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

# **The Information**

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



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Matthew 4 vs. 4

### FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

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Fire is difficult to control, and many cultures viewed it as a force that demanded respect



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis Chairman of PEC

and, in many cases, fear. Fire could wipe out a settlement in a short period of time, and communities would struggle to recover. Without modern tools, ancient societies had no means of combating fire, and they often turned to religion in the hopes of avoiding its destructive power.

However, later cultures often took a more nuanced view of fire. While fire leads to destruction, it also allows people to live in colder areas; it was a tool that aided survival when harsh winter temperatures arrived. Fire has also been linked to the idea of renewal. The Greek phoenix, for example, would come back to life after burning, and it served as a symbol of renewal and rejuvenation. In many cultures, fire was viewed as a tool

that could be used for good or evil, and being able to control it was viewed as a sign of culture, knowledge and mastery over the natural forces that haunted their ancestors.

This month's article is concerned with the fire of renewal and rejuvenation. The Church must constantly renew itself and the Ministry it performs. It ought not to be static because we serve a God who is always on the move. He is always doing something more in the lives of his people and taking us to a higher level with him. The child of God must always be reaching for more with God.

A Youth and Young adult convention was held in August 2006 entitled, "TAKE IT BACK." The convention was held on the campus of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, and was attended by over 200 young people from throughout the Eastern West Indies Province.

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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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It was a deliberate move on the part of the Youth and Young Adult of our Church, to call back and indeed, to take back our Church from a part of SIN, FORMAL-ISM AND SECULARISM, back to the path of RIGHT-EOUSNESS and HOLINESS. It seems as if Jan Hus over 600 years ago championed the same cause. Who was he and what led him to the path that he took?

Jan Hus was a Professor of philosophy and Rector of the University of Prague in Czechoslovakia, now Czech Republic. Greatly influenced by the English reformer John Wycliffe, he advocated change in the Roman Catholic Church. Following ordination as a Priest he was appointed preacher at the Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, whose foundation stated that CZECH, and not Latin, was to be used in worship. Hus, who was an extremely good preacher, attracted large crowds and in his sermons was not afraid to attack evil in any quarter, whether the sins and vices were committed by Kings, Bishops, other Pastors or members of the Church.

Eventually Jan Hus was excommunicated and summoned to a Council in Constance to defend himself. In spite of a promise of safe conduct he was condemned to death without a trial and subsequently burnt at the stake on July 6<sup>th</sup> 1415, his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hus wanted to Reform the Roman Catholic Church, but they objected vehemently, saw him as a Heretic or an upstart and tried to suppress and kill that Reformation spirit that he brought, to see God's Church cleansed and restored.

Points of protest arising from the teaching of Hus:

- That the sale of indulgences was iniquitous.
- That the Laity should be allowed to receive the Cup at the Holy Communion.
- That worship should be conducted in the language of the people.
- That Christ alone should be recognized as Head of the Church.
- That the authority of the Bible should take precedence over the authority of the Church.

Martydom turned Jan Hus into a national hero; his followers swore they would revenge his death. His followers banded themselves together and called themselves the Hussites. They were so convicted a convinced about the move that God was making through them, that 42 years after their leader, Jan Hus, was burned at the stake, the Moravian Church was born. It is this wonderful institution of which we are a part. One verse of a hymn by G. Komarovsky written in 1467 speaks powerfully to the work of the Church:

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He gave us faithful men to lead And help us, in our time of need; But, Lord, all power is thine alone, And thou the work must carry on.

Whether we are longtime Christians struggling with temptations and stresses of today's world, or new believers reaching out for the first time to Christ to transform our lives, the fire of God can point us to the secrets for living happier, more meaningful lives. Becoming the masterpiece God created you to be is a lifelong process in which He is continually shaping you into a unique reflection of His Son. We were not created to muddle through life, barely surviving its challenges. God intended us to live victorious, extraordinary lives.

May the Fire of God awaken us to who He expects us to be. F. Haughton encapsulates the message in the hymn, "Facing a tasks unfinished".

In one of the verses he wrote:

We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose Ours is the same commission The same glad message ours Fired by the same ambition To Thee we yield our powers

Let the fire of the Holy Ghost fall on you burn away all of the impurities and set you free.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

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



#### The Hymn of the Month July 2018

The hymn for the month of June is # 229 - O Lamb of God. It was written in 2008 by Bro. Ulston P. Smith, who is currently serving in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences. The name of the tune is Judges Hill.

The essence of this hymn is a prayer to the second person of the God-head who has been recognised as the Lamb of God. John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah proclaimed him to be the "lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." In this hymn the writer offers a litany of petitions addressed to Christ. They are all personal in nature and are geared towards the deepening of the relationship between Christ and the disciple who is offering these petitions. Central to these petitions is a posture of surrender which is reflected in the second verse. That theme is advanced in the final stanza with the ultimate act of total surrender to the great commission which Christ himself gave to his followers.

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

O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God! Holy, Holy is your name. Sweet Lamb of God! My dearest friend; Tabernacle here and fill us with your love divine, You alone will fill our hearts with deep devotion.

 2 I'm yours O Lord! Completely yours! Saturate me with your word. O let me feel you're always near.
I desire to walk with you, don't let me go astray.

Lord I give you all my heart in full surrender.

**3** O use me Lord, to do your will; I will go Lord where you lead,

To feed the poor and heal the wounds;

To restore a broken world in faith, I make my pledge. I will serve with all my heart, so give me strength and grace.

2008. Ulston P. Smith

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### Congratulations!

The EWI Province expresses congratulations to Jaleel and Janae Christopher.



J a l e e l graduated on May 1, 2 0 1 8 from FIU - Florida Internat i o n a l

University in Miami with a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering while Janae graduated from St. Croix Educational Complex High School with honors on June 28, 2018.



Jaleel and Janae are children of Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher and Rev. Eulencine Christopher. To God Be the Glory!

Congratulations to Dr. Levi Anderson Kyle Bradshaw of the Estridge Moravian Congregation, St. Kitts



Conference on his successful completion Bacheof the lor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degrees at the University of the West Indies. Mona, Jamaica. Dr. Bradshaw will commence his Internship at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), Mona, Jamaica on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. He was the 2013 State Scholar of

St. Kitts and Nevis. Dr. Bradshaw is the son of Mr. Levi Bradshaw former PEC Treasurer and Dr. Rondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw. He is the brother of Brandon Bradshaw. The Moravian Church East West Indies Province hereby extends best wishes and God's richest blessings to Dr. Levi A. K. Bradshaw and family. To God be the glory, great things He has done. The EWI Province expresses congratulations to

Tsedek Roberts graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree (with honours) from Roanoke College, Virginia on May 5th, 2018. Her major was International relations with a minor in French. Tsedek received a Dean's scholarship academic for excellence from American University, Washinton ,DC, a



top ten school in USA, to pursue a Masters in Diplomacy and International communication. She will begin in the Fall.

Tsedek is the daughter of Rev Dr Mikie Roberts and Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts.

Let us remember her in our prayers.



**OUOTE OF THE DAY** 

Make your life a Masterpiece, Imagine No limitations on what you can be, have or do.

Brian Tracy

### **MOUNT TABOR MORAVIAN CHURCH**



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The month of June was designated Mission Month at Mount Tabor Moravian Church. Our guest preacher at the Mount Tabor Moravian Church Mission Festival June 19 was the President of the PEC of the Moravian Church in Cuba, Tania Sanchez Rev. Fonseca, who delivered an inspiring and well-prepared sermon for the congregation using the theme of the missionary meeting "We are citizens of the Kingdom".



Rev. Sanchez-Fonseca's visit to Barbados is the result of Mount Tabor's mission focus where the congregation has sponsored the work in Cuba by supporting the salary and travel of a minister since 2007. It was only in 2016, that Unity Synod of the Worldwide Moravian Church approved Cuba as a Mission Province, which enables the Church there to elect its first bishop. The church in Cuba has congregations and fellowships in 7 Districts namely Havana, Mayabeque, Matanzas, Camaguey, Granma, Holguin and Guantanamo. The church also maintains a farm to assist with its sustainability and provides community services such as Children Centres.

The Mission Festival 2018 was unique but in traditional Moravian style with **Revd Angelica Regalado Vera** interpreting for Revd Tania. Revd Angelica Regalado Vera, a Peruvian, is working with the Moravian Church in its Hispanic outreach in North Carolina, which is another first. Her ministry is an important one as new migrants will need to be assimilated and be assisted in realizing their dreams and becoming productive citizens not only of their new country but that of our Lord Jesus Christ. She also serves as chaplain at a local hospital in North Carolina, but her focus is minister to Spanishspeaking immigrants. The three women who participated in the Mission Festival 5 represent many firsts and a complete reversal of the first Moravian missionaries who were 2 young men who left Germany in 1732 to work as missionaries in the then Danish West Indies.

- Revd Tania Sanchez Fonseca- First Female President of Provincial Elders Conference in Cuba
- Revd Angelica Regalado Vera- First Dedicated Minister to Hispanic Community in North America.
- Revd Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford First Female to be ordained in the Eastern West Indies Province 36 years ago.

Revd Dr. Athill-Horsford is currently the Minister of the Mount Tabor and Penuel congregations in Barbados, and a native of Antigua.

Revd Regalado Vera is a native of Peru. Revd Sanchez Fonseca is a native of Cuba.







### \* Congratulations Wishing you a Marriage filled with Joy!

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province offers congratulations to

Mr. Michael Goodwin and Rev. Elva Richards-Goodwin,



who were united in marriage on Saturday June 23rd , 2018 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

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6th Bethlehem Conference on MORAVIAN HISTORY & MUSIC October 11-13, 2018

THE WALTER VIVIAN MOSES LECTURE IN MORAVIAN STUD-IES

Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts

" Evangelical Protestantism In Antigua And Barbados, 1834-1914 "

THE MORAVIAN MUSIC FOUNDATION PRESENTS A Night of Chamber Music

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL LECTURE

Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood Creation of the Modern Moravian Unity in 1957



Membership Matters Chuck Lawless

Membership Matters is a 207 pages book of hope and responsibility in these difficult and challenging times. It is a book about the people of God returning to their first love. It was written by Charles E. Lawless Jr. in 2005. Requests for information should be addressed to: Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530 (Zondervan.com).

This extremely practical

book is filled with insightful data and anecdotal evidence for this season: of 'low commitment, distrust of institutions, and a consumer mentality that affects even church commitment, seeing people walk the path from attender to actively involved church member is an increasing challenge.'

Some churches have minimal expectations of their members. Membership is meaningless in terms of commitment and accountability. When membership does not matter, the members will care little about their levels of commitment. Other churches do not even encourage attenders to become members. For them, membership is an unbiblical concept; so they refuse to impose on the local church. These churches see low level of commitment among those who regularly attend.

Dr. Lawless presents the result of a study of growing churches of various sizes that are successfully moving people along the path from visitor to ministering member, to include:

- Survey findings are displayed in charts and graphs and are brought to life with real-life stories.
- Appendices provide nuts-and-bolts resources church covenants, invitation letters for example
- A pastors' forum gives firsthand insights into making membership matter.

The author does not leave you with simply the theory of meaningful membership; you will see the principles applied by church leaders with great God-given success. This book of hope and possibility in difficult days will bring enjoyment and encouragement; and more than anything, you will see what God might do in your congregation for his glory. **Membership Matters** worth a read.

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Bro. Errol Connor	June 18, 1991	{27 years}
Bro. Ezra Parris	June 29, 1992	{26 years}
Bro. Erflin Browne	June 03, 2001	{17 years}
Bro. Vanys Isaac	June 02, 2002	{16 years}
Bro. Ulric Smith II	June 08, 2003	{15 years}
Sis. Bonnie EBW Smith	June 08, 2010	{ 8 years}
Bro. Nevin Lewis	June 27, 2010	{ 8 years}
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Bro. Kingsley Lewis	July 15, 1973	{45 years}
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Bro. Conrad Spencer	July 11, 1982	{36 years}
Bro. Cortroy Jarvis	July 17, 1983	{35 years}
Bro.Walton Frederick	July 22, 1984	{34 years}
Sis. Adelyn Mgonela	July 28, 1984	{34 years}
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	July 21,1985	{33 years}
Sis. Esther Moore-Rober	5	{28 years}
Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	July 16, 1991	{27 years}
Bro. Algernon Lewis	July 19, 1995	{23 years}
Bro. Andrew Roberts	July 20, 1998	{20 years}
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matth		{18 years}
Bro. Hilton Joseph	July 30, 2000	{18 years}
Bro. Devon Mannix	July 20, 2006	{12 years}
Bro. Erwin Warner	July 11, 2015	{ 3 years}

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrants for July

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Bro. Moise Jean

Sis. Yvanne Jean

Sis. Karen Challenger-George and Bro. Dave	George 1
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Bro. Nigel & Sis. Belinda Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson & Sis. Vera Waithe	07
Bro. Erflin Browne & Sis. Marleen Browne	19
Bro. Moise and Sis. Yvanne Jean	20
Bro. Devon & Sis. Stacey Mannix	21
Bro. Andrew & Sis. Geraldine Roberts	22
Bro. Mikie & Sis. Winelle Roberts	24
Bro. Walton & Sis. Angela Frederick	26
Bro. Sean Junior Roberts and Paula Roberts	30

### **Birthday Celebrants for July**

Sis. Ida Brown	3
Sis. Movelle Kellman	5
Sis. La-Verne Richards	6
Sis. Yvanne Jean	7
Bro. Winston Chase	8
Bro. Anselm Richards	9
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Bro. Ralph Prince	11
Sis. Frances John	15
Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Sis. Earleen Simmons	25
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Sis. Althea P. Jarvis	29
Sis. Elisa Hodge	29
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#### Joke of the Day

There are three friends named Mad, Brain, and Fight.

One day Fight went missing and his friends Mad and Brain started searching for him.

Then Brain said, "Mad, let's file a missing person report with the police." When they were about to walk into the police station, Brain said, "Mad, you go and make the report. I will wait for you here." Mad said, "Okay." Mad walked in but no police officers paid attention to him. Then he saw a policeman drinking a cup of coffee. Mad went to the officer, smacked the table, and the cup of coffee flew in the air, landing in the officer's lap. Angry, the policeman asked, "Are you looking for a fight?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am."

The policeman asked, "Are you mad?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am Mad." The policeman then asked, "Don't you have a brain?" Mad replied, "Brain is outside sir."

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