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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]



The Minister as Priest

Moravian Ministers Covenant Day has been celebrated on September 16, since 1741. It is a time when Moravian Ministers gather together to pray for, encourage, support and fellowship with one another. At such times, they renew their Covenant with each other and the Lord. It



was during a Synodal Conference in London on September 16, 1741, that Jesus Christ was recognized as Chief Elder of the Brethren's or Moravian Church, however, the announcement of Jesus Christ as Chief Elder was not made until November, 13, 1741. September 16 is therefore a very special day for Moravian Ministers worldwide. On such a day, the Joys of Ministry are celebrated and Woes of Ministry are reflected upon to see what can be done to make the Servant of God more effective.

The Minister operates in several roles. Of vital importance though, the Minister is Priest, Preacher/Teacher, Pastor and Spouse/Parent. How does the Minister bring balance to all the roles he/she is expected to perform? The Minister is human and must seek at all times to avoid **Burnout.**

The Minister as Priest is a very important role. The Jewish Religion gave birth to Christianity, and however hard we may try, we cannot successfully and completely separate the two. The religion of Israel was fundamentally a sacrificial one and the Priests, beginning with Aaron, played a significant role. They were the ones who were selected and consecrated to preside at the sacrificial altar, to represent the people before God and to intercede on their behalf. This was but a fore-shadowing of the coming of Christ who was himself the sacrificial Lamb as well as the Great High Priest. It is only through him that we have redemption from sin and reconciliation with God.

The Ordained Minister is a humble representative of Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, a person who is chosen and commissioned to maintain not the sacrificial life to the Old Israel, but the sacramental life of the Church, the New Israel. The emphasis that we place on the **Priesthood of all believers,** where each believer has free access to God, does not negate the

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VISION STATEMENT

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By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service.

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Priesthood of the Ordained person. The Ordained Priest is expected to perform Baptisms, Holy Communion, Weddings and Confirmation.

Apart from maintaining the sacramental life of the Church, the Ordained Minister has another important Priestly function and that is to intercede and pray on behalf of the Flock and indeed, of all humankind. Jesus Christ the Great High Priest, whose humble representative he is, said in His High Priestly prayer: I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee...I am praying for them...I do not pray for them only, but also for those who believe in me through them (John 17: 8, 20). As Priests, Ministers of the Church are by the very nature of Ordination, required to pray for believers and non believers alike. The Minister as Priests must be a praying person, who prays with and for people, by holding up before God the members of his/her congregation and all those who are in need. He/she ought to bear the members on his/her heart and to love them as God has loved.

Even though Minister's Covenant Day places emphasis on the Ordained Clergy, the priesthood of all believers means that in the community of saints, God has constructed his body such that we are all priests to one another. Priesthood of all believers has more to do with the believer's service than with an individual's position or status. We are all believer-priests. We all stand equally before God. Such standing does not negate specific giftedness or calling.

It rather enchances our giftedness as each one of us individually and collectively does his part to build the body (Eph. 4:11-16). We are all priests. We are all responsible. 1 Peter. 2:5 & 9, in the NIV declares, "you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Believers are a holy priesthood who offer spiritual sacrifices as priests (1 Pet. 2:5). They are a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9) and sons of God (1 Pet. 1:3, 23; Gal. 3:26) through faith in Christ Jesus. They are all kings, priests, and prophets in Christ (1 Pet. 2:9). There is no difference among believers, as Paul writes, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:28-29).

Change Focus: Country Enslaved by Materialism By The Rev. Roslyn Hamblin

WHILE Barbadians would have recently celebrated Emancipation Day, a local reverend laments that the country continues to be enslaved by materialism.



So says Reverend Roslyn Hamblin, who was at the time delivering the sermon at the Sharon Moravian Church as the representatives and participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme celebrated the organisation's 50th year in Barbados.

Under the theme 'Emancipated or not?' Reverend Hamblin said it is important to acknowledge the setting free of slaves in 1834 to consider how far we have or haven't come since that time.

She told the congregation that persons today are myopic, and cannot see past the physical, to the detriment of society.

The Reverend said while nothing is wrong with doing well, our downfall is how the response to that wealth, pointing out that we no longer share with our neighbours.

"We have been too myopic to see anything other than the urge to hoard in the present and we give no thought to God's solutions or to the soul's preservation". She said this demonstrates a lack of trust in God. "We need not be anxious, God will provide."

She said that there are other contemporary enslavements, peer pressure, 'keeping up with the Joneses', the enslavement of social practices, enslavement of social habits and the enslavement to modern trends.

"We hoard. We think only of the present and try to get it all now. We need to take note of the Lord's Prayer- give us this day our daily bread..."

"Like the rich fool (parable), we cannot see beyond the physical, we cannot see beyond self, we cannot see beyond the present.

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Provincial Youth Leadership Conference CPVG 2013)

The Opening celebrations for the 2013 Provincial Youth Leadership Conference (PYLC) was held at Zion Moravian church, and welcomed delegates from Grenada, Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, Antigua and of course St. Kitts.

The 2013 Provincial Youth Leadership Con-

ference held from July 24-28 at the Bird Rock Beach Hotel in St. Kitts, was a great opportunity for intense leadership training of the 60 professional and highly skilled youth leaders from across Province.. The Conference asked Youth Leaders to push themselves socially and spiritually in order to create a lasting positive impact on our community through the work of our Lord in our churches. Every day was dedicated to another aspect of leadership building. Each moment we felt the spiritual uplifting as we concentrated on our mission for the training; "Submitting to the Leadership of God," the Leader of leaders.

<u>Day One : Personal Development Interpersonal Skills</u>

This day we heard from energetic speakers that excited us about our journey and gave us personal notes on measures we need to take individually in order to successfully lead. The discussions incorporated our interpersonal relationships, taking into consideration the people we are responsible for leading and serving.

We started phase one with a motivational build-up discussion with Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who took us through the spiritual steps required in order to submit to God's will, which is our ultimate purpose as Christians. Then we were able to hear from Rev. Jeremy Francis who asked us to put ourselves in the position of our fellow members in order to find the right approach to working with the entire congregation; putting The Leader as a Worshipper.

Rev. Nasel Ephraim was quite detailed on Ethics and Leadership. Rev. Eulencine Christopher addressed Team Work and Delegation. We were able to work together in teams, eliciting our creativity and ability to work together using what is available to us. Sis. June James



of St. Kitts covered Conflict Resolution. It is amazing to see the situations out of which conflict often arises.

The wealth of information we received on day one is vital in our quest to acquire leadership skills.

Day Two: Management and Efficacy

We often forget how connected we are as Mora-

vians since we maybe from different islands where certain practices are more common than here. It was refreshing to see that sometimes certain issues are almost identical across the board.

Phase one of Day two was a backround discussion on management and various techniques, led by Mr. I Keithly Phillip. This was followed up by a panel discussion moderated by Rev. Liselle Roberts. The panelists were – Ms. Gloria Mills on Time Management, Ms. Thelma Richards on Human Resources, and Alex Nisbett on Financial Management. The presenters were quite knowledgeable. Ms. Mills gave us the generational perspective on how we always spend time trying to save time (this wastes time).

Phase two began with Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts. She presented us with some good ideas for Program and Meeting tips. We heard from Ms. Dawn Mills, President of NAAP on Commuication. Then under the leadership of Rev. Eulencine Christopher we headed out to Netball City for The Leadership at play. There we had a chance to practice our communication and time management skills, while making time for recreation. Some engaged in board games while others refreshed themselves in netball and volleyball. This session is a keeper. It was different but well received.

Day Three: Leading with Wisdom and Recreation

We were very well acquainted by day three. Everyone was on a first name basis and we were truly one big family. Our Kittitian brothers and sisters gave us their time and attention for all three(+) days. Rev. Jeremy Francis and his team rolled out the red carpet.

Our last speaker Mr. Analdo Bailey told us about taking

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leadership to another level by making long term moves that in righteousness and full fledge thought could allow us as a community to move our respective congregations and regions in the direction of God. This means utilizing every church member and owning up to the responsibilty and struggles we have as people of color when it comes to unification. He truly touched us all with his message.

We concluded our evening with a showcase at Bethesda Moravian Church in Cayon where we were greeted with food, music and performances. Salsa, masquerade, dance, mime - this demonstrated how our church can truly become the community center it was intended to be. The food, under the head chef, Superintendent Rev. Hilton Joseph was fantastic.

The learning outcome of this program was that we must put ourselves in the way of righteousness. We need to bring the church to our youth, but if we don't submit to God how can we charge our youth with this. In order to transform we must first be transformed. Don't stop persevering; the reward for good work is more work. When we make achievements as a church we cannot bask in the glow. After all, Sis. LaToya Somersal from Zion warned us about success. She said "potential is often overshadowed by the cloud of success". It blinds us and we do not see beyond these four walls to the world on the outside that our youth face, sometimes alone. No matter how well they perform in choir or dance we need to prepare them with the Holy Spirit so that they can find refuge in these times. But it starts with us, youth leaders, pastors, elders.

The Conference was awesome and I thank God for the opportunity that was afforded me.

Astia LeBron Friedensberg USVI





Provincial Youth Leaders having fun at



Representatives from the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences



L to R Sis. E. M-Roberts, Sis. J. J- Parris, Bro. J. Francis, Sis. L Roberts and Sis. B W-Smith



Representatives from the Barbados Conference



Representatives from the St. Kitts Conference



Representatives from the Antigua Conference



Representatives from the Moravian Church VI Conference

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

With the arrival of June we enter the 2013 hurricane season. And so as we continue to observe within the Province our hymn of the month.

Father, hear the prayer we offer is the hymn of the



month for **September**. It is #341 in the Trial Hymnal and # 312 in the current hymnal. This hymn was written by Love M. Willis and adapted by S. Longfellow. In this hymn we are being reminded of persisting in prayer in spite of the changes that take place in our lives. It takes nothing less than courage to keep praying and believing in God especially when things do not necessarily go in the way we had ex-

pected. The recommended tune is *SUSSEX* and the alternate tune is *ST. NICHOLAS*.

We do hope that these hymns are being used each month within the congregations and we welcome any feedback that you may wish to make. And as usual we ask for your continued prayerful support in this venture.

Father, hear the prayer we offer; Not for ease that prayer shall be, But for strength that we may ever, Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures Do we ask our way to be; But by steep and rugged pathways Would we strive to climb to thee.

Not for ever by still waters Would we idly quiet stay; But would smite the living fountains From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, In our wanderings be our guide; Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Let our path be bright or dreary, Storm or sunshine be our share; May our souls in hope unweary, Make thy work our ceaseless prayer.

Sussex 1857. St. Nicholas Love M. Willis' a. S. Longfellow

Moravian Bishop Celebrates 40 years of Ordained Ministry

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop of the Moravian Church, serving in the Eastern West Indies Province celebrated Forty (40) years of Ordained Ministry on July 15, 2013.



Bishop A. Kingsley O'R Lewis was baptized and confirmed at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. He served in various capacities in his congregation before responding to the call of God upon his life to the fulltime Ministry in the Moravian Church.

He entered the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica in 1969 and successfully completed his initial preparation for Ministry in 1973. He is a gradu-

ate of the United Theological College of the West Indies with a Licentiate in Theology (L.Th) and a Bachelor of Theology (B.A) with honours from the University of the West Indies. In addition, he holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) from the University of Birmingham, England and a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) from Reformed Theological Seminary in Florida, USA.

Bishop Lewis was ordained a Deacon on July 15, 1973 by Bishop Edwin Kortz at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. He was consecrated a Presbyter on August 22, 1978 by Bishop John E. Knight at the Zion Moravian Church in St. Kitts and on November 11, 1999 he was consecrated Bishop by Bishops Robert Foster and Stanley Thomas at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. He has served at Moravian Churches in Barbados, Trinidad, Antigua and the Virgin Islands. He also served as Superintendent in Barbados, Trinidad and Antigua. He served on the PEC from 1978 as Secretary and served as Chairman from 1987-1996.

He is married to Maureen and the union has produced two children, Marguerite and Albert.

Bishop Lewis is presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon (Newfield) congregations in Antigua.

Service of Celebration in Honour of 30 years of Ordained Pastoral Ministry for Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis

Cortroy W. M Jarvis was born on February 07, 1957 and was baptized and confirmed at the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes. He served in various ministries in his congregation such as: King's daughters and Sons; Sunday School; The Senior Choir where he was an accomplished Tenor; President of the Youth Fellowship and served as the representative to the Moravian Youth Council; The Board of Elders (Formally -Helpers). In addition, he served as a fill -in Preacher from time to time when the need arose.

H e is the Author of t w o books: The Biblical Leader as Bridge -Builder (2000) and Lighting the Fire (2007). He has a passion for Christ and compassion for people. He is married to Althea Pearline and the union has produced two daughters, Dacia and Danielle.

In 1978 Bro. Jarvis received a call from God to be-

come a fulltime minister in the Moravian Church. He remarked that the call was overwhelming and he could not resist it after he attended two Youth Camps in North Carolina. He is a graduate of the United Theological



Vincent Jarvis

College of the West Indies with a Diploma in Ministerial Studies and the University of the West Indies (UWI) with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) with Honours. In addition, he holds the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California and Covington Theological Seminary in Tennessee respectively.

Bro. Jarvis was ordained a Deacon on July 17, 1983 by Bishop G. Oliver Maynard at the Cana Moravian Church and he has served God and the Church faithfully for the past 30 years. He was consecrated a Presbyter on June 24, 1992 at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago. He has served at Churches in Trinidad, Tobago and Antigua. He served on the PEC several times and is presently the Chairman of the Eastern West Indies Province. In addition, he is presently the Chairman of the MCRC (Moravian Caribbean Regional Conference).

Danielle Jarvis

Dacia Jarvis



L to R Rev. A. Lewis Sup't Antigua Conf. Rev Dr. C. Spencer Preacher and Rev. A. Smith Worship Leade





Oynamic Singing by Jaurice Decastro

Section of the congregation





Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

6th Provincial Women's Conference

Submitted by Rev. Eulencine Christopher, Provincial Director



The sixth (6th) Provincial Women's Conference of the Moravian Church EWI took place July 17-21, 2013 at the Grand Royal Antiguan Resort in the beautiful island of Sun, Sea and Sand. It was held under the powerful theme "Daughter of Virtue: Submit to the Sovereignty of God".

Sis B. W. Smith in background and Sis. E. Christopher

Over 180 Delegates converged on the shores of this Gem of the Caribbean from:



The rhythmic land of steelpan and sweet sweet calypso. (*Trinidad*)



The Spiceland of the Caribbean. (Grenada)



The land that cradles the breathtakingly beautiful chrystalized limestone cavern – Harrison's Cave, and is also the land of flying fish and cou-cou. (Barbados)



From the beautiful land of many Rivers. (Guyana)



From sweet sugar city, the land of the Green Vervet monkey and the home of Caribelle Batik. (St. Kitts)



The land in which you can stand on sand in the middle of the ocean and wade in shoreline waters of the Nylon Pool. A land of folklore, crab and goat races – Buccoo Reef. The land where nationals do not miss Easter. (*Tobago*)



Twin City, Love City, Rock City - Americas paradise of quelbe and quadrille. (*Virgin Islands*)



The land that has an intriguing mixture of cultures and cuisines because of its dual heritage, and two official languages. A land that sports 77 nationalities as part of the Netherland Antillies and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. (St. Maarten)



The Gem of The Caribbean where land and sea make beauty. *This land is known for its 365* beaches, plus one for the leap year. (Antigua)

Delegates came together from these diverse yet rich cultures to worship, fellowship and share their heritage with each other. They came primarily to learn and deepen their relationship with the Sovereign Lord.

The days were consumed with powerful messages beginning with the opening service where the Word was delivered by Rev. Lucier Baltimore of the Bethesda Zion Church of God.



Rev. Lucier Baltimore



Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis

Rev. Denise
Smith-Lewis
and Rev.
Belinda Manswell- Daniel
presented passionately on the
following topics
respectively:



Daughter of Vir- Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel

tue: Woman of Excellence and Daughter of Virtue: Woman of Power.

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Lucille Harris of the Liberta Pentecostal Church This anointed dynamic woman of God left no stones unturned as she challenged the delegates to:



1. Consider their Ways using Haggai 1:7 as her text, and

Rev. Lucille Harris

2. Look at Lifestyle Changes based on Micah 6:8 and Romans 12:2.

Pastor Harris was very practical in her delivery as she edified and empowered the women for more definitive service through submission to God's sovereignty. She spoke with authority from a perspective of knowledge, wisdom and experience.

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During a breathtaking evening of fine dining in shades of pink, the ladies were challenged by a most timely and profound presentation from Sis. Adeola Matthew on "Managing their Finances"

The words and music for the Conference Theme Song "Submit to God's Sovereignty" were done by the Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis and arranged by the Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith. This hymn captures realistically what it means to submit to God's Sovereignty and should be embraced by children of God everywhere.

> Sovereign God, you reign forever! You are clothed with glorious Majesty. Like holy angels, I bow before your throne. And I worship you; you God alone.

So I bow, to your Sovereignty; Father, do your work in me. Cover me in the blood of the Lamb; Lord, You are my God; You're the Great I Am.

When the storms, blow upon my life; Overwhelm my soul, fears grow deep within; Then you whisper to me, Come my little flock! I will cover you; I am God, your Rock.

Mighty King, you are the Holy Lord; You redeemed my life with your precious blood. With faults and failures, I come to seek your face; Heal my soul, Lord; wrap me in your embrace;

I submit, to your Sovereignty; Father, do your work in me. Cover me in the blood of the Lamb; You are my God; the Great I Am. Cover me holy, precious, spotless Lamb; You are God and King; You're the Great I Am

The Daughters of Virtue sought to embrace every opportunity to be enriched with and empowered by the essence and presence of the Almighty through his anointed presenters who were all amazing.

We express heartfelt gratitude to the Rev. Bonnie Williams-Smith and her planning committee for rising to the challenge of planning and executing this powerful conference.





R Sis. J.J.-Parris, Sis. A.R-Floyd, Sis. B.E.W-Smith, Sis. L Baltimore, Sis. E. M-Roberts, Sis. E. Christopher



Provincial Women's Conference Choir



Sis. Bonnie E. W. Smith



Sis. Althea Jarvis





Sisters. Olicia Roberts and Shaquila Buntin



Sis. Monique Richards





Sis. Liselle Roberts



Culture night with Women from the Barbados Conf







Sis. Ineatha Greene VI Conf.



Culture night with the women from St. Kitts Conf.

Change Focus: Country Enslaved by Materialism Cont'd from Page 2

And then we celebrate emancipation. But what are we celebrating when in truth and in fact we are still very much enslaved."

She welcomed the group from the Duke of Edinburgh acknowledging what they are doing for the youth in Barbados. (Reprinted from the Barbados Nation of August 5th, 2013).



Come over to Macedonia

The Moravian Church EWIP is grateful to God that more young men and women have offered themselves for the fulltime Ministry of our Church. In addition to the five (5) Ministers in Training at the United Theological College of the West Indies, Bro. Kevin St. Hill of Barbados and Bro. Daniel Mark of Tobago have now joined the other students in college. There are now seven (7) Ministers in Training. We give glory to God!





Birthday Greetings for the month of September is extended to:

Bro. Collin Matthew	02
Sis. Cynthia St. Hill	03
Bro. Walton Frederick	07
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	08
Bro. Keith Horsford	10
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Sis. Lynda Prout	29



Anniversary Greetings for the month of September is extended to

Bro. Ezra Parris & Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	0.5
Bro. Conrad & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Alvin & Sis. Gloria Barker	27
Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Horsford	30

Fun Corner Joke of the Day

farmer walked into an attorney's office wanting to file for a divorce. The attorney asked, "May I help you?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I want to get one of those dayvorces."

The attorney said, "Well do you have any grounds?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I got about 140 acres." The attorney said, "No, you don't understand, do you have a case?"

The farmer said, "No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere."

The attorney said, "No you don't understand, I mean do you have a grudge?"

The farmer said, "Yea I got a grudge, that's where I park my John Deere."

The attorney said, "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?"

The farmer said, "Yes sir, I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays."

The exasperated attorney said, "Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?"

The farmer said, "No sir, we both get up about 4:30."

Finally, the attorney says, "Okay, let me put it this way. WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?"

And the farmer says, "Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation with her."

Quote of the Day

The mind has its own logic but does not often let others in on it.

Bernard De Voto



Conferences

- Meetings
- Seminars
- Weddings
- Banquet
- Dinner

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