



"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." 1 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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Mission Report 2009 Moravian Church EWIP

As we reflect on the Mission activity of the EWIP, our present Provincial Theme, Blessed to Bless, should cause us to ask as a Church, what can we do to empower our people or to make life in these challenging times much better for them? The Church ministers to real people, in real situations, where persons are struggling and sometimes live in inhumane conditions.

The Church cannot afford the luxury of remaining within the walls of its Sanctuary even though one might feel safe there. The reality is there is no safety even behind these walls any more.

Education

The Church must develop again a real relationship with the community. The membership of the Church must galvanize the community to work together for the betterment of all. It must be the guardian of the Moral and Spiritual life of the community and must therefore live by example. It must help to organize neighbourhood watches and must teach the value of neighbourliness. It must be strong on family values and must therefore be in the forefront of family life education. While some of our Congregations have organized and run Successful Preschools, we must en-

deavour to get deeper into Education, like Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education, for this is going to be the Salvation of our people. Education is key, but not any kind of education. It ought to be from a Spiritual/Religious stand point.

Libraries

Each Congregation must seek to establish libraries where we encourage our people to read and research. Not everyone has a computer and if the Church can invest in a few computers and make them internet ready this could go along way in helping our people.

Music

With the shortage of Musicians in some areas, there should be a concerted effort to invest in Laypersons who would be employed by the Church, to teach and develop music in our Churches.

Retreat Centres

We must endeavour to erect Retreat Centres to develop the capacity of our human resource.

Every group in the Church must engage in a deeper spiritual walk with the Lord, so that we will not only

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enrich ourselves but we will impact the community in a decisive way.

Several organizations can come into being as we develop our human resource:

1. Association of Moravian Educators.
2. Moravian Broadcasters Association
3. Moravian Business Persons Association
4. Moravian Printing and Publishing Association
5. Moravian Musicians Association
6. Moravian Contractors Association
7. Moravian Tradespersons Association
8. Moravian Draftspersons and Architect Association
9. Moravian Accountants and Auditors Association
10. Moravian Nurses and Doctors Association

Many other organizations can be developed. The mission is to learn from each other and to develop our human resource.

Finance

The Church must see as a part of its mission, the importance of teaching our people the value and use of money. Our mission should be to develop Credit Unions, to encourage savings and investment to build capital and community. This must be on a personal and institutional level.

THERE MUST ALSO BE GREAT EMPHASIS ON TITHING AS ENUNCIATED IN THE SCRIPTURE. Our teaching must of necessity emphasize what God requires and how He responds to our obedience.

Health Ministries

The church must seek to include as a part of its mission, Preventive and Fitness facilities. Things like exercise /Aerobic classes, purchasing equipment for a Gym, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyle. The Church must emphasize the value of treating the body as the Temple of God. If the Temple is healthy, the Church and the family will be healthy.

Tortola

The work on Tortola has made tremendous strides. In 2007 Bro. Vankys Jaun Isaac accepted a call to Tortola. Bro. Isaac has a heart for mission and has already made tremendous impact on the work in Tortola. We see great potential and believe that the work there will grow with his presence and will soon be established as a Moravian Congregation. After a prolonged period of negotiation the land is now in the hands of the Tortola Fellowship and plans are progressing for the construction of a sanctuary.

There is an urgent need for a "Home" for the Fellowship and as steps are made for the Sanctuary the Province would need to rally around the Tortola Fellowship.

Bro. Vankys Isaac made an exploratory visit to Virgin Gorda to discuss the possibility of beginning an outreach there. The ground looks very fertile and further plans are being

made as to the way forward.

St. Maarten

The St. Maarten Moravian Church is blossoming quite nicely. On Mother's Day 2009,

its Sanctuary/Multipurpose building was dedicated. There is a shared responsibility for this Church between the Suriname and the Eastern West Indies Provinces. There are approximately 80 Communi-

cant members of the church. The Building is located at #10 Dominica Road, Madame Estate, Phillipsburg, St. Maarten. This is immediately opposite the Zoo, around the Lagoon as you enter Phillipsburg. You are asked to pay them a visit and encourage others to visit as well.

Trinidad

The Province continues to support the work in the Trinidad Conference financially on an annual basis. We believe that great things are going to happen for the Lord in

Trinidad.

Grenada

The mission in Grenada Mission is still functional, but some concerted work needs to be put in to propel the work forward.

The documents for the establishment of "The Moravian Church in Grenada" have been received and so the Moravian Church in Grenada has now being registered and recognized.

The members in Grenada are crying out for the establishment of a 'church' with regular meetings signalling that a much more concentrated effort must be made if the work in Grenada is to progress. A sustained presence is needed and regular visits must be made.

Worldwide Moravian Mission

Our Province continues to share in the Mission of the Unity, (Worldwide Moravian Church) by contributing substantially to the development of the work. We have a Unity Assessment annually to the work in South Asia, to include China, India and Nepal.

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Unity News

UNITY SYNOD REPORT

To the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

27 JULY 09- 8 AUGUST 09

High Leigh Christian Conference Centre,
Hoddersdon, Herts, UK

Introduction

Guided by the theme “Discerning God’s Mission through our Unity,” fifty-one (51), Provincial delegates, eight(8) ex-officio appointees, and three(3) representatives from Unity Undertakings assembled at the 26th Unity Synod of the Renewed Moravian Church and the 42nd of the Ancient Unity. Owing to the British Government’s visa restrictions, the delegates from Suriname and some from Tanzania were absent from the Synod. Notwithstanding this, the Synod was generally enriched by the rich diversity of the Unity, cordial hospitality from the host Province and inspiring Bible study groups discussion and evening devotions. However, discomfiting tensions accompanied ethical issues like homosexuality and the divisions and conflicts in Honduras and Czech Republic.

Administration

The Unity Synod was chaired by Br Abel Thomas Appel of South Africa. Four Vice-Presidents were elected to represent the four regions. Br James Hicks, America; Sr Jackie Morten, Br Alikisia Felix Cheyo- Africa; and Sr Winelle Kirton-Roberts-Caribbean. The Four standing committees were Church and Society; Ministry and Theological education; Finance; Constitution and Mission and Unity Affairs. Sis Jeanette Smith-Barry and Bro Cortroy Jarvis chaired the Church and Society and Ministry and theological committees, respectfully. Following the presentation of all the reports before the Synod, Provincial matters and proposals were referred to the committees for discussion and resolution.

Resolutions

Forty-three (43) resolutions were passed at Unity Synod. These are all posted on the Unity website www.unityfratrum.org. They ranged from resolutions relating to Women’s and Youth matters, changes in the development stages of the Province, reconciliation in Honduras and proposal for Czech Undertaking, appointment of Business Administrator of Uitas Fratrum, funding Unity Affairs and reducing the length of Synod time to six (6) working days. It must be noted that the controversial proposal on homosexuality came up for much discussions at the committee stage, which got very tense at times, however, it was rejected on the floor of Synod without discussion.

Phenomenal Growth

One of the major highlights of the Unity Synod was the extraordinary growth of the Moravian work in Africa. Since the last Unity Synod more than 30,000 persons became Moravians. Many of these are in the new Mission works in Burundi, Rwanda, Congo, Zambia and Uganda. **In addition three (3) Mission Provinces Kigoma, Eastern Tanzania and Zanzibar and Northern Tanzania** have met all the requirements for full Unity Provinces and are expected to receive that status shortly. One of the mission strategies employed by the Africans is the appointment of Evangelists who along with choirs go throughout the communities to spread the gospel. Following this schools and social care facilities are established.

Growth and maturity is also evident in Central America. Costa Rica was accepted as a Unity Province prior to Synod and was endorsed by the Unity Synod. There is remarkable spiritual and numerical growth in

Honduras and Nicaragua.

Eastern West Indies Province

It became evident that the EWI has a key leadership and exemplary role to play in the future of the Moravian Unity. When the plea by the Nicaragua province to assist their retired Pastors, who now make on average \$4.00US per month, was not immediately forthcoming, this Province offered

to help. The commitment translated into committing approximately \$2870.00US per annum to Nicaragua until the Unity Board works out a comprehensive plan.

It must further be noted that Grenada was allocated some Unity Funding as a new World Witness project and Tortola Building project will be beneficiary of the Unity Offering in 2016.

Conclusion

As delegates, we considered it an honour to have served the Eastern West Indies Province. We believe that there is great hope for the Church and that together we can take our place as a pioneer Unity area.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro Cortroy Jarvis,

Sis Winelle Kirton-Roberts,

Sis Jeanette Smith-Barry.

MISSION FOCUS

The Calvary Moravian Church, Barbados, as part of its Mission focus for 2008, identified the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre. On September 29, 2009 an amount of US\$2,500.00 was sent to Star Mountain for the continued work.

Congratulations to Calvary for responding to a need to help.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

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We fund the Unity Archives, Star Mountain and the New World Witness, where the Moravian Church seeks to contribute towards the development of any new Mission work

until they are on their feet financially. The work in Malawi, Burundi, Zambia, The Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Eastern Tanzania and Zanzibar, Rwanda and Kigoma (Lake Tanganyika) which is growing rapidly, is supported financially by the EWI Province.

In addition, we are responding to a Macedonian call from the Moravian Church in Nicaragua which came at the 2009 Unity Synod (July/August) to assist their almost 100 Retired Pastors who presently have to survive on US\$4.00 per month to feed their families. The Nicaraguans have indicated that US\$2870.00 annually would be enough to help to lift them out of the state they are in with regard to their Retired Pastors and make life more livable for them. The PEC says thanks to the Faith Moravian Congregation, St. Croix which responded immediately to the call and has contributed this amount for 2009.

The PEC will request one congregation every year to make similar contributions towards the Nicaragua Mission.

Conclusion

The EWI Province must look forward to increased involvement in Mission opportunities and the development of our evangelistic outreach ministries, which will launch us into our communities to deal with issues such as HIV/AIDS, Crime, Delinquency, Literacy, and the other social issues that plague our communities,

and to draw persons into a closer relationship with Christ. Our involvement in these ministry opportunities will sensitize us more to where the heart of the Church ought to be.

STAFF CHANGES

The following Staff Members within the Barbados Conference have had their calls adjusted with effect from October 01, 2009.

- a. The Rev. Ezra Parris has accepted a call as Pastor of the Sharon and Dunscombe congregations.
- b. The Rev. Movelle Kellman has accepted a call as Supplementary Minister of the Sharon and Dunscombe congregations.
- c. The Rev. Winston Jones has accepted a call as Pastor of the Bethlehem congregation and The St. Phillips Fellowship.

Please bear our brothers and sister in prayer as they assume these responsibilities.



Birthday Greetings for the month of September, 2009

is extended to:

Sis. Cynthia St. Hill	3
Bro. Samuel Jacobs	7
Bro. Walton Frederick	7
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	8
Bro. Keith Horsford	10
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Sis. Lillette I. George	25
Sis. Lynda Prout	29



Birthday Greetings for the month of October, 2009

is extended to:

Bro. Winston Jones	2
Sis. Georgette John	6
Sis. Anique Elmes Matthew	22
Bro. Algernon Lewis	24
Sis. Julie Joefield Parris	28



Anniversary Greetings for the month of September

is extended to:

Bro. Ezra & Sis. Julie Parris	5
Bro. Romeo & Sis. Deborah Challenger	8
Bro. Conrad & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Horsford	30



Anniversary Greetings for the month of October

is extended to:

Bro. Vankys & Sis Myrtle Isaac	26
Bro. Derick & Sis. Lexs Forrester	27

APPOINTMENTS

- The Rev. Dr. Derick Forrester has been appointed as Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Tobago Conference from September 01– December 31, 2010.
- The Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris has been re-appointed as Provincial Director of Christian Education for the inter-synodal period 2010-2012.
- The Rev. Mikie Roberts has been appointed as Provincial Director of music for the inter-synodal period 2010-2012.
- A Provincial Hymnal Committee has been appointed. The committee is comprised of the following:

- Rev. Mikie Roberts Chairman
- Rev. Elroy Christopher Antigua
- Sis. Marlene Griffith-Folkes Barbados
- Rev. Jeremy Francis St. Kitts
- Sis. Alma Chambers Tobago
- Sis. Roxanne Lashley Trinidad
- Sis. Lucia Francis-Virgin Islands

The committee has been charged with the task of preparing a trial hymnal by the 30th Provincial Synod in 2012. The first phase of this process will begin with a survey of the current hymnal to determine what hymns and tunes are known throughout the Province. From **October 01, 2009** and each month thereafter for the next 24 months fifty (50) hymns will be distributed to each congregation. Members are encouraged to participate in this survey and to ensure that the responses from each congregation are re-

turned to the local representative on the committee

Let us pray for the members of the Provincial Hymnal Committee as they seek to carry out the mandate of synod and serve God’s people in this capacity.

PEC MEETING

The PEC met in the Antigua Conference from September 11 to 13, 2009.

A number of decisions came out of this meeting, among which was the Provincial theme for the inter Synodal period 2010-2012, “Pursuing the Blessing.”

The Provincial theme 2010-2012 “Pursuing The Blessing” was crafted by Sis. Claudette Anthony of the Cedar Hall congregation in Antigua. The province owes a debt of gratitude to Sis. Anthony and says thanks a million.

Congratulations

The PEC extends on behalf of the Province, congratulations to the Rev. Anique Elmes-Matthew, on her recent Academic Achievement. Sis. Elmes-Matthew successfully completed the Master of Business Administration Management from the American Inter-Continental University. We wish for Sis. Elmes-Matthew, Gods richest blessings.

Furlough

The following members of Staff applied for and have been granted Furlough.

- * The Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts September 01 - December 31, 2009.

- * The Right Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis-September 01-December 31, 2009.
- * The Rev. Mikie Roberts-October 01-December 31, 2009.

Where is God

Two brothers are terrible trouble makers. They are always breaking things, stealing things, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents have tried everything to get the boys to change, to no avail. Finally, out of options, they ask their pastor if he can help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home, promising to return to get him soon. The boy sits in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just look at each other.

Finally, the Pastor says, "Where is God?"

The boy just sits there and doesn't answer.

The pastor begins to look stern and loudly says, "Where is God?"

The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer.

The pastor is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts "Where is God?"

To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumps up out of his chair and runs out of the office.

The boy leaves the church and runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in BIG TROUBLE. God's missing and they think we did it!"