

# The Information

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

July, 2015



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC

## Synod is here, Let's embrace it

The 31<sup>st</sup> provincial Synod of the EWIP is only a few days away. Preparation have been in process for a long time. Some things fell naturally into place without much effort, while others took a much longer time to fall into place. Along the way there were some surprises.

However, come what may, we begin to welcome the overseas delegates on July 8 through to July 10.

We anticipate that all 115 delegates and observers will all be in place for a prompt start at 8 p.m on July 10, 2015. Pastor Wingrove Spencer, Senior Pastor of the Precission Centre will lead our Synod Retreat, while our Chaplain, the Rev. Winston Chase will lead us in worship everyday. The Chairman of Synod, the Rev. Roslyn Hamblin is rearing to go as she prepares to steer the ship from beginning to end. Our Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts is ready to get the ball rolling. On the Opening night of Synod we shall elect the Vice Chairman and the Assistant Secretary for the Synod.

The Secretariat is ready. The Transportation Committee is ready. The welcome and protocol Committee is ready. The Antigua Conference is ready. Our people are ready to welcome and embrace all our overseas delegates and observers to what we anticipate will be a very impactful Synod.

The people of the Antigua Conference have been praying for a fresh anointing, that this Church will rise up to the dawn of a new day.

The Synod will have to wrestle with some serious issues as we deliberate. We live in a dangerous world where even Christians have become uncertain as to what they believe.

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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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Indeed, many no longer see the Bible as the Word of God. The recent US Supreme Court ruling on Same Sex Marriage will feature in our discussions. The disintegration of family life and the Church's response or remedy will most certainly be on the heart and lips of many of our delegates. Crime and violence which is destroying our societies in the Caribbean will also be dealt with as we seek to help our people navigate the treacherous waters that have engulfed us.

The Synod will also wrestle with the election of another Bishop. The Church has been at prayer for God's will to be done in this matter.

As is customary, a new Provincial Board is elected at each Synod. It is our prayer that God will lay His hands upon those to lead us in this season.

Israel Houghton penned a song which has captured my imagination over the past few months, "It's a new season". This I believe should help us to appreciate that God is about to do a new thing in us and we ought to be ready. He says:

It's a new season, it's a new day.  
A fresh anointing is flowing my way.  
It's a season of power and prosperity.  
It's a new season coming to me.

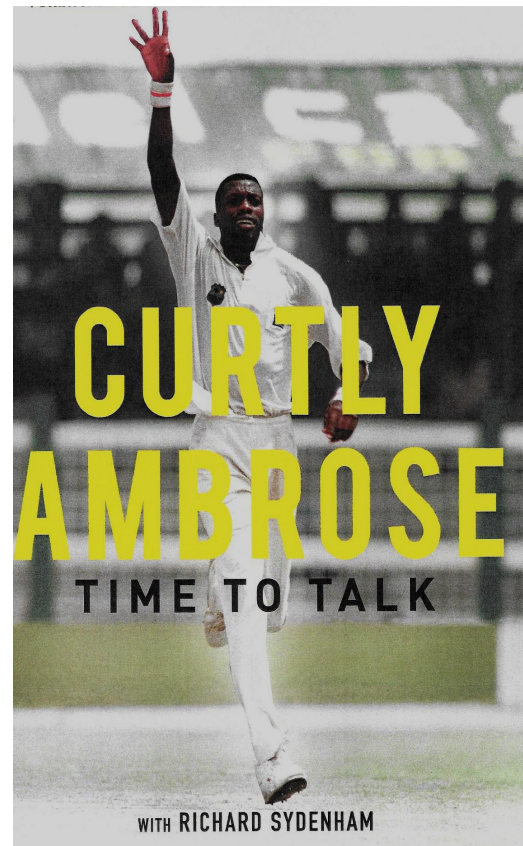
The devil's time is up no longer can he bother me,  
'cause the Creator of the universe He fathers me,  
and it's transferable my children's children shall be free;  
it's a new season (it's a new season).

All that was stolen is returned to you a hundred fold,  
Tried in the fire but you're coming out gold.  
Cling to His hand,  
yes, to every promise take a hold;  
it's a new season (it's a new season)

I end this article with the watchword for June 30, 2015, which speaks of God's covering over His children. The Psalmist declares, "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word." Psalm 119:114

May God lead us into triumph in Christ as 2 Cor. 2:14 says, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place".

## **'Curtly talks to no one'**



One of the leading - and most lethal-fast bowlers of all time, Sir Curtly Ambrose is notorious for his silence. Now, for the first time, Sir Curtly will tell his story. Sir Curtly Ambrose was an integral part of the iconic West Indian teams of the late 1980s whilst also bearing witness to their decline

in the 1990s. A formidable sportsman, Curtly has unique insight into the extreme highs and debilitating lows of International cricket.

But during his career Curtly Ambrose rarely spoke out. In his autobiography, Curtly will tell the story of his life with the West Indies team for the very first time. From his colourful upbringing in Antigua, through to the turbulent politics of both nation and dressing room, the book takes you behind the scenes to give a fascinating insight into the career of an iconic sportsman.

With his customary honesty, Curtly reveals his relationships with both the game and his teammates and competitors, describes key moments in his career and opens up about his family and his life after cricket.

Sir Curtly Ambrose is one of the most impressive cricket players in history. During his career he played 98 Tests and 176 One day Internationals for the West Indies and for much of that time he topped the ICC player rankings. Since his retirement he has turned to coaching and playing bass guitar in a reggae band. Sir Curtly is a member of the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes Village, Antigua.

# COMMEMORATING JOHN HUS

BY

REV. ROSLYN HAMBLIN

July 06, 2015 marks 600 years since the martyrdom of John Hus. As we commemorate this significant event, we trace his short life of 46 years; but a 46-year period in which each moment seems to have counted significantly for Christ. His Christian life, moral and Biblical stance, ethical teaching, and ultimate sacrifice helped to reform and shape the Christian church of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries and to give birth to the Moravian Church in 1457. They are the legacy he has left, influencing our Moravian ancestors through the ages and our Moravian sisters and brothers of more recent times.

We therefore seek to trace the link between Hus and the establishment of the Moravian Church, and between Hus and our Church today. It all happened because of the stand Hus took for Christ. As a result of this thread, Moravians today have a reason to celebrate Hus. And out of his witness for Christ, we today are influenced to similarly live for Christ.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF JOHN HUS

On July 06, 1369 the boy John was born in the village of Husinec in Bohemia, and in his early life became known as John of Husinec. Later he adopted and adapted the name of his birthplace, thus becoming "John Hus". His early education took place at the village school by the monks. He later went on to study Philosophy and Theology at the University of Prague and after completing his Master's degree in 1396, soon became lecturer at the university, Dean of the faculty of Philosophy, and rector or president of the university. In 1401 he was ordained as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church.

During this time Hus became deeply engrossed in the writings of the English reformer, John Wycliff, who had died in 1384. These writings greatly influenced Hus. One of Wycliff's bold assertions declared that even the pope was not to be obeyed when his orders were contrary to the Bible. Hus was convinced that Wycliff had found a great Truth and Hus sought to live by and teach this Truth. Hus himself continued this search for the Truth. He once said, and maintained as his motto, "Seek the truth, hear the truth,

learn the truth, love the truth, speak the truth, hold to the truth and defend the truth until death, for the truth will free you."

In 1402 Hus was appointed as preacher at the Bethlehem Chapel in Prague. This was one of the few churches in Europe where the tradition was for all the services to be done in the local language rather than Latin (In the Roman Church services were usually fully done in Latin.) Hus became famous for his preaching here. Having spent much time as a chorister during his university days, Hus revived and developed congregational singing at the chapel. He therefore immersed himself into the translation of Latin hymns and the writing of new hymns. One hymn which his congregation frequently sang before his sermons begins this way:

The Word of God, which ne'er shall cease,  
Proclaims free pardon, grace and peace,  
Salvation shows in Christ alone,  
The perfect will of God makes known."

Recognizing that the Church was slipping into corruption, Hus advocated reform in the Roman Church and in his sermons was not afraid to denounce sin of any kind or from any quarter. But his efforts at reform were met with much resistance from the Church. There were five (5) main points of concern about which Hus taught.

- ◆ That the sale of indulgences was iniquitous.
- ◆ That the Laity should be allowed to receive the cup at the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ That worship should be conducted in the language of the people.
- ◆ That Christ alone should be recognized as Head of the Church.
- ◆ That the authority of the Bible should take precedence over the authority of the Church.

Rather than seeing reform, Hus was excommunicated and exiled. During his exile he wrote extensively, including a book called "De Ecclesia" ("The Church") which summarizes his position. He was summoned to a Council at Constance to defend himself, but this trial was a farce. He was dressed in his priestly robes and ordered to recant. When he refused to recant his robes were torn off; a communion cup was placed in his hand and snatched from him by a bishop. Thereafter he was condemned to death.

On his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday, July 06, 1415, he was led to a meadow in Constance, and tied to a stake, bound with wet ropes.

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# 120th Anniversary of the Gloster Lodge Moravian School

Gloster Lodge Moravian School launched its 120th anniversary celebrations on Thursday 25th June, 2015 with an Anniversary Service at the Tranquility Methodist Church. Officiating at the service were Reverends Adelyn Mgonela and Liselle Roberts with the Rev Dr Ulston Patmore Smith as organist.

Greetings and congratulations were extended to the school on this milestone occasion from the Ministry of Education, Reverends Jeremy Francis, Algernon Lewis, Georgette John-Cotton, Esther Moore-Roberts and Chairman of the PEC Rev. Dr Cortroy Jarvis who all served in the Trinidad Conference and interacted in some way with the GLMS.

Rev Adelyn in her charge congratulated the school on their milestone and using the text Joshua 4:1-9 challenged the congregation that milestones along the journey help to identify the detours, look back and assess where one may have strayed from the road yet taking a forward look with a determined effort to achieve one's goal.

She also pointed out the importance of not dwelling on the milestone as milestones were not the end but the beginning of a new journey with great possibilities. One must therefore acknowledge the small and large miracles using milestones as a motivation to keep going offering ourselves to God, continually seeking to serve Him and His people faithfully.

For this occasion, an official school song was penned by Mrs Marisha John (teacher) and music by Rev Dr Ulston Patmore Smith. The song was launched at the service.

A pride of the Moravians in Trinidad and Tobago  
Gloster Lodge Moravian School shines where e'er we go.  
Founded on June twenty-fifth in eighteen ninety-five  
Upon sound Christian principles - for "The Best Always" we strive.

A light in the community, lodged near the outskirts of Belmont.

Premier place of excellence here in Port-of-Spain.  
Faithful and loyal, always true to o'r Moravian creeds;  
We're socially responsible - by example we lead.

A promise to o'r blessed land; core values to uphold  
Honesty and commitment, teamwork, every good.  
Trust and accountability - these traits we emulate  
Strong discipline and faith in God, with love we demonstrate.

A holistic development, we all are life-long learners;  
Hither to we've come thus far, onward still we go.  
We'll keep o'r flag of teal and white so proudly flying high;  
For Gloster Lodge Moravian School – Our love will never die!

Gloster Lodge Moravian Gloster Lodge Moravian –  
Our love will never die!



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## Address of the Principal Mrs. Ann Alves on the Occasion of 120th Anniversary of the Gloster Lodge Moravian School

Good Morning

Happy 120th Birthday to Gloster Lodge Moravian School! Today is a celebration of past successes, long-standing relationships and partnerships with stakeholders. In 1995, I was privileged to be a member of staff at Gloster Lodge Moravian School when it celebrated its centennial. In 2008, I was principal at L'Anse Noire Moravian School when we celebrated the 100th anniversary. I stand here very emotional – indeed honoured to be a part of both Moravian schools in Trinidad and Tobago – two institutions which serve in educating minds and spirits for over one hundred. I am sure you understand my extreme pleasure, my jubilation. As we celebrate this significant milestone in our history, we at Gloster Lodge reminisce and are thankful for all our accomplishments over the past 120 years. This milestone celebrates 120 years of academic excellence, 120 years of sporting achievement, 120 years of rousing community involvement, 120 years of spiritual nurturing and 120 years of laying the foundation in the lives of many young people of Port of Spain and environs. Today Gloster Lodge citizens are in every walk of life - teachers, nurses, police officers, fishermen, builders, businesspersons and other top ranking officials in both government and private sector.

As we strive to build and maintain our centre of excellence, we encounter many challenges, especially psychosocial problems at school, at home and in our immediate environment. However, we are not daunted by these challenges – they serve to strengthen our resolve to provide a holistic education to all our charges. Profound changes in teaching have also taken place in the past 120 years. What has remained constant though is the fundamental connection between teachers and students in pursuit of knowledge--and the road to endless possibilities. Our education system is now focusing on School Based Management, a process in which schools are given greater flexibility in managing their affairs. (Like the Phoenix, the mythical bird - bird of fire - live 500 or 1000 years - come into renewed existence through fire - fire comes from within and burns away phoenix old body – the phoenix rises from the ashes a new self).

Like the phoenix, we have already embarked on this journey and there are signs of seriousness everywhere as we cleanse ourselves of negativity and emerge as new educators; teachers with an awareness of our past errors and accomplishments. I commend the Ministry of Education for this very laudable objective and I am pleased to let you know that we at Gloster Lodge will continue to strive to be the best always along the way. Our dream of becoming one of the leading institutions in the Port of Spain and Environs Education District will only be achieved with commitment and diligence. As members of staff of the next century, we pledge to take Gloster Lodge to greater heights of achievement and success. The future of Gloster Lodge will be an exciting and challenging journey. I am confident that with the dedication of the teaching and non-teaching staff, the support and commitment of the Ministry of Education via the District Office, the support of the Moravian School Board of Management, the support of parents and the community, the enthusiasm of the students and my leadership, Gloster Lodge Moravian School will continue to grow from strength to strength, and raise generations of students who are upright and instilled with a passion for lifelong learning, for making the right choices, for empathy; instilled with a passion to be always motivated and be worthy citizens of society. We pray that God will inspire us and give us the desire to fulfill His promises in us. I wish Gloster Lodge Moravian School many more successful years in the century ahead. Before I close, we at Gloster Lodge wish to specially celebrate three ladies Miss Lystra Paul, Miss Jennifer Stewart and Mrs Ann-Marie Gaines, who are present to celebrate with us this morning.



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*Address of the Principal Mrs. Ann Alves*

*on the Occasion of 120th Anniversary of the Gloster Lodge Moravian School*

These three ladies will be honoured during our year of celebrations and they were selected for two special reasons

1. These teachers all began their career at GLMS.
2. They are all retiring in this 120th anniversary year

Gloster Lodge was the training ground for these ladies and where they started their careers. They served the school with excellence and distinction. Miss Paul and Miss Gaines went on to teach at Secondary Schools and Miss Stewart was promoted to Principal at another Primary School. Ladies stand as we honour you.

Once again Happy Birthday Gloster Lodge Moravian, I thank you



***Commemorating John Hus***

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He was given one last opportunity to recant, to which he responded: "I shall die with joy in the faith of the gospel which I preached." He was burnt to death and his charred skeleton was broken up, and further burnt until only ashes remained. The ashes were then thrown into the Rhine River so that no one would be able to find anything which might be kept as a relic of the man. But John Hus had become a Christian martyr and a national hero.

John Hus died, but his teachings found many followers. When these realized that the Church was not going to institute the reforms for which Hus had sacrificed his

life, they founded a church of their own, giving it the name "Unitas Fratrum" or "Unity of the Brethren".

Associated with the beginnings of this church were Peter of together with Michael Bradacius, Chelchic (Peter Chelchicky), a farmer whose writings greatly influenced Gregory the Patriarch, who, emerged as the leadership of this new church. They settled in the eastern Bohemian village of Kunwald and organized themselves as a church in March of 1457. This church was quickly established in the neighbouring Czech province of Moravia, and later spread to Poland when they fled there from persecution during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The nickname "Moravian" later became attached when they settled in Germany in 1722.

Hymn of the Month for July, 2015  
by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts  
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.



During the month of July there are two major celebrations for us as Moravians in the Eastern West Indies Province. First

we join with our Moravian brothers and sisters across the Unity in observing the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of John Huss on July 6, 2015. A few days later, the Province will convene the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod in Antigua which will run from July 10 – 15. In light of these two major celebrations our hymn of the month for July is **THANKFUL FOR THE LIFE YOU GAVE US** which was written by the Rev. Roslyn Hamblin in 2007. The suggested tune is **ABBOT'S LEIGH**.

The text of the hymn resounds with the theme of “Jesus’ grace” and the ways in which this grace is manifested among us as the Body of Christ. In the first verse, we are invited to view all that God has done in the past through this vista of grace. In so doing we cannot but sing songs of praise and thanksgiving. The second stanza calls us to remember that as believers we have a divine commission to declare the Gospel of Christ and advance the Kingdom of God. That task can only be accomplished by faith and the work of grace in our lives. Verse three highlights the presence of the Holy Spirit at work within the Church giving us boldness and courage to do what God has called us to do. That was the same spirit of boldness which characterized the life of John Huss. We pray that as we convene the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church in the Eastern West Indies and celebrate our spiritual legacy descendants of Huss, that the ‘amazing grace’ of Christ will always be at work within the Moravian Church. Below are the words and music of this hymn:

Thankful for the life you gave us,  
And our goodly heritage:  
Grateful for the love that brought us  
Through this wondrous pilgrimage –  
Lord, we come before you singing;  
Lifting high your name in praise:  
You have led us on this journey,  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.

We have heard your great commission;  
We have sought this to fulfil:  
Those before have bravely listened,  
And responded with deft and skill.  
Now we stand before you duly;  
Ready to receive in faith:  
Help us to perform this duty  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.

Thankful for your blessings to us  
Through these years of serving you;  
Mindful of the task you give us  
To proclaim your message true:  
We commit to follow bravely,  
And to boldly stand and face  
With the Spirit’s aid most gladly  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.

2007 Roslyn Hamblin

Thankful For The Life You Gave Us

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
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Roslyn Hamblin

C.V. Taylor, 1941

**THE MORAVIAN CHURCH  
EASTERN WEST INDIES PROVINCE'S  
RESPONSE TO  
US SUPREME COURT'S DECISION  
ON SAME SEX MARRIAGES**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province is alarmed by the ruling and pronouncement by the US Supreme Court on the Legality of Same Sex marriages in all 50 United States and its territories. The United States Supreme Court ruled Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 that same-sex couples have a right to marry nationwide, in a historic decision that invalidates gay marriage bans in more than a dozen states.

Gay and lesbian couples were able to marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia. But in a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the 14th Amendment requires states to issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples and to recognize such marriages performed in other states.

The ruling means the remaining 14 states that did not allow such unions, in the South and Midwest, will have to stop enforcing their bans. What of the US Virgin Islands?

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the majority opinion, just as he did in the court's previous three major gay rights cases dating back to 1996.

"No union is more profound than marriage," Kennedy wrote, joined by the court's four more liberal justices. He continued: "Under the Constitution, same-sex couples seek in marriage the same legal treatment as opposite-sex couples, and it would disparage their choices and diminish their personhood to deny them this right." Justice Kennedy is right when he wrote that "no union is more profound than marriage", however, the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province believes that **the pattern God intends for his creation in marriage is for one man and one woman to be united in marriage.**

Regardless of what you think, feel, or believe about the place same-sex marriage has in the United States, you must now live in the reality that it is legal. The US government has re-defined marriage as it pertains to the government system.

We are mindful of the pressure that has been brought to bear and will be brought to bear on the Church. Our Church, though it recognizes all people as God's Creation, does not believe that same sex marriages are God ordained and must therefore oppose/resist it with every fibre/fiber in our bones.

Let us continue to be faithful to God's call upon our lives and to so live that others will see Jesus and come to embrace Him as Lord and Master of their lives.

Kind Regards,  
Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC



The PEC extends heartiest congratulations to **Bro. Brian Chase**, a pilot who now flies for American Airlines and has been upgraded to Captain.

We wish Bro. Brian God's richest blessings and protection as he experiences the wonder and mystery of the skies, transporting persons to endless destinations.

Captain Brian Chase is the son of Rev. Winston and Sis. Bernadine Chase. To God Be the Glory.



### Quote of the Day

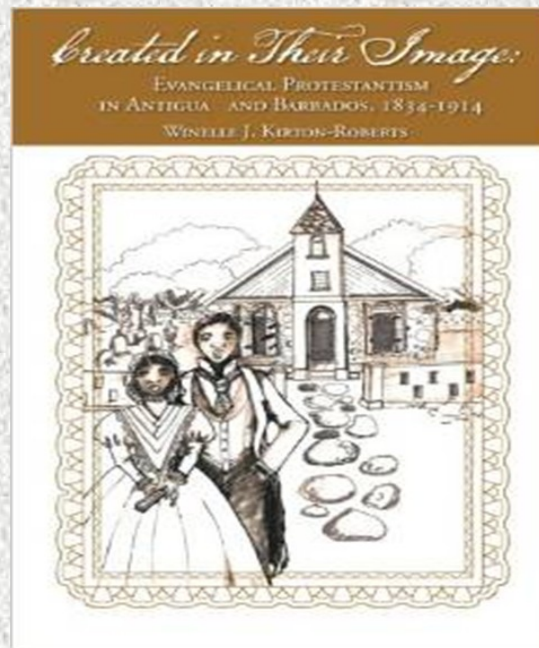
*"With the  
New Day  
Comes  
New Strength  
and New Thoughts"*

Eleanor Roosevelt



# BOOK: CREATED IN THEIR IMAGE: EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTISM IN ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS, 1834-1914

BY  
WINELLE KIRTON-ROBERTS



Every denomination entered the Caribbean with a mission. While the general motivation was to convert the population to Christianity, the accompanying practices were undoubtedly intended to civilise and westernise. The Moravians and Methodists were the first two evangelical Protestant missions that brought the gospel to the enslaved Africans in the Caribbean. When emancipation was granted to the enslaved Africans by the British government in 1834, the newly freed Africans had their own ideas as to how they would live, work and worship. They were in a struggle for freedom, self-affirmation, self-expression and personal development. But the Moravians and Methodists had independently framed their thoughts on what the formerly enslaved Africans needed to survive and succeed. What the evangelical Protestants created was an image of the formerly enslaved African. They had drawn a mental picture of a European Christian of African descent who was residing in the Caribbean and practicing the Christianity of the West. The Caribbean evangelical black was a reflection of the European but never managed to fit into the submissive Christian image. This book traces the eighty years during which the formerly enslaved Africans adapted to their new state of freedom in Antigua and how the Moravians and Methodist sought to share their way of life. The book examines the theological dispositions on slavery, gender, education, religion, sexuality and race.

This thought-provoking history book is available from the Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts ([winellekroberts@gmail.com](mailto:winellekroberts@gmail.com)), through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [authorhouse.com](http://authorhouse.com).

Soft covers \$25.00US

Hard covers \$30.00US

**Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom**

## Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) has requested the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop, to Ordain as Deacons, the following persons:



Sis. Yvanne Jean, presently serving as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings Congregations in the Antigua Conference;

Bro. Moise Jean, presently serving as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference and;



Bro. Erwin Warner, presently serving as Pastor of the Bethesda and New Dawn Congregations in the St. Kitts Conference.

The Ordination Service will be held on Saturday July 11, 2015, during the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod. The Service will begin at 6.00 pm at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church.



We request the prayers of the entire Church for our Sister and Brothers as they prepare to take their Ordination vows. All are invited to attend.



The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) has requested the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop, to ordain as Deacon, Sis. Catherine Governor.



Sister Governor, presently serving as Christian Educator and Pastor of the L'Anse Noire Congregation in the Trinidad Conference will be ordained on Sunday August 16, 2015 at the Montgomery Moravian Church, Tobago at 6.00p.m.

Let us remember Sis. Governor in our prayers. All are invited.

## Staffing Assignment

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1. The Rev. Winston Jones, Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian congregation in Barbados, has accepted call to serve as Pastor of the Trinity Moravian Church in Jamaica, with effect from August 01, 2015.
2. Pastor Delroy Burley from the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian congregation in Barbados, with effect from August 01, 2015.
3. Bro. Daniel Mark a Minister in Training from Tobago, has been assigned to the Grenada Mission for his Summer Assignment, with effect from May 27 to July 27, 2015.
4. Bro. Kevin St. Hill a Minister in Training from Barbados, has been assigned to the St. Kitts Conference for his Summer Assignment, with effect from May 27 to July 20, 2015.

Let us remember our Brothers and their families in our prayers, as they exercise ministry on their new assignments.



## Appointment of Acolyte

Sis. Ineatha Greene, a member of the Friedensberg Moravian Congregation in St. Croix VI has been appointed an Acolyte in the Friedensberg Moravian Church. This appointment took effect from June 14, 2015. A service of Installation will take place on July 06, 2015.



Let us remember Sis. Greene in our prayers as she takes up this new assignment.



## Appointment of Lay Pastor

Sis. Isilin Lewis, a member of the Bethesda Moravian Congregation in St. Kitts, has been appointed a Lay Pastor in the Moravian Church. This appointment takes effect from July 15, 2015.

Let us remember Sis. Lewis in our prayers as she takes up this new assignment.



## THE 31<sup>st</sup> PROVINCIAL SYNOD

The 31st Provincial Synod will be held in Antigua from July 10-16, 2015 at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa.

We are just about 09 days away from the beginning of the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod, to be held in Antigua from July 10 – 16, 2015.

Members of our Church and the General Public can participate in the 3 Public Worship Services and 1 programme. The services will be held on:

- July 11 @ 6p.m. - Ordination Service - Spring Gardens Moravian Church
- July 12 @ 9a.m. - Opening Service of Synod - Spring Gardens Moravian Church
- July 12 @ 7p.m. - Synod Programme - Spring Gardens Moravian Church
- July 15 @ 7p.m - Synod Holy Communion Service - Cedar Hall Moravian Church

We intend to carry the following Synod Services and Programme live on the Internet, especially for those who are unable to be present at the Synod.

Please log on to the Provincial Website: [Moravians.net](http://Moravians.net) Once you get to the website instructions will be provided.

The PEC has also requested prayers for the election of another Bishop.



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



Sis. Ida Brown	3
Sis. Yvanne Jean	7
Bro. Winston Chase	8
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. Earleen Simmons	25
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Sis. Althea Pearline Jarvis	29
Sis. Elisa G. Hodge	29

## Anniversary Greetings

for the Month of July is extended to:



Bro. Collin & Sis. Anique Matthew	04
Bro. Nigel Daniel & Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson Waithe & Sis. Vera Waithe	07
Bro. Willard & Sis. Lynda Prout	14
Bro. Moise & Sis. Yvanne Jean	20
Bro. Devon & Sis. Stacey Mannix	21
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### Man Contemplates Whether To Help Girl Being Attacked. But Never Expected This.

The Universe has a way of allowing us to be in the right place at the right time. I was walking down a dimly lit street late one evening when I heard muffled screams coming from behind a clump of bushes.

Alarmed, I slowed down to listen and panicked when I realized that what I was hearing were the unmistakable sounds of a struggle: heavy grunting, frantic scuffling and tearing of fabric. Only yards from where I stood, a woman was being attacked.

Should I get involved? I was frightened for my own safety and cursed myself for having suddenly decided to take a new route home that night.

What if I became another statistic? Shouldn't I just run to the nearest phone and call the police? Although it seemed an eternity, the deliberations in my head had taken only seconds, but already the cries were growing weaker. I knew I had to act fast. How could I walk away from this?

No, I finally resolved, I could not turn my back on the fate of this unknown woman, even if it meant risking my own life. I am not a brave man, nor am I athletic. I don't know where I found the moral courage and physical strength — but once I had finally resolved to help the girl, I became strangely transformed. I ran behind the bushes and pulled the assailant off the woman. Grappling, we fell to the ground, where we wrestled for a few minutes until the attacker jumped up and escaped. Panting hard, I scrambled upright and approached the girl, who was crouched behind a tree, sobbing.

In the darkness, I could barely see her outline, but I could certainly sense her trembling shock. Not wanting to frighten her further, I at first spoke to her from a distance. "It's OK," I said soothingly, "The man ran away. You're safe now." There was a long pause and then I heard the words, uttered in wonder, in amazement. "Dad, is that you?" And then, from behind the tree, stepped my youngest daughter, Katherine.





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