

The Information

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

May, 2014



Elisha and the woman who stepped out in faith

One of the men of God to whom a lot of space is given in God's Word is Elisha. Elisha was a follower of Elijah, whose ministry he succeeded (see **2 Kings 2**). He



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis,
Chairman of the Provincial Elders Confer-

walked very powerfully with the Lord and from the many miracles that God did through him, we will consider two of those miracles, one this issue and another in the next issue in June. In both cases our focus will be on the ability of God to deliver those that seek Him from any problem they may have and also to see how they stepped out in faith.

2 Kings 4:1-7: Elisha, the widow with the two sons.

The first of the two cases that will be examined in this study regards a widow and her two sons. **2 Kings 4:1** tells us about this woman and a great problem she faced, after the death of her husband.

"A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

According to the passage, this woman was the wife of a man that feared, deeply revered, the Lord. Unfortunately, her husband died leaving to his family a debt that they could not afford. As a result, the creditor was coming to take her two sons to be his slaves. From this we can easily understand the emergency of the

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situation: the woman because of an unpaid debt was about to lose her two sons. To face this problem she cried out to Elisha, the man of God. Of course, her choice to run in this critical time to the man of God was not accidental. Really, when the time is so limited ("the creditor was coming" imperfect i.e. he was on the way) you don't go but to those that you know that can help you. Obviously, the man that this woman believed that could help her was Elisha, the man of God¹. Evidently, she had determined to FIGHT this difficulty and to fight it WITH GOD. Having seen what the widow said to Elisha let's now see what Elisha replied to her:

2 Kings 4:2

"So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?"

Elisha's availability: Elisha was there ready to help this widow. He didn't condemn her for the debt. In my personal opinion, there must have been much time before the widow or her husband reached the stage of insolvency. You certainly don't arrive at this point from one day to the other without in the meantime handling many things wrongly. However, the point now was not what had happened. What had happened, had happened. What counted now was not the past but that in the present time she needed immediate support and to find it she sought the Lord. Also see that Elisha didn't try to get rid of her because the problem was "too difficult". He certainly didn't have a solution to her problem, before God provided the miraculous solution that we will read in a moment. Nevertheless, this does not mean that he was not available to help her. In contrast, his reply shows that he was ready to help in any way he could. Verse 2 gives us the reply of the woman to Elisha's question:

2 Kings 4: 2

"and she said "your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

This widow was really in great poverty. There was nothing in her house but a jar of oil. Obviously in her effort to get rid of the debt she sold everything. There was no table, no beds, no cooking utensils. The only thing that was left was this jar of oil. However, this jar of oil was enough for God to bring deliverance to her. Verses 3-4 tells us:

2 Kings 4: 3- 4

"Then he [Elisha] said, "Go borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors - empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

God through Elisha told the woman to borrow empty vessels and to pour the oil from her jar into them. If we don't take God into account, these instructions may sound really crazy. For, according to the scientific laws, a jar of oil cannot fill but another jar of oil of the same size. Therefore, scientifically speaking, what Elisha told the widow that would happen was impossible. However, it was impossible if, we don't take God into account. For, if we do take God into account the things are entirely different. The reason is that God is not restricted by the scientific laws. Really, when it comes to Him what counts is not whether something is scientifically possible but whether it is His will or not. When something is His will, it will come to pass, whatever the scientists may say. Obviously, from what we have read by now, we can conclude that God desired the deliverance of this woman from her problem as He always desires His children to live in victory. Therefore biblically speaking, what Elisha said corresponded to the will of God about the situation, and it would certainly, come to pass, if the widow followed what God told her i.e. if

- i) borrowed the empty vessels
- ii) shut the door behind her and her sons and
- iii) poured the oil from the jar into the empty vessels.

I don't believe that the widow had ever seen in her life a jar of oil to fill many empty vessels. However, for God to perform His will she had to believe that she would see it for first time. With God it doesn't count whether something has happened for others. What counts is whether we will believe and act upon what He says. Let's see therefore whether the woman finally believed God or not:

2 Kings 4:5

"So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out."

The woman BELIEVED what God told her and followed it. So as soon as she left from Elisha she

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borrowed empty vessels, "shut the door behind" her and her sons, and poured the oil from her jar into the vessels, exactly as God told her. What happened as a result is given in verse 6.

2 Kings 4:6

"Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel". And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil stayed."

All the vessels she borrowed were filled with oil. The oil "stayed" only when there was no other empty vessel. However, the filled vessels were enough to pass her and her children from bankruptcy to affluence. Really, verse 7 tells us:

2 Kings 4:7

"Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

The oil was so much that she and her sons could pay the debt and live on the rest. Thus the widow was not only delivered from her problem but she was more than delivered: she got an oil-treasure. And all this because she sought the deliverance of the Lord. She went to God and to His man poor and oppressed and she left rich and delivered. Praise be to our God Who is always ready to deliver.

This woman stepped out in faith and God did for her what to human eyes and understanding seems impossible. The challenge is for us to trust God and step out in faith like this woman did. Elisha stood steadfast and the woman followed the word of God which came from the man of God. Step out in faith and see God work for you.

Music Workshop

A Music Workshop was scheduled from April 28 – May 3, 2014 at the Provincial Headquarters in Antigua.

The Music Committee will be revising the text and music of the new hymnal. Organists and Musician from the Antigua conference and the general membership were invited to share in the sessions.

All conferences were represented at this workshop.

UNITY BOARD MEETING

The Unity Board of the Moravian Church will convene its bi-annual meeting in Kigoma, Tanzania, Eastern Africa from May 03-12, 2014. At this meeting, all heads of Moravian Provinces will attend and present a report on his/her province. The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Eastern West Indies Province will represent the Province. Let us continue to pray for our church which is facing a number of internal challenges in different areas of the Unity.



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 – 17, 2015 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.
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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 form upon arrival in Antigua.

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

For May, the hymn of the month is #124 in the current hymnal. It is the hymn **Come let us sing the song of**



songs and was written by the Moravian missionary James Montgomery in 1841. The recommended tune is **Ely** which is also the set tune. The metre of the hymn is a long metre. In the hymn we are invited to render worship to our Lord Jesus Christ through the repeated refrain 'worthy the Lamb for he was slain.' Revelation 13: 8 refers to Jesus Christ as such a Lamb and throughout this hymn we see why we Jesus, as the slain

Lamb is deserving of our adulation. We offer songs of praise and adoration because of all the benefits that are ours by faith.

We are:

- (1) cleansed,
- (2) made royalty in God's sight, and
- (3) are assured of a place in heaven.

But beyond drawing attention to the benefits that are ours, the hymn also forces us to recognize again that that benefits which we have and will receive did not come without a cost to Christ himself. And so in the hymn we are reminded of the sufferings of Christ. Yet because of what he suffered, in obedience to the father then he now possesses a place of prominence that is unmatched both in earth and heaven. As we continue in the Easter season and look forward to celebrating Pentecost and Christ's Ascension, this hymn is a timely reminder of how through the work of Christ we have received an inheritance that is incomparable to anything that this world offers. 11.5

Come let us sing the song of songs,
With hearts and voices swell the strain,
The homage which to Christ belongs;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'

Slain to redeem us by his blood,
To cleanse from every sinful stain,
And make us kings and priests to God;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'

To him who suffered on the tree,
Our souls, at his soul's price, to gain,
Blessing, and praise, and glory be;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'

To him, enthroned by filial right,
All powers in heaven and earth pertain,
Honour and majesty and might;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'

Long as we live, and when we die,
And while in heaven with him we reign,
This song our song of songs shall be;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'



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

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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. Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith, Minister of Music for both the Trinidad and Tobago conference will proceed on his assignment in the Tobago conference and will be duly installed on May 07, 2014 at the Montgomery Moravian Church at 6 p.m.



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.

The Provincial Elders Conference Board Members, worshipping with Pastor and Members of the Zion Moravian Church in St. Kitts on Sunday April 27, 2014



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Fulfilling the Mandate - Step out in Faith

RESOLUTION NO. 1804

BILL NO. 30-0291

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2013

A Resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Ursula Nathalia Magdalane Millin "Aunt Sula" Krigger for her contributions to the Virgin Islands

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WHEREAS, Ursula Nathalia Magdalane Millin was born on April 22, 1902, to the late Magdalane Nathalia "Mama Tallie" Moolenaar and Edgar Millin on Neltjeberg Estate, St. Thomas, Danish West Indies and still resides at Estate Neltjeberg in the house that her mother had built for her family in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, Ursula was the second of Mama Tallie's eight children, and Ursula and Una Jacobs Davis are the two surviving children; and

WHEREAS, "Aunt Sula", as Ursula is affectionately known by her family and friends, grew up on Neltjeberg Estate on the Northside of St. Thomas with her seven siblings, Vanburn Millin, Leona Jacobs, Gismunda Jacobs, Theobald Almero Jacobs, Una Jacobs, Bernice Jacobs, and Leroy Jacobs; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger is the proud mother of two sons, Alaric R. Krigger and Ashton E. Krigger, the grandmother of four, Alaric R. Krigger, Jr., Leah N. Krigger, Sean L. Krigger, and Chairiese J. Krigger, and the great grandmother of five- Elijah A. Freeman, Mica Freeman, Shania A. J. Nieves, Nadia Nieves, and Alexandria Marie Krigger, and is also the adopted mother of many and friends to more; and

WHEREAS, as a young teenager, Ursula was stricken with Typhoid Fever, and by the grace of God , the care of her mother, stepfather, Bo Jacobs, and her Doctor, Knud Hansen, she recovered; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger is an educator by profession, starting her first teaching job at age fifteen, when she was hired by Reverend Roming of the Moravian Church to teach at the Bonne Resolution School on St. Thomas' North side; and

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WHEREAS, Ursula taught the first, second and third grades and earned \$3.00 a month; and

WHEREAS, the Bonne Resolution School, at that time being under the administration of the Moravian Church, Ursula worked under the guidance of School Principal Lucinda Sewer, who later became Lucinda Millin; and

WHEREAS, other Principals under whom Ursula worked included Ms. Dassie Marsh and Mr. Philmon Stridiron; and

WHEREAS, a few years after working at the Bonne Resolution School, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger sat the Assistant Teacher's Exam and passed it with flying colors; and

WHEREAS, after the Virgin Islands were transferred to the United States, the Bonne Resolution School was renamed the James Monroe School; and

WHEREAS, after about two years of service at the Bonne Resolution School, at the age of about seventeen years old, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger, was transferred to the Moravian's School on Wimmelskafts Gade (Back Street) in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, where she taught first and second grades; and

WHEREAS, some of her fellow teachers and friends whom she recalls working with her at the Town school include head teachers, Ms. Mary Myers and Ms. Mary Jones; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger also remembers fondly some of her students at the Town School, such as Algernon and Bianca Maduro, Hewitt Gumbs, and Gwendolyn Howard; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Nathalia Millin Krigger taught for about three years at the Moravian Town School before she was transferred to the Abraham Lincoln School in Upstreet, Charlotte Amalie, where one of her noted colleagues was Ms. Elaine Gabriel; and

WHEREAS, after a short tenure at Lincoln school, Ursula left the public school system, and was hired by the Christensen family in Charlotte Amalie to home school the family's young children, John, Billy, and Doreen Christensen, an experience she still cherishes to this very day; and

WHEREAS Ursula also spent some time working with the Virgin Islands Cooperative during the early 1930s; and

WHEREAS on June 25, 1934, Ursula Natalia Millin married the late Laurence A. Krigger, and after her marriage, retired from her formal teaching career and devoted her time to raising her sons and extended family members; Now Therefore,

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Mrs. Ursula Nathalia "Aunt Sula" Millin Krigger on her early contributions to education and to family life in the Virgin Islands.

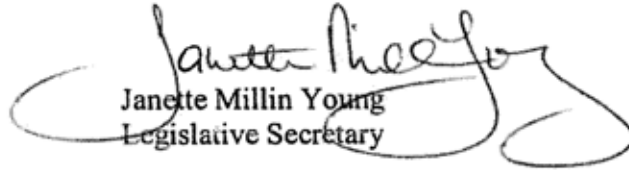
SECTION 2. The President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall have prepared a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to present to Mrs. Ursula Nathalia "Aunt Sula" Millin Krigger at an appropriate ceremony.

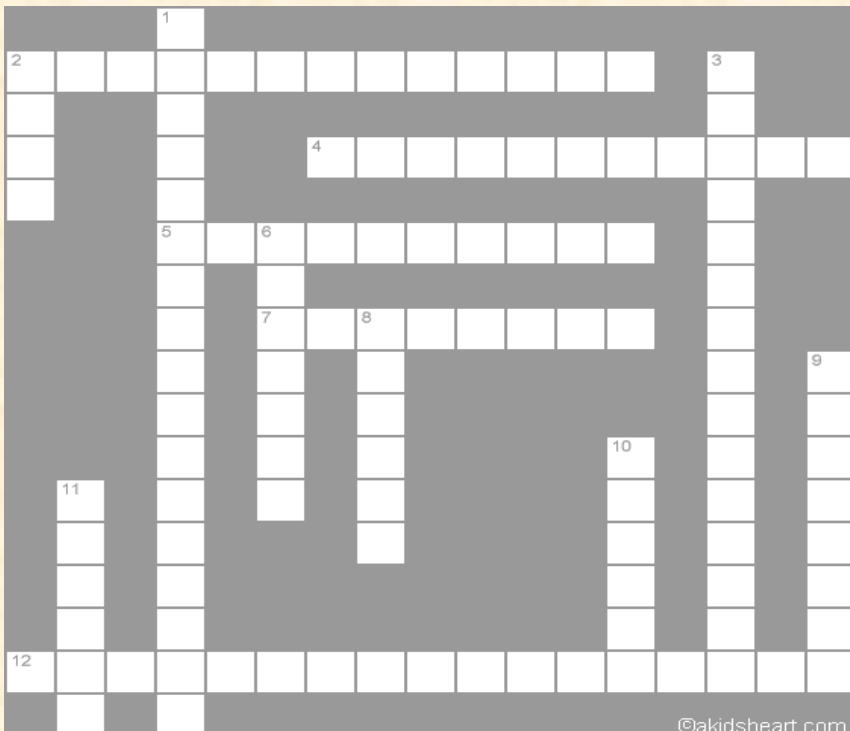
Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 19, 2013.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 22nd Day of November, A.D., 2013.




Shawn-Michael Malone
President


Janette Millin Young
Legislative Secretary

The Apostles**Across**

2. Betrayed Jesus
4. Nathanael
5. Jesus told him to feed His sheep
7. Surname of Lebbeus
12. Known as the less

Down

1. Herod had him killed with the sword
2. He was exiled on the isle of Patmos
3. The Zelotes
6. Use to be a tax collector
8. Peter's brother; He told Jesus about the lad with the fish and the bread
9. He took Judas' place
10. He brought Nathanael to Christ
11. The doubting one

Visitation of a sick member in St. Maarten In March, 2014



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Happy Birthday!



Birthday Greetings for the month of May is extended to:

Bro. Samuel Jacobs	08
Bro. Patmore Smith	10
Sis. Ivy Vessup	10
Sis. Joan Thomas	10
Sis. Gloria Barker	11
Sis. Karen Bowers-Jones	21
Sis. Deborah Challenger	27
Sis. Menelva Samuel	31



Anniversary Greetings for the month of is extended to:

Bro. Adrian & Sis. Andrea Smith	14
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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.

Quote of the Day

What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God.

Rick Warren

Fun Corner

A mother-in-law stopped unexpectedly by the recently married couple's house. She rang the doorbell and stepped into the house to see her daughter-in-law standing naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" the mother-in-law asked.

"I am waiting for my husband to come home from work." the daughter-in-law replied.

"Why are you naked?" asked the mother-in-law. "This is my love dress." the daughter-in-law replied.

"LOVE DRESS! You are naked." said the mother-in-law. "But my husband loves it when I wear this dress. It makes him happy and he makes me happy." said the daughter-in-law.

"I would appreciate it if you left now because my husband will be home any minute." The daughter-in-law continued.

Soured by all of this romantic stuff, the mother-in-law left. On the way home she thought about the "LOVE DRESS" and got an idea.

She undressed, showered, applied her best perfume and waited by the door for her husband to come home.

Finally the pickup truck drove up the drive way and she took her place by the door. The father-in-law opened the door and immediately saw his wife naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"This is my love dress" the mother-in-law replied.

"Maybe you should iron it." he replied.



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