



"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.*"

# The Information

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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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IT was the best of times, it was the worst of times. These are the words of the opening sentence of, *A Tale Of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, referring to the time of the French Revolution. "*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.*" (Charles Dickens)

The French Revolution was the event at the end of the eighteenth century, that ended the thousand-year rule of kings in France and established the nation as a republic. The revolution began in 1789, after King Louis xvi had convened the French parliament to deal with an enormous national debt. The com-

mon people's division of the parliament declared itself the true legislature of France, and when the king seemed to resist the move, a crowd destroyed the royal prison (the Bastille). A constitutional monarchy was set up, but after King Louis and his queen, Marie Antoinette, tried to flee the country, they were arrested, tried for treason, and executed on the guillotine. Control of the government passed to Robespierre and other radicals—the extreme Jacobins—and the Reign of Terror followed (1793–1794), when thousands of French nobles and others considered enemies of the revolution were executed. After the Terror, Robespierre himself was executed, and a new ruling body, the Directory, came into power. Its incompetence and corruption allowed Napoleon Bonaparte to emerge in 1799 as dictator and, eventually, to become emperor. Napoleon's ascent to power is considered the official end of the revolution.

This morning, June 30, 2008, Caricom, Caribbean heads of Government, began to arrive in Antigua for its 35<sup>th</sup> meeting. The airwaves and Caribbean newspapers have been bombarded with ideas as to whether Caricom is serving any useful purpose at all. The Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines,

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## PEC NEWS

### Moravian Women's Consultation

Sis. Alicia Ross (Antigua) and Sis. Delyth Christmas (St. Kitts) represented the EWI Province at the Moravian Women's Consultation in Herrnhut Germany June 19-25, 2008. In addition, Sis. Nelleen Murdoch (Antigua) was specially invited by the organizers to be one of the presenters at the consultation. Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford also attended as one of the Unity representatives. The consultation was held under the theme, Valiant women in a Violent world. All reports indicate that the consultation was a resounding success

### 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.**

### Provincial Synod 2009

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) is pleased to announce that the 29th Provincial Synod will be hosted by the St. Kitts Conference from July 10 to July 18, 2009. The venue for the Synod will be the Royal St. Kitts Hotel which is situated at Frigate Bay estate.

There is a one-time registration fee:

Delegates: US\$350.00 per person

Observers: US\$500.00 per person

The **ONLY FEE TO BE PAID BY DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS IS THE REGISTRATION FEE.**

Conferences are therefore advised to begin their planning immediately which gives a lead time of fourteen (14) Months.

The PEC anticipates that all monies be remitted by March 31, 2009.



We share the good news of the birth of Jhonathan Xzavier born to Bro. Jeremy and Sis. Moya Francis, June 10, 2008 in St. Croix. On behalf of the entire Province, we extend congratulations to them on the birth of their first son. We wish them God's blessings and pray that all will go well with the family.

### Chairman's Residence

After careful examination of the residence at the Provincial Headquarters, The PEC decided to have the building evaluated with a view to making adjustments to the building.

Upon completion of this examination it was determined that it

would be more economical to construct a new manse. With this in mind the PEC decided to begin the process of constructing a new manse.

In the Interim the Chairman of PEC Bro. Cortroy Jarvis and his family have relocated to their private home. The number 268-460-6969 for the Provincial manse has been transferred to the new location. The Chairman can be reached at:

[cjarvis.ewip@gmail.com](mailto:cjarvis.ewip@gmail.com).

### Appointment Appointment

The PEC official appoints Sister Beverly Job as Treasurer of the Trinidad Conference, effective June 01, 2006. We appreciate the service she has given thus far and pray God's blessings upon Sis. Job as she continues in His Service.



The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province extends an invitation to the women of our church to be a part of its Women's Conference which is due to take place on the Campus of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

The Theme of the Conference is: Windows on Womanhood (WOW). The Conference will run from July 16—20, 2008.

**Come be a part of WOW**

## PEC News

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Ralph Gonsalves made a very damning statement about Caricom being a “*Ramshackle political administrative apparatus of sovereign states in which several of its member states jealously guard a vaunted and pristine sovereignty*”.

To describe Caricom as ramshackle is harsh, but I suppose Dr. Gonsalves is frustrated and cannot visualize or see the formation, nor the solidifying of the organization, for it to become effective and efficient.

Professor Norman Girvan former secretary general of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) makes three (3) proposals as to how the organization can move forward with purpose: 1. The Leaders must take the decision to strengthen the system of governance of Caricom to provide real teeth in it. 2. provide for a system of community law in which certain prescribed and defined areas of Caricom decision-making have automatic force, 3. Appoint a couple of commissioners to implement it.

The question we need to answer as members of the Moravian Church today is, “can we say the Church is any different to what Dr. Gonsalves said of Caricom?” Can the words of Charles Dickens as enunciated in *A Tale of two cities*, describe the Church? If we all are honest, we would admit that in the Church, we are constantly **outing fires**. We enter into congregational mess with the mandate to straighten it out.. Eugene Peterson in the book, **The unnecessary Pastor** puts it in perspective, “congregational mess provides a particularly perilous condition for convincing us that we are necessary. Others have messed

up, done it badly, behaved irresponsibly, and we are called in to make a difference. The very fact that we are called in must mean that we are capable”.

The Christian Faith is always lived out in the conditions of the world and so try as we may, we cannot isolate our Christian lives from the world in which we live. Good Churches can go bad. Wonderful beginnings can end up in terrible catastrophes. The Church therefore must see itself as a hospital for sinners and not a museum for saints. It will experience the best of times, and it will experience the worst of times, because we live in a real world with real people who are sinners saved by grace. We must therefore be prepared to: bind up and heal the broken hearted; proclaim liberty to the captives; the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to comfort them that mourn; to give them beauty for ashes; the oil of joy for mourning; the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. In other words, in the midst of the mess that we wallow in sometimes, the Church must preach a message of hope and deliverance. This message cannot and ought not to be diluted, for it is the purpose for which Christ came.

Anna L Waring, in her hymn, *In Heavenly love abiding*, gives the Church hope and confidence of a brighter future even in the midst of chaos and seeming despair. Anna Waring concludes the hymn with these words:

**Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;**

**Bright skies will soon be o’er me,  
where the dark clouds have  
been.**

**My hope I cannot measure, my  
path to life is free,**

**My Saviour has my treasure, and  
he will walk with me.**

As our Provincial Staff enter into Retreat in Mandeville, Jamaica it is hoped that we will all rekindle the passion for God; Rekindle the passion for our spouse (best friend); Rekindle the passion for Ministry and the Church; Rekindle the passion for our walk with one another; Rekindle the passion to see men and women come to know Jesus; Rekindle the passion for our young people; Rekindle the passion for our Caribbean Islands being overrun by crime, violence, gangs, anti-social behaviour; Rekindle the passion for our people to be delivered from slackness, from looseness, from immorality and sin; Rekindle the passion for the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman; Rekindle the passion for righteousness and holiness.

Today, we can say that it was the best of times, it was the worst of times, but God is still the rock on which we stand.

**HILLCANONY**  
came to Spring Gardens

Hillcanony, a concert of love and appreciation in honour of Bro.. Charlesworth A. S. Edwards was held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on June 29, 2008.

The Antigua Conference flew Bro. Edwards, his wife Maria and daughter , Naomi to Antigua for the occasion. Bro. Edwards served in the Cana, Gracehill, Lebanon, Zion/Potters and Bethany congregations in



## Birthdays/Anniversaries

Antigua. Members in the Conference had been praying for his full recovery from a massive stroke he suffered about 5 years ago in New York, where he was Pastor of the United Moravian Church.

The concert was indeed a wonderful expression. Bro. Edwards in his response to all the tributes said, "if music could make you walk, I would be able to get out of this wheel chair." The name Hillcanony is a combination of the 5 congregations he served in Antigua. Special presentations were made to the family. To God be the Glory.



### Birthday Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Bro. Nigel Daniel	5
Sis. Bernadine Chase	7
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13
Sis. Jocelyn Connor	17
Bro. Selvyn McMillan	25
Sis. Lexs Forrecker	25
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29



### Anniversary Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Bro. Reuben & Sis Ivy Vessup	1
Sis. Deslyn Belle-Watson & Bro Troy Watson	19
Bro. Kirk and Sis. Nicole Barker	24



### Birthday Greetings for the month of July is extended to:

Sis. Ida Brown	3
Bro. Winston Chase	8
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Bro. Ralph Prince	11
Bro. Colbourne Walters	14
Sis. Frances John	15
Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Sis. Althea Pearline Jarvis	29



### Anniversary Greetings for the month of July is extended to:

Bro. Collin and Sis. Anique Matthew	4
Bro. Nigel & Sis. Belinda Daniel	6
Bro Neilson & Sis. Vera Waithe	7
Bro. Jeremy & Sis Moyia Francis	19
Bro. Devon & Sis. Stacey Mannix	21
Bro. Andrew & Sis. Geraldine Roberts	22
Bro. Mikie & Sis. Winelle Roberts	24
Bro. Walton & Sis. Angela Frederick	26



The Province extends heartiest congratulations to the Bro. Elroy Christopher and Bro. Cortroy Jarvis as they celebrate twenty-five years of Ministry in July. May God truly bless them as they continue in Ministry.

## Resignation

Sis. Deslyn Belle-Watson has tendered her resignation as a Pastor in the Moravian Church with effect from June 10, 2008.

The PEC wishes Sis. Belle-Watson well and thanks her for her service rendered to the Church.

Please bear Sis. Belle-Watson and her family in your prayers.

## Condolences

The PEC expresses sympathy to Bro. John Lawrence and family on the passing of his father, Bro. Simon Lawrence, a former Lay Preacher in the Tobago Conference for over 47 years, who died on Saturday evening June 28, 2008. He was once the principal of the Montgomery Moravian School and organist of Montgomery Moravian Church. He was a brilliant man of God with impeccable character and dry humor. He will be missed by the Moravian community in particular and Tobago in general. Funeral service is planned for Thursday July 3, 2008 at the Montgomery Moravian Church, Tobago.

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The PEC expresses sympathy to the family of Bro. Vernon Douglas who passed away in Trinidad Sunday June 29, 2008. Bro. Douglas was the Development Representative from the Trinidad Conference to the Provincial Development Committee. Bro. Douglas will be missed by the Moravian Community in particular and Trinidad in general.