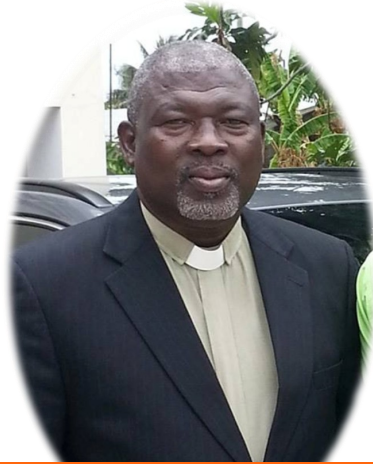


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²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”²⁹“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Matthew 14: 28 - 30

July, 2014



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

Are there lessons we can learn from the life and times of John Hus?

On July 6, 2014, the Moravian Church worldwide, will reflect upon and memorialize the 599th anniversary of the martyrdom John Hus. He was a Bohemian religious reformer whose efforts to reform the church anticipated the Protestant Reformation.

Hus was born of nameless and unknown peasant parents in Husinec, in southern Bohemia, which is now the Czech Republic. His mother taught John to pray and, as he grew older encouraged him to pursue a career as a priest.

Eventually he made his way to the University of Prague where he studied as a very poor student. Hus recounts his poverty while studying at the university in Prague. “When I was a hungry young student, I used to make a spoon out of bread in order to eat peas with it. Then I ate the spoon as well.” In 1396 he received his Master of Arts degree. Two years later in 1398 he became a lecturer in theology at the university and in 1401 was made dean of its philosophical faculty.

Ordained a priest in 1400, in 1402 Hus took up additional duties as preacher at the Bethlehem Chapel, where the sermons were given in Czech instead of the traditional Latin. The nationalist and church reformist movement that had been initiated by the popular 15th-century Bohemian preacher Jan Milic was prevalent at both the university and Bethlehem Chapel, and Hus quickly became involved in it. Before there was John Hus, there was Jan Milic.

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Fulfilling the Mandate - Step out in Faith

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In 1363 Milic renounced all his dignities to begin a life of extreme austerity. He also began to fearlessly denounce the vices of the clergy and the laity, which he was able to do in three languages. A gifted linguist Jan Milic was able to preach in Latin, the Czech language and German. Hus was influenced by the convictions of Milic.

Also influential on Hus at this time were the ideas of John Wycliffe. Shortly before the appointment of Hus to the Bethlehem Chapel the influence of the English reformer John Wycliffe came to Bohemia through Czech students who had studied at Oxford. Hus found in Wycliffe (1330-1384) an intellectual framework for the practical ideas of the Czech reform movement. "Wycliffe, Wycliffe" he wrote in the margin of a manuscript, "you will turn many heads."

Hus, like Wycliffe vigorously condemned the sale of indulgences, which gave individuals freedom to sin without guilt or shame. Hus declared it was wrong for the pope to pay for his war against the King of Naples in 1412 by selling pardon for sin. Pope John XXIII claimed that indulgences were a shortcut way into the kingdom of heaven. Hus said the practice supported brothels, taverns and supplied girlfriends for the priests. In the area of church doctrine both Wycliffe and Hus believed in:

- Predestination, whereby God chooses who will come to faith from the beginning.
- They regarded the Bible as the ultimate religious authority in matters of faith and practice.
- And they maintained that Christ, rather than any corrupt ecclesiastical official is the true head of the church.

In 1408 the subject matter of some of Hus's sermons was made grounds of complaint to the archbishop. In 1405 for example, he denounced alleged appearances of the blood of Christ on communion wafers as an elaborate hoax.

His sermons condemned the sins of the priests. He mocked the authority that some priests claimed for themselves when they called their parishioners "knaves" and declared, "We can give you the Holy Ghost or send you to hell."

"These priests deserve hanging in hell," shouted Hus, for they are "fornicators", "parasites", "money misers" and "fat swine." "They are drunks whose bellies growl with great drinking and are gluttons whose stomachs are overfilled until their double chins hang down."

Hus spoke against simony, the practice of buying spiritual offices. He condemned Prague's wealthiest clergy. He referred to them as the Lord's fat ones. He condemned the priests for charging fees for providing the sacraments. The other clerics began to become bitter against Hus.

Finally, enough was enough. Archbishop Zbynek moved against Hus. A man without true spiritual sensitivity Zbynek was embarrassed by Hus and so took steps to silence him by moving against the supporters of Hus who began to preach without church permission.

Hus objected and confronted the Archbishop. "How is it that fornicating and other wise criminal priests walk about freely, while humble priests are jailed as heretics and suffer exile for the very proclamation of the Gospel?"

More embarrassed than ever, Zbynek sought for a religious ally against Hus in the person of the pope. He begged help from Alexander V, one of the three rival popes then contending for authority in the church as part of the Great Schism (1378-1417).

In a swift response from the Pope, Hus was forbidden to exercise his priestly functions in the diocese while his case was being considered. Meanwhile a Papal bull was issued condemning the teachings of John Wycliffe and ordering his books burned which was done on July 16, 1410.

Hus spoke out against the book burning saying, "I call it a poor business. Such bonfires never yet removed a single sin from the hearts of men. Fire does not consume truth. It is always the mark of a little mind that it vents its anger on inanimate objects. The books which have been burned are a loss to the whole people."

Unmoved and unrepentant, Zbynek excommunicated Hus on May 2, 1411.

In 1414 John Hus was summoned to appear at the Council of Constance in Germany, which had been convened to resolve the schism in the church and to suppress heresy.

Having been promised a safe conduct from Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund (1368-1437) Hus thought he might manage successfully to defend his beliefs. His friends warned Hus not to go to the meeting but Hus was determined.

Writing to a friend he joked, "The goose is not yet cooked and is not afraid of being cooked." The word "Hus" means goose in the Czech language. It was a tragic mistake.

Hus was called upon to recant and to promise not to teach his doctrines, whereupon, he refused categorically.

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He was condemned by the council and then mocked. Finally, Hus was sentenced to be burned at the stake.

Accompanied by a multitude Hus was pushed through the streets of Constance to the place of death. He was bound to the stake with a sooty chain wrapped around his neck. Wood was piled to the chain. While being prepared for burning he was given one last chance to recant. The crowd waited in silence and then Hus spoke:

“God is my witness, the principle intention of my preaching and all of my other acts or writings were solely that I might turn men from sin. And in that truth of the Gospel that I wrote, taught, and preached in accordance with the sayings and expositions of the holy doctors, I am willing gladly to die today.”

On July 6, 1415, the crowd gasped in amazement at the holy boldness. The signal was given. The executioner stepped forward and put a torch to the pilings. As the flames leaped upward Hus died singing, “Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.”

The manner of his death must not be forgotten.

Are there lessons to be learnt from the life witness of John Hus?

The emphasis on holiness of life and true spirituality would become part of the lasting legacy of John Hus upon his followers through one group known as The Bohemian Brethren and later as The Moravians. They became the first Protestant group in Europe to publish a hymnbook. Their influence one day touched the life of a young missionary to the American colonies named John Wesley, who later founded the Methodist Church. Returning to England after ministering in Georgia and feeling like a failure, Wesley was amazed by the Moravians. They sang while their ship was almost broken up in a storm. His desire to know more of their faith led him to one of their meetings at Aldersgate where he was converted to Christ.

If there is a lesson to be learnt, it is that sometimes what we say and do in time has far reaching repercussions after our lives are over.

Only eternity will reveal how much good has been done in life and how far reaching our legacy will be. Without John Hus the life of John Wesley would have been far different.

As a theologian, Hus helped restore a biblical vision of the church, one that focused on Christ's teachings and example of purity.

Moreover, his stress on preaching and the universal priesthood of believers became hallmarks of the later Protestant Reformation. He also encouraged congregational hymn singing, writing many songs himself. For Czechs, Hus was not only a spiritual leader but also a focal point of national inspiration in the centuries following his death.

While we usually consider Luther's act of nailing his 95 theses on the chapel door of the church of Wittenburg to be the beginning of the Reformation, the fact remains that God began the work of reformation long before the days of Martin Luther.

Two men are called “Pre-reformers” by historians: John Wycliffe of England and John Hus of Bohemia. Perhaps to call them pre-reformers really does them no injustice; but they were more than pre-reformers; they were reformers in the truest sense of the word, perhaps Hus even more than Wycliffe. The reformation of the church in the 16th century would have been impossible without them.

The two men were different. Wycliffe was first of all a scholar for whom preaching was secondary. Hus was above all a preacher, and scholarly studies were subordinate to preaching. The dusty library was Wycliffe's home; the pulpit was Hus'. Wycliffe labored all his life for reform and left no movement that continued to the official Reformation. Hus started a movement of reform that not only lasted to the Reformation, but has come down to the present in almost pure form, primarily in the Moravians. Wycliffe's teachings were almost identical to those of Luther and Calvin; Hus, apparently, was never able to condemn the Roman Catholic corruption of the Lord's Supper. Wycliffe reflected all his life the middle class gentility of his upbringing; Hus, after the pattern of Luther, was of rough peasant stock. Wycliffe, it seems, did not know what it meant to laugh; Hus could banter and joke with his students even while lecturing. Wycliffe went to the grave in peace; Hus was burned to death on a martyr's pyre. But God used them both.

It is said that in Luther's famous debate with John Eck at Leipzig, Eck charged Martin Luther with being a Hussite, because Luther appealed to the supreme authority of Scripture. Luther was not sure about this, but spent the noon break reading what Hus had written. At the beginning of the afternoon session he surprised everyone by loudly proclaiming: “Ich ben ein Hussite!” (I am a Hussite). May the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, hold fast to the ideals of righteousness and that the cross of Christ be lifted high for the world to see.

**Hymn of the Month
for July, 2014
Mikie Roberts (Rev.) Chair,
Provincial Hymnal Committee.**

For July, as was the case in June, the hymn of the month is a new hymn that is not in the current hymnal. It is the hymn **I'll praise the Lord with all my heart** and was written by Sis. Edris V. Roberts, a member of the Spring Gardens Moravian congregation in the Antigua Conference. Sis. Roberts has served the Moravian Church at the congregational level and was also actively involved for many years in the ecumenical movement through her leadership in the Antigua Christian Council. She is recognized as an accomplished hymn writer having written numerous hymns over the years for many special occasions as well as the various liturgical seasons of the Christian Church.



The tune **Bishopthorpe** has been chosen as the tune of choice for this hymn. The text of this hymn calls us to praise the Lord in every circumstance and situation in life. It is a message that is biblically based and timeless in that the hymn invites us to look beyond the difficulties that we may encounter and to keep focused on the God who ultimately controls all of our lives. At its core, the hymn beckons us to see that our praise of God cannot be based on how we feel. Neither should our praise be limited to those seasons of our lives when everything is going as planned and when all is well. Rather, it pushes us to embrace what the Psalmist declares in Psalm 34: 1 when he exclaims, ***"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."*** So as we enter fully into this 2014 hurricane season when the threats of storms are real, may the words of this hymn serve to anchor our faith in the God with whom all possible. This hymn challenges us to praise God without restraint and to do with an "in spite of" attitude. When we do our faith is strengthened. Below are the words for this hymn:

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise Him when the showers fall,
And when the earth is dry,
I'll praise Him when the flowers bloom,
And when they fade and die.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise Him, my Deliverer,
My Saviour and my friend,
Because for me He gave His life,
I'll praise Him to the end.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll bow before His face,
I'll honour and adore my King,
He gives me strength and grace.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.



Unity **Bishop's Conference**

The Unity Bishops' Conference is schedule to take place in Mwanza, Tanzania from July 3 – 11, 2014. Bishop Kingsley Lewis is representing the Eastern West Indies Province at this conference. Let us remember them in our prayers.



Failure should be our Teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing and being nothing.

Denis Waitley

Staffing

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. Sister Hyacinth Taylor, Missionary, will come to the end of her assignment in Grenada on August 15, 2014. The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province is eternally grateful for the unselfish and dedicated service rendered by Sis. Taylor. We pray God's continued blessings upon her as she seeks to be faithful to His leading in her life.
2. Rev. Devon Mannix, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission with effect from August 15, 2014.
3. Rev. Nigel Daniel, Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill congregations in the Antigua conference, has accepted call to serve as Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda congregations in the Tobago conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.
4. Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.
5. Pastor Moise Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill congregations in the Antigua conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.
6. Pastor Yvonne Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.
7. Pastor Erwin Warner has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethesda and New Dawn congregations in the St. Kitts conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.
8. Pastor Catherine Governor has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the L'Anse Noire congregation and Minister of Christian Education in conjunction with all other members of staff in the Trinidad conference, with effect from August 01, 2014.

9. The Rev. Winston Jones, Pastor of the Bethlehem congregation and the St. Phillip Fellowship, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethlehem congregation with effect from September 01, 2014.
10. The Rev. Roslyn Hamblin has accepted a call to serve as Pastor to develop the St. Phillip Fellowship, with effect from August 01, 2014.
11. The Rev. Mikie Roberts requested and was granted furlough from June 16 to October 09, 2014.
12. The Rev. Eulencine Christopher has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Virgin Islands conference with effect from September 01, 2014. Please remember our sister in prayer as she responds to the call of God and prepare to assume this new responsibility.

On behalf of the Province, the PEC expresses heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Superintendent of the Virgin Islands conference, the Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts.



PEC Meeting

Your prayers are requested for the members of PEC who will meet in Trinidad from July 3 - 6, 2014.



Provincial Youth Camp

The Provincial Youth Camp will be held in Barbados from July 10 - 17, 2014. Let us remember our young people in our prayers as they prepare for the Provincial youth camp.



Book of Order 2012

Copies of the New Book of Order are now available and can be purchased from the Provincial Headquarters for EC\$20.00 or US\$8.00 or BDS\$16.00 or TT\$48.00.

The Book of Order has been revised and updated with all the new resolutions from the 30th Provincial Synod held in St. Thomas in 2012.

Synod Bulletin #1

Hosting of the 31st Provincial Synod

The 31st Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will be held in Antigua from July 10 – 16, 2015 (with the 10th and 16th being travelling days) at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa. The Resort is an all inclusive Hotel.

- ♦ All Members of Staff are expected to be in attendance at the Synod.
- ♦ All Conferences are asked to have their delegates elected and the names forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters no later than February 28, 2015.
- ♦ Delegates will be required to pay US\$570.00 per person for the Synod, while Observers will be required to pay US\$700.00 per person.
Children 3 – 11 years can stay in a room with 2 adults for US \$66 per person per night. Children 0 – 2 stay free of charge.
- ♦ Members of the Moravian Church can begin to frame proposals to forward to Synod for consideration. Once considered and passed, they will become resolutions to guide the administration of the church.
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- ♦ All Conferences are asked to have their Synod reports prepared and forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters no later than March 01, 2015. The reports will then be duplicated, collated and forwarded to all delegates via email by May 01, 2015, to give persons an opportunity to read and digest the reports, so that our forward planning could be more informed and therefore more intentional. Delegates will collect the hard copy of the reports in booklet



The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to former Missionary Olga Bair-Joefield and the Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris on the passing of their brother and uncle respectively. Apostle Bertril Baird passed into the nearer presence of God on May 29, 2014, in Trinidad.

The home-going services for Apostle Bertril Baird took place on June 12 and 14 respectively at the:

1. The Calvary Road Deliverance Tabernacle in Bon Accord, Tobago,
and,
2. The Faith Revival Ministries, 15 – 18 El Dorado Road, Tunapuna, Trinidad.



- The PEC offers congratulations to Sis. Jovanca Lewis-Smith, wife of Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith who recently graduated from the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois, with a PhD in civil engineering.

Sis. Smith's dissertation was entitled *"Characterization of Ultra High-Performance Concrete for Impact Resistance Structures"*.

- Sis. Patricia Layne MBE, a member of the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados was honoured in the Queen's Birthday List 2014 and was awarded the Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), for services as the private secretary to successive Governors-General and Acting Governor-General of Barbados.
- The Moravian Church congratulates Sis. Alincia Williams-Grant who was elected as President of the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda. Sis. Williams Grant is a Member and Treasurer of the Judges Hill congregation in Antigua.
- The last president of the Senate, Sis. Hazelyn Francis who served for 9 years until 2014 is also a Member of the Moravian Church from the Green-bay congregation in Antigua.

As a Church, we would like to say thanks to Sis. Hazelyn Francis for her committed service to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Photo Gallery from the Unity Board Meeting



L to R Rev. Dr. C. Jarvis, Rev. R. Hopcroft, Rev. Dr. J Boytler, and Rev. Dr. E.. Miller



L to R Rev. Dr. P. Gardner, Rev. P Krasny, Rev. C.Mwaitebele



View of Delegates



L to R L. pixley, Glen Tessadan, Ezekiel Yonah, Moise Tshimanga



L to R Rev. R. Sawyer and Rev. H. Sikafunda

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Bishop Tshimanga & Rev. Henry Mwakibinga from Malawi



Rev. Nebort Sikazwe and Rev. Charles Katale



Secretary Dick Mlimuka



L to R Dr. Jarvis, Dick Mlimuka & Rev. Happy Sikafunda



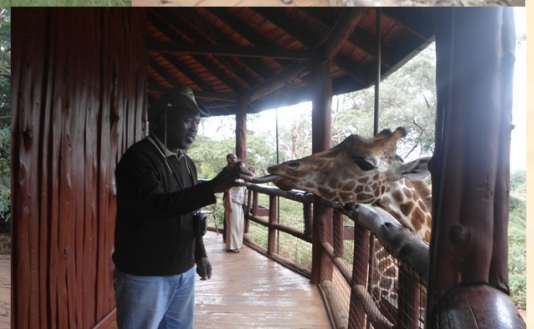
L to R Rev. Brinmore Phaul, Rev Christobal Smith



View of Lake Tanganyika



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Happy Birthday!



Birthday Greetings for the month of July is extended to:

Sis. Ida Brown	03
Bro. Winston Chase	08
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Bro. Ralph Prince	11
Bro. Colbourne Walters	14
Sis. Frances John	15
Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Sis. Earlene Simmons	25
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
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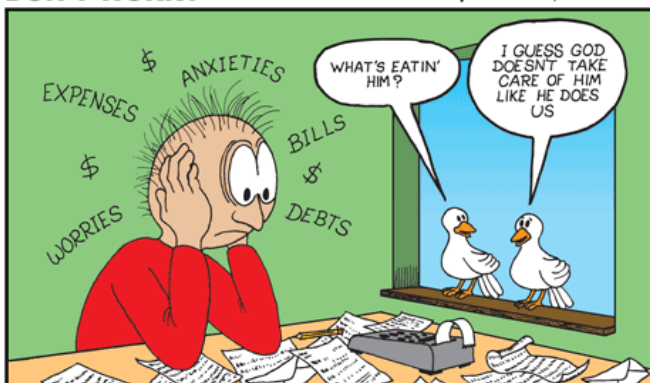


Anniversary Greetings for the month of July is extended to:

Bro. Collin & Sis. Anique Matthew	04
Bro. Nigel & Sis. Belinda Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson & Sis. Vera Waithe	07
Bro. Willard Prout & Sis. Lynda Prout	14
Bro. Devon & Sis. Stacey Mannix	21
Bro. Andrew & Sis. Geraldine Roberts	22
Bro. Mikie & Sis. Winnelle Kirton Roberts	24
Bro. Rowan Simmons and Sis. Earlene Simmons	24
Bro. Walton Frederick & Sis. Angela Frederick	26
Bro. Sean & Sis. Paula Roberts	30

DON'T WORRY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

— MATTHEW 6:26–27 NIV

Fun Corner

An old man finally gets the sports car of his dreams and decides to go for a drive and see what his new car can do. He's letting loose on the highway, when police lights and sirens turn on right behind him. He looks at his speed and notices he's doing 100, so he presses on the gas increasing it to 110, presses a little harder increasing his speed to 120. Finally he decides "I'm too old for this" and pulls over. When the cop reaches his window he says "look old man, I've got 30 minutes left in my shift and it's Friday, if you give me a good excuse I've never heard before, I'll give you a warning". The old man thinks for a sec, and replies "3 years ago my wife left me for a police officer, I thought you were bringing her back", to which the cop replied, "have a good day sir!"

Quote of the Day

*What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are tiny matters compared to
what lies within us*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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