### A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF PEC - EWI PROVINCE

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4 vs. 4



February, 2018



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis Chairman of PEC

## Live as Kingdom Citizens

Over the past few years as a province we have been exploring "Advance the Kingdom" of God by way of thematic focus. This came out of the awareness that the Kingdom of God is not stagnant it is dynamic and it must and will grow. The Kingdom of God, because of its core values and governing principles is constantly under attack. As a result of this, kingdom citizens are frequently in warfare against "principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places". It is incumbent upon citizens of the kingdom to sharpen and commit to memory knowledge and understanding of the kingdom as tools for spiritual warfare. As we stand in allegiance to the Lamb the ultimate aim is to expand the kingdom principles through discipleship.

Our Provincial Theme for 2018 is "Advance the Kingdom: Live

as Kingdom Citizens". The theme challenges us that as we advance the Kingdom, we ought to live as Kingdom citizens. In other words, we must wear the badge of Jesus on a daily basis. The question is, how can we continue to live as Kingdom Citizens? As we live as Kingdom Citizens, we advance the Kingdom of God. Allow me to proffer a few thoughts on how we must continue to advance the Kingdom.

#### We can ADVANCE the KINGDOM OF GOD by:

The Information

- 1. Being MILITANT and TRIUMPHANT The Church must be forceful in advancing and Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus. Matthew 16:19 declares, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven".
- 2. Being VICTORIOUS The Gates of Hades cannot prevail against the Church as Jesus has defeated the devil and we are the manifestation of his Victory. Matthew 16:18 speaks of the victorious nature of our walk in advancing the Kingdom. It says, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

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- 3. Being the POSSESSOR of the GATES of our ENEMIES – This means that the Church will go into the enemy's Territories and not wait for the enemy to come. Genesis 22:17 speaks of God's assurance to us. It says, " I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies",
- 4. Being GOD'S KINGDOM here on earth The Church is a Kingdom that will influence territory around it and conquer it. Ephesians 6:12 declares, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms".
- 5. Being a BODY of RIGHTEOUSNESS The Believers through their righteous living will bring light to darkness. Matthew 13:43 assures that our light will forever shine. "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear".

The great Reformer, Martin Luther once said, "The Bible is alive – it has hands and grabs hold of me, it has feet and runs after me". This quotation summarizes the deeper meaning of the Bible as we examine the Kingdom of God.

Bill Kimbley says of the Kingdom: "It is the rule and authority of God, which is made up of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." This definition comes from the application where the Kingdom of God is mentioned in Romans 14:17 which says, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Jesus depicts himself as the farmer in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8). His message of salvation is intended to produce a disciple who in turn produces other disciples in varying quantities, with the pinnacle being "one hundred-fold". In the parable of the seed growing secretly, Jesus speaks of the self-evident growth of the seed or the Gospel:

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"A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain: first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come". (Mark 4:26-29).

All disciples of Jesus the Christ should engage in aggressive evangelism. Many of us think evangelism is a complex phenomenon, which is reserved only for ministers of the Gospel of Christ. Not so, it does not require theological training. Evangelism is one disciple telling a nonbeliever about Jesus the Christ and all who comes under the blood stained banner of Jesus can and should do this. Kingdom Citizens contribute to the advancement of the Kingdom of God by eventually leading others to follow Jesus the Christ as Lord and Saviour. This will help in cancelling myths and misconceptions regarding citizenship of this kingdom. Citizenship comes with responsibility.



**Crafting a True Colleague By Pastor Kevin St. Hill** 



My family in Christ, I count it an esteemed pleasure, to be able to share with you in this capacity. I wish to share a conclusion that I have arrived at about life and in particular about life in ministry, despite my brief life span and my more brief tenure in ministry.

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It is challenging, never ending deadlines to meet. which seem to clash with each other. And oh, how those deadlines love to crop up, just when you think you've cleared your list of things to do, something else comes up right out of nowhere. Not to mention the responsibilities of life in general loom large, we all have to eat, sleep, exercise and of course stay connected to God and to our loved ones. It's actually quite amazing how when we offer ourselves as pastors, we are actually offering ourselves to be teacher, preacher, lawyer, counsellor, doctor, nurse and financial advisor, just to name a few. And before we know it, the weight of the many hats we wear can bear heavy on our mind, but also on our heart and we find ourselves nearing burnout. It must be no easier as you assume an even more distinct role of leadership, after all, the higher the office the higher the responsibility.

As superintendents you have gone from leading one flock in one community to leading all the flock in an entire conference. And like any human being, rather any finite object under pressure, when the weight gets too heavy for us, we buckle, we lapse on our commitments, we forget things that we ought to have done, or we never forget but we phone it in halfway for the sake of our own sanity and self-preservation. When we notice ourselves in these spaces, we are often times not the only one to notice. Very often our members, our associates and acquaintances are also quick to notice and quick to point out just where we have gone wrong, which is fine in and of itself, but they then go on to make an entire exhibition out of it, that does nothing to improve our morale, but only make us look bad and bring us further down, without even trying to understand what it is that we are going through. Yes, life can give some hot lashes.

On the other hand, life and in particular, life in ministry can be sweet and satisfying with the addition of just one element, A colleague. Those who journey with us, and turn a trip into an adventure. Those who listen to us, and allow our stories to become testimonies. Those who we can trust, to be there for us as we are for them, those who can inspire us to see our crises as opportunities and those who are honest to tell us when we do wrong but loving enough to do it in a way that edifies, not dehumanize. To find such a

colleague is a blessing, because we must take note that if we are truly honest, there have been times when those whom we call colleagues have been less than collegial to us, and we have been less than collegial to them. Whether intentional or unintentional. We have seen instances of harshness when tongues should have been held, instances where caring accountability was needed but tongues were held back too long so as to not offend, or hurt feelings. And instances where one party is not doing too well and God has laid it on the heart of another party to express concern but the other party refuses to do so. This shows us then, brothers and sisters, that all colleagues aren't the same in fact depending on what source we seek, we see that a colleague in modern language is simply defined as someone who works with us, excluding any personal attachment, concern or care from the relationship. But the origins of the word colleague actually speak to someone who is just more than just another that we work with, it speaks to an ally, a teammate, a partner, a companion today. I submit to you that this latter definition is what a colleague truly is. And on that premise I share with you our theme, Crafting a true colleague. Brothers and Sisters, ministry is not easy, it would be more bearable and even sweeter and more satisfying if we were true colleagues to each other.

In our scripture reading today we are also presented with a situation where a leader, chosen and anointed by Christ, just like us all would have had to endure a share of his own lashes. David, a king, a warrior a man after God's own heart had suffered a devastating defeat at the hands of his own son, Absalom. Who in an act of deviance used his charm and charisma, to woo the people of Jerusalem, had himself declared King and forced David and his supporters to flee. What's more is that this whole mess only erupted because David was too lax, too soft in dealing with Absalom when he saw the situation make a turn for the worse. Instead, in his reluctance to confront what needed to be confronted, he found himself desperate and facing utter defeat. A situation that perhaps we can relate too, a low point due to softness or a lack of diligence.

But during this difficulty something happens, David is met by 2 prospective colleagues one Hushai, the Archite and the other Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth. Hushsai brought only himself, and David sent him back to Jerusalem, while Ziba brought

## Hymn of the Month for February, 2018 by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts, Provincial Director of Music



The hymn for the month of February is # 671 - We come this day to give you thanks. It was written in 2003 by Sisters Joan Smith and Natalee Smith from the Jamaica Province. The hymn was chosen as the hymn of the month in September 2014. However, at that time had used the tune we Nativity. Since then

Bro. Patmore Smith has created an original tune for use with this hymn. That tune is called *Black Rock*.

For the month of February, we are again offering this hymn but requesting that it be sung to the new tune that has been written by Bro. Smith. We welcome your feedback concerning this new tune and its use with this hymn text. Permit me therefore to recap the comments that were made back in 2014 about this hymn:

"This hymn serves as a timely reminder that all of the gifts and talents that [our children] possess are given from the Lord and so should be dedicated to His service. Additionally, the hymn pinpoints that learning not only happens in our schools but even more importantly at home. As a result, those who teach at home as well as those who teach at school must consecrate themselves anew to the Lord. There is a level of honesty in this hymn that is guite refreshing in that there is the admission that in executing their tasks, those who teach can become worn out from the many demanding responsibilities. At such moments, our dependence on the Holy Spirit is vital. Finally, the hymn ends with a prayer for guidance to ensure that all that is taught is ultimately a reflection of only what is true. With the prevalence of false doctrines, which is rooted in the "father of all lies" (John 8: the teaching of the truth cannot be 44). overemphasized."

Here are the words and music for the hymn of the month for February:

We come this day to give you thanks: We bring our loudest praise, Our talents, skills; our hearts and hands In gratitude we raise.

- We come and bow before your throne To pledge ourselves anew.
   The ones we teach at school or home We consecrate to You.
  - 3 We now rededicate ourselves To do what we can do. Spirit of Truth we need your grace For we get weary too.
  - Help us to teach only what's right And keep our conscience clear.Give us the strength to daily fight Against the devil's snare.

2003. Joan Smith and Natalee Smith.

#### We Come This Day To Give You Thanks

BLACK ROCK

2003, Joan Smith & Natalee Smith

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2016, Rev. Ulston Patmore Smith



#### **BISHOP ELECT BRINMORE PHAUL**

The Guyana Province of the Moravian Church elected its first Bishop at the close of our 2nd Biennial Provincial Synod which was in session from 26th to 29th November 2017 under the theme "Fulfilling the mission, Advancing the Kingdom in the 21st Century", Delegates of Synod unanimously elected **the Rev. Brinmore Phaul.** He has the distinction of being the first Guyanese to be consecrated as a Bishop in the Worldwide Unity of the Moravian Church.

We sincerely pray that the God of all Grace and Glory may continue to abundantly bless and give direction to his mission and ministry as he embarks on this new phase of his Christian walk.



#### FURLOUGH

The Rev. Hilton Joseph, Superintendent of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference and Pastor of the Zion Moravian Congregation in St. Kitts, has been granted four (4 months furlough from January 29th - April 29th, 2018



#### **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Sunday March 25, 2018 is Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training.

At present, there is one (1) Minister in Training: He is : **Bro. David Ince of the Moravian Church, Barba**dos Conference. Our Warden/Tutor is the Rev. Neilson Waithe. Let us remember them especially in our prayers.

A special offering will be taken on March 25, 2018 to go towards the continuing Education of our Minister in Training.

#### **UNITY PRAYER DAY OFFERING 2018**

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Sunday March 4, 2018 is Unity Sunday. A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide, to purchase a piece of land for a church office, the first to be owned by the Moravian Church in Peru. The Moravian Church Peru is one of the newest mission areas in the worldwide Unity.

The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2018 will therefore support the witness of the Moravian Church in Peru and will help to further the mission of the Moravian Church in Peru.

Monies received shall be sent no later than the end of June 2018 to the Unity Office [Unity Board Administrator].

For further information, please mail the UBA: boytler@ebu.de



#### **PEC MEETING**

- The PEC will met in the Antigua Conference from January 25 January 28, 2018.
- The Superintendents conference was convened on January 29 - January 30th, 2018.

Other meetings for 2018 are as follows:

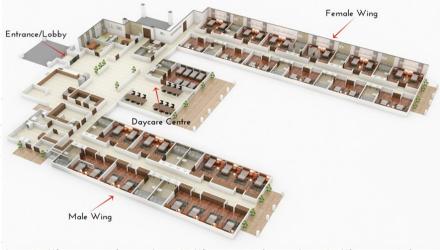
- Barbados Conference April 5th 8th
- Tobago Conference July 5th 8th
- St. Kitts Conference October 18th 21st.



#### **BISHOP JOHN E. KNIGHT GOLDEN AGE HOME FACILITY**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Moravian Church is a pioneering Church. The call of God on this church goes back over 561 years. It is a call to carry the gospel with its life changing impact throughout the world. That commission brought the Church here to Antigua just about



262 years ago. That passion led us to share the gospel with slaves and others in these paths. It was that same passion that drove our Moravian forebears into education with the first teacher training school at Spring Gardens, and numerous schools around the island. It was that passion to meet needs that pushed Bishop George Wall Westerby to spearhead efforts to bring pipe borne water to the city St. Johns.

The pioneering spirit has not died. It has taken a beating as modern life and all its demands compete for attention. The call comes again and again as God urges us to fulfill the divine mandate to be a church called out to do great things for the kingdom's sake.

The divine call comes this time in the form of a golden age home. This home is not another residence for *old people* to spend their golden years. It is a home which provides a caring, Christian environment for our precious seniors and convalescing clients, all done by professionals who understand that this is not just work but mission.

A vision was conceived and the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home was born. Work started in earnest in 2011 after many years of creating, designing, seeking funding and building. In 2013 after much deliberation, the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age & Mission Inc. a non-profit company was incorporated and the directors were tasked with creating a comprehensive project plan, completing the construction of the facility, and managing and operating the Home. In June 2015 work started on the revised project plan. The birth process has been difficult, yet we press on by the grace of God and projecting completion in 2018.

#### THE FACILITY

The Nursing Home facility will include:

- A 16 bed male wing comprising eight 2-bed rooms with floor space of approximately 3,420 square feet.
- A 24 bed female wing comprising twelve 2-bed rooms with floor space of approximately 4,800 square feet.
- A Day-care Centre which will include a rest area with 8 beds, one full bathroom and a half bath, a mixed use dining/day-care area and a 600 square feet patio where residents can relax, play games and just enjoy the outdoors.
- An extensive courtyard (30,000 square feet) with a network of spacious walkways to promote physical activities, comfortable benches and picnic tables strategically located around the courtyard.
- A commercial kitchen and laundry, medical examination areas, an extensive lobby area (680 square feet) where residents can sit and relax with their families
- An outside gazebo styled dining area for guests visiting the facility. This feature will encourage family members to spend quality time with their loved ones residing in the Home.
- A number of green initiatives will be featured in the project including energy conservation (solar power), water conservation and recycling.

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Additional features of the facility will include administrative and staff quarters, extensive storage, two 80,000 gallon cisterns, standby generator, sewage treatment and recycling system and a covered emergency entrance area.

#### PLEDGE REQUEST

The facility is approximately 80% complete! - The end is in sight and your help is needed to cross the finish line. We therefore make an appeal for contributions to break through to the end. There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000). These funds will be deployed as per the following medical equipment and supplies – US\$50,000, kitchen and laundry – US\$121,000, fixtures and furnishings – US\$200,000. Every contribution, no matter how small, moves us closer to the actuality of the beautiful vision of a purpose built, excellent facility for our elderly and those recovering from major illnesses.

Please visit our website at <u>www.bjekhomeandmission.com</u> for more information and to make your donations. Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world.



#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."

Jesus Christ

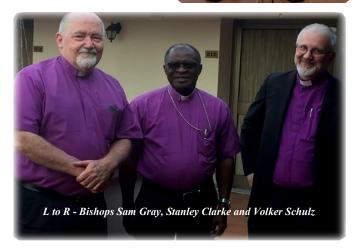
#### **BISHOP ARMANDO RUSHINDO CONSECRATED**

On Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Synod of the Cuba Mission Province, **the Rev. Armando Rusindo** was elected to be the first Cuban Bishop of the

Worldwide Moravian Unity. Bishop Rushindo Consecrated was in Havana, Cuba on Saturday January 20, 2018, bv Bishops Sam Gray (USA), Stanley Clarke (Jamaica) and Volker Schulz (Switzerland, European Continental Province).

Bishop Armando Rushindo was Consecrated the 365th Bishop of the Moravian Unity (303rd in the Renewed Moravian Church).





The Rev. Tania Sanchez was elected as the new president of the Provincial Board of the Cuba Mission Province.



The Cuban Provincial Board

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all manner of gifts and David welcomed him. Yet I wish to share with you that it was Hushai who was a true colleague in this season of David's life and Ziba was the one who failed to meet this criteria. So what set Hushai apart from Ziba? Well you see, Hushi truly connected with David whereas Ziba's connection was fickle. To connect with something or someone is to get close to such a thing or person so that a real link is established. Brothers and Sisters we are invited to reflect on our connection, how we come together and remain linked to each other and ask ourselves if we have connected the right way.

Firstly, connect at a place of Praise, not a place of Pretence. In the midst of David's dejection, the first place that he went to was the summit where God was worshipped and it was here that Hushai the Archite came to meet him. On the other hand, Ziba met him when he had passed a little beyond the summit. Close to each other but not the same. As an Archite, Hushai was from Benjamin, the place that David has laid siege to after his conflicts with Saul, yet history did not hinder him from going to David in his time of need and he went to him at the summit: a place of worship; a place where one gives of himself to God and to each other. It therefore meant he had to be ritualistically purified before he could engage David. Pure in action and Pure in motive. Its a connection that can stand in the presence of God and engage God. On the other hand Ziba, met David in a place that gave the impression that he was spiritually minded, but also allowed him to avoid purifying himself and enabling the worship of God to be a part of his connection with David.

A true colleague in ministry must ensure that the connection they have with another is of the sort that enables the worship of God and can stand with a clear conscience in the presence of God. A Colleague in ministry is one that can pray with us, and pray not prey on us, or simply say it without any intention to do so at all. We must encourage each other in our spiritual walk, when last have we asked how is the other's spiritual walk going. On the other hand, Ziba placed himself as one close to God but never fully entered that space with David. Let us not just ask how the other is doing but listen for their response with a conviction to see how we can further witness the love of God in their lives. A true colleague, connects at a place of praise, not a place of pretence.

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solidarity not seduction. To be in solidarity means to be in agreement with , or be united with it means to be firmly and unashamedly be on the side of the person we identify with. On the other hand seduction is to deliberately enter a relationship with someone for the purpose of leading them astray. When Hushai met up with David, he had earth on his head and his clothes were torn, he was in mourning with David. He was going through what David was going through and struck a stance to say we are in it together; whilst Ziba, brought donkeys, bread, fruits and wine. He, Ziba, brought things to show off what he had to offer, but he never offered his attention to what David was going through. Let us be Hushia's to each other. let us remind each other that even when we are struggling to meet deadlines, we are there. The name Hushai means friend of the king. Let us see Kings and Queens in each other, worthy of our respect and our time. Let us not be Ziba's only in the other person's story when it benefits us, or when we want something as Ziba was trying to join the king's camp, but let us be there even when it may cost us some time, or popularity.

Finally, a true colleague through connects dedication not through deception. Hushai met up with David because he wanted to journey with him, but David said it would be more useful for him, if he went back as his spy. It was a job that no doubt would be of personal risk to Hushai and not what he wanted to do, nevertheless he went, despite the risk, showing that it wasn't about him, but about David the one he came to support that is true dedication and service despite the In contrast to Hushai, is Ziba, whose name cost. means statue, cold, unmoving, and unmoved by what's around him. It would be later revealed that Mephibosheth, the descendant of Johnathan, whom David had promised to be gracious to, was innocent all along and the news of his betrayal, spread by Ziba, was a lie, showing that he was not dedicated to Mephibosheth or to David, only to himself. Let this not be us, let us not be amongst those who are only in it for themselves, building on their legacies, with no concern for who they leave behind, climbing the ladder with no regard for whom they step over. We may find that just like with Ziba, we will eventually be exposed. Connect through dedication not deception.

As I close, I ask you even as I ask myself, what kind of colleague have we been? Have we been true colleagues or those that are not up to par.



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Anniversary Greetings for the month of February is extended to

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Regardless of where you find yourself this morning, what a true colleague is would have been crafted for us. let us strive to be such. Let us, be a true colleague, let us connect, connect at a point of praise not a point of pretense, our collegiality must be sincere enough to stand in the presence of God, Let us connect through solidarity not through seduction. let us truly enter each other's world, and not be there for our own convenience and let us connect through dedication, not deception. Being a colleague will cost us at times but it's not about us, it's about affirming the King or Queen in the person that journeys with us. Let us be true colleagues.

With Heartfelt Sympathy So Sorry For Your Loss

Condolences are extended to Brother Anselm Richards, member of PEC, on the death of his sister, Inez "Evelyn" Richards Foster in Trinidad and Tobago. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The funeral service was held on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Belle Garden Pentecostal Church in Tobago at 1.30 pm.

Please know that you are in our Thoughts and Pravers



#### Joke of the Day

#### **How Many Women?**

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he knew the answer so quickly. "How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the Preacher said: 4 better,

4 worse, 4 richer, <u>4 poorer.</u>" 16

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