



The Information

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.

May, 2017

Walk with me Jesus...



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

Psalm 138:6.....Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

At Easter time, a wife and her husband were having a discussion.

Wife: What are your plans for Easter?

Husband: Same like Jesus.

Wife: What do you mean?

Husband: Disappear on Friday and reappear on Monday.

Wife: That's Awesome! If you do that, then I will do like Mary?

Husband: What do you mean?

Wife: I will show up pregnant, untouched by my husband.
The Husband stayed at home all Easter.

Mystery writer and amateur detective Jessica Fletcher is the main Actress in the Television series Murder She Wrote. No murder has ever gone unsolved. It didn't matter how difficult the case and how problematic the situation, the case would be solved. It didn't matter where Jessica Fletcher was when the murder was committed, once she gets on the scene the murder would be solved. The point is she always found the evidence to back up her story. Evidence is very important in solving any problem.

We live in a day and age when people make accusations of others without providing any scintilla of evidence. The dirty game that Politics is, your supporters latch on to anything to make you look good and the other person looks bad. Even in the face of no evidence to what you have said, your supporters have been so brain washed that they will defend you. When I went to Primary School, I went in the days when side work was the order of the day. Getting the answer right was good, but you needed to show how you got the answer. Your Teacher needed to see, if you were walking alone or someone was walking with you.

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Vision Statement

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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,

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"Advance the Kingdom" -Use the Keys

Walk with me Jesus
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The idea of walk with me Jesus speaks to the fact that one is beseeching, requesting or begging Jesus to accompany me. Do not leave me alone. Come alongside me. Hold my hand and lead me. Do not let me go. Cover me under your blood so that the enemy will not be able to hurt/harm me.

As we seek to advance the Kingdom, we need to ask God to accompany us. No matter how dynamic, how charismatic, how endearing we are, we will never be able to advance the Kingdom without God's presence. In Psalm 138, the Psalmist gives God a high note of praise. He says with my whole heart and before the gods, I will praise you. I will tell of your unfailing love and faithfulness. He declares, when I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. It was as if the Psalmists was saying; "Lord you alone are worthy". When persons Praise us, it should cause us to look to God and be humble. You see, when you praise some persons they become arrogant and their heads swell big. My brothers and sisters, praise should cause us to look to God and say, thank you Father. You are the one who has brought me to this point in my life. I will always humble myself before you, for you are great and greatly to be praise. In Psalm 138:6, the Psalmist then says of God, "Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar". He leads us. Yes, he comes alongside us in humility and carries us on the journey. Allow me therefore to make 4 short points.

Firstly, He Provides Support

God cares for all of his children. God knows that we are weak without him. He holds us by the hand and shows us the way. The Psalmist says, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. There will be no lack for food. He provides the fish in the sea/lagoon. He gives the farmers strength to plant food for us to eat. He sends the rain so that water will be there in the ponds, dams, wells, drums and buckets.

He provides family and friends. He sends the sunshine and the air we breathe without which, we die. He sends Doctors and Nurses to look about our health. He sends Pastors and Teachers to educate us and lead us to salvation. He sends Jesus Christ, who died and rose triumphantly for our salvation. Whatever the situation, **God provides support.**

Secondly, He Preserves our strength

Sometimes as you walk the Christian the road, you get tired. You get frustrated. There are times when things are not going right and you ask God, why is all of this happening to me? God encourages by giving you the strength to face the challenges ahead. A man who had been serving God for a long time was going through a lot of difficulties in his life. He asked God, "Lord, why are you carrying me through the waters?" The Lord replied, "I am carrying you through the waters because your enemies can't swim". Sometimes God carries us through some things to preserve our strength and test our faith. **God preserves our strength.**

Thirdly, He Pursues us in righteousness

God's motives are always right and pure and good. In Psalm 23: 3, the Psalmist declares, "He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake". Because of what God has done we can walk in righteousness. One song writer puts it this way:

- ⇒ **Every** plan that the enemy has to destroy you is cancelled.
- ⇒ **Every** generational curse that is set up against your family is cancelled.
- ⇒ **Every** evil device that is plot against your destiny is cancelled.
- ⇒ **Every** sickness that is sent to destroy your health is cancelled.
- ⇒ **Every** principality that comes against your prosperity is cancelled.
- ⇒ **Every** stronghold that comes against your purpose is cancelled. You shall live; yes, you shall live and declare his good works. Why, because, we have the power given to us by God, to bind the forces of darkness.

God pursues us in righteousness.

Fourthly, He Protects us from harm/danger

When we walk with God He builds a hedge around us. He fights our battles. Even as Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt towards the promise land, God protected them through a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God confounded their enemies by day, while the fire blinded the eyes of their enemies during the night; it gave light to the Israelites so that they were able to see ahead of them. What a mighty God we serve.

God will protect you from harm and danger when you allow him to walk with you;

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A VISION OF EDUCATION II

I believe that what enriches our minds and our lives is not what we have already learned, what we know or what we think we know but what we allow ourselves to learn and to experiences at the borders of our own knowledge and learning. If the God whom we serve is making all things new then that new comes in different ways from both within and without. Clearly there are those who believe we are better off if we are able to build walls, and I agree that there is some good to the idea of protection and self preservation. However, if we are to grow and have enriching experiences, open borders or a growth mindset is best. This is particularly true in this brave new world that we live in - a world without frontiers; a world where knowledge increases at a rapid pace, and learning equally rapid, multimedia and multimodal. So let me remind us that where there's no vision, revelation, fresh insights, a people perish. What God reveals, God invites to pursue. Such is the mission God in bringing about the vision of God in the world. God uses those who are willing, able and available.

The Vision of God is a love for all the world that draws or reconciles all the world to God. The hope of God is that none should perish.

On the other hand, this is the reality of dreams and visions as the prophet Joel announced: "the young shall have visions, the old dream dreams. Important to note is this. Whether we dream dreams or have visions, we are called to be legacy builders. In a word, we are not just manipulating ideas, pointing out situations but we are responding to the demands of history and we are making history. Are we have received a legacy of mission in education, we must leave a legacy of mission in education. What then shall we bequeathed of lasting measure and treasure to posterity, generations to come. We have receive much, and to whom much is given, much is expected.

There is no shortage of vision; no shortage of wit, but there is often a shortage of will. The will to press or push beyond the challenges faced or the obstacles that confront us. Therefore, let us embrace the hope of the words of the prophet Habakkuk (2:3) - "There is still a vision for the appointed time...Write the vision and make it plain...If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay" (NRSV). Also Saint Paul wrote, "Now we see in part, but soon we shall see even as we are known."

Here then is that five year plan that I reference in the early article in last month's Information:

THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IS RECOMMENDING THE FOLLOWING UPDATED DRAFT TIMELINES :

YEAR ONE

- ◆ identify and put an interim Dean, Governing Board in place
- ◆ Developed a governance/organizational structure
- ◆ Complete the strategic plan
- ◆ Complete the collaboration with The Bethlehem Moravian College
- ◆ Complete the design for the 2 classrooms
- ◆ Begin building the classrooms
- ◆ Develop and begin a marketing plan, starting naming all conferences are informed
- ◆ Register the institution
- ◆ Identify additional funding sources - fundraising continues through all the timelines
- ◆ Begin recruiting of administrative (institutional support) and instructional staff

YEAR TWO

- ◆ Complete the 2 classrooms with the necessary technology
- ◆ Achieve accreditation
- ◆ Begin the aggressive marketing
- ◆ Begin Math Education classes - hold open house
- ◆ Continue staff recruitment
- ◆ Add two more programs
- ◆ Identify funding sources, e.g. donors, grants, int. Institutions - for current and future facilities

YEAR THREE

- ◆ At least 3 programs are operational
- ◆ Begin the design of the permanent facilities
- ◆ Continue personnel as needed
- ◆ Expand aggressive marketing for fund raising and student and staff recruitment
- ◆ Evaluate programs already in place, management, etc
- ◆ Continue expanded fund raising

YEAR FOUR

- ◆ Begin strategic planning for the second 5 years
- ◆ Develop curricula for all courses of study
- ◆ Begin construction of permanent facilities with a ground breaking
- ◆ Marketing, fundraising and recruitment continue
- ◆ Begin search for permanent president of the College

YEAR FIVE

- ◆ If possible move initial offices and staff to the main college campus.
- ◆ Next strategic plan completed and approved
- ◆ President installed for his/her first term

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Hymn of the Month for May, 2017

by Rev. Dr. Mikié Roberts

Provincial Director

Our hymn for the month of May is # 518 –



Our Father who's in heaven.

It is an adaptation of the Lord's Prayer and was written by the Rev. Denise Smith Lewis 2014. Sis. Smith Lewis currently serves as the pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. In addition to writing the words, she also wrote the melody. The arrangement of this tune was done by the

Rev. Dr. Ulston P. Smith. As siblings, they collaborated on this hymn and in tribute to the memory of their late father, the tune was given the name ***Father Clayton***.

The hymn follows the basic format of the Lord's Prayer. Each verse highlights a specific theme or principle of the prayer. As expected, the opening verse extols the name of God and draws attention to plea for the Kingdom of God to be realized here on the earth. Verse two brings into focus our beseeching God to provide each day just what is needed for our physical sustenance. Forgiveness, received and given, is the emphasis of the third verse. God's delivering power from moments of temptation and acts of sin is highlighted in the fourth verse. The final verse captures the doxology which concludes the prayer. In this adaptation of the Lord's Prayer a refrain has been added which serves as a bridge connecting the verses. It is a refrain that echoes the sentiments of "*maranatha*", an appeal for the Kingdom of God to come and be manifested among us.

Below are the words for the hymn of the month for May:

Our Father who's in heaven,
Hallowed be your name;
On earth your kingdom come,
As in heaven your will be done.

*Dear Father let your Kingdom come,
Holy Father; let your will be done;
Jesus, let your will be done,
And let your Kingdom come.*

Lord on this day you've made,
Give us our daily bread.
We your children are in need—
O Lord, lift up our head.

Lord, forgive our trespasses.
We sin in word and in deed;
Forgive our brother's sins;
For they too are in need.

Lead us not into temptation;
For we are often weak;
Deliver us from evil,
Lord, your strength and grace we seek.

Your is the Kingdom Lord!
Power and the glory too;
Forever and forever!
Amen! Amen! It's true.

2014. Denise Smith-Lewis.



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- ⇒ **when** you allow him to accompany you;
- ⇒ **when** you allow him to take your hands and lead you;
- ⇒ **when** you allow him to live inside of you;
- ⇒ **when** you allow him to be Lord of your life. In Psalm 23:4-5 the Psalmists says, "*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. He prepares a table for me in the presence of mine enemies. He anoints my head with oil, my cup runneth over*".

God protects us from harm and danger.

As you enter this Synod, may we all humble ourselves under the mighty hands of God for He:

- **Provides Support**
- **Preserves our strength**
- **Pursues us in righteousness**
- **Protects us from harm/danger**

Let me invite you to say with me, **Walk with me Jesus.**

Walk with me Jesus.

I will walk with you.

God Bless you. Amen!

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Moravian Music Sunday May 21, 2017

Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday May 21, 2017. This year 2017 marks the 560th anniversary of the birth of the Unitas Fratrum – the Unity of the Brethren. As we mark this milestone in the life of the Moravian Church worldwide, we will commemorate Moravian Music Sunday by highlighting some of the oldest hymns in Caribbean Moravian Praise which date back to the early period of the establishment of the Unitas Fratrum. The list of suggested hymns is given below. It also includes a short biographical information of the hymn writer.

442 How good it is, how pleasant to behold (Tune: Sinners' Redeemer - # 415 Red British Hymnal) Written by Matthias Cervenka 1521 – 1569. He joined the Brethren's Church at Jungbunzlau in 1533. In 1544 was he appointed as a minister in the Brethren's Church and was made a Bishop in 1533.

#1 The Word of God stands ever fast (Tune: O Jesu Sich - # 1 Red British Hymnal) Written by Petrus Herbert d. 1571. Minister of the Bohemian Brethren's Church in 1562. He was one of the compilers of the German's Brethren's Book which was published in 1566. That hymnal contained 90 of his hymns.

563 Jesus Christ our Saviour (Tune: Berthelsdorf - # 520 Red British Hymnal) Written by John Hus 1373 – 1415 Rector of Prague University and preacher at the Bethlehem Chapel. Led reformation movement in the Roman Church. He was burnt as a heretic by the Council of Constance.

383 Come, let us all with gladness raise (Tune: Freuen Wir Uns - # 356 Red British Hymnal) Written by Michael Weisse 1480 – 1534. He was a Monk of Breslau and the founder and minister of the German-speaking Brethren's Churches at Landskron, Bohemia and Fulneck, Moravia. He was also the compiler of the first German Hymn Book in 1431 and served as translator of many hymns from the original Bohemian language.

In addition, two new hymns from our new Caribbean hymnal are being made as suggestions for choirs. By so doing, we recognize that the legacy of our Moravian hymn tradition which was so central to our worship centuries ago is still alive today for us as Moravians in the Caribbean. The two suggested hymns are:

199 Wake up, wake up turn to the Lord (Tune: Mission Possible) Written by Sis. Joan Knight, a member of the Greenbay Moravian church in Antigua. The tune for this hymn was composed by delegates to the Provincial Youth Camp (2016) which was held in Trinidad. The arrangement was done by Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith.

518 Our Father Who's in Heaven (Tune: Father Clayton) Written Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, a Moravian minister serving at the Spring Gardens Moravian in Antigua. She also composed the melody and the Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith did the arrangement of the tune.



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ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

It should be a 5-year plan and include:

1. Size of the project
2. Goals and new timelines
3. Governance structure
4. Cost estimates of initial buildings and operations
5. Resources on hand, where from and how to be used
6. Initial staffing needs
7. The technology needs

ON THE FIRST TWO CLASSROOMS:

1. A building committee must be in place immediately, and some persons from this meeting ought to be included
2. The plans need to be completed and a project manager put in place
3. Assess and identify labor needed
4. Develop cost estimates
5. Start date and completion date are to be established

ON MARKETING:

1. Begin in all EWI Conferences with the opening video, press release and info insertion in bulletins with updates
2. Hire a marketing firm and develop a professional marketing plan once the strategic plan and interim leadership is in place

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**Devotions with PEC
at the meeting in
Trinidad
April 25, 2017
by
Rev. Liselle Roberts**

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 16-19 (KJV)

This is what the Lord says- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

As Moravians we all are familiar with change. Ministers moving within conferences, packing up and leaving from one conference to the other, attending Synod as a delegate and then leaving synod as a member of the PEC. Change is familiar to us. It is one of the most difficult things for people to face; however, change is inevitable.

One reason people don't like change is because they get comfortable with where they are in life, change can be scary. They get used to their friends, job or the place they live. Even if it's not perfect, we accept it simply because it's familiar. However, Have you ever noticed that what once seemed scary and foreign soon becomes a natural part of our lives? That's how change works.

However, when we are not willing to change, then we get stuck (in life) holding on to what God did in the past instead of growing and moving forward into what God wants to do in the future.

This promise in Isaiah 43: 16-18 came from God to the children of Israel at a bleak period of their history. They were in captivity, they lost everything they thought they would keep forever, and they were home sick for the land and the blessing God had promised them. They were in captivity, they lost everything they thought they would keep forever, and they were home sick for the land and the blessing God had promised them.

The children of Israel had experienced many victories in their past:

1. Leaving Egypt
2. Conquering the Land of Canaan
3. Fighting off prospective conquerors
4. Survived a split in their country

But now they are in captivity, all their previous victories were doing nothing to set them free. They needed a new work, a new miracle, a new victory.

Do not evaluate what God is about to do by what He did in the past. Do not remember the former things the text reminds us, it's simply for us to know that we cannot depend upon past victories to sustain us. God, who had brought Israel out of Egypt and had destroyed the Egyptian army, was promising to do an even greater thing. God is saying that glory of the former things cannot compare with the glory of the new thing that is coming. See, I'm doing a new thing says the Lord.

The question isn't what has God done –the question must be:

1. What is God doing in our church right now?
2. What is it that you want Him to do in the Eastern West Indies Province right now?

As members of the PEC, what do you see when you view the province, problems or possibilities?

Today, I encourage you to be open to the new things God has in store for you and for us. We have come this far by faith, but always remember that just because God has blessed you where you are doesn't mean you can just sit back and settle there, you cannot survive on yesterday's faith.

God wants to do something new in you and through you. He wants to see you grow, prosper and flourish. Get ready ... keep your heart and mind focused... and see the blessing God has in store for you! God can:

1. Reposition us for new blessings (forget about the past)
2. Help us to succeed (now, it springs up, do you not perceive it?)
3. Bring about transformation (I'm making a way in the wilderness)

Finally, ponder this in your heart: What God does in us while we wait is more important than what we are waiting for or waiting to see. Amen.

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Birthday Greetings for the month of

May is extended to:

Bro. Patmore Smith	10
Sis. Ivy Vessup	10
Sis. Joan Thomas	10
Sis. Gloria Barker	11
Sis. Karen Bowers-Jones	23
Sis. Deborah Challenger	27
Sis. Menelva Samuel	31
Bro. Daniel Mark	31



Anniversary Greetings for the month of May

extended to:

Bro. Adrian & Sis. Andrea Smith	14
Bro. Edgar and Sis. Angela Barriero	25



Condolences

The Eastern West Indies Province offers condolences to:

- ♦ The family of the late Bradley Lewis, former Provincial Treasurer of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. He served as Provincial Treasurer from after Synod 1981-Synod 1993. Brother Bradley Lewis passed into the nearer presence of God in Antigua on April 9, 2017. An Official Service of thanksgiving for the life of the late Brother Bradley Lewis was held on May 04, 2017 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church. The tributes started at 1.00 pm and service at 2.00 pm.
- ♦ The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas on the passing of his Mother Ms. Jestina Stevens who passed into the nearer presence of God recently. The Service of thanksgiving was held on Friday May 12, 2017, at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, St. John's, Antigua at 2.00 pm.
- ♦ The Rev. Winston Chase on the passing of his Mother Mrs. Dorothy Burke who passed into the nearer presence of God on May 8, 2017.

The Service of thanksgiving will be held on Friday May 19, 2017, at the St. Mary's Anglican Church in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Let us keep our brothers and their families in prayer.



Wedding Mishap

At a wedding ceremony the pastor asked if there was anyone who had any reason why the marriage shouldn't go on; it was time to stand up and speak, or forever let them hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was interrupted by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She started slowly walking toward the pastor

Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom. The groom's mother fainted. The bridal trail scooted towards the door. The groom's men huddled together like a bereaved flock, wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman:

Can you tell us why you came forward?

What do you have to say?

The woman replied, I can't hear from the back.

Lesson: Hold judgment until you've had all the facts. However, many times we fire the shots too quickly and beautiful relationships are ruined.



Quote of the Day

"When you can't change the direction of the wind - Adjust your sails."

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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Moravian Multipurpose Complex



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

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