the people.”** The Mission Association in Germany will also commemorate the 275<sup>th</sup> jubilee of Moravian Missions during the year 2007 with different events. The target group will be especially the youth in order to make them interested and involved in questions of mission and worldwide partnership today.

**FRATERNAL WORKERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

On the 20th of November 2006 Bro. Chris and Sis. Nabs Wessels from South Africa left Germany after a period of service. They served for a term of 18 months as volunteers in the Fellowship of Herrnhag and visited a lot of congregations in the European Continental Province. Their service was a strengthening of the contacts between the European Continental Province and the Moravian Church in South Africa.

Presently Bro. Geoffrey and Sis. Lucinda Cunningham serve as fraternal workers in a congregation of the Church of Baden in South-West Germany.

**THE FUSION OF TWO CONGREGATIONS IN BERLIN**

The two Moravian congregations in Berlin-Centre and Berlin-Neukolln will be united at 1st of January 2007. This fusion was already decided after World War II but in the time of the Berlin Wall and of the division of Germany it was necessary to keep the two congregations in East Berlin and West Berlin separate. After the re-unification of Germany a new process was started in order to give the two congregations the chance to grow together slowly. This process is now finished. On 4th of March 2007, there will be in Berlin a celebration of the foundation of the new united congregation.

**Special Days of Prayer for the Province**

The chosen text for the E.W.I. Province for the year 2007 is the Watchword for February 5, 2007.

***“Our transgressions indeed are with us and we know our iniquities: transgressing and denying the Lord.”***

Isaiah 59: 12,13

If we should take this text seriously in an anniversary year, then we must recognize its call to **“repentance and prayer”** so as to possess in full measure the joy of God’s salvation and offer worthy praise and thanksgiving for His favour and faithfulness.

To this end, I invite every congregation within the Province to observe the following dates as **“DAYS of PRAYER, FASTING and REPENTANCE.”**

March	26
May	12
August	13
November	13

These Memorial Days fall during the week but Conferences are asked to organize themselves so as to mark these days in **“Prayer, Reflection, Repentance and Praise.”**



**Birthday Greetings are extended to the following persons:**

Rev. Dufferin Culpepper	1
Rev. Adlyn Binta Mgonela	3
Rev. Cortroy Jarvis	7
Sis. Shirley Joseph	8
Rev. Willard Prout	10
Sis. June Mcmillan	17
Rev. Errol Connor	21
Rev. Adrian Smith	21
Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts	24
Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson	27



**Anniversary Greetings are extended to the following persons:**

Rev. Ray & Mrs. Shirley Joseph	7
Rev. Dr. Kingsley & Mrs. Maureen Lewis	19