

# 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

April, 2016



## ADVANCE THE KINGDOM IN THE MIDST OF TERROR

Two days into Holy Week 2016 terror struck in Brussels, Belgium. Suicide Bombers aligned to ISIS, detonated bombs at the Airport and the main Train Station in Brussels. When the dust subsided 34 persons were killed and over two hundred injured, some very badly. What could have caused such a wicked act on innocent persons? Can one still be bold enough to continue to Advance the Kingdom in the midst of terror?



**Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis**  
Chairman of PEC

Throughout the ages, the gospel of Christ has continued to be proclaimed, and people all over the world have been saved. Today, it is our turn to share that same message, which offers forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life to all who believe. No other religion has a leader who overcame death. How can one keep silent about the most important event that ever happened in

spite of the brutal acts of terrorism world over?

Jesus' resurrection should also direct and motivate our mission. Christ, speaking to His disciples said to them, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Having seen the risen Lord and being filled with His Spirit, those first Christians spread the message of salvation throughout the Roman world. The impact of their witness was so great that they were described as "men who have upset the world" (Acts 17:6).

In 1 Corinthians 15: 13-17, the apostle Paul gives us a glimpse of the resurrection's importance by describing what would have happened if Jesus had not been raised. Our Easter celebrations would be a big lie, and our faith would be worthless.

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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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Worst of all, we would still bear our guilt for every sin we have committed, with no hope of forgiveness, salvation, or eternal life in heaven. If Jesus had not been raised, His death would have accomplished nothing. That's why Easter is such an awesome reason for celebration. Jesus died in our place to satisfy the requirements of our atonement, a price far too high for us to pay.

It is no wonder the Hymn Writer Isaac Watts declared:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
 That were a present far too small.  
 Love so amazing, so divine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The resurrection proves that the Father was satisfied with His sacrifice (Rom. 3:25) and counted it sufficient for the forgiveness of all our sins (1 Cor. 15: 20-23). The important thing is, because of Christ's victory over death, we too will be resurrected and receive an imperishable inheritance reserved for us in heaven. This hope enables us to rejoice every day, even in the midst of trials and sufferings (1 Peter 1: 3-9).

Since we did not personally witness the risen Christ after His burial, imagining that first Easter morning is difficult, not only that, but our traditional celebrations and familiarity with the story makes it easy to overlook the stunning magnitude of what transpired. Then we run the risk of taking the resurrection for granted and missing the impact it still has today.

So if we attended an Easter Service but remain unchanged for the rest of the year, we have missed the purpose of the resurrection. You see, each day is an opportunity to let the living Christ impact our character, conduct, and conversation as we "put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the one who created him" (Col. 3:10). In essence, we are displaying God's nature with a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and love. In this way, we would continue to expand and advance the Kingdom of God.

The Lord didn't save us simply so we could gather in our Churches to worship Him. Although this is an essential part of Christian life, we are also called to glorify Him in our interactions with those outside of the Church.

As Christ's Ambassadors and witnesses, we have a responsibility to spread the gospel message and demonstrate by our conduct how He can transform a person's life. Matthew 5:16 describes the result: When we allow Christ's light to shine through our actions, people will realize there's a correlation with our faith, and they'll give God the credit.

The Lord's evaluation of a Church is not based on what its members say or sing but on how they behave. If a body of believers is characterized by generosity, unity, selflessness, and service, they are glorifying God in both word and deed in good times and in bad. If these qualities are lacking, then our worship on Saturday or Sunday will be empty and hypocritical.

I will allow William F. Sherwin to conclude with his Hymn, Sound the battle cry:

Strong to meet the foe, marching on we go,  
 While our cause we know must prevail;  
 Shield and banner bright, gleaming in the light,  
 Battling for the right we ne'er can fail.

*Refrain:*

***Rouse, then, soldiers, rally round the banner,  
 Ready, steady, pass the word along;  
 Onward, forward, shout aloud, "Hosanna!"  
 Christ is Captain of the mighty throng.***

We must therefore continue to advance the Kingdom in every season.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

Once you replace  
 negative thoughts with  
 positive ones, you'll start  
 having positive results.  
 Willie Nelson

## Cloud of Witnessess by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts

*This monthly feature is to re-tell the stories of ordained Pastors who served in the Eastern West Indies Province in recent past. It is intended to inform us of the life and witness of these ministers and their spouses so that we can better appreciate the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, it is hoped that both the ordained and un-ordained will be inspired to continue our ministry diligently knowing that our labour will never be in vain in the Lord.*



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The Reverend Romeo Challenger was the fourth of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Challenger of Liberta. His father predicted that he was going to be a Minister of Religion. The first time this was told to Rev. Challenger was the day he left for college in Jamaica. His father did not live to see his prediction fulfilled as he departed life when Romeo was nine years old. His mother assumed the responsibility of raising seven children without a father, She did a wonderful job as all her children have made significant contributions to society.

In his home congregation, Gracehill, Rev. Challenger served as Sunday School Teacher, Delegate to Island Conference, Treasurer, Superintendent of Sunday School and a leader of the Youth Group. In his work experience, Rev. Challenger taught for four years at the Goodwill Academy specializing in Geography.

Rev. Romeo Challenger attended the Gracehill /Liberta Primary School and All Saints Secondary School in Antigua. Upon acceptance to a call to ministry, he attended the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica and the Codrington College/University of the West Indies. He graduated with a Diploma in Ministerial Training and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Theology. He completed studies towards a Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling at Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem.

Rev. Challenger was ordained to Holy orders as a Deacon on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1978 at the Gracehill Moravian Church in Liberta by Bishop John E. Knight. He was consecrated a Presbyter in July 1989 by Bishop Selvin U. Hastings.

From 1978 to 1981, Rev. Challenger served as Pastor, Administrator, Educator and Prophet in the Moravian Church, St. Kitts Conference. He was responsible for the Estridge and Bethel congregations.

In 1981, he was called to serve the Montgomery, Bon Accord,

Bethesda and Black Rock congregations on Tobago. He concluded his service in 1985 and was transferred to Barbados.

From 1986 to 1993, Rev. Challenger served the congregations of Sharon, Dunscombe. For short periods he ministered to the Centenary and Gracehill congregations. Under his leadership, a new sanctuary was constructed at Dunscombe, and major rehabilitation work was done to the sanctuary at Sharon Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Barbados.

He was Principal of the Lay Academy and also served as Radio Pastor of Moravian Voice, a religious program that is aired on a local radio station in Barbados.

Bro. Romeo Challenger was called to serve the Antigua conference in 1993. He faithfully pastored the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations until December 2003. During this tenure he was appointed Superintendent of the Antigua Conference in 1996. He last served the Gracebay and Urlings Congregations from September 2005 until he became ill.

He served as president of the Antigua Christian Council for two terms. He was an active member of the St. John's District Council, seeking at all times to make practical the biblical precepts of service to his fellowmen.

Rev. Challenger enjoyed sharing the gospel from the pulpit every Sunday as well as through the popular radio program, "Voice of the Lamb", which is heard every Sunday on a local Radio Station.

Rev. Challenger was an avid sportsman. He has played cricket and volleyball. He also enjoyed watching cricket. He has represented his village of Liberta, the St. Paul's Parish, the University of the West Indies and the United Theological College as an opening batsman with much success. He gave leadership to all these teams.

Rev. Romeo Challenger gave much credit to his Mother Ida Challenger for his early development. His sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and teachers at the Liberta Primary and All Saints Secondary Schools have all contributed to the affirmation of God's call upon his life. The Gracehill congregation provided the atmosphere for his faith development and spiritual growth.

Rev. Challenger thanked God for allowing him to serve in so many communities. God has surrounded him with a host of able leaders, friends, young and old, lay and ordained, who have not ceased to lift him up in prayer.

He was especially grateful for the love, patience and prayerful support of his partner in ministry, Deborah. He was grateful for his daughter Shanna and his son Christopher.

Bro. Challenger passed into the nearer presence of God on March 10, 2012.



HYMN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016  
Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts  
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.



As we continue in the Easter season, our hymn of the month for April invites us to reflect on the immensity of the love of Jesus that was demonstrated with his death on the cross. The hymn is *Jesus thine boundless love to me* and was originally written by Paul Gerhardt in 1653 and later translated by John Wesley in 1739. In our current hymnal it is #143 and the accompanying tune is *PATER OMNIUM*.

This hymn's text well expresses the message of Ephesians 3: 18 which says, "*How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*" There are some hymn texts that need no explanation or expansion. They communicate their central message directly and forcefully. This is one such hymn. I need not add anything further than what has already been expressed by the hymn writer. Instead I invite you to read this hymn slowly and intentionally. Sing it purposefully! Reflect on each line. And when you're done, do so again until the boundless love of Jesus for each of us permeates our entire being. Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for April:

Jesus, thy boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
And reign without a rival there:  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am:  
Lord, with thy love my heart inflame.

O grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown:  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My every act, word, thought be love.

O love, how cheering is thy ray!  
All pain before thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away,  
Where'er thy healing beams arise;  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
Nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Still let thy love point out my way,  
How wondrous things thy love hath wrought;  
Still lead me lest I go astray;  
Direct my word, inspire my thought;  
And if I fall, soon may I hear  
Thy voice, and know that love is near.

In suffering, be thy love my peace;  
In weakness, be thy love my power;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
Jesus, in that tremendous hour,  
In death, as life, be thou my guide,  
And save me, who for me hast died.

1739. J. Wesley.

Jesus Thy Boundless Love To Me

1739, J. Wesley

PATER OMNIUM  
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H. J. E. Holmes, 1875

1. Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no tongue de - clare;  
2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love a - lone;  
3. O love, how cheer - ing is thy ray! All pain be - fore thy pres - ence flies;  
4. Still let thy love point out my way, How won - drous things thy love hath wrought;  
5. In suf - fer - ing, be thy love my peace; In weak - ness, be thy love my power;

O knit my thank - ful heart to thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there:  
O may thy love pos - sess me whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown:  
Care, an - guish, sor - row, melt a - way, where - er thy hea - ling beams a - rise;  
Still lead me lest I go as - tray; Di - rect my word, in - spire my thought;  
And when the storms of life shall cease, Je - sus, in that tre - men - dous hour,

Thine whol - ly, thine a - lone, I am: Lord, with thy love my heart in - flame.  
All cold - ness from my heart re - move; my ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
O Je - sus, noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.  
And if I fall, soon may I hear thy voice, and know that love is near.  
In death, as life, be thou my guide, and save me, who for me hast died.

## **STAUS UPDATE ON CARIBBEAN MORAVIAN PRAISE HYMNAL**

The historic publication of the first Caribbean Moravian hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise – is near completion. Upon completion of the hard cover hymnal, each congregation will also receive a database that will contain a reference to the hymn tunes. In this database the music for the new hymns will be provided. However, in cases where the tune for the hymn is unchanged the actual music for that hymn will not be provided. Instead the database will indicate the name of the tune and the number of that hymn in the current music edition. By so doing, it is our desire that the new hymns will soon be incorporated into the congregation's hymnal repertoire since the tunes will be at the congregation's disposal.

Work on the musical edition has been ongoing and is in the advanced stages. It is hoped that its completion should be finalized within 12 – 16 months. The compilation of the musical edition entails giving attention to some details that are not required in the words only edition of the hymnal. For example, in addition to the authors and translators index, there must also be added an index for hymn tunes and composers as well as the alphabetical listing of the hymn tunes. Furthermore, we have to once again negotiate with international copyright holders to secure permission for the printing of the tunes for the hymns that are still under copyright. Mindful that this process may be lengthy, the provision of the hymn tune database will therefore serve as a temporary but necessary measure until the musical edition of the hymnal is completed.

The other component of the provision of worship material for the Province that has also begun is the production of the Liturgy Book. We anticipate that this volume will be published locally. It will contain the revised Liturgies, Litanies and Orders of Public Worship. The publication of this volume will be the second worship resource we intend to have available within the Province. We anticipate that it will follow not too long after the publication of soon to be released words only hymnal.

The final phase of the work that will be engaged will be the provision of the hymnal and Liturgy books in an electronic downloadable format. There has been numerous request for the materials to be presented in this format and we are seeking to meet that request. However, we currently do not possess the resources (financial and human) to give attention this matter.

In summary, there are four phases to the overall mandate of the Provincial Hymnal and Liturgical Committees: (1) Hard copy words only hymnal; (2) Prayer Book with Liturgies; (3) Musical edition; (4) Electronic format of hymnal and Prayer Book.

## **UNITY PRAYER WATCH 2016**

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight March 31 – Midnight April 14, 2016. The Schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Grenada – 12.00 midnight April 1- 12.01a.m April 02, 2016
- ❖ Tobago- 12:00 midnight April 02 -11:01a.m. April 03, 2016
- ❖ Trinidad - 11:00a.m. April 03- 12:01p.m April 04, 2016
- ❖ Barbados – 12.00p.m. April 04 – 12.01a.m April 06, 2016
- ❖ Virgin Islands – 12.00midnight April 06 – 6.01am April 10, 2016
- ❖ St. Kitts- 6.00a.m. April 10 - 6.01p.m April 11, 2016
- ❖ Antigua - 6.00p.m. April 11 – 12:01p.m. April 14, 2016

Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us therefore encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church and indeed our lives.



## **UNITY WATCHWORD FOR THE EWIP FOR 2016**

Every year, the Provincial Board of the European Continental Province facilitates the drawing of the individual Watchwords for the Unity Board, Unity Provinces, the Mission Provinces, and the Unity Undertakings of the Moravian Church. The Common Watchword for the year 2016 for the entire Unity is taken from Isaiah 66:13, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem" (NRSV).

The Watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province for the year 2016 is the one drawn on May 4th, 2016 taken from Psalm 118: 15-16, "***There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly***" (NRSV).

This Text is to be used as often as possible throughout the year as a reminder of God's promise to us.



# EWIP'S Contribution to the Dominica Relief Effort

The PEC wishes to say heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the Dominica Relief Effort, after Tropical Storm Erika. On Friday March 04, 2016, the Rev Dr. Cortroy Jarvis and the Rev. Dr. Errol Connor journeyed to Dominica and presented a draft for our contribution in the amount of EC \$40,325.24. We have joined forces with the Methodist Church Relief Effort in Dominica. The people were very appreciative for the effort made and wish to thank us very much.



On August 27, 2015 Tropical Storm Erika severely impacted the Commonwealth of Dominica when it deposited in excess of 12 inches of rain, with higher rainfall in higher elevations, which fell continuously over a 6-hour period. This resulted in landslides, mudslides, rock falls, widespread flooding and a number of rivers overflowing their banks causing extensive damage to the infrastructure and private property; disruption of utility services; displacement of hundreds of residents and loss of life. The general consensus is that the impact was worse than Hurricane David of 1979. Over 35 persons perished in the storm and hundreds were displaced and some are still living in shelters.

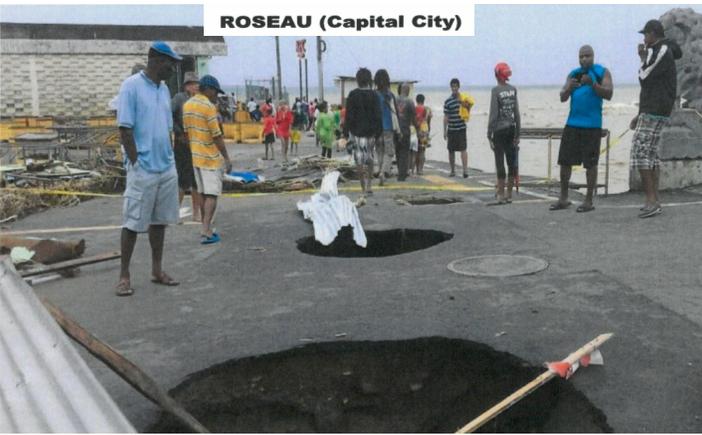
During the passage of the storm, the majority of the waterways (rivers, streams and ravines) were flooded and surrounding properties damaged or destroyed. The impact has been quite severe across the entire island with significant damages or complete destruction to road network and bridges; the flooding of the Douglas-Charles Airport (main airport) which is adjacent to the Melville Hall River; and disruption of electricity, water, telecommunication services most of which were located on the west coast of the island. The environmental impact from the storm is significant given the number of slides affecting both land and sea. According to the Government's preliminary assessment, at least two hundred (200) landslides occurred. Twenty-two (22) schools out of the seventy-five (75) were either unreachable or damaged.



**Along the Roseau River**



**PETITE SAVANNE - full evacuation effected (South)**



**ROSEAU (Capital City)**

**Next to Public Market and along Roseau River Bank**



**BATH ESTATE AND NEWTOWN (Outskirt of Roseau)**





# Celebrating 60 Years of Women's Ministry

The  
**Etridge Moravian Women's Fellowship**  
**Presents its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Conference**  
**Under the Theme**

*"60 Years of Gifts & Talents for the Advancement of God's Kingdom"*

**14th April — 17th April 2016**

**Conference Registration Fee**  
**inclusive of Prayer Breakfast: \$60.00**

## Events Schedule

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** 7:00 pm **Women in Spiritual Leadership: Service in God's Church**  
*Presenter: Mrs. Janet Harris*  
 8:00 pm **Candle Light Service — Pastor Islin Lewis — Dress Code — White Attire**
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** 7:00 pm **Recognize Your Spiritual Gifts & Talents**  
*Presenter: Pastor Elva Richards*  
 8:00 pm **Are You Using Your Gifts & Talents for the Advancement of God's Kingdom?**  
*Presenter: Rev. Eulencine Christopher*
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** 7:30 am **Prayer Breakfast (Breakfast Cost \$25.00 only)**  
**Venue: (Etridge Moravian Church School Room, Mansion Village)**  
*Prayer Leaders: Pastors Elva Richards, Prisca Heyliger, Jasmine Shelford, Sis. Antoinette Warner, Sis. Corliss Toby*
- 5:00 pm **Sunset Cruise on Board Prince Davonte from Port Zante cost for Cruise (Adults \$60 Children under 12 \$30.00)**
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** 9:30 am **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving with *Hattitude***



# Report of the 4th Unity Women's Consultation

Held from 18th -25th February

In Paramaribo Suriname



*The Unity Women's Consultation took place in Suriname from February 18 – 25, 2016. Sis. Dianne Ogarro from the Moravian Church VI Conference and Sis. Catherine Governor from the Trinidad Conference represented the Eastern West Indies Province.*

According to proverbs 31:10&13, a virtuous woman

will seek and use her hands willingly to create a better opportunity not only for herself but also for her family. In addition she is also called to be alert to her surroundings being mindful of the pain, difficulties, setbacks and restraints that are part of the daily existence of others mainly her 'sisters'. The Unity Women's Desk sought to make this the focus of all discussions drawing from the theme of the conference, "AM I MY SISTER'S KEEPER?"

The Unity Women's Desk (UWD) is a ministry of the Worldwide Moravian Church which has as its focus to positively impact the lives of Moravian women throughout the unity through spiritual and educational means and offering financial assistance by means of loans in helping to create better opportunities for these women.

For seven days Reverend Catherine Governor and Sister Dianne O'Garro along with over 70 other women from five continents, representing the Moravian unity gathered at hotel Krasnapolsky to discuss issues involving women and possible solutions to these problems; bearing in mind that we are all part of the body of Christ and we ought to also declare the love of God contextually in the lives of these women, reminding them in practical ways of God's wonderful works. The main aim of these discussions was to come up with practical ways to help move our women from a state of dependency to a state of independency, understanding that dependency is not limited to the physical aspect.

## Sessions

To ensure effective time management during the consultation participants were placed in groups of their interest from the following six focus areas: Violence Against Women and Children, Health Care for Women and Children, Parenting [children] for Justice, Education for women and Girls, Alleviating Poverty and Women in Ministry. Lectures were given on the different focus areas which acted as a springboard for the small group discussions. The groups were challenged to look at the issues more closely giving consideration to one's culture based on information distributed during the lectures.

The women at this consultation were called to be more aware and alert in our application to education so that we can better parent for justice, having the knowledge to seek appropriate, available and accessible health care so that good health will help in alleviating poverty, which can act as a preventive method for violence against women and children simultaneously giving support to women in ministry. Using Revelation 2:18-22 we were further encouraged to hold fast to our faith and keep pressing because God has provided opportunities for us to receive deliverance even if it is in untraditional ways. Additionally, God uses us with whatever we have. This was further developed in the lecture presentations through reinforcing that women have always played an active role in the life of the church and that there are no gender roles attached to spiritual gifts which are for the edification and building up of the church of God. We were challenged to discover, develop and apply our gifts in furthering God's Kingdom in the Earth; and as parents, we are to educate our children (both boys and girls) to act in a just and fair way – to have respect and show support for each other living in peace in a way that encourages and nurtures the unique gifts and talents found within each of us;

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Coming out of the group discussions it was determined and shared that education is the necessary tool which ought to be used to enhance the other focus areas in helping the women within the unity.

However, in our quest to educate, it is important that we take into consideration the various cultures by making an allowance for the chain of command and the traditions of each society. Realizing that nucleus of what was discussed are already resolutions in the Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum (COUF), recommendations and suggestions were made to the Unity Women's Desk, Provinces/Districts, congregations and communities to ensure that information is distributed in every focus area.

It is also important to note that a major take away from the Consultation is that healthy families lead to healthy congregations and healthy communities. The Church then need to take a more active and participatory role in educating its members on their roles and responsibilities as parents in the home because there is no aspect of life that the Church should not be able to address with its congregational members as it relates to spiritual as well as practical living. As a result, we were challenged to set up appropriate ministries to aid the women and children where they are not yet available and to reevaluate those in progress so as to improve practice. It is also the responsibility of each female to ensure that she is in her sister's keeping through the use of continuous networking to encourage and offer guidance and help where needed.

Prior to the conclusion of the Consultation, each focus group was asked to prepare covenants (for implementation in their daily lives) based on their focus area to present to the whole body at the closing "Cup of Covenant" service held on the last night of the Consultation.

Such events are always fulfilling as participants are reenergized and encouraged through participation. We trust that as we return to our various provinces we will continue to bare that flaming torch of evangelism in the lives of all God's people that we may together advance the militant kingdom.

Submitted by  
Rev. Catherine Governor  
Sis. Dianne O'Garro



Cultural presentation from host culture



Celebrating lovefeast

**Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom**

## PEC MEETING

The PEC has scheduled its meetings for the rest of 2016 as follows:

- ▶ April 24-27 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- ▶ July 21-23 in St. Kitts
- ▶ October 3-5 in Barbados

Please bear up the members of the PEC prayer.



## For the month of April to:

Bro. Elroy Christopher	04
Sis. Catherine Governor	04
Sis. Dorothy Graham	07
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	08
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27



Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts & Bro. Rudolph Roberts	22
Bro. Elroy Christopher & Sis. Jane Thomas	27

## UNITY SYNOD 2016

The year 2016 has begun, and for the Moravian Unity it means that we have seen the beginning of an important year, namely the year of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Unity Synod of the Moravian Church Unitas Fratrum (the 27th Unity Synod of the Renewed Church). It is our task to keep the Unity Synod in the Unity Synod during the coming months!

The Unity Synod is scheduled to be held from August 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa, Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica.

## Condolences

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to the family of the late Bro. Edmund Penn who served faithfully as a member of the PEC for quite a number of years. He also served as Treasurer of the Virgin Islands Conference.

He was a very active member of the Nisky Moravian Church and served primarily on the Board of Stewards and generally in matters of finance and business. He was very instrumental in the establishment and development of the Nisky Center on St. Thomas.

Bro. Penn passed into the nearer presence of God on Friday March 18, 2016. The service of thanksgiving for the life, witness and service of this faithful servant will take place on April 7, at 10.00 am at the Nisky Moravian Church in St. Thomas. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

## Joke of the Day



funeral service was being held in a church for a woman who had just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They heard a faint moan. They opened the casket and found that the woman was actually alive. She lived on for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony was held again at the same church and at the end the pallbearers were again carrying the casket out. As they were walking, the husband called out, "Watch out for the wall!"



## Moravian Multipurpose Complex

- ◆ Conferences
- ◆ Meetings
- ◆ Seminars
- ◆ Weddings
- ◆ Banquet
- ◆ Dinner

Only ten minutes away from the stores, shops and banks in St. John's.

Our International airport is also just ten minutes away.

Our balcony provides a refreshing view of undulating hills and valleys.

The conference center has a seating capacity for 200 persons.

We are situated on a hill overlooking the picturesque outskirts of the city of St. John's, Antigua.

There are **EIGHT LARGE APARTMENTS** which are available for rental. Each room is self contained with kitchenette. The rooms are air-conditioned with Available internet and cable TV. All utilities are included with the exception of telephone.



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