



And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Luke 4: vs 4.

January, 2017

The Information

New Year is like a new sunrise of hope

New Year is like a new sunrise of hope, of prosperity, of happiness. It is like a new beginning of thoughts, of words, of actions; it's like a new day of energy, of strength, of ideas. It is like a bunch of whole new things, of friends and of love. As you enter into the New Year, remember that life may not always give you the second chance, so be grateful to God that you are alive to see another year of happiness, wealth, prosperity and joy. I encourage you to discover new joys, embark on new journeys and give more meaning to your life in 2017.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

The Provincial Theme for 2017 is ADVANCE THE KINGDOM. The thematic focus is USE THE KEYS. The key words are Advance and Kingdom. The word Advance is defined as to go or move something forward, or to develop or improve something. **Kingdom** commonly refers to: A realm ruled by a king or queen. A **realm** is a commu-

nity or territory over which a sovereign rules; it is commonly used to describe a kingdom or other monarchical or dynastic state. Advance the Kingdom here is specifically referring to the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the spiritual domain over which God is sovereign.

When one examines Scripture, two definitions will suffice:

Romans 14:17 *"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"* (through relationship with the person of Jesus).

Secondly, 1 Corinthians 4:20 *"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power"*.

Chris Whitely says, *the kingdom of God is the increase in Jesus' government (rule) in every situation where there has been loss because of the enemy. On the other hand RT Kendall says, the kingdom of God is the rule of the un-grieved Spirit in the life of a believer.*

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Vision Statement

A Church - Transformed,
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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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The question is: ***"How does the Kingdom advance?"*** Two passages come to mind. They are:

Matthew 18:4 ***"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"*** and

Acts 19:20 ***"So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily"***. In the Acts passage, the context is the transformation of Ephesus through the gospel.

Both texts from Matthew and Acts represent the increase of the rule of Jesus. The point is this: to see the government of Jesus rooted within a culture, community or city has to take root in peoples' hearts. Transformation takes place one person at a time. It means that as we seek to advance the Kingdom, we must never count out anyone for no one is beyond God's reach. In addition, we are here only through the mercies of God, not because of any goodness of ours or on our part.

The challenge is we might see the fruit of Kingdom transformation or we might not. But either way only in eternity we will see the full harvest that one act of love or a single, seemingly insignificant Spirit-led, kingdom decision can have. That's the lesson from **Heb 11:32-40**

³² "And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning;^[e] they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect".

Faith is not convincing God to give us a better life or that we can escape suffering by serving Jesus. Within the life of faith there are varying experiences. Some might see fruit, while some not. Some must endure the very thing other's escape from. Either way faith is required and should be commended as is enunciated in **Heb 6:12**, "And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore".

In summary, how is the Kingdom advanced?

1. Love God with all your heart
2. Love the people God has entrusted to you
3. Be the best person you can be and allow your light to shine to point others to the Kingdom

I don't think God calls Christians to imitate Superman or to be Supermen, but I do think there are some parallels in our missions. We are not called to build kingdoms. We are just called to advance the good Kingdom that is already established. That is God's Kingdom. We cannot extend God's reign, but we can help people understand what it is like to live under His reign. We can invite them into the joy of God's Kingdom through our words and actions.



We wish for you God's richest blessings as we enter into 2017. Have a happy, peaceful, and spirit-filled New Year! We pray that your bread basket will never go empty. As you go, build your confidence on God Almighty

From
The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
and Family,
The entire Members of the
PEC and the Staff at the
Provincial Headquarters

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ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH EWIP

Sister Elva Richards, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday January 15, 2017. The service will be held at the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands at 4.00 pm.



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will be the Presiding Bishop.

Brother Delroy Burley, Presently serving as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church in Barbados, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday January 22, 2017. The service will be held at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 6.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will be the presiding Bishop.



Let us remember our Sister and Brother in our prayers as they prepare to take their Ordination vows.



STUDY LEAVE

The Rev. Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his Furlough on December 14, will proceed on Study Leave from December 15, 2016 to June 30, 2018.



SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE 2017

The 2017 Superintendents Conference will be held at the Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill, Antigua from January 31 – February 01, 2017. We expect to have the Superintendents from Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, St. Kitts, Virgin Islands and Antigua as we review where we are and make plans for the future.

PEC MEETING

The PEC will meet in the Antigua Conference during the period February 2 – 3, 2017, immediately following the Superintendent's Conference.



UNITY BOARD CHAIRMAN

The new Chairman of the Unity Board is the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, who is also Chairman of the Eastern West Indies Province. His tour of duty begins January 01, 2017 through to December 31, 2018. We wish him every success as he leads the worldwide Moravian Church in a closer walk with God.



With Deepest Sympathy

Bro. Hilton Cunningham, former Lay Preacher in the Tobago Conference, has passed into the nearer presence of God.

Bro. Cunningham has been a devoted Lay preacher and a tireless servant spreading the gospel from door to door and pulpit to pulpit across the Tobago landscape. He was zealous for the people of God to rekindle a passion for souls through evangelism. He served for years on the Conference Evangelism Committee and was a Sunday School Teacher at the Moriah Moravian Church until he fell ill. His wife took him to Trinidad to care for him and sadly, she passed away about one year ago leaving him in the care of his daughter. Bro Cunningham is Brother to Acolyte Sis. Albertha Titus of the Memorial congregation in Trinidad.

Funeral service is set for Thursday January 05, 2017 at 1.00p.m.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

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Hymn of the Month for January 2017



The start of a new calendar year brings hope. We enter each New Year believing and trusting in God that all of our needs will be supplied. 2017 is no different! And so for this the first month in 2017, our hymn of the month is # 622 – ***Father, let me dedicate***. It was written by Lawrence Tuttiett in 1864. The name of the assigned tune is ***GLORIFICATION***.

There's a very simple message that is directly expressed and communicated throughout this hymn. It is – whatever God sends our way in this life should always bring glory to the name of the Lord. The writer then highlights some of the negative circumstances of the life that may come our way which can potentially leave us questioning: how is God to be glorified in such situations? The second verse raises some rhetorical questions which cause us to realize that in the same way that human parents give the best to the children, so too does God. And when we have received God's best our natural response should likewise be to glorify God's name.

The third and fourth verses further cement the idea that we are able to give glory to God in all of life's circumstances. It does so by advancing this truth: it is a life that has been surrendered to the sovereignty of God that is truly able to glorify God no matter what. The idea of surrendering is often times easier said than done. Yet the example that is held before us to emulate is that our Saviour, Christ, in surrendering his life to the will of God resulted in dying on the cross. So then our prayer should be like that of Christ – ***not my will but thine be done*** (Luke 22: 42). Yet even in his dying, God was glorified for the divine plan of salvation plan was now complete.

We stand at the start of another year. God alone knows what the future holds. Instead of worrying over the future, this hymn invites us to trust God for the future.

This hymn invites us to release ourselves into the care of the God who loves us with an everlasting love. We can be assured that once our lives are dedicated to the Lord, then whatever God sends or allows in our lives will ultimately be for the glory of God. May each day in 2017 lead us to say – To God be the glory!

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for January:

- Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state
Thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain, or care,
Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer,
'Glorify Thy Name.'
- 2 Can a child presume to choose
Where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
Than the best can claim,
Nor withholdest aught that may
Glorify Thy Name.
- 3 If in mercy Thou wilt spare
Joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair,
Brighter rays may shine:
Let my glad heart, while it sings,
Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings,
'Glorify Thy Name.'
- 4 If Thou callest to the cross,
And its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss,
Shrouding heart and home;
Let me think how Thy dear Son
To His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on,
'Glorify Thy Name.'

1864. Lawrence Tuttiett

Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.

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Father Let Me Dedicate

1825-97 Lawrence Tuttiett

7.5.7.5.D.

Johan H. Tscherlitzky

1. Fa-ther, let me de - di - cate all this year to Thee, In what-ev - er world-ly state
 2. Can a child pre - sume to choose Where or how to live? Can a Fa-ther's love re - fuse
 3. If in mer - cy Thou wilt spare Joys that yet are mine; If on life, se - rene and fair,
 4. If Thou cal - lest to the cross, And its sha-dow come, Tur-ning all my gain to loss,

Thou wilt have me be: not from sor - row, pain, or care, free - dom dare I
 All the best to give? More Thou giv - est e - very day Than the best can
 Brigh - ter rays may shine: Let my glad heart, while it sings, Thee in all pro -
 Shroud-ing heart and home; Let me think how Thy dear Son To His glo - ry

claim; This a - lone shall be my prayer, 'Glo - ri - fy Thy Name.'
 claim, Nor with - hold - est aught that may Glo - ri - fy Thy Name.
 claim And, what - e'er the fu - ture brings, 'Glo - ri - fy Thy Name.'
 came, And in deep - est woe pray on, 'Glo - ri - fy Thy Name.'

The St. Croix Moravian Harmony Ringers held their first annual concert on Sunday November 27, 2016.

This event was well supported with well over 250 persons in attendance. The audience left the Friedensfeld (Midlands) Moravian Church having witnessed history in the making. Under the baton of its director Sis. Wilma Lewis, the members played with confidence rendering hymns from the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. On many occasions, they had the congregation humming right along with them. There were also opportu-

nities for the congregation to participate in the singing of several hymns accompanied by the bells, organ and trumpet. Glowing commendations were given to the 19 strong members drawn from Faith, Friedensthal and Friedensfeld congregations. The staging of this inaugural concert is a major achievement for the Harmony Ringers.

This hand bell choir was launched official on February 1, 2014. Within one year, enough money had been raised to purchase a three octave set of bells. Since then they have also added a three octave set of chimes which



Beginning with its debut performance at the combined worship service on Moravian Unity Sunday in March 2, 2015, the choir has since ministered in all of the Moravian congregations on St. Croix. Their ministry has spread beyond the Moravian community. Recently, they were invited to minister to the residents of the Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged.



We extend congratulations to the St. Croix Moravian Harmony Ringers on a job well done. May God continue to bless their ministry of music in 2017 and beyond.

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PROVINCIAL THEME 2017

The Provincial Theme for 2017 is, **“Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys.”**

Pastors and Ministry Groups are asked to use the prescribed Provincial Themes as a guide when considering suggested themes for events and activities.

An outline of the theme for 2017 is provided below.

Introduction /Objective

There are many keys but ONE door. By studying the many keys to the kingdom we will be brought to the knowledge that keys are accessible, available and ought be fully utilized.

Suggested Areas of Study

The Key of Jesus (Philippians 2:1-11, Revelation 3:7-13) Jesus' name is God-given. He has the key of David therefore persons who call upon the name of Jesus is assured that the key can unlock:

1. Power
2. Authority
3. Healing
4. Protection

Scripture calls for us to:

1. Bow down and worship
2. Confess the name of Jesus
3. Esteem and obey the name of Jesus
4. Remain steadfast

The Key of the Word (John 8:31-36, Psalm 1, Luke 4:4)

It is of utmost importance to spend time/abide in the Word, this qualifies us to become disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible should be used as the key instrument to open the door to growth and maturity.

Having met the man Jesus, having confessed the Name of Jesus, having bowed down and obeyed the man Jesus;

We then unlock the doors to:

1. Truth
2. Freedom

The Key of Knowledge (Proverbs 3:5-12)

The key of Knowledge leads to a greater understanding of God. This knowledge leads us to:

1. Totally Trust
2. Always Acknowledge
3. Faithfully Follow

We are therefore encouraged to:

1. Get Wisdom
2. Get Understanding
3. Fear the Lord
4. Depart from Evil
5. Honor the Lord

Having experienced the chastening of the Lord, we are called to live a transformed life. This chastening should not leave us to think we are victims but rather victors, bringing glory to God.

The Key of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4)

The key of Holy Spirit open doors for victorious living. We have victory over:

1. The physical
2. Temptations
3. Desires of the Flesh
4. The demonic

It is the Holy Spirit which:

1. Admonishes
2. Equips
3. Empowers
4. Convicts
5. Affirms
6. Comforts



Quote of the Day

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest that you reap, but by the seed that you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

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FURLOUGH IN TANZANIA – 2016



I left on furlough August 15 and arrived in Tabora, Tanzania on August 25. I was met at the airport in Dar es Salaam by Bro Samuel Mwaisge, the chairman of the Eastern Province, Tanzania. Two days later I travel to my final destination, Tabora Region. There I was met by Bro Richard Lwali, General Secretary of the Western Province. Settled in my room at the Hostel, which will be home for the next three months, I met later that day with Bro Lwali to finalize my assignment in the Province.

The following day I met with all staff members of the Provincial Headquarters including Bishop Nicodemo. Then, I visited the Teofilo Kisanji University (TEKU) Centre. I sat with the Director of the Centre Rev. Ronald J. Mbao, Rev. Shedrack Chambo, Dean of Student, and rest of the staff.

I assumed responsibility as a Guest Lecturer in the Department of Theology, Faculty of Humanity and Social Science from August to November. The courses taught were Moravian History and Church Administration.

My Pastoral Duties:

- ◆ Preached every Sunday at one of the ten congregations in the Tabora area
- ◆ Led Bible Study and preach at Street Services during the week.
- ◆ Shared in Funeral Services
- ◆ Attended the District Synod
- ◆ Participated in weddings and an ordination service
- ◆ Led morning devotions

Indeed, this was a learning experience for me – in a different province, with different ways of doing ministry; in another culture among God's people. I trust that our sisters and brothers in the Western Province in Tanzania learned from me.

Thanks to the Chairman, Bro Ezekiel Yona, the provincial board and the entire Province for making it possible for me to work in the Province. Thanks for the care and the love I received. Thanks to the entire Staff at the Hostel for their kind assistance and taking care of my every need.

Thanks to the Chairman Bro. Cortroy Jarvis and the Eastern West Indies Province for granting me furlough, and facilitating the initial contact with the Western Province.

Thanks to Sis Judy Ganz and the Board of World Mission.

Thanks to the Mount Tabor and Penuel Congregations, and the Barbados Conference as a whole for their prayerful support during my furlough.

Most of all, thanks to Almighty God for working everything out for good.



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**Birthday Greetings
for the month of
January is ex-
tended to:**

Sis. Margaret John	04
Sis. Jovanca Lewis-Smith	05
Sis. Sonia Spencer	11
Bro. Moise Jean	12
Sis. Andrea Lorde-Smith	29



**Anniversary Greetings
for the month of
January is
extended to:**

Bro. Nevin Lewis & Sis. Billie Sterling-Lewis 05



On Saturday, December 10, 2016, family and friends gathered at La Soledad the Estate, Maracas St. Joseph Trinidad to share in the joyous occasion of the Wedding of Amerelle Francis and Makell Baptiste.

Amerelle is the daughter (niece) of Sis Cicely Athill-Horsford and Bro Keith Horsford. Amerelle an Attorney at Law is a member of the Rose Hill congregation in Trinidad and Makell is a member of the Coast Guard of Trinidad and Tobago.



Tribute to Pastors

We express sincere appreciation to Pastors Mikie and Winelle;
And oh what a story, their journey here does tell.
It seems like it all began just yesterday;
But it's been 10 years since arriving, after a weather delay.

They quickly got settled and began their new roles;
Preaching, teaching and for God winning new souls.
Proclaiming the gospel and spreading God's word;
Guiding and directing as thus saith the Lord.

The Boards were restructured for greater accountability;
And everyone was clearer on their given responsibility.
There was even time to simply have fun;
Like the anniversary cruise just to name one!

Under their leadership our ministries grew –
The Men's Choir, Continuing the Faith, we added a few;
Like the mid-day service, Sweet Hour of Prayer;
That gives us an altar to cast all of our cares.

Beyond our doors their impact was made;
And as Conference Superintendent a foundation was laid.
At the Provincial Level, a brand new hymn book.
Destined to be completed, no matter how long it took.

We thank God for watching over their family,
And pray for choicest blessings, peace and harmony;
Thanks God for granting them, a pastor's heart;
Which you gave them from the very start.

We thank God for Pastors Mikie and Winelle,
And as their journey continues, we wish them both well.
We sincerely appreciate their hard work and ministry;
Which continues to leave its mark on our community.

We truly love our pastors and we pray each day.
That God would continue to guide them and show them the way;
And as they continue on their journey here,
We commit them both to God's loving care!

Congratulations and May God bless you!

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New Year*

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