



"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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Grenada Mission - A Window of Hope

The Vice Chairman of the PEC, Bro. Dion Christopher, along with Bro. Jack Geis from the Board of World Mission, Bro. Devon Mannix and Bro. Rowan Simmons recently made a visit to Grenada. The objectives of the visit were to seek to have the mission registered as a Church, and to explore having it declared as a Mission field by the Unity Board. In addition Bro. Geis wanted to see first hand the progress of the work. The report indicates that there are about 43 adults and a tremendous amount of children who are members of the fellowship.

When the Moravian Church in Tobago launched out to the people of Grenada after hurricane Ivan in 2004, it was a genuine response to the need of a people who were devastated by that hurricane. Hundreds of persons were left homeless and so a clarion call went out. The Moravian Church in Tobago, being the closest in proximity to Grenada, responded by sending a team of persons led by Bro. Rowan Simmons. The team took an abundance of food, clothing, candles, water, batteries and any other supplies that was requested by the Grenadians. The supplies were distributed by the team to the most needy who were very grateful. In addition, the team provided counseling for people in the community. The people of Grenada impressed upon them to return. Over the years since then, several mission teams from Tobago have returned and ministered to the people there. A real connection between the people of Tobago and Grenada developed and so the mission was a natural outgrowth of what started as a response to a need for help.

The Eastern West Indies Province is thankful for the initiative that was taken by the Moravian Church in Tobago. The Province is on board with this Mission and is supporting it fully.

The words of J. Cawood written in 1819 is very appropriate for us as a church, as we seek to rally around and give birth to what was sown, for the enemy's aim is to steal, kill and destroy. J. Cawood says: "*Let not the foe of Christ and man*

This Holy seed remove,

But give it root in every heart,

To bring forth fruits of love."

God has opened up this window of opportunity for our Church in Grenada. The PEC is encouraging all of our members to support the work by your prayers, moral and spiritual support, your finances, and also to be a part of a missions team to the Island in the future.

**MARY GEORGINA Mc GREGOR
CHARLES-GEORGE**

MARY GEORGINA Mc GREGOR CHARLES-GEORGE WAS BORN to Henry and Francis Charles of Phillip's Village on May 10th 1913. She was born at a time when men took seriously Paul's injunction about the woman's role in society. But at a very early age, young Mary Charles gave the indication that no man-made barriers were going to prevent her from achieving the goals she had set herself.

She began her early education at the Leach Infant School in Phillip's Village. At the age of eight, she was transferred to the Estridge Government School, which provided the basic education for the many children of the area. At the age of twelve, she sat and passed the seventh standard examination. For her, this was a major achievement on her way to fulfilling her dreams of becoming a teacher. She enlisted as a pupil teacher under the guidance of Mr. James N. Williams, headmaster of the Estridge Government School. However, it was Mr. Benjamin Nesbit who tutored her for the three pupil teachers' exams which she passed.

In 1932, Rev. Hugh King assisted her in obtaining a scholarship to attend the Spring Gardens Teacher Training College in Antigua. The opportunity to attend this institution of higher education not only prepared her for the advances she was destined to make in the area of teaching, it also allowed her the chance to make lasting friendships with teachers from the other Leeward Islands.

At the completion of the two year course, she returned to her native St.

Kitts, only to find that the teaching profession had no vacancies, which would allow the children the opportunity to benefit from her training. She was not deterred by the unfortunate and sad news. She offered to work at the Estridge Government School for one year without salary. In 1935, she was appointed to St. Paul's as Assistant Teacher, earning a salary of two pounds each month. This was indeed a challenging period in her life. She was however blessed with a loving and understanding mother, who encouraged her on through the difficult times.

Many were the experiences of her work at St. Paul's Government School. These were exciting at times and depressing at other times. Mary Charles rode her bicycle every day to St. Paul's and was early for her work. Sometimes in the afternoon, she was given a ride on the locomotive, which took the sugar cane to the central sugar factory.

In December, 1945, Mary Charles was appointed Head Teacher at the Trinity Government School, Palmetto Point. In 1948, she returned to her alma mater as Head Teacher. The significant feature about this appointment was that she was stationed at Molineux and had oversight for Estridge. Her only means of communicating with the Estridge School was by bicycle. She rode to Estridge and back to discharge her responsibilities. After several applications to the Ministry of Education, she was granted a bicycle allowance of \$3.75 per month.

She was later transferred to the Cayon Government School, where she served as Head Teacher for twelve years.

The years of Service here was broken only by six months, when she was appointed by the Ministry of Education to act as Assistant Inspector of Schools. It was under her guidance at Cayon, those two young men, Mr. Sydney Morris (the present Minister of Education) and Mr. Donald MacLachlan began to make their mark in the field of Education. She returned to Molineux in 1968 and after two years, she retired from the service. She traveled to Tortola, where she taught for eighteen months. She also taught at the George Moody Stuart Memorial School at the Factory, and at several schools in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

Mary Charles was a dedicated teacher, who required nothing from her pupils but their best. Her commitment to the task of education has borne much fruit. Many of her former students hold prominent positions in the society. Those who did not have that opportunity to sit at her feet, can attest to the numerous words of encouragement passed on by her. Mary Charles would be the first to admit that the mark she has made in the field of Education was due mainly to her upbringing and the contribution the church made to that process. Her close association with the church goes back to the day when she was baptized by the Rev. C.A. Schouten. She cannot identify a period when she was not involved in church life, except a brief period in the nineteen sixties when there were some internal problems in the St. Kitts Conference, which spilled over into the Estridge Congregation.

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This situation led the church authorities to close the church for about two months. She, like many others contend that the administration handled the whole matter badly, thus making a simple situation with elements of personality differences, becomes a major denominational problem.

Mary Charles held every conceivable position in the Estridge congregation, even to occupying the pulpit, a position which was reserved for men. She served as a member of the Helpers Board and Church Committee. She served as Sunday School Teacher and later became the Superintendent. She was the congregation's delegate to Island Conference. In 1969, she was a member of the St. Kitts Delegation to the Provincial Synod in Antigua.

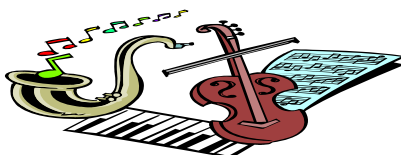
Since moving to the Virgin Islands, she continues to serve the church faithfully. She has been involved in the Women's groups in her adopted congregation. In 1975, she was married to Valdemar George, a native of St. Croix.

In 1979, the Caribbean Union of Teachers made her a life member of that body in recognition of the great contributions she has made to the teaching profession in St. Kitts and the regional teachers' body. In the New Year's Honors for 1985, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II conferred upon her the Order of the British Empire, in recognition of her sterling contribution to the field of Education in St. Kitts and Nevis.

PEC MEETING

The PEC will meet in the Tobago Conference from May 30 - June 1, 2008.

Moravian Music Sunday



Moravian Music Sunday was celebrated on April 20, 2008. On that Sunday we focused and highlighted music that has been produced by Moravian composers past and present. This year the focus was on Christian La Trobe, Moravian composer. He was born on February 12, 1758 in Fulneck, England.

Ministers in Training Retreat

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The Ministers in Training Retreat will be held from May 26 - 28, 2008.

MIT Summer Assignments

The following UTCWI Ministers in Training will be assigned to the following Conferences for their Summer assignment:

Sis. Liselle Roberts—Trinidad

Sis. Cherice Job-Lewis—Barbados

Bro. Nevin Lewis—St. Kitts

Condolence



Your prayers are requested for the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference and Associate Pastor of Spring Gardens Moravian Church and Family on the passing of his Uncle Mr. Joseph Harrigan. Funeral Service was held at the Cana Moravian Church on April 10, 2008.

PEC CALLS

- Bro. Jeremy Francis has accepted a call to serve in the St. Kitts Conference as pastor of the Estridge and Bethel Moravian congregations, effective July 15, 2008.
- Bro. Hilton Joseph has accepted a call to serve in the St. Kitts Conference as pastor of the Zion Moravian congregation and to be the Acting Superintendent, effective August 01, 2008.
- Sis. Nasel Ephraim has accepted a call to serve in the St. Kitts Conference as pastor of the Bethesda congregation and the Keys Fellowship, effective August 01, 2008.
- Bro. Adrian Smith has accepted a call to serve in the Antigua Conference as pastor of the Cana and Gracehill Moravian congregations, effective August 01, 2008.
- Bro. Kingsley Lewis has accepted a call to serve in the Antigua Conference as Associate Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Moravian congregations, effective July 15, 2008.
- Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis has accepted a call to serve in the Antigua Conference as pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian congregation, effective July 15, 2008.
- Bro. Algernon Lewis has accepted a call to serve in the Antigua Conference as pastor of the Lebanon and Enon (Newfield) Moravian congregations, effective July 15, 2008.
- Sis. Georgette John, who is on study leave has accepted a call to serve in the Tobago Conference as supplementary Minister at the Bon Accord Moravian Church effective July 01, 2008.
- Bro. Sylvester Katikaza (Tanzania) has accepted a call to serve in the Trinidad Conference as pastor of the Lanse Noire Moravian congregation and to act as Minister of Christian Education, effective August 01, 2008.

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PEC Calls/Birthdays/Anniversaries

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- Bro. Oscar Fallanga (Tanzania) has accepted a call to serve in the Tobago Conference as pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Moravian congregations, effective August 01, 2008.
- Bro. Winston Jones has accepted a call to serve in the Barbados Conference as Associate Pastor in the team Ministry at the Sharon, Dunscombe, Bethlehem Moravian congregations and the St. Phillips Fellowship, effective July 15, 2008.
- Bro. Ezra Parris has accepted a call to serve in the Barbados Conference as pastor in the team Ministry at the Sharon, Dunscombe, Bethlehem Moravian congregations and the St. Phillips Fellowship, effective July 15, 2008.
- Sis. Movelle Kellman has accepted a call to serve in the Barbados Conference as Supplementary Minister in the team Ministry at the Sharon, Dunscombe, Bethlehem Moravian congregations and the St. Phillips Fellowship, effective July 15, 2008.
- Sis. Vera Waithe has accepted a call to serve in the Barbados Conference as pastor in the team Ministry at the Clifton Hill, Centenary, Fulnec Moravian congregations, effective August 01, 2008.
- Bro. Andrew Roberts has accepted a call to serve in the Barbados Conference as Associate Pastor in the team Ministry at the Clifton Hill, Centenary, Fulnec Moravian congregations, with special responsibility for Fulnec, effective August 01, 2008.

Consecration

Bro. F. Rowan Simmons will be consecrated as a Presbyter by Bishop Kingsley Lewis on Saturday May 31, 2008 at the Spring Gardens Moravian congregation in Tobago.



Leave of Absence

Sis. Deslyn Belle-Watson has been granted Leave of Absence, effective May 01, 2008 for (6) six months.

Study Leave



Bro. Patmore Smith has been granted Study leave, effective August 01, 2008 for two (2) years.

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Sis. Lillette I. George has been granted Furlough, effective August - November, 2008.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in prayer as they prepare for the transition in their lives.

MCRC Conference

The Chairman of PEC Bro. Cortroy Jarvis will represent the Province at the Moravian Church Regional Conference (MCRC) In Nicaragua from May 22 - 25, 2008. The MCRC is made up of the following Provinces:

- ◆ Suriname
- ◆ Guyana
- ◆ Jamaica
- ◆ Costa Rica
- ◆ Honduras
- ◆ Nicaragua and
- ◆ The Eastern West Indies

Christian Educator's Meeting

The Ministers of Christian Education met in St. Thomas from April 8 -12, 2008. The meeting considered among other things the:

- * Women's Conference in Trinidad
- * The Provincial Youth Convention
- * Lay Ministry of Christian Education Publication
- * Bible Correspondence Course Material
- * Evangelism follow-up material
- * Moravian Women's Consultation in Herrnhut, Germany, June 19 -25 2008.

Moravian Women's Consultation

Sisters Alicia Ross (Antigua) and Delyth Christmas (St. Kitts) will represent the E.W.I. Province at the Moravian Women's Consultation in Herrnhut Germany from June 19 -25, 2008. We pray God's blessings upon them as they meet with other women from throughout the Unity and seek to build and encourage our women.

Staff Retreat

The Provincial Staff Retreat will be held in Mandeville, Jamaica from the 7th - 11th July, 2008. All Members of the Provincial Staff are expected to be in attendance. The Theme for this year's retreat is REKINDLING THE PASSION.



Birthday Greetings for April go out to:

Bro. Elroy Christopher	4
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Sis. Megan Gibbs	22
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bishop Neville Brown	27
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27



Anniversary Greetings for April go out to:

Bro. Calvin & Sis. Florence Isaac	16
Bro. Rudolph & Sis. Esther Roberts	22