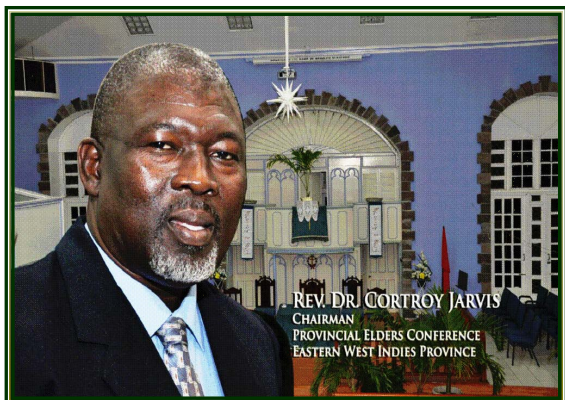


# The Information

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Congratulations to Curtly Ambrose on behalf of the Moravian Church, Eastern west Indies



Province, for being inducted into the International Cricket Council Hall of Fame on September 12, 2011, for outstanding performance in cricket. Cricket lovely cricket, is a sport that is dear to most West Indians. When the West Indies team is doing well, we all rejoice, but when they are not doing well, there is much sadness. However, let me hasten to say that West Indians in general are not saying that the team cannot lose a game, it is the way they lose. If the team plays to its best and

lose, it would not cause so much pain and disappointment, however, when it appear as if the players are not putting in the effort, it causes a lot of disappointment amongst our people.

Former West Indies pacer and the most recent International Cricket Council (ICC) Hall of

Fame inductee, **Curtly Ambrose in a Radio call in program on September 14**, called on the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and its players to work out their differences and concentrate on restoring confidence in the regional squad. The Antiguan, who was born in the village of Swetes was inducted into the Hall of Fame during a ceremony in London, said that at the end of the day, the ultimate goal must be the advancement of the game and that it must not be evident, on-the-field of play, that problems exist.

"For me personally, I don't care what kind of problems players have with the board or the board have with the players, you should find ways and means to sort out those problems but those problems should not show themselves on the cricket field because cricket, at the end of the day, has to be and must be the winner," he said.

"We had problems too when we used to play but we never took them to the cricket



Curtly E. L. Ambrose inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

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]

October, 2011



#### VISION STATEMENT

A Church - Transformed,  
United, Victorious in Christ

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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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field. Once that bell goes, we know we play for pride and not for ourselves and play for millions of people here in the Caribbean and other parts of the world, so whatever problems we had, we left those off the cricket field and sadly enough, the problems we have today are filtering down into the cricket and making the cricket real poor and it hurts me deeply to see our cricket is like this," Ambrose added.

The right-arm fast bowler hinted that the love for the game and a desire to excel amongst the young players is not as high as it ought to be. He also expressed hurt and disappointment with the level to which the standard of West Indies cricket has sank.

"To say it hurts me a bit is a big understatement. Let me tell you, this thing hurts me to the core because West Indies cricket is all we as West Indians have to brag about and coming from a small nation like the West Indies and to have ruled the cricketing world for nearly 20 years is a great accomplishment," Ambrose said.

**"When I made my debut back in 1988, the West Indies team was still the number one team in the world and I had to learn and learn quickly to be able to raise my game to that level to maintain the rich tradition of West Indies cricket. I never wanted to be the weak link in no team, so I was forced to learn quickly hence preserving our legacy."**

"Unfortunately today, I am not quite sure that these players we have quite understand what cricket means to Caribbean people."

When asked what it would take to restore cricket to its former glory in the region, Ambrose said, a serious assessment of the system starting from the top.

"I would say that we need to really take a serious look at administrators first, meaning the West Indies Cricket Board and territorial boards as well, because the system right now doesn't seem to be working; so maybe we need to start to make some serious changes starting from board level," the pacer said.

"Secondly, we have to come down to the cricketers because they are the ones who have to go out on the field to make West Indians proud.

We need to start to make some hard decisions. If guys are not committed to West Indies Cricket, it's time that we just get rid of them and try to select guys who are committed, who are passionate about West Indies cricket, and want to make West Indies cricket better. We have to make some hard decisions otherwise we will forever struggle."

Ambrose, who bagged 405 Test wickets at an average of 20.99 during his career, expressed happiness with being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"I feel real pleased. I am happy basically. It tells me



that after 12 and a half years of international cricket, representing the West Indies and giving all that I had for the cause of West Indies cricket, being inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame is like the icing on the cake."

"It shows that all my efforts and my contri-

bution to International cricket didn't go unnoticed and I am quite happy to join an elite group of great cricketers to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame."

The modest and humble player added that an induction into the Hall of Fame was not what he was looking for or that it would have come so soon.

"I never really thought that this would happen because I never looked at it that closely and when I got an email just a while back from the ICC saying that I had been chosen to be inducted, I was shocked at first because when you look at the amount of great cricketers who have graced the cricket fields over the years, I believed that maybe one day my time would come eventually; but not this soon," he said.

Ambrose featured in 176 ODIs, finishing with 225 wickets at an average of 24.12. He played 98 test matches where he captured 405 wickets at an average of 20.99.

## **Congratulation to Curtly Ambrose** **Continued from Page 2**

Ambrose is a member of the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes Village Antigua. The Moravian Church has always been proud of his accomplishments and we are extremely happy that the ICC honoured him at such a time as this. The airwave was abuzz with callers, including the Chairman of PEC, to congratulate our brother. We pray that God will continue to Bless him and his family immensely.



### **"BLACK TIE AFFAIR"**

The Moravian Church EWIP will put on "A Black Tie Affair" at which time, we hope to honour some outstanding Educators within our Church throughout the Province. As, such in an effort to assist us towards reaching our goal of establishing a Moravian College, we invite you to partner with us in purchasing a ticket for the event.



*It's a Black Tie Affair*

*Come Dine With*  
*The Moravian Church*  
*Eastern West Indies Province*  
*as it honours*  
*Outstanding Moravian Educators in the Province*  
*On Friday November 11, 2011*  
*at 7:00p.m.*  
*Grand Royal Antiguan Beach Resort*  
*Contribution \$150.00*  
*Proceeds in aid of Moravian College*

## **Reflections - Provincial Youth Camp 2011**

Though initially, the request for small numbers was a shock to most congregations, it turned out to be a realistic goal, in that it fostered a greater level of spiritual intimacy; as campers really opened up to one another and shared their personal and familial struggles with each other. They naturally became their Brothers' and Sisters' keepers. Remembering that developmentally, they are trying to compose and cement their identities as well as seek out life partners, the general concept of the camp created a standard for them to assess and decide whether they can abide by it in the future. After having discussions with the campers both locally and across the region, they noted that there were sessions that held their interests while others left them somewhat confused; but all in all they wouldn't trade the experience for anything. My hope is that as we seek to meet the needs of our young people that we take their developmental needs into greater consideration as we plan sessions, workshops and camps in general; also that their current needs dictate what is necessary and what is actually done daily.



I believe they have been set on a trajectory which they have indicated they need much support to maintain and grow and as a result they seek to support each other via facebook, black berry messenger and the usual phone calls and text messages. I can see many of them becoming Youth Ministry Leaders in the church, as they have expressed such a willingness; the onus is then upon the church to provide maybe an unconventional method to achieve such-if needs be, on a Provincial Level.

Blessings  
Pastor Camille James



## Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province 2011 Mission Report

As we reflect on the Mission activity of the EWIP, our present Provincial Theme, **Pursuing the Blessing**, 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 in-humane 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 any more, even behind these walls. Our Islands have been overrun by Crime and Violence, Drugs, Guns, Prostitution and Gambling. In addition, HIV/AIDS has descended upon us like a plague. Our Church must therefore position itself to be used by God on the Mission Field. Let me therefore share some areas of Mission that we have been involved in:

### Mount Tranquil Grenada

The work in Mount Tranquil, St. David's Grenada is going well. The Tobago Conference which has lead responsibility for the Grenada Mission Work sends a Mission Team into Grenada every month. In addition, the St. Kitts Conference has sent at least (3) three Mission Teams into Grenada from December 2010 through to July 2011. In addition, Staff Members from St. Kitts have visited Grenada regularly.

Vacation Bible School has been held over the years and the people in Mount Tranquil are very excited about the work of our Church in the area. The Mission Team has always returned very excited, with the report that many persons had given their lives to the Lord. On May 28, 2011, we had the first baptism of two (2) females and on Sunday May 29, 2011, the first Communion Service was held.



Vacation Bible School - Grenada

Both the Baptism and the Communion Services were conducted by the Rev. Hilton Joseph.



Claiming the Land for the work of God— Grenada

The Church is about to sign a lease document to erect a temporary structure for worship in the area. The PEC has taken the bold step to Call some-

one to the Grenada Mission as of January 15, 2012. In order for this be realized, each Congregation will be expected to share in the cost. It will cost approximately EC\$60,000.00 during the first year to keep a member of Staff in Grenada.

This will include Housing, Transport, Utilities, Stipend and Miscellaneous Expenses.

What do we need for the Mission Work now?

1. At least 100 Folding Chairs
2. A small Public Address System
3. Financial Support
4. Prayerful support



Missionaries laying on hands and praying— Grenada

### 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 neighborhood watches and must teach the value of neighbourliness.

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It must be strong on family values and family life education.

The Summer Mathematics Enrichment Workshop for 2011 was very successful. It is hoped that this will be an annual event as we seek to empower our people. Education is key, but not any kind of education. It ought to be from a Spiritual/Religious stand point. We encourage you therefore to give your support towards the coming to being of a Moravian College.

### **Tortola Mission**

The work on Tortola has made some strides. There is an urgent need for a "Home" for the Fellowship and so on July 23, 2011, ground was broken to start the construction of its first Sanctuary. The Moravian presence on Tortola is very important. It is the first Moravian Church to be erected there. The support of the entire Province is needed as the Tortola Fellowship seeks to erect its Sanctuary. The Sanctuary will accommodate approximately 180 persons. The sight of the Construction is: Baugher's Bay, Road Town, Tortola.



**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley O'R. Lewis in Tortola**

### **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. Once per month, the Chairman of PEC or some other member of Staff, journey to St. Maarten to conduct the English language service. The other services are held in Dutch. There are approximately 80 Communicant 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 if you are in St. Maarten on a Sunday.

### **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 and so we continue to assist them.

### **Haiti**

As part of our Mission obligation, we contributed US\$45,000.00 or EC\$125,224.39 towards the Haiti earthquake reconstruction in 2010. We continue to partner with the Board of World Mission and Emmanuel International of Canada to reach out and minister to persons in crisis situations.

### **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. We fund the Unity Archives, Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre and the Unity Mission and Development Fund, 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.

As we celebrate Missionary Meeting, let us give to the work of the Moravian Church World Wide. Let Pray for the success of the Mission efforts that more men and women might be ushered into the Kingdom. Let us Encourage those who have dedicated themselves to the work of the Lord. All Mission Funds submitted to the Provincial Office has always gone towards Missions at home or abroad.

## Tribute in honour of Elva Kitson

The Eastern West Indies Province is saddened by the passing of Sis. Elva Kitson. Sister Kitson was a woman of God who served with distinction throughout the Province, with her late husband Rev. Lloyd Kitson. She has left her footprints throughout the Province and countless numbers of persons have been blessed through the Ministry that she performed.

Sister Kitson, following their marriage on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1956 at Rosehill Moravian Church, Trinidad, accompanied her husband for the next 32 years, ministering through the Province. In 1956, they journeyed to Antigua and served the Cedar Hall, Gracebay and Five Islands congregations until 1959. They were then called to Trinidad, where her husband was the only pastor from 1959-1964 serving the five (5) congregations there: Rosehill, St. Barbs, Chaguanas, L'Anse Noire and Montevideo. In 1964-1967 they were called to Barbados to serve four (4) congregations: Sharon, Shop Hill, Montgomery and Dunscombe.

In 1967, they were called to St. Kitts where they remained for the next ten (10) years until 1977. There they served the Zion and Bethel congregations. In 1977, they were called back to Antigua where they accepted two (2) calls. From 1977-1980, they served the Lebanon and (Enon) Newfield congregations. In 1980, they were called to serve the Spring Gardens, Gracefield and Bethany congregations until 1983. In 1983, they were called to St. John, Virgin Islands, to serve the Emmaus and Bethany congregations until 1987.

Finally, from January-December 1988, they were called to Trinidad, where Rev. Kitson succumbed to illness, died and was buried there.

If you knew Sis. Kitson well, her husband's work was her work. She supported and stood by her husband for all of the 32 years of dedicated service to God and the Church. She was a very loving, caring, faithful, strong, no non-sense woman of God. She endeared herself to persons and so she had a number of sons and daughters throughout the Province.

Even though she had only two (2) biological children, Arlene and James, I believe that they would be the first ones to tell us, that she had many children.

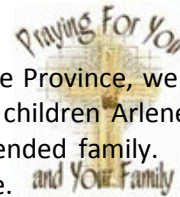
We have lost a woman of substance, who was not ashamed to own her Lord. Her work and witness will live on through the many lives she touched and blessed over the years. The Moravian Church has truly being enriched and strengthened through her involvement over the years.

I believe that Sis. Elva Kitson would commend the parting words of St. Paul to the Young man Timothy to us today.

"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

A thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of Sis. Elva Kitson, was held at the Nisky Moravian Church, St. Thomas on Saturday, September 10, 2011.



On behalf of the Province, we express sincere condolence to her children Arlene and James and the rest of the extended family. May her soul rest in perpetual peace.



### The Hymn of the Month October – December 2011

As we continue to focus within the Province on a hymn for each month, please note the hymn of the month for the quarter **October to December 2011**. They are:

# 252 **Awake our souls, away our fears!** found in the section **Discipleship and Service**. The recommended tune is **DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**, the set tune. This is the hymn of the month for **OCTOBER**.

# 594 **Fair waved the golden corn** found in the section **The Seasons**. The recommended tune is **HOLBORN**, which is the tune used for the hymn



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# 448 in the current hymnal. This is the hymn of the month for **NOVEMBER**.

#85 **A Christmas Song** found in the Caribbean Hymnal **Sing A New Song No. 3** is the hymn of the month for **DECEMBER**. The words and music for this hymn will be distributed in the near future.

Thank you for giving attention to ensuring that congregations participate in the hymn of the month observance. Again it is recommended that where feasible the hymns be introduced to the congregation by the choirs and that they be used as often as possible during the month. In addition to the quarterly notices, there will be monthly reminders as well.

Mikie Roberts (Rev)

Chair,  
Provincial Hymnal Committee.



### **Birthday Greetings**

*for the month of October is extended to:*

Bro. Winston Jones	02
Sis. Georgette John	06
Bro. Joseph Nicholas	15
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew	22
Bro. Algernon Lewis	24
Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	28



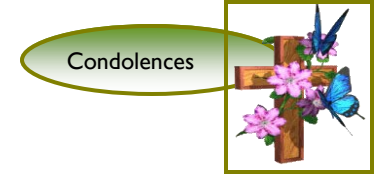
### **Anniversary Greetings**

*for the month of October is extended to:*

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

## **PEC MEETING**

The PEC will convenes its Final meeting for the year in the Antigua Conference from October 7—9, 2011. Please remember the PEC in prayer.



The PEC expresses sympathy to the Lewis family on the passing of Mrs. Hildred Lewis. Sis. Lewis was the Mother and Mother-in-Law of the Rev. Algernon Lewis and Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, respectively. She was also the Grandmother of the Rev. Nevin Lewis. Sis Lewis passed into the nearer presence of God on Thursday September 15, 2011, in Antigua. The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday September 27, at 2.30p.m. at the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes. Let us remember the family in our prayers.



## ***Fun Corner*** **Major Problem**

A Major was assigned to a new office on a military base. While he worked to set up his office, a private knocked on the door. The major quickly picked up the phone and motioned for the private to enter.

On the phone the major said, "Yes, General Schwarzkopf, I think that is an excellent idea. . . . No sir, that's fine, you feel free to call me any time. I'm glad I can help. . . . Yes sir, I will, and you give my best to your family as well. Thank you sir, and a good day to you too, General Schwarzkopf."

As the major hung up the phone he turned to the private and asked, "What can I do for you, Private?"

Sheepishly, the private mumbled, "Um, sir, I'm just here to hook up your phone."

