

# The Information

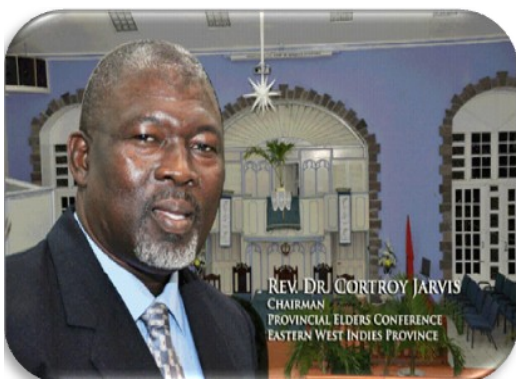
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." II Timothy 2: V 15 [NIV]



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## The Moravian Church, Repositioning Itself As Standard Bearer in Evangelism and Discipleship.

March 1, is a very significant date for the Moravian Church. It was on this date in 1457 that this great movement of God (The Unitas Fratrum), came into being. This was not a body looking for power and prominence, but a group of people who were zealous for the purity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for sharing the faith they had personally embraced. The Moravian Church, as it was later called, is the oldest surviving Protestant church – now 556 years old. It is worthwhile to note that the birthing of the church came 42 years after the death of John Hus the initiator of this puritan movement, 60 years before Martin Luther began the Great Reformation in Germany, 131 years before the Church of England (The Anglican Church) separated from the denomination of Rome and 281 years before the conversion of John Wesley which is traced back to the Moravians and particularly Bishop Peter Bohler.



Persecution forced the church underground for about 100 years eventually gaining air in Germany in 1722 on the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. There they constituted themselves and after a **Pentecost experience on August 13, 1727**, they had a new focus and passion. The new focus and passion caused them to look outward rather than inward to discover the fields that were ripe unto harvest.

The membership of the congregation was divided into groups called choirs. They were grouped according to sex, age and condition. Groups of widowers, widows, married people, single men, single women, older boys, older girls, little boys and little girls. The basic purpose of each group was to disciple its membership into mature Christians and thereby fulfilling the call of God on their lives. It helped to keep each member of the choir accountable and active in the work of the church. It built camaraderie and fellowship and made the church warmer.

With the passage of time the choir system faded, however, some aspects of it still remain with our current system, where an Elder is responsible for a particular district. This system is not as effective as it ought to be, for many Elders do not engage in discipleship of others and at the same time they do not exercise the type of care of those within their charge. This then challenges the leadership of our Church to constant teaching and equipping of our membership to disciple the nation.

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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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## *The Moravian Church, repositioning itself as Standard Bearer in Evangelism and Discipleship*

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It is worth noting that the choir system was taken up and used effectively by the Methodist Church, (referred to as the class system) for a long time. The choir system is our modern day cell group. As Moravians, we need take note that one of the most ways to grow a church is through choirs or cell groups.

**Paul Yonggi Cho** (now known as David Yonggi Cho) is a Korean Christian Minister. He is Senior Pastor and founder of the Yoido Full Gospel Ministries (Assemblies of God), is the world's largest congregation with a membership of 1,000,000 (as of 2007). Cho still conducts two services of the seven the church holds a day. Reports are that the services are so heavily attended that people often must arrive an hour early to have a seat.

Cho found the secret in cell groups. Realizing that the work of leading a large congregation was too much for one person, Cho divided the city of Seoul, South Korea into twenty zones, or "cells," as he called them, and began training leaders for each cell, who would hold services for worship and Bible study in their homes during the week. Cell leaders were encouraged to invite non-Christian neighbours to attend, to learn about Christianity. Each cell leader was required to train an assistant, and when cell membership reached a certain number, the assistant leader would form a new cell, taking about half of the old cell with him or her.

Cho has spent more than 44 years emphasizing the importance of cell group ministry, which he believes is the key to church growth, as well as team ministry.

It was from the choirs that the missionaries came. They came first to St. Thomas, Virgin Island, then a Danish Colony. This missionary effort was due to a meeting of Zinzendorf and a slave from St. Thomas named Anthony who expressed the need for his sister and brother to know the gospel. The news that there were others who did not know the gospel burned in the hearts of Zinzendorf and some of the residents of Herrnhut who soon made arrangements to make the first missionary journey outside of biblical times. They were not daunted by the information that slaves did not have time off and anyone who wanted access to them might have to sell themselves into slavery. Zeal and Passion for sharing the gospel and answering the call were uppermost in their minds. These were not theologically trained persons.

However they were disciplined in their choirs and the word of God took centre stage in their lives.

The Moravian church blazed a trail in the reformation period as they held on to the word of God and not human wisdom. We blazed a trail in persevering in prayer for 100 unbroken years. We blazed a trail in the formation of choirs or cell groups. We blazed a trail in modern missions being the first to send missionaries not after members but to break new ground. We are still making history by being the oldest protestant church surviving today. The Moravian Church must continue to blaze the trail by experiencing a second renewal.

One may ask the question why is it that we are where we are. Adelaide L. Fries in the book, *Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church*, speaks of the Moravian Church as Standard Bearer of Protestantism. Fries goes on to say, "The records show that those who composed its first membership were the forerunners of the movement known as the Reformation. They were followers of the great pre-Reformation preacher, educator, and martyr, John Hus of Bohemia, who was burned at the stake in Constance, Germany, in 1415, one hundred and two years before Martin Luther began the movement in Germany which developed into the Reformation, and which also produced Erasmus and Calvin to carry the Reformation into other parts of Europe.

John Hus was burned at the stake because he refused to give up his belief that the doctrines set forth in the Bible should be followed by Christians. He view that the authority of the Scriptures took precedence over the authority of the Church brought him into conflict with the Roman Catholic Church of his day.

But though the church and civil rulers of that day killed Hus they could not destroy his teachings. He had been a much beloved preacher, and there were many who remembered what he had said and what he had written. For 16 years his followers, through what are know Hussite Wars, tried to establish his doctrines by force of arms, but they gained only one point, the right to give the Cup to the congregation in the holy communion.

When the Hussite Wars ended, people began to ask themselves whether there might not be a better way to carry out their purpose. A group withdrew from Prague to the estate of Litice (Lititz), on the border of Bohemia, where they planned to live Christian lives according to the Bible, as Hus had explained it. That was in 1457. Ten years later they found it necessary to establish their own independent ministry. So the Unitas Fratrum, the Unity of Brethren, was firmly established 60 Years before the Protestant Reformation began."

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## ***The Moravian Church, repositioning itself as Standard Bearer in Evangelism and Discipleship***

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It is time to discover again the intentions of our forebears and hear the voice of God as we reposition ourselves for Evangelism and Discipleship as we seek to usher others into the Kingdom. Let us give thanks for the 556 years of the Church's existence and celebrate God's faithfulness to us as a Church.



### **Unity Printers Update**

A delegation from the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, consisting of Sister Elisa Hodge - Provincial Treasurer, Rev. Hilton Joseph - Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference and Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC, met with officials of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Bank on Monday, February 18, 2013 as scheduled. The meeting was cordial and the bank was represented by the Acting General Manager, Acting Senior Manager of the Credit Division and the Bank's legal counsel.

The bank officials advised us that our proposal was reviewed and would be presented to the Bank's Board of Directors for approval. They also advised us that the annual incorporation filing and fees due to the Ministry of Finance - Financial Service Regulatory Department were four years in arrears and needed to be brought up to date so that Unity Printers Limited could be in good standing with the government. Despite the fact that the printery is no longer in operations, the loan is in the name of Unity Printers Ltd which has to be a valid legal entity in good standing with the government.

In a gesture to show good faith, we are moving forward with as many of the components of the plan we have put forward to the bank until such time as the Bank's Board of Directors would have an opportunity to formally respond to our request. Consequently, we have made a payment of EC\$4,000.00 to the bank which was applied against the principal and will continue to make monthly payments of EC\$4,000 until a new formal agreement is established with the bank. Additionally, we have brought the Financial Service Regulatory filings up to date and are now in good standing.

We are actively and aggressively pursuing a buyer for the printery equipment and are currently pursuing an inquiry from a Company in New York which has ex-

pressed interest in acquiring the equipment. Once the building is cleared of the equipment, we intend to rent it to Faith Tabernacle Church, Basseterre, St. Kitts and the proceeds go towards reducing the debt at the bank on behalf of Unity Printers Limited.

We will continue to update you on our progress with regards to the resolution of the indebtedness with the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank. Your continued prayerful support is greatly appreciated as we continue in dialogue with the Bank.



### **ZERO DISCRIMINATION: SAVE A LIFE TO SAVE A SOUL**



**By St. Kitts Christian Council**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Faith-based organisations are established on the principles of being the moral conscience of society and teaches that we must always show compassion to each other. This workshop was geared towards church leaders in an effort to sensitise them in relation to stigma and discrimination which are faced by MSM, SW, CSW, PLHIV, and trans-genders.

The project sessions ran over a 3-month period:

1. An intensive 4-day workshop for focus group leaders
2. Sensitisation Sessions/Training for peer group leaders
3. Positive Health and Dignity Prevention
4. Launch of CARE Ministry

Although this type of training was not the first to be had in St Kitts, it was well received and the participants were armed and equipped with new information to assist in making informed decision and provide support to the affected.

### **PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The long-term goal of the project is to develop a Care Ministry for PLHV and their families. This ministry would ensure the following:

- ◆ Reduction of vulnerabilities to HIV through access to comprehensive prevention services.

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- ♦ Increase access to stigma-free prevention, treatment and care service for MARP and PLHV.

The immediate objectives were:

1. To reduce stigma and discrimination.
2. Increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS through mass education.

It was anticipated that by the end of the project the following would have been realised:

1. A cadre of leaders from faith-based organisations to collaborate with CHAA in realising and achieving its mandate.
2. Focus group leaders who would be able to effect behavioural change within their respective communities.

### **PROJECT STRUCTURE AND PROCESS**

The project ran over a 3-month period; however, the work, processes, mass education ventures, and outreach are an ongoing venture within the faith-based organisations.

#### **1. 4-day Intensive Workshop (5 – 8 November 2012)**

The workshop was facilitated by Ms Dylis McDonald, Technical Director, CHAA and Rev Nasel Ephraim, Chairperson, St Kitts Christian Council and Project Advisory Group.

Eighteen (18) participants were invited to introduce themselves and outline their expectations of the workshop; these were noted by the facilitators. Each participant was issued with a Pre-Test Evaluation to complete. This evaluation provided information on the level of knowledge of the participants and highlighted the general view of participants concerning HIV and PLHIV.

The workshop was highly interactive and participants were eager to learn and glean information. During the initial session ground rules were established which served as a guide of expected behaviours for the duration of the workshop.

#### **GROUND RULES**

- Respect each other's opinion.
- Only one person could speak at a time.
- All cell phones should be on silent/vibrate.
- Everyone's opinion counted.
- Respect the views of others.
- Whatever was said or occurred in the workshop remained there.

In an effort to help participants gain a more intimate experience of the work done by CHAA, several of the local animators were invited in on the penultimate day of the workshop to share with the participants. This session proved to be a revelation for the participants and was welcomed as a greater appreciation of what we were being called to do as faith-based organisations become more evident.

#### **(Participant demonstrating how to use the female condom)**



Participants were provided with handouts and a workshop manual. At the end of the workshop, participants were reminded and encouraged to host the peer-group training within their respective denominations. Worthy of note is the fact that all members agreed to be the core group for any further initiatives and pledged support for the respective peer-group training sessions.

#### **(Stigma and Discrimination Role Play)**



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Certificates of attendance and participation were distributed to the participants at the end of the workshop.



## 2. Training for peer group leaders

These sessions were initiated and facilitated by the participants of the focus group leaders' workshop within their respective denominations; and focused on the following:

- HIV 101
- Stigma and Discrimination

A total of eighty-five (85) persons were reached during these sessions. The composition of participants varied in age; however, the combination of youth and maturity provided for fruitful and productive discussions.

The sessions were interactive and the participants were provided with handouts. The participants were encouraged to return to their respective churches and continue the mass education which had been started. A commitment was made by Rev Ephraim and the focus group leaders to serve as resource personnel for the sessions which would be conducted by the peer group leaders.

## 3. Positive Health and Dignity Prevention

This session was broken down into three areas and twenty-one (21) persons attended, also in attendance were Rev N Ephraim, Dr. K. Allen-Ferdinand, Ms J Archer and Mr T Morris.

- **Understanding Positive Health Dignity and Prevention**, facilitated by Rev Nasel Ephraim, Chair of PAG and SKCC and Mr Terry Morris, Programme Officer, CHAA, SKN
- **Understanding the Perspectives and Needs of People Living with HIV**, facilitated by Ms Judy Archer, Programme Animator, Nevis
- **Exploring the role of the Church in Care and Support for People Living with HIV**, facilitated by

Dr Kathleen Allen-Ferdinand, Medical Doctor and HIV/AIDS Advocate



Understanding Positive Health and Dignity Prevention:  
 This session provided participants with information on the following areas:

- The importance of knowing your HIV status.
- The barriers and challenges faced by People Living with HIV.
- The importance of equipping PLHIV with the knowledge and skills to protect their health and that of their partner(s) and families.
- Providing care and support to the PLHIV in an effort to protect both their physical and mental health.
- Treating/engaging the PLHIV as an equal in the efforts to curb the HIV epidemic.
- The components of PHDP:
  - ◊ Empowerment
  - ◊ Gender equality
  - ◊ Health promotion and access
  - ◊ Human rights
  - ◊ Preventing new infections
  - ◊ Sexual and reproductive health and rights
  - ◊ Social and economic support
  - ◊ Measuring impact
- The reality of PHDP interventions to date:
  - ◊ Reduction of risky behaviour
  - ◊ Reduction in STIs
  - ◊ Reduction in unplanned pregnancies
- Trained laypersons were concerned as being effective in delivering PHDP. Other effective personnel included health care providers, counsellors, social workers, and peer counsellors.



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# Sesquicentennial Anniversary of The Cana Moravian Church - Swetes Village, Antigua

## Brief history 1863 - 2013

The Moravians commenced their missionary work in Antigua during 1756 when their first mission was established at Spring Gardens.



Over time, churches were established at various sites around the country, and a pattern of setting up schools on church premises became the norm.

In 1773, at Bailey Hill, a congregation called Gracehill was established. This congregation moved to Liberta (the area now known as Old Gracehill) in 1781, and comprised members from the scattered communities of English Harbour, Falmouth, Liberta and Swetes. It is no wonder then, that a school was established in Swetes (located in the area known as St. Ann's) as part of the missionary endeavors of Gracehill.

Even though the chapel at Cana was officially established on February 25, 1863, information obtained from the Antigua and Barbuda archives suggests that missionary work associated with Cana began much earlier. This claim was authenticated in a report written by Br. J. L. Harvey dated January 24, 1863 on Gracehill covering the year 1862. He wrote,

"Besides our regular Sabbath services at Gracehill, we hold meetings, also, on the neighbouring estates and in the villages ... In connection with Gracehill,



we have ten such meeting places. One of these is at 'Sweets', about two miles from Gracehill, where many members of this congregation reside... At the place alluded to, Sweets, a plot of ground was given to this Mission some time ago, for the purpose of a burial-ground, and which might serve as a suitable site for the erection of a chapel-school, as there are many children. This plot of ground has been fenced in, and the remains of six persons already interred there. At one end, we have begun to erect a school-house, which will, shortly be completed".

In 1865 it is recorded that Bro. Heath complimented members from Swetes for having meetings in their village and said that he had reason to believe the Lord had blessed their efforts. In a report on Gracehill for the year 1872, Rev. James Turner wrote, "in addition to the ordinary services, three meetings of a social character have been held for raising means for local purposes. Two were held in the Station School, and one in the school as Swetes village, which in future will be known by the name of Cana".

Evidence of the educational efforts at Swetes was found in an 1880 report on Gracehill, where Rev. James Turner wrote: "Br. Jacobs had charge of our school at Cana, having been appointed as teacher and assistant in Spring Gardens. Br. Horton has succeeded him as a teacher Cana and assistant to the minister at Gracehill." The cord that seemed to bind Gracehill with Cana for over 150 years remains today even though there were periods when Cana was served by ministers' independent of Gracehill.

Regular Sunday services began at Cana around the 1920s and were triggered by the start of a Pilgrim Holiness mission in Swetes, which because of its proximity, had begun to lure persons away from attending services at Gracehill. Competition was fierce in those days and from the onset, it was clear that we could not rest on our laurels. This meant that the schoolhouse had to be reorganized by students on Fridays in preparation for worship on Sundays, and vice versa after service, for school on Monday. On August 12, 1928 the first official service was held at the Cana Moravian Chapel School. Nevertheless the rites of Baptism, Reception, and Confirmation continued at Gracehill until 1957.

It is often said that the only constant in life is change. Since money was scarce, over time, the church found it increasingly challenging to meet the financial demands associated with the running of the school. Thus the government, recognizing the need for continuing the educational process started by the church in the community took over the school in 1914. A replacement school built in 1952 was



known as the Swetes Primary School. That school has now graduated to the status of a secondary educational institution and is now renamed the (Irene B. Williams Secondary School).

In an exchange of lands in Old Road, the government gave the Moravian Church a piece of land in Swetes (ironically

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next to the Irene B. Williams Secondary School) which would become the new home of the Cana congregation. Work began in 1958, with members faithfully bringing stones from the Cedar Bee quarry. They put their shoulders to the wheel and made sacrifices, and on January 25, 1959 dedicated a new sanctuary to God.

An extract from the Antigua Star of 27<sup>th</sup> January 1959 notes “the seating capacity of 450 was well exceeded early in the afternoon. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Williams arrived promptly at 3pm and the service started at once with Rev. A.W Osbourne conducting supported by Revs. C.F. Aldersley (Supt. &Warden), J.E Knight and A.L Kitson. The actual dedication was performed with due reverence by the Rt. Rev. P.M Gubi of St. Kitts.”

Once fully established, Cana continued to show clear signs of growth, and developed into a vibrant church with many organizations. Cana went from a Bible class to a small congregation as an out-station of Gracehill, then to a much larger unit in its own right, with its Sunday School, Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, King's Daughters and Sons, Senior and Junior Choirs, Dance Group, Girls Guides and Brownies Troupes and Boys Brigade.

For much of the early and middle years, Cana relied heavily on the services of Lay Pastors such as Br. Emanuel George, Br. Albert Peters, Br. Charles Williams, Br. Ernest Williams, Br. Reginald Samuel and Br. Joseph Charles. While the congregation grew out of the Bible class that was formed at the school which was under the charge of the Moravian church in the early years; and even though responsibility for education was ultimately taken over by the government, Cana's educational thrust continues with a very vibrant Pre-school serving the community of Swetes and surrounding areas; as well as a Homework and Lessons Centre.

The greatest evidence of the level of growth at Cana over the years is the fact that there are **seven sons and one daughter of Cana** serving as ministers in the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church These are Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Rev. Eulencine Richards-Christopher, Rev. Rowan Simmons, Rev. Algernon Lewis, Rev. Nigel Daniel and Rev. Nevin Lewis. Rev. Glenvil Gregory and Rev. Jeremy Francis are ministers who did not enter the ministry from Cana but have strong roots in this congregation.

Bishop Neville Brown who served as pastor of Cana from 1951 to 1952 and then again from 1993 to 1999, titled the third chapter of his book “The Emergence of a Bishop”, **‘The Best Wine Last’** It was a reference to the effect that Cana had on him, but not only him. Cana leaves a special mark on many of her pastors. Bishop Brown like many other pastors referred to Cana as, “a medium size congregation with extra large size aspirations. She is blessed with a group of efficient, committed officers/leaders and a promising crop of talented young people.”

We, the members have a mind to work and as such the theme for this sesquicentennial celebration is, “Affirming the past, celebrating the present (now), and charting the future!” A people who do not know their past, don't have a good appreciation of where they are coming from; a people not thankful of who they are now squander the blessings of today; and a people with no ambition or view of moving forward will stagnate and die. This theme calls us, as any anniversary should, to look back, give thanks, and renew to keep pressing on and forward. Let us chart the future with the grace, power and wisdom of the God who is still the same God, yesterday, today and forever. Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cana!



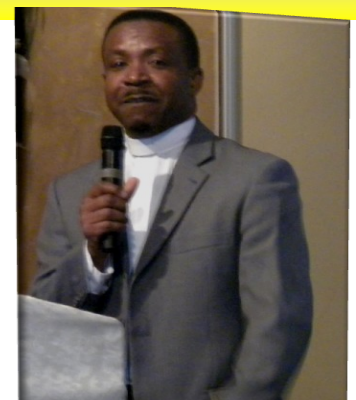
Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
1st to Candidate for Ministry from  
Cana



Rev. Eulencine Richards-Christopher  
2nd to Candidate for Ministry from Cana



Rev. Algernon Lewis  
3rd to Candidate for Ministry from  
Cana



Rev. Rowan Simmons  
4th to Candidate for Ministry from Cana

**Fulfilling the Mandate - Submit to God's Rule**





Rev. Nigel Daniel  
5th to candidate for Ministry from Cana



Rev. Nevin Lewis  
6th to candidate for Ministry from Cana



Rev. Jeremy Francis  
Strong roots in Cana



The Word Proclaimed by Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis

# Photo Gallery

## Cana Moravian Church

### 150th Anniversary Service

### March 24, 2013



Rev. Glenvil Gregory  
Strong Roots in Cana



Rev. Adrian Smith receiving the Yvette Francis Education Scholarship cheque from the Jarvis family



Cana Moravian Church 150th Anniversary Choir



The Inspirations



Cana Moravian Church Junior Choir and Directors



Cana Moravian Church Liturgical Dancers

Fulfilling the Mandate - Submit to God's Rule





**Cana Congregation (junior Choir Section ,with a view of the Officiating Clergy) at its 150th Anniversary Service  
February 24, 2013**



**Cana Congregation at its 150th Anniversary Service  
February 24, 2013**

**Fulfilling the Mandate - Submit to God's Rule**



## ***Zero Discrimination***

### ***Save a Life to Save a Soul***

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*Understanding the Perspectives and Needs of People Living with HIV:* This session reminded participants that PLHIV were no different from any one else and as such should always be treated humanely. Participants were also reminded that as counsellors one could not be judgemental or carry emotional baggage. This was highlighted as being an underlying factor in effective counselling. It was stated that counselees were not in need of pity or sympathy but rather empathy.

*Exploring the role of the Church in Care and Support for People Living with HIV:* This session highlighted the following for participants:

- The role of the faith-based organisations in not only curbing the epidemic but also providing the necessary outreach (care and support).
- The Bible and its teachings about compassion and being non-judgemental should be our guide for our outreach.
- Underscoring of the fact that all persons are created equal regardless of race, colour, creed, and medical afflictions.
- The importance of ensuring and maintaining confidentiality.

#### **4. Launch of CARE Ministry**



The final phase of the project is the area that will be the tangible proof that the training and mass education was not in vain; with this in mind, the CARE Ministry was launched; this was facilitated by Rev Nasel Ephraim. Twenty-three (23) persons attended the launch.

The launch was two-fold: session one involved a brief recap of HIV 101 and Stigma and Discrimination and part two was the actual launch of the CARE Ministry, which highlighted and outlined for all presented what was involved and the expectations that each member of the Ministry would need to meet.

Participants were reminded of the following with respect to the CARE Ministry:

1. The importance of confidentiality
2. The importance of being committed
3. The importance of being non-judgemental
4. The importance of always remembering that as a

faith-based organisation and as a Christians we are called to love and reach out to our fellow man.

CHAA is providing assistance with the start of the Care Ministry with Care Packages for PLHIV. The SKCC is being used as the local coordinators of the Care Ministry.



#### **Commendation**

The 'Care Ministry' is deemed by the National AIDS Program as a welcomed initiative. The program is aware that there are some PLHIV who are unable to

provide for themselves. In the past, the Ministry of Health provided a nutrition package for PLHIV in need but this was discontinued, as funding was no longer available. The care package proposed would supplement this need in the interim while the National Program along with their partners; seek alternatives to provide for the needs of PLHIV.

The content of the Care package will provide for some of the basic needs of a fixed number of PLHIV for a short duration. The National Program is concerned about the sustainability of this program, as we are wary about starting and once again discontinuing the program due to financial constraints. Thus, the program seeks to engage the Christian Council to orchestrate through its partners, a ministry providing care (food and basic personal items) to persons in need including PLHIVs

The idea of a "Food bank" should be explored and attempts made utilizing the different denominations as stations where the items can be accessed and distributed. This will call for congregations to be asked to contribute on a monthly basis to a pool. Support from private partners such as grocery owners and business partners should be solicited. The National Program looks forward to working with the Christian Council and CHAA in the development and implementation of a proposal for "Care Ministry" to provide for some of the needs of PLHIV and other needed groups, helping them living longer, productive dignified lives.

Gardenia Destang-Ricardson  
National AIDS Programme Coordinator





## Unity Sunday

**Sunday March 03, 2013 is Unity Sunday.**

A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches in the Eastern West Indies Province to go towards the Construction of a new building for theology in Mwene Ditu, Kasai Oriental Region, D. R. Congo. The Faculty of Theology Moravian does not own classrooms and needs to build. The Church has plans to build a large room of 24m length and 18m width which will be divided into three classrooms.



## Theological Education Sunday

**Sunday March 24th, 2013 is Theological Education Sunday.**

Please remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training at this time.

At present our Warden/Tutor is the Rev. Neilson Waithe and our five (5) Ministers in training are:

Erwin Warner	Christian Education Ministry/ Youth Ministry	Year 03
Catherine Governor	Christian Education Ministry	Year 03
Yvonne Jean	Christian Education Ministry	Year 03
Moise Jean	Pastoral Ministry	Year 03
Elva Richards-Huggins	Christian Education Ministry	Year 01

On this Sunday a special offering will be taken to go towards continuing Education. Let us pray that our Warden/Tutor and our Ministers in Training remain faithful to God and fulfill His purpose for their lives.

It is also a time when we challenge our young people, to listen to and respond to the call of God, to offer themselves to the fulltime Ministry.



### 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.

## 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: Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our

Trinidad	12:01 a.m. April 01	Midnight April 01, 2013
Tobago	12:01 a.m. April 02	11:00 a.m. April 03, 2013
Grenada	11:01 a.m. April 03	Midday April 04, 2013
Barbados	12:01 p.m. April 04	Midnight April 06, 2013
Antigua	12:01 a.m. April 06	6:00 a.m. April 10, 2013
St. Kitts	6:01 a.m. April 10	6:00 p.m. April 11, 2013
Virgin Islands	6:01 p.m. April 11	Midnight April 14, 2013

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.



## Provincial Update/Staffing Matters

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. Bro. Ulric Smith requested and has been granted Leave of Absence for five (5) Months, from March 01 – July 31, 2013.
2. 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.
3. 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.
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.

Let us remember our brothers in prayer.





### Birthday Greetings for the Month of March is extended to:

Bro. Derick Forrester	04
Sis. Alicia Ross	07
Bro. Jeremy Francis	09
Sis. Eulencine Christopher	18
Bro. Kingsley Lewis	20
Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis	20
Sis. Vera Waithe	29



To:

Sis. Billie Sterling-Lewis who celebrated her birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### Anniversary Greetings for the Month of March is extended to:

Bro. Ralph & Sis. Rosalind Prince 2



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#### **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Participants were requested to complete an evaluation form. The tables below provide the synopsis of the responses received.

Based on the completed evaluations the following were realised in relation to:

#### **The workshops:**

- The consensus was that the expectations had been met.
- The participants were of the mindset that the goals and objectives were met.
- The information gleaned at the workshop was useful.
- New information was imparted concerning HIV/AIDS and Stigma and Discrimination during the workshops.
- The general facilitation was good.

*Submitted by Rev. Nasel Ephraim  
President*

### Appointment

The Rev. Algernon Lewis has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Antigua Conference effective, January 01, 2013.



Please remember our brother in prayer, as he responds to the call of God and assumes this new responsibility.

On behalf of the Province, The PEC expresses heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Superintendent of the Antigua Conference, the Rev. Nigel Daniel. May God continue to bless his ministry.

### Fun Corner

Two little boys stole a bag of oranges from their neighbor and decided to go to a calm place to share the loot" one of them suggested the nearby cemetery . As they were jumping the big gate to enter the cemetery, 2 oranges fell out of the bag behind the gate' but they didn't bother to pick them up since they had enough in the bag . Few minuets later, A drunkard \*beer\* man on his way from a local bar passes near the cemetery gate and heard a voice "One for me, one for you. "One for me, one for you.

He immediately sobers up and runs as fast as he can to the local priest.

"Father Father, please come with me 'come and witness God and Satan sharing corpse at the cemetery." They both ran back to the cemetery gate and the voice continued:"One for me, one for you, one for me, one for you one for me, one for you.

Suddenly the voice stop counting and says: " Hey, what about the two at the gate?" Laugh-mates, come see marathon ....even the priest almost pass church gate !!! shouting we are not dead yet.... =))

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

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



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Presenters:*

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Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel*

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