

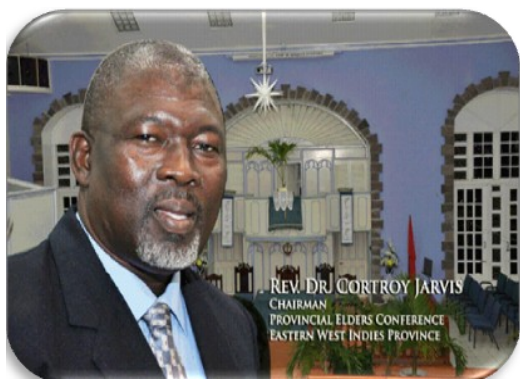
The Information

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." II Timothy 2: V 15



Resurrection brings Hope-Celebrate It

Easter is the most important day on the Christian's calendar. Not only is it the day Jesus won the victory over death, it's the day more people become Christians than any other. It is a day filled with hope and expectation.



Mark 16:1-8 *"When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'"*

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a

white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This year as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us be reminded that the resurrection speaks of new life, indeed, a new beginning. It was nearly 2000 years ago, that Jesus rose from the dead. It was almost 2000 years ago the women went and found an empty tomb. It was almost 2000 years ago, after hearing the report of the women, several disciples ran to the tomb and found it empty, for Jesus Christ rose from the grave.

Most of the great or powerful leaders in the world have tombs you can visit where their remains are interred. It is said that the late leader of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez's body has been embalmed and will remain in a Museum for generations to come, that persons will never forget him and the tremendous work he has done to uplift the ordinary people of his country. But not Jesus, his tomb is empty. There is no body there. There are no ashes there. There are no remains there, for Jesus rose from the dead!

The Devil did his best to keep Jesus down. The grave did all it could to hold him captive. But, after 3 days, the Father dispatched an Angel to the earth. As his feet touched the ground an

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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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earthquake hit and the stone rolled away from the tomb. Not to let Jesus out, but to let the women and disciples in so they could see Jesus was gone.

Now, what is the result of this resurrection? What difference does it make to us? In 1 Peter 1:3-9, Peter declares:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, v3 of the passage we just read says, “He has given us a new birth into a living hope.” What is this living hope? What is the hope we now have, that only the resurrection of Jesus Christ can give us?

1. We now have a hope and knowledge, that death is not the end. For much of recorded history, mankind has often been unsure of whether there is really life after death. Even today, many claim that this life is all there is. The conclusion of the matter is that this physical body will decay and rot. However, because Jesus rose, we now have a hope in the certainty that one-day we too will rise again, that we too will live again. The Bible calls Jesus “the Firstborn from the dead.” Because of Jesus’ resurrection we have a certain hope that even if we die, one day we will live again.
2. Our hope includes the knowledge that evil does not win. Sometimes, it seems that the bad guy often wins. Sometimes it seems that the one who cheats, the one who lies, the one who steps on others at work to get ahead, is the one who prospers. We hear horror stories of people ripped off by unscrupulous contractors after the hurricanes. Almost daily, one hears of this one cheating or that one cheating. How often do we read of politicians cheating, or working to make sure their businesses get the good contract? It seems that there

is no hope for the little man, the one who lives right, to ever get ahead.

I imagine the disciples and the followers of Jesus felt that way, for 3 days. For 3 days they wondered how the Roman Imperialists could get away with what it had done to Jesus. On the 3rd day however, one song writer declares:

*“Up from the grave He arose.
 With a mighty triumph o’er His foes.
 He arose the victor from the dark domain
 And He lives forever on His throne to reign.
 He arose. He arose. Hallelujah Christ arose.*

3. Our hope includes the knowledge that God forgives. Mark 16:7 **But go, tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.**

Why in the world would the angel specifically mention Peter? Why would he call him by name? Peter had walked with Jesus for 3 years. He knew Jesus intimately. He had watched as Jesus performed miracles. ... On the night of the Lord’s Supper Peter told Jesus, “Even if the rest of them leave you, I never will.” It was the same Peter who denied Jesus 3 times.

Imagine the scene if you will. The women come from the tomb. They pound on the door of the upper room where the disciples were hiding until finally the disciples open the door. The women burst into the room and breathlessly tell all those assembled there what the angel had said. As they tell their story, they glance around. Over in the corner they see Peter. He’s no longer acting so bold. He’s no longer acting like a leader. He’s sitting alone in the corner, head hung low. Seeing him there the women say, “Peter” the angel specifically mentioned you. He mentioned you by name. He said, “Tell the disciples and Peter.”

Go tell the disciples and Peter. It seems very clear, that Jesus wanted him to know that he’s still a child of His. He wanted Peter to know that all is forgiven. God forgives.

1 John 1:9 **“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.**

4. Our hope includes the knowledge that new life is an option. Many who have been trapped in sin, who have battled the same sin time and time again, and have been beaten over and over and over again,

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sometimes reach the point where they believe they can never escape. They believe they are trapped in that sin, in that addiction, forever.

Romans 6:4 ***“Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.”***
Jesus’ resurrection proves that you can have a new life. You can live a new life.

In confronting a problem in the church of Corinth Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Paul said to the Christians in Corinth, “You used to be like that, but you’ve been saved. You’re washed, you’re sanctified, you’re justified. You’re not like that anymore. ...

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things are become new.”***

5. Our hope includes the promise of a better tomorrow verses 3-4
We have a promise not only of living again, but also of a better tomorrow.
Jesus said, “I am going to prepare a place for you.”
What a place that will be. The Bible says there will be no more tears. There is no more pain.

New life is an option. We know a better tomorrow is coming.

Happy and Blessed Easter season!



Moravian Music Sunday

This year Moravian Music Sunday will be observed on Sunday April 28, 2013. The theme for this year is **“Music of Living Caribbean Moravian Hymn Writers.”**

As we continue the work of preparing and editing of our Caribbean Moravian Hymnal, this year we will be focusing on four hymns that have been submitted by three sisters from the Jamaica Province. Since the hymnal is a combined effort between both Provinces, it was deemed appropriate to highlight some of the submissions that were made from the Jamaica Province. On previous occasions, attention was given to hymns submitted by Moravians in the Eastern West Indies Province.

As usual we recommend that congregations for whom that Sunday is not suitable can choose to observe Moravian Music Sunday at a time that is more convenient. However, it is important to ensure that a Sunday is set aside to celebrate the rich musical heritage that is ours as Moravians and to focus this year especially on the hymns that have been written by our Moravians from the Jamaica Province.

STATEMENT TO BE READ

Moravian Music Sunday, April 28, 2013

Today we celebrate the rich musical heritage God has given to the Moravian Church, a heritage that stems from the Ancient Unity in Bohemia and Moravia in the 15th century, expanded in the 18th century in Germany, and continues to thrive in the worldwide Moravian Church today. Music can be a wonderful means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, speaking to the heart in ways that words alone cannot. When we sing together or play instruments, we share in the song of the church triumphant in heaven, those saints who have gone before us and sing their praises to God and to Jesus Christ our Savior.

This musical heritage is over 550 years old, and yet it is not just a matter of history. God’s musical gifts to the Moravian Church continue today, with many Moravians writing hymn texts and music, sacred solos, anthems, and instrumental music for use in our churches and beyond. For many of these composers and authors, like many who play and sing, lead other musicians, and teach young people in music, music isn’t their “day job” – it is something they do for love. For love of the Lord, and for love of God’s people. May the songs we sing today, and the music we hear, inspire you with that love, and may you find – and share – the new song in your own heart.

God has given to us in the Moravian Church a heart for music, and special gifts in composing music, writing words, and singing and playing from that heart. On this Sunday, set aside for us to recognize the value that our music has played in our worship and in our lives, we are thankful that God gave us this gift, which can draw us closer to one another and to our God. Through music, may we learn to love one another more fully, and in so doing, to love our Savior more deeply. Thanks be to God!

An Easter Promise

by Helen Steiner Rice

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*If we but had the eyes to see
God's face in every cloud,
If we but had the ears to hear
His voice above the crowd,
If we could feel His gentle touch
In every Springtime breeze
And find a haven in His arms
'Neath sheltering leafy trees...
If we could just lift up our hearts
Like flowers to the sun
And trust His Easter Promise
And pray, "thy will be done,"
We'd find the peace we're seeking
The kind no man can give
The Peace that comes from knowing
He Died So We Might Live!*

In the Garden of Gethsemane

by Helen Steiner Rice

~***~

*Before the dawn of Easter
There came Gethsemane...
Before the Resurrection
There were hours of agony...
For there can be no crown of atars
Without a cross to bear,
And there is no salvation
Without faith and love and prayer,
And when we take our needs to God
Let us pray as did His Son
That dark night in Gethsemane-
"Thy will, not mine, be done."*



MORAVIAN WEEK 2013

Moravian week, which celebrates the founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457 was unveiled with grand style this year. The Christian Education Department called the Conference to celebrate on Thursday, 21st February to Sunday, 3rd March, 2013. The following activities were the highlights of the week:



Rev. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith

DIMENSIONS

This event provided the Acting Superintendent, Rev. Algernon Lewis the platform to evaluate the Conference in three dimensions. Firstly, with critical lens, history was examined to capture the actions taken by our fore fathers and mothers of the faith, which resulted in the Church's rich heritage. Secondly, real glances were taken of the present realities of the Conference, a diagnosis made and the prognosis identified. Thirdly, with diagnosis and prognosis in view remedies were prescribed to forge ahead with a clearer understanding of the vision and Mission of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference.

National Evangelism Through Sports (NETS)

NETS was held at the YMCA on Saturday, 24th February, 2013. Volleyball, Netball and Basketball were the sporting activities of choice. Teams from throughout the Antigua Conference came out dressed and ready to play. At the end of play, Spring Gardens took the championship in Basketball and the Female Division of Netball while Gracebay captured the Mixed Division of Netball and Volleyball. The department congratulates Spring Gardens and Gracebay for offering fierce competition and encourages the other Congregations to rise to the challenge next year.

DRAMATIC FORCE

Tuesday, 26th February at 7pm saw the dramatization of a play written by the Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis and directed by Bro. Theodore Barnes. The walls of the Tim O'Reilly Auditorium were filled with persons who have an appreciation for the Performing Arts. From start to finish the History of our church came to life before an anticipative assembly.



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This confirms that the Moravian Church has a rich history along with a talented populace.



PAN FEST

On Thursday, 28th February 6pm at Gracefield Moravian Church grounds, the youth and young adults from Spring Gardens, Gracehill/Cana, Potters Zion, Gracefield and Lebanon Moravian Churches along with two (2) visiting band captured the hearts of the pan lovers as they beat the steel pan to sweet harmonious sounds.



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PSALM ALIVE

This competition continues to showcase the poetic genius of the Psalmists as the Sunday Schools offer choral renditions to the honour and glory of God before an expectant audience. The event remains a high point for the youth and adults alike. These choral renditions are never short of passion and enthusiasm. The results were as follows:

Children 8-12 years

- 1st - Potters
- 2nd - Greenbay
- 3rd - Spring Gardens

Teens 13-18 years

- 1st - Potters
- 2nd - Greenbay
- 3rd - Spring Gardens

A MOVE OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Moravian week climaxed on Sunday, 3rd March as we moved through the city of St. John's beginning at the Potters Primary School ending at the Spring Gardens Moravian church for a Gospel Jamboree. During the Move of Christian Witness, which took the form of a prayer cade, the aim been to reaching those steeped in a life of sin. Gospel songs could be heard, tracks shared, and prayers offered at strategic points. The Gospel Jamboree, which was a festive session of song and dance presented the perfect end to an eventful week.

The Department took the decision to used this event to recognized the sterling contribution of six (6) past and present Sunday school workers annually. The first recipients included, Sis. Rhonis Richardson of the Five Island Moravian Sunday School, Sis. Glendina McKay of the Spring Gardens Moravian Sunday School, Sis. Genevieve Smith of the Zion Potters Sunday School, Sis. Ruthlin Hector of the Enon Moravian Sunday School, Bro. Michael Francis of the Gracebay Sunday School and Bro. Joseph Charles of the Cana Moravian Sunday School.

LEADERS RETREAT

For the third time the people of Urlings generally and the proprietors of Coco Rose Reception Hall specifically warmed our hearts with their southern hospitality, which is like no other. Approximately two hundreds and forty-one (241) persons were in attendance on Saturday, 2nd March, to receive at the feet of our presenter Dr. Robertine Chaderton. The topic of focus was "An Accountable Steward". The presenter embraced the moment to share passionately on strategic and financial planning, and governance as sub-topics. The retreat was well received.

Progress Report of the Building Project at the Memorial Moravian Congregation Trinidad Conference

The Memorial Moravian Congregation wishes to thank persons, congregations and Conferences, for their contribution of finances and prayers towards its building project.



Through this medium you are invited to ***“Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works***

in man’s behalf! Psalm 66:6 (NIV) God has proven over and over that He is faithful as there was never an abundance of money at any of the stages accomplished so far.

The actual preparations to build began way back in 1992. However, in June 2009 a three day prayer and fast was called for the members of the congregation, culminating in a retreat on June 11th under the theme:

B.U.I.L.D. to B.U.I.L.D.

Blessings **U**sually **I**ncrease, **L**abour **D**iligently;
But **U**ltimately **I**t is the **L**ord’s **D**oing

On August 8th 2009 work began on the foundation which was completed by the end of 2009. The steel was acquired in 2010. Many began to wonder if the steel was ever going to be erected. However, God’s timing is always best. In December 2012 work began on the framing up of the building. The steel was erected, the deck-pan and purlings were installed, concrete poured into the upper floor and the galvanized placed on the roof. God did it again! He has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is His doing. To God be the glory!



We invite you again to be a part of this awesome move of God for we are convinced that the “best is yet to come” as we continue to exercise our faith because ***“....this happened that we might not***



rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.”
2 Corinthians 1:9.



May God bless you and may His name be praised forever.

Adelyn Mgonela
Pastor

Quote of the Day

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

~Martin Luther~

Fulfilling the Mandate - Submit to God’s Rule

Unity Weekend Moravian Church – Barbados Conference by Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris



The Unity weekend 2013 in Barbados began on Saturday March 2nd with the annual Church Leaders Retreat. It was held at the Bethlehem Moravian under the Provincial Theme “Fulfilling The Mandate: Submit to God’s Rule”. There were over one hundred leaders from among the congregations sharing

in this Retreat. We were blessed with the presence of our Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, who shared with us as the Keynote Speaker.



On Sunday March 3rd, Bro. Jarvis was the Preacher at the service following the March of Witness and on Monday 4th, he was the Presenter at the final session of this year’s Lay Academy.

At the Retreat, leaders were first oriented as to what is the Mandate and that in submitting, there must be a transformation. All were pointed to 2 Corinthians 5:17, to put aside the old and nurture the new. In fulfilling the mandate, they must understand that they are among other directives, to complete, accomplish and execute the command of the One who issued the order. They must have the spirit of being Disciples of Jesus Christ in order to carry out His commands, especially that of sharing the Gospel.

A little later in the day, they were further challenged to search themselves to assess their relationship with God. They were to ascertain the things and people that prevented them from fully submitting to God, and to rise to the challenge of making the necessary changes in order for God to rule in their lives. It was pertinent for them to also come to the realization that it begins with God, then they must put their house in order before further ministry, encouraging others to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 3rd March began with Divine Worship and Holy Communion in most of the congregations. Moravians

gathered at 3.30 p.m. for the annual March of Witness. This year the march commenced at Bunkershill, which was originally about two acres of land, purchased by missionaries in 1767 and was dedicated to the service of God on Christmas Eve of the same year. It served as a mission station for nearly 30 years, the first convert was a woman called Sara and the last service held there was January 18th 1795. Some of the missionaries buried in God’s Acre at the site are John Bennett, John Angermann and John Montgomery.

On the way from Bunkershill, singing to the glory of God, Moravians marched through the communities of Grand View, Edgehill Heights, Melrose and Arthur’s Seat, then on to the Sharon Moravian Church for the culminating service. Congregations



could have been identified by their specific colours and banners and all were refreshed with the zeal of earlier missionaries. The message was again challenging those who attended to examine themselves, submit to God and be a part of the team of Disciples who would be seeking to fulfill the Mandate.

The final activity on Monday 4th was the culmination and closing ceremony of the Lay Academy for 2013. Participants would have studied various aspects of the Provincial



Theme for a number of weeks with the focus on personal development. Presenters were well prepared in the different areas of study and it was indeed a source of blessing to all. At the end, those attending were in no doubt of the need to

make changes in their lives in order to fully serve Jesus Christ.

It was a weekend of sharing, a weekend of promise and we thank all who made it possible. We pray that God will continue to soften the hearts of many into first submitting to His rule, then to be a part of the team to “Go Tell”.

556th Celebrations...



Sugar City Style!

The 556th Celebrations of the St.Kitts Conference was held at the Bethesda Moravian Church, Cayon in St.Kitts. The date was Sunday, March 03, 2013, 10:00 a.m. The Moravian Church, St Kitts Conference gathered together for its annual joint worship with Holy Communion to celebrate the founding of the Unitas Fratrum some 556 years ago.



Rev. Nasel Ephraim leading the congregation in Worship

The service was led by the host pastor of the Congregation, Rev. Nasel Ephraim. The Church is one foundation, And Can It Be, My Song is love unknown, We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord are just some of the hymns and songs sung throughout the service.



Moravians for Jesus! A Cross section of the congregation

Rev. Hilton Joseph, Superintendent welcomed all to worship, and encouraged the celebration of the church's birthday with the singing of the Moravian Roll Call, "Moravians for Jesus, Hear the Battle Cry"



The Staff of the St Kitts Conference and Sis. Louisa Isaac at 99 years old

The Conference also took the opportunity to celebrate with Sis. Louisa Isaac of the Bethesda Congregation who had recently celebrated her 99th birthday. At the time of the service, she was 99 years, and 2 weeks! To God be the Glory!

The Conference Choir, under the tutelage of Rev. Jeremy Francis, with guest conductor, Br. Vinema Jarvis ministered in song with an arrangement of You are My All in All with Fairest Lord Jesus.



Bro. Vinema Jarvis Conducting the Conference Choir

The message for the day was brought by Rev. Jeremy Francis, who spoke from Isaiah 40:28-31, under the theme, "A Renewal Is Coming". He encouraged us, that even in our frustrations to wait in anticipation and expectation for God to renew our lives and the Church. It was a timely word that was well received by all.



Fellowship around the Lord's Table was shared as more hymns such as Love Divine All loves Excelling, Here O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face, and Hark My Soul It Is the Lord were sung.



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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The Morning service was indeed a blessing as all were encouraged through this time of worship and fellowship.

556 TALENT EXPLOSION

It is customary for the Conference Christian Education Committee to provide for sale at the celebration of the church's birthday. This year was no different. A sumptuous lunch was on sale for only \$10.00 Moravian dollars consisting of chicken, fish, curry and jerk turkey wings (just delicious) rice and macaroni pie.

The norm is to have a quiz which would entail a portion of Moravian History and Bible portions from the New and Old

Testament. It was decided this year however, that a change will be made and we will have a Talent Explosion, featuring the talent from the various congregations. The afternoon was an enjoyable one.

Dance, men in song, Choral speaking, mime we all part of the offerings for the day. These offerings proved that the Moravian Church in St Kitts and the region is indeed a blessed church with many gifts and graces!



Bethesda Dancers



Zion Youth, "I Smile"



Congratulations Sisters of Zion!

Psalm 92:12-13 declares *"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."*

The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church wish to join with the rest of the nation of St Christopher and Nevis in congratulating you Sisters on your achievement and recognition on International National Women's Day (08 March 2013) for the indelible contribution that you have made to your communities and the nation. We pray that the favour of God will continue to surround you.

Yours in Pastoral Love,
Hilton J Joseph (Rev)

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New Dawn Congregation Youth in the Talent Explosion



Estridge Brethren in Song

Congratulations Sisters of Zion
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HEALTH - SISTER BEULAH MORRIS

Sister Beulah Morris was born in Nevis and is a trained Registered Nurse, Public Health Sister who hails from the twin island of Nevis. She commenced her nursing career in Nevis from 1964 to 1970 where she received her training via on-the-job training and later migrated to St. Kitts in 1971 where she continued her nursing career in the field of Community Health, especially in Maternal and Child Health until 2010 when she retired. During the period 1992 - 1993, she journeyed to Jamaica to further her education at the West Indies School of Public Health where she obtained a Diploma in Public Health.



Sister Morris contributed and devoted her entire life to community work, particularly home deliveries and child care. She said those days were hard, dark days which were known as the 'Florence Nightingale Style'. Visitation to the homes was one of her strong areas to ensure that parents were taking good care of their children. She said she had an opportunity to deliver some famous and outstanding icons on both Nevis and St. Kitts. She feels satisfaction that those babies turned out to be great men and women.

Sister Morris has served in administrative capacities at Zion such as the Board of Elders and the Board of Stewards. She is also a member of the Zion Senior Choir and was a Sunday School teacher for four years in Nevis.

CARE GIVING – SISTER RHODA PROCOPE

Sister Rhoda Procope was born in Nevis. She has three children and can be described as the free-spirited and fun 'life of any party'.



Sister Procope is a committed member of Zion and a member of almost every organization. She is a member of the

Board of Elders, Zion Women's Fellowship, Zion Health Care Team, Zion Gospel Singers, Moravian Conference Choir and a Youth Mentor.

Sister Procope is also serving as Secretary of the St. Kitts Floral Arrangers Association. As a breast cancer survivor, she is an active member of the Reach for Recovery Breast Cancer group. Mrs Procope has served as Ward Sister in the Psychiatric Ward of the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital.

In a society where the mentally challenged are not often treated with respect, Rhoda knew she could make a difference in that field. On returning from overseas, she married the late Mr Lloyd Procope and joined him in his funeral business. This offered her another chance to care for persons at a difficult time. She provided comfort to the bereaved by volunteering pre and post counselling sessions.

The two sisters were honoured at a ceremony to mark the 10th Anniversary of International Women's Day in St. Kitts and Nevis.



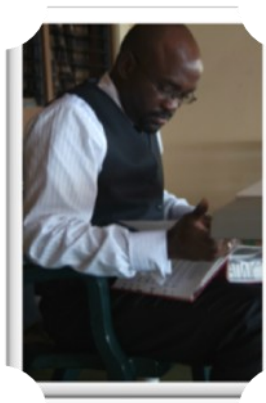
Gospel on Steel

The Montgomery Steel Ensemble from the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago will tour Antigua from June 21 - 28, 2013. They will present "Gospel on Steel" a special concert on Sunday June 23, 2013. Look out for more information.



Fulfilling the Mandate - Submit to God's Rule

Hymn of the Month
April ~ June 2013
Mikie Roberts (Rev.) Chair,
Provincial Hymnal Committee.



As we continue observing within the Province our hymn of the month, for the next three months, we will give attention to the following three (3) hymns. They are:

At the Lamb's high feast we sing is the hymn of the month for **April** as we continue in the Easter season. In the Trial Hymnal it is #118 and in the old hymnal it is #99. The recom-

mended tune is also the set tune which is **SALZBURG**. This hymn falls in the 'Son of God: His Resurrection' section. The text of the hymn offers praises to Christ for what was accomplished through His death. It also serves as a reminder to believers that because of the death and resurrection of our Lord, death is no longer the unconquerable enemy. As a result we can all share continuously in the "Easter triumph, Easter joy."

St. Patrick's Hymn is the hymn of the month for **May** as we commemorate Trinity Sunday on the last Sunday of the month which is May 26. The recommended tune is also the set tune which is **ST. PATRICK'S BREAST-PLATE**. We are mindful though that there are some congregations who still prefer to use the old tune from the 1949 edition of the Moravian hymnal. However, that is not advisable since there have been some major changes to the text (especially in the opening verse) which will prove to be problematic with the current musical arrangement. Although this is found in the canticle section, it is not structured as a typical canticle and so can be truly considered as a hymn. As we sing the **St. Patrick's Hymn** might we be reminded not only of the Triune character of God Almighty, but also walk in the power which is given to the Church because of the God who is Three in One and One in Three. This hymn is filled with doctrinal truths that need to be imbedded within each generation of believers.

Blak Up is the hymn of the month for **June**. This hymn was written by the late Barry Chevannes, a Jamaican hymn writer. It utilizes a Jamaican expression – **blak up** – which is used to described someone who's drunk. Chevannes plays on this indigenous term and reapplies it to vividly describe the descent of the Holy Spirit upon

the early believers thereby giving birth to the Christian Church. The hymn really is a retelling of the events of Acts 2.

As we continue to observe the Sundays in the Season of Pentecost during the month of June, it is hoped that this hymn will remind us of the birth of Christianity and help us to all recapture the zeal which was given through the work of the Holy Spirit. The music and words will be distributed at a later date.

The Provincial Hymnal Committee continues to express its sincere thanks for all who see to it that the hymn of the month is observed within the congregations. As we continue to journey through 2013, we will press ahead to share with you each month hymns/songs/canticles that build us up as the Body of Christ. We also continue to crave your prayerful support as we continue the work that has been assigned to us.

Here are the words for the hymn of the month for April 2013.

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At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side,
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast;
Christ the victim, Christ the Priest!

Mighty victim from the sky
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie,
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light:
Now no more the grave can death appal,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in thee thy saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy
Sin alone can this destroy;
From sin's power do thou set free
Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
With the Spirit, ever be!

Salzburg 1849.

R. Campbell, a.

Watchword for 2013

The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province facilitated the drawing of the individual watchwords for the Unity Board, for the Unity Provinces, the Mission Provinces of the Moravian Church and for the Unity Undertakings. The Watchword assigned to the Eastern West Indies Province for 2013, is the one drawn for August 25, 2013.



Provincial Update/Staffing Matters

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. Bro. Adrian Smith, who has been serving as Pastor of the Gracehill and Cana congregations in Antigua, has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Calvary and Gracehill congregations in Barbados, effective August 01, 2013.
2. Bro. Joseph Nicholas, who has been serving as Pastor of the Prince of Peace congregation in Miami, has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Gracehill congregation in Antigua, effective August 15, 2013.
3. Bro. Ulric Smith, who has been serving as Associate Pastor of the Gracehill and Cana congregations in Antigua, has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Cana congregation in Antigua, effective August 01, 2013.
4. Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd who has been serving as Associate Pastor of the Memorial Moravian congregation in the Virgin Islands Conference and coordinator of Christian Education in St. Thomas, St. John and Tortola district, has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Tortola Fellowship within the Virgin Islands Conference, effective March 15, 2013.
5. Bro. Elroy Christopher who is presently serving as Pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill congregations in the Antigua Conference, will officially retire from active service as a Pastor in the Moravian Church, effective June 30, 2013.
6. Sis. Georgette John, who has been on Leave of Absence, has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill congregations within the Antigua Conference, effective August 01, 2013.

Let us remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

Unity Prayer Watch 2013

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 12:01 a.m. April 01, 2013 – Midnight April 14, 2013. The Schedule is as follows:

Trinidad	12:01a.m. April 01	Midnight April 01, 2013
Tobago	12:01a.m. April 02	11:00a.m. April 03, 2013
Grenada	11:01a.m. April 03	Midday April 04, 2013
Barbados	12:01p.m. April 04	Midnight April 06, 2013
Antigua	12:01a.m. April 06	6:00a.m. April 10, 2013
St. Kitts	6:01a.m. April 10	6:00p.m. April 11, 2013
Virgin Islands	6:01p.m. April 11	Midnight April 14, 2013
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Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the un-broken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us therefore encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church and indeed our lives. Congregations can allot 15 minutes or 30 minutes slots to members, while groups can be allotted 1 hour slots.

Ministers in Training Retreat

The Ministers in Training Retreat will take place at the Provincial Headquarters on May 21 – 22, 2013. The Retreat being held is to prepare the Ministers in Training for their assignment in the respective Conferences and also to assist them as they look ahead to concluding their studies at UTCWI and enter into the fulltime Ministry.

Summer Assignments - The Summer Assignments for the Ministers in Training are as follows:

Erwin Warner	Virgin Islands Conference	May 23 - July 23
Catherine Governor	Antigua Conference	May 23 - July 23
Moise Jean	St. Kitts Conference	May 23 - July 23
Yvonne Jean	Trinidad Conference	July 1 - August 31
Elva Huggins	Barbados Conference	May 23 - July 23



Birthday Greetings for the Month of April is extended to:

Bro. Elroy Christopher	04
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	08
Sis. Megan Gibbs	22
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27



Anniversary Greetings for the Month of April is extended to:

Bro. Elroy and Sis. Jane Thomas– Christopher	11
Bro. Rudolph & Sis. Esther Roberts	22



Jokes of the Day

1. An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (.turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

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2. One day God was looking down to earth and saw all of the evil that was going on.

He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out so he called on a female angel and sent her to earth for a time. When she returned she told God, "yes it is bad on earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good."

Well, He thought for a moment and said maybe I had better send down a male angel. To get both points of view. So God called a male angel and sent him to earth for a time. When the male angel returned he went to God and told him yes the earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good.

God said this was not good. He would send a letter to the 5% that were good and encourage them, something to help them keep going. Do you know what that letter said?

Oh, you didn't get one either?!

heart touching story!!

A doctor entered the hospital in a hurry after being called in for an urgent surgery. He answered the call asap, changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He found the boy's father pacing in the hall waiting for the doctor.



On seeing him, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have any sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came as fast as I could after receiving the call..... And now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work"

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what will you do?" said the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what Job said in the Holy Book "From dust we came and to dust we return, blessed be the name of God". Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by God's grace"

"Giving advises when we're not concerned is so easy" Mumbled the father.

The surgery took some hours after which the doctor went out happy.

"Thank goodness!, your son is saved!" And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any questions, ask the nurse!"

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state" Commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left.

The nurse answered, tears coming down her face: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was at the burial when we called him for your son's surgery. And now that he saved your son's life, he left running to finish his son's burial."

Moral: Never judge anyone..... because you never know how their life is and what they're going through"

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