

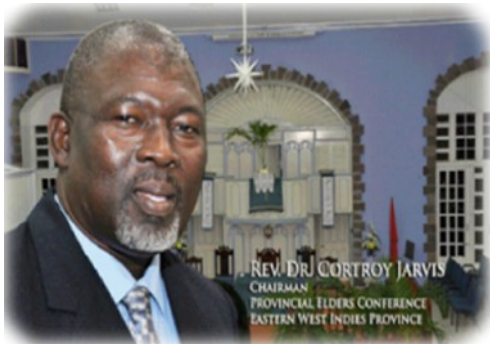
The Information

“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 [NIV]



Ministering in a Cross Cultural Environment

We all have different worldviews based on our cultural orientation. It is therefore incumbent upon the Missionary/Minister/Church Worker, not to make cultural assumptions about another culture without understanding it. What is worldview?



It is the overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world. 2. A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or a group.

Cross culture simply means: dealing with or offering comparison between two or more different cultures or cultural areas.

There exist a huge gap between passion and putting one's ability into practice. The gap is normal for anyone freshly arriving into a country or interacting with a group of people from a different culture. Those who operate purely out of passion and desire but lack strategic wisdom, more often find themselves in a dilemma. It is for this reason that one must not make assumptions about another culture. One must always be in the posture to learn and understand the culture in which one is Ministering. It is critical to understand that all cultures are good. No culture is backward. From the context of those who live in the culture, it is what they know and what they subscribe to.

In order to communicate the gospel the cross cultural Minister must learn to roll with the punches, otherwise those cultural punches will take him out. The Minister must evaluate whether his values are God given or man driven. A simple example is the idea of “dressing up” for Church. What the host culture sees as dressed up, we may see as ridiculous. If we insist on our definition of dressing up then we are refusing to speak the cultural language of the people God has sent us to.

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Ministering in a cross cultural environment

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When possible, the Minister should let a national take the lead and follow their lead within the parameters of scripture. Rather than making assumptions, one should ask questions, do research, and discover the dynamics of the culture within which he/she has to minister. One should ask questions like: How do you introduce someone? How do you greet someone? How do you accept a gift or invitation? If offered a gift, is it appropriate to accept it or do you refuse it? How are problems handled? Why do they do things the way they do? Our Ministry should be characterized by love for those God has called us to. As Ministers of the gospel we are to go to all nations and make disciples. We must therefore work to learn the cultural, up-spoken language of the people we desire to reach.

Paul sets the stage for ministering in a cross cultural setting in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 when he wrote:

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

There is a Tanzanian folktale that makes for good reading. “The rainy season that year had been the heaviest ever and the rivers had broken their banks. There were floods everywhere and the animals were all running into the hills. The floods came so fast that many drowned except the lucky monkeys, who used their proverbial agility to climb up into the tree tops.

They looked down on the surface of the water where the fish were swimming and gracefully jumping out of the water as if they were the only ones enjoying the devastating flood.

One of the monkeys saw the fish and shouted to his companion: ‘look down, my friend, look at those poor creatures. They are going to drown. Do you see how they struggle in the water?’

Yes, said the other monkey, what a pity! Probably they were late in escaping to the hills because they seem to have no legs. How can we save them?

I think we must do something. Let’s go close to the edge of the flood where the water is not deep enough to cover us, and we can help them get out.

So the monkeys did just that. They started catching fish, but not without difficulty. One by one, they brought them out of the water and put them carefully on the dry land.

After a short time, there was a pile of fish lying on the grass motionless. One of the monkeys said, do you see? They were tired, but now they are sleeping and resting. Had it not been for us, my friend, all these poor people without legs would have drowned.

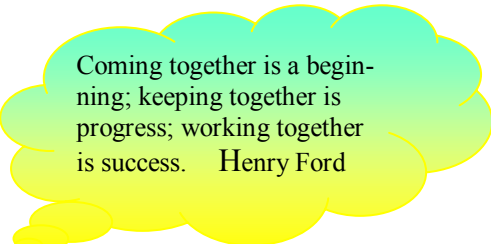
The other monkey said, they were trying to escape from us because they could not understand our good intentions. But when they wake up, they will be very grateful because we have brought them salvation.”

The folktale teaches that what one thinks is good from his/her frame of reference is not necessarily good from another’s, an important lesson to learn and remember when working cross-culturally. The monkeys encounter with the fish reflects some misconceptions and cultural assumptions that many persons make when they enter into a new cultural experience. Many times, not only the messenger is damaged, but the message as well.

Morris Kline, a professor of mathematics, once wrote: **“The most fertile source on insight is hindsight”**. Erwin McManus eloquently states, **“problems, obstacles, and challenges can either become markers of our limits and limitations, or they can become the spring board into a whole new world”**.

Although cross-cultural ministry strategies are almost always well intended, they can actually hinder genuine growth of the Church of Jesus Christ. Our imprint upon another culture cannot be instantly recalled. As Ministers, our words and actions carry weight for years to come—the good, the bad and the ugly.

This is not a deterrent from sharing one’s life and faith with others in different cultures. One must seek to soak or immerse oneself in as much practical training about the indigenous Church as possible. Let’s learn from yesterday to make tomorrow even better.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. Henry Ford

Lebanon Moravian Church 175th Anniversary Celebrations

Lebanon Moravian church is situated on a hill almost in the middle of the island. The view on the north east provides a beautiful

view of the sea.

The blessings that have been bestowed upon Lebanon are countless.



Our rich talent and resources have allowed us to prepare the sanctuary very well for this year's celebration of 175 years of mission and ministry. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is real. But, like others, at times we lose our way.

We thank God for his grace and mercy for the theme under which we celebrate, "Still following the Lamb - 175 years at Lebanon".

The 8-day celebration caused us to walk even closer with our God. The messages remind us of the tasks that lie ahead if we are to continue the journey for the next 175 years. We invite you to share in our celebrations by following the events at www.lebanonmoravian.org.ag

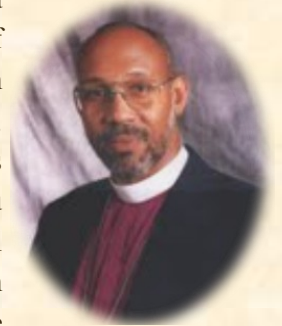
The events started with the Anniversary Church Service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday 19th May, 2013. The 175th Anniversary Mass choir was outstanding as they performed "This is your house" from the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, Handel's Messiah, Vicit Angelus, an anthem written by the late Rev.



Lloyd Kitson with additional percussion arrangements by Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith and "The Lord Bless You", benediction written by Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith. There were

other performances from the Lebanon Trio and the Mello-tones who harmonized for the event.

Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis delivered a sterling sermon. He noted that with the increased number and accessibility of churches, people tend to go church shopping. People look for singing, preaching etc. His challenged us with the question - do you look for a church that you will support and serve or a church that will support and serve you. We were all reminded to follow the Lamb, as that Lamb that is on Lebanon's Logo is in fact looking back to see who is following.



STILL FOLLOWING
THE LAMB
~LEBANON MORAVIAN CHURCH~
19 - 26 May 2013

On Monday 2nd May, we had a Walk-a ton from the Sea View Farm Primary School which is a t

the beginning of the church road to Morris Bay in the Old Road Village. This early morning walk was a wet one for us through the rain forest. But it was simply another breath-taking opportunity to experience the awesomeness of God's creation.



Rev. Algernon Lewis

On Tuesday night May 21st, our own Rev. Algernon Lewis presented the Deeper Life Word, "Strengthen that which remains" - Rev: 3: 1-6. A call was made for all to move beyond the foundation laid in the past 175 years:

1. Strengthen our devotion to God
2. Strengthen our relationships
3. Strengthen our community

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On Wednesday May 22nd, the Members had such a wonderful evening - 'Ole Time Something' - Down Memory Lane.

There were photographs of members of Lebanon from way back in the past at various church functions. There were confirmation pictures from as far back as the early 1950's. There were live interviews that were shown of members who recounted the role of Lebanon in their lives. These included our two oldest members Mr. Raymond Hughes and Ms Mary Elma Julian.



Bro. Raymond Hughes



Sis. Mary Elma Julian

Thursday 23rd May afforded us the opportunity to wear our branded polo shirts sharing our celebrations with those we came into contact

The Banquet was held at the Grand Royal Antiguan Ball Room on Friday May 24th. It was a pleasant night of fine dining.

The Sports Day planned for Saturday May 25th was cancelled due to inclement weather.

On Sunday May 26th the Talent expo was heart warming. Lebanon is famous for lovely singing. The choirs performed. Presentations were had from the steel band, the dancers, the Boys Brigade and guitar groups as well as Sunday school and other members. It was truly a good Sunday evening.

Renovation works were also done to the sanctuary and a new public address system installed all for the glory of God. We thank God for the favour He showed us in this regard. We shall persevere and follow Our Lamb all the way.

Submitted by
Sis. Barbara Coates



A cross section of the Congregation at Leba-

A Replica of Lebanon Moravian Church for the 175th Anniversary done by Jamilah LaTisha Strann. Base made from rice crispies treats, then covered with fondant. Church made from a type of icing called pastillage.



As part of the 175th Anniversary celebrations (1838-2013) of the Lebanon Moravian Church in Sea View Farm, Antigua, a series of interviews were conducted with persons in the community to chronicle the impact of the church on their lives.



Interview with Bro. C Mitchell Coates



Interview with Sis. Elfreda Abbott and Sis Leah Solomon

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The PEC offers its congratulations to the following:

- ❖ The Rev. Dr. Frank Barker, who received the Doctor of Ministry degree (D.Min) on May 08, 2013 in Jamaica. The degree is being conferred by Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur Georgia and UTCWI.

The Rev. Barker's dissertation was: **"How can the Spiritual practices of Count Zinzendorf and the Renewed Moravian Church invigorate Palm Beach Moravian Church."**

- ❖ The Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith who graduated on Sunday May 19, 2013, from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago with a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min), with a concentration in Liturgical Studies. The doctoral thesis was entitled "The Caribbean Church, Caribbean Hymnody and Caribbean Identities."

The thesis makes the argument that because of slavery, colonialism and globalization, among other things, the Caribbean Church needs a hymnody that embraces its cultural perspectives - one that captures, reflects, and celebrates its Caribbean identities.

The Eastern West Indies Province also rejoices with Dacia Jarvis and Kara Spencer on their accomplishments as they graduate from University.

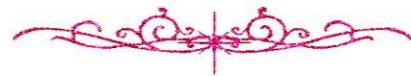
- ❖ Dacia Jarvis graduated from Midwestern State University, in Wichita Falls, Texas on Saturday May 11, 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree (B.sc) in Criminal Justice (Cum Laude). Dacia is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Cortroy and Mrs. Althea P. Jarvis.
- ❖ Kara Spencer graduated from the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix on Sunday May 12, 2013 with a Bachelor of Science (B.sc) in Chemistry (Magna Cum Laude). Kara is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Conrad and Mrs. Sonia Spencer.

Provincial Update/Staffing Matters

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. Bro. Elroy Christopher who is presently serving as Pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill congregations in the Antigua Conference, will official retire from active service as a Pastor in the Moravian Church, effective June 30, 2013.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Let us remember our sister and brothers in prayer.



Quote of the Day

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Vince Lombardi

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



As we continue observing within the Province our hymn of the month, we will give attention to the following hymn :

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 describe 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 June 2013.

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Irregular

Blak up, Blak up,
Sun a rise an' people say we blak up.
But de Spirit o' de Lord fly down like a fire,
Grab we in de spirit like a choir
Singing higher, higher, higher, higher, FIRE!

Dem don't got a drop a shame,
 Galilean dem is all de same;
 Dem tek dem waters like a secrecy tea,
 De whole a dem wha go to jail...

German, African an 'Indian race,
 Some musa come from outer space,
 For dem drop dem mout'an start fe shout
 "What a hell a gawn roun' dis place!"

Him blow like a hurricane,
 A'blow de fire right down de lane;
 Ole Simon Peter out him Latin an him Greek
 An'reel dem off by de chain

Not a t'ing wrong wid we yah sah,
 So me no know wha dem accusing we fah.
 Is jus' because de Holy Spirit a God
 Blow de fire o'love right ya.

(Mek we sing-)

So repent an' be baptized
 In de name o' Jesus Christ.
 Throw out yuh evil, let de Holy Spirit come
 Bringin' de Pentecostal love.

(Mek we sing-)

Barry Chevannes

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The 2013 Summer Mathematics Enrichment Program will be held at the Moravian Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill from July 15-26, 2013. The program will be geared to students are now in fifth form at Secondary School. Congregations are asked to encourage the students to enroll for this program. In addition, where possible, congregations or individuals can sponsor 2 or 3 students. The facilitators will be Dr. Vanere Goodwin and the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer. Registration is EC\$50.00.

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.

Summer Assignments for Ministers in Training

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

Erwin Warner	Moravian Church VI Conference	May 28 - July 28
Catherine Governor	Antigua Conference	May 23 - July 23
Moise Jean	St. Kitts Conference	May 23 - July 23
Elva Huggins	Barbados Conference	May 23- July 23
Yvonne Jean	Trinidad Conference	June 23- August 25

Gospel on Steel

June 21 - 28, 2013 in Antigua

The high profile and renowned Montgomery Moravian Steel Ensemble from Tobago will make a tour to Antigua from June 21-28, 2013 and present two programs.



The first program will be held at **the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes Village on Sunday June 23, 2013 at 5.30pm**. This program will feature special Guest artistes, the Gracehill Moravian Steel Orchestra and the Cana Moravian Junior Choir.



The Gracehill Moravian Steel Orchestra



Cana Moravian Junior Choir

The second program will be held at **the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 7.00pm**. This program will feature special Guest Artistes, The Spring Gardens Moravian Steel Orchestra and the Moravian Mass Choir.



The Spring Gardens Moravian Steel Orchestra



The Moravian Mass Choir

Let us celebrate God's gift to his people and welcome our brothers and sisters from Tobago. There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken at each program.

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Birthday Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Sis. Sharon McCardy Joseph	05
Sis. Bernadine Chase	07
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13
Sis. Joycelyn Connor	17
Bro. Selvin McMillan	25
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Lexs Forrester	28
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29



Belated Birthday greetings is extended to Sis Gloria Barker who celebrated on May 11.

Anniversary Greetings

for the month of June is extended to:



Bro. Reuben Vessup & Sis Ivy Vessup	01
Bro. Kirk and Sis. Nicole Barker	24

GRACEHILL MORAVIAN CHURCH in Antigua celebrate it's 240th Anniversary on Sunday June 09th, 2013.



The Emmaus Moravian Church Celebrates

The Emmaus Moravian Church will be celebrating its 230th Anniversary (1783 - 2013) of Christian ministry, mission and witness on Sunday June 23, 2013, with a service of thanksgiving.

The Rt. Reverend Dr. Kingsley O'R Lewis, Ep. Fr. Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum, will proclaim the anniversary message to the people of God.

It has been two hundred and thirty wonderful years in this community attending to the spiritual and social needs of the community. It is our firm belief here at Emmaus, that this anniversary is an opportunity to thank God for all his provision to us throughout these years. The words of Psalm 126 and verse three is appropriate "Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!" (NLT).

Condolences



The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of **Ms. Vera Waithe-Bourne** the Mother of Rev. Neilson Waithe. Sis. Waithe-Bourne passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday May 12, 2013, in Barbados.

The Funeral Service was held on Thursday May 23, 2013 at the St. Michael's Cathedral in Barbados at 2 p.m.

Let us remember the family in our prayers



Fun Corner Joke of the Day

A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet a head of him.

Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on! The car starts moving slowly; the guy looks at the road and sees a curve coming his way. Scared, he starts to pray begging for his life.

Then just before the car gets to the curve, a hand appears through the window and moves the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appears every time, right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy jumps out of the car and runs to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he goes to a restaurant and starts telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realize the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They were drenched and out of breath. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, "Look John, that's the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it."

Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province Provincial Women's Conference 2013

Theme: Daughter of Virtue: Submit to the Sovereignty of God



*Wednesday, 17th - Sunday 21st July,
2013*

*The Grand Royal Antiquan Resort
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*Keynote Speaker:
Pastor Lucille Harris
Presenters:*

*Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis
Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel*

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