

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



# The Information

## Moravian Church and Emmanuel International of Canada at Work

May, 2018

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

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province in partnership with Emmanuel International of Canada has been working assiduously to assist some Barbudan families since the passage of hurricane Irma which devastated the Island in September 2017.

When the entire Barbudan population was evacuated to Antigua, the Moravian Church hosted 16 persons at its Provincial Headquarters in Cashew Hill and took care of them completely. We issued vouchers to them to purchase food items and other person stuffs. We were grateful to our Members and Friends who assisted in making sure that they were well taken care of.

As a Church, we determined that we would do something more to help the residents of Barbuda to resettle in the place where they know and love dearly. It was with a sense of joy and satisfaction that on Wednesday April 18th, 2018, that the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis and Mr. Lee Henry journeyed to Barbuda to continue its out reach program. This time Vouchers were distributed to 8 families to assist them to purchase building materials to get their roofs back unto their houses. We met the families individually at the place where they now reside and they were all very grateful for the efforts made by the Church and Emmanuel International. It was an awesome experience to have been there in their presence and to make the presentation to them.

We were encouraged by the tremendous work been done by families to get their properties back together again. We also took note of the tremendous work being done by Samaritans Purse on the Island.

God has blessed us and so we have been moved to bless others. Below are some photos of the persons who received vouchers to purchase building materials to restore their houses.

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### Vision Statement

**A Church - Transformed,  
United,  
Victorious in Christ**

### Mission Statement

By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service.

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

Community to the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Project (JEK Project).



In our first and second article we introduced the Global Moravian We gave you the history of the project, the difficulties encountered since the project was conceived, our mission, a comprehensive overview of the features of the facility and status of works with some pictures of the actual facility

This month's article provides additional pictures to show the progress of the works to date, which is now approximately 82% completed. However, we have hit a bump in the road in terms of being fully funded to complete this project. During this final stage of the project, we do not want to lose our momentum, so **we would like to ask you for your urgent financial support. Specifically, please make a donation towards our goal of raising US\$375,000.00 which will allow us to complete the construction of the building as well as to furnish it.**

The JEK Home will provide three distinct service components where residents will be provided with a continuum of care from independent living to adult daycare services to assisted living in a facility that will be entirely accessible and equipped to accommodate physically challenged persons.

Typically, the adult day services component will be primarily for seniors who are still active and able to live at home. Typically they will come to the center to socialize and fellowship with their friends; participate in the education programs; engage in arts and cultural activities; take day trips to places of interest, etc.

The independent living component will be the first step in the creation of a residential community for our seniors.

This community will foster independence, security, new friendships, quality of life, personal dignity with the right choice of care that can be personalized to meet each individual's need.

The assisted living component will be residential and will cater to adults who are still mobile, but need assistance with the activities of daily living such as walking, toileting, bathing, dressing, eating, meals, hair care, nail care and medication management etc. This component will also target seniors who are in need of transitional care or short-term rehabilitation.

The pioneering spirit of the Moravian Church is alive and moving forward.

### **PLEDGE REQUEST**

Our Vision is "To be the premier caring ministry for the elderly within Antigua & Barbuda while promoting their health, safety, as well as physical, spiritual, mental and social well-being of our residents."

To accomplish these objectives we need your support, therefore we are making an appeal for contributions to take us to the finish line. There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000).

These funds will be used 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 [www.bjekhomeandmission.com](http://www.bjekhomeandmission.com) for more information and to make your donations. Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world.

The end is in sight and we need your help to cross the finish line!

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# Hymn of the Month for May, 2018

## by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts, Provincial Director of Music



The hymn for the month of May is # 527 – ***Be still for the presence of the Lord.*** It was written in 1986 by David J. Evans.

This hymn calls our attention to three qualities of God that we can become aware of as we silence ourselves. They are God's presence, God's glory and God's power. In the first

verse we are called upon to reflect on God's holy presence which stands in contrast to our sinfulness. The glory of God which is highlighted in the second verse points to the brilliancy of God's nature which is reflected in fire and light. The last stanza examines the power of God and pinpoints that God's power is matchless. That power is demonstrated in God's healing and most importantly through God's amazing grace.

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear:  
In Him no sin is found –  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight –  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace –  
No work too hard for Him.  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

1986. David J. Evans.

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## 527 Be Still For The Presence

1986, David J. Evans

BE STILL  
Irregular

David J. Evans, 1986



## Moravian Church and World Day of Prayer Committee in London, England assists families battered by hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Virgin Islands

September was a most heart rending time for the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church. Hurricanes Irma and Maria ran a path of destruction through the North Eastern Caribbean and caused untold damage in several of our Islands. Barbuda, St. Maarten, Tortola, St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Dominica among other Islands were devastated.

Many members on Tortola, St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix had great loss. For some, their entire property was laid waste. Those who were blessed enough to still have a portion of their house have not been able to remain there for everything got waterlogged.

The Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church, in collaboration with the **World Day of Prayer Committee in London, England**, teamed up to assist families in the Virgin Islands Conference, with financial assistance for those whose properties were damaged during the hurricanes. This substantial contribution was channeled through the British Province of the Moravian Church, for which we were eternally grateful. Each household was required to complete a needs/damage assessment form. All those who submitted forms were presented with a cheque to assist their family.

The Chairman of PEC, the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis visited the Virgin Islands Conference from February 18<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, to make the distribution. We were able to distribute the funds to a total of (Seventy Six) 76 families from our Churches in Tortola, St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix.

We give God a high note of praise for how He has provided for His people. He provided help at time it was needed. It was the Apostle Paul who declared, "And with His abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19 GNB).

Below are some of the photographs taken during the distribution in Tortola, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix.



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## Moravian Music Sunday

Moravian Music Sunday is set to be observed on Sunday April 29, 2018. Whereas in previous years, the focus has been on anthems or hymns written by Moravians, this year the focus will be on the new hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise. The theme is CMP – It Belongs to You and Me!

In celebrating Moravian Music Sunday congregations are invited to utilize the Music Litany that was disseminated previously and has been in usage for the past few years. In drawing attention to the CMP as the focus for this year's Music Sunday, congregations are being asked to ensure that all hymns and songs that are chosen are taken only from the CMP. The inclusion of a canticle is also recommended as part of the worship experience. In preparing for this observance, worship planners and leaders can draw upon the information that is presented in the Preface of the CMP. That material provides an overview of the historical journey that was taken and the rationale that guided the process in compiling our new hymnal.

The goal of this year's celebration is to deepen our appreciation for the hymnal and to foster an awareness of the variety of hymnic entries that have been incorporated within its pages. If the date that has been designated is not suitable, congregations may choose to observe Moravian Music Sunday at another time. In our celebrations this year, might our observance lead us to embrace that as we use our hymns we can all declare that CMP – It Belongs to You and Me.



## PRAYER Requests

Let us continue to lift up the Rev. Vera Waithe and family in our prayers on the passing of her brother Philip Gilkes on Sunday April 01, 2018. The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the life of Philip Gilkes was held on Saturday April 14, 2018 at the Sharon Moravian Church at 10.00 am.

May his soul rest in peace!

## PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR THE EWIP FOR 2018

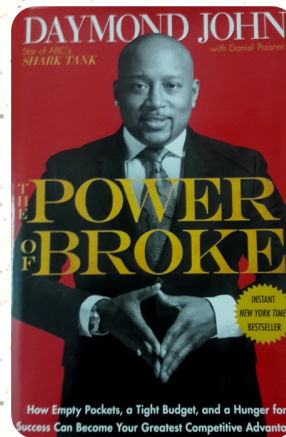
The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2018.

The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is the one assigned for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It reads:

**"I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you".** Isaiah 44:22



## THE BOOK CORNER



**THE POWER OF BROKE** is a fascinating book written by DAYMOND JOHN in 2016. It is a 289 page book written to share his experience and to encourage persons who think that if they do not have much materially, they can't succeed.

DAYMOND JOHN, the FUBU founder and star of ABC's "Shark Tank", shows that far from being a liability "**broke**" can actually be your greatest competitive advantage as an entrepreneur. This statement can be transferred to any area of life, no matter what sphere of life you are involved in. His journey is a fascinating one. He grew up in Queens NY, selling his "home sewn hats" on the streets. He had a budget of only \$40 and had to come up with imaginative ways to promote his products. DAYMOND JOHN says, "Desperation breeds innovation"; so he hatched an idea for a creative campaign that eventually launched the FUBU brand into a \$6 billion global phenomenon. He opined that it might not have happened if he hadn't started out broke, with nothing but a heart full of hope and a drive to succeed by any means possible. This book can propel you to achieve any height, if only you have a good heart and willing to dream. (By Cortroy Jarvis)

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# **What key lessons in your Ministry do you wish you had known when you started?**

*Permit me to share a few that I believe that all Leaders and more so Pastors should know and practice.*

## **1. Silence does not mean there is agreement.**

Leaders have to be wise and at the same time very honest. It doesn't matter where your leadership is exercised. Some leaders would often present the idea in such a way that hinders honest input from the team. In this case, the leader puts forward the idea enthusiastically and solicits questions and when no questions are asked, he/she assumes that everybody is in agreement. I learned the hard way that silence often did not mean they agreed with my idea. Rather, the team was simply reluctant to share their concerns. Only later would you find out that the idea was not a good one and lacked support.

## **2. Collaboration will get you further down the road.**

Some leaders think that to prove their leadership mettle that all major ministry initiatives and ideas must originate with them. If someone suggested an idea, although he/she may have appeared to listen to them, mentally he/she would often dismiss their idea because it didn't originate with him/her. Why? Because I am in charge and I know best what is good for the flock. I've learned that if one uses a collaborative process to determine vision and major objectives, he/she get more buy-in and in the long run make greater progress.

## **3. We can't over-communicate.**

Most people in our churches don't spend the hours we do in thinking about church ministry. Because we spend so much more time thinking on these issues, we sometimes believe that we have over-communicated about them and others must feel the same way. We can never over-communicate about issues like vision, values and core strategies. Although we create banners, bookmarks, t-Shirts, polo Shirts, caps and pens to communicate our church's current theme, some of us will be amazed that very few could repeat or articulate them. We still need to communicate it even more.

## **4. Followers mirror their leader's emotional temperature.**

The term for mirroring another's response is called emotional contagion. Teams actually 'catch' the emotional state of their leaders. Early in ministry I felt that I had the leadership right to get angry, short tempered, or emotionally cut myself off from others if things didn't go well. I was being myself, or so I thought. While not discounting the importance of authenticity, I've learned that I must bring a positive and hopeful tone into the office each day. When I experience something painful and it's appropriate to share it, say in a staff meeting or in a Board of Elders/Stewards meeting, that sharing builds trust. But if I regularly bring negative emotions into the office or the worship experience, I set up a tone that others often catch and mirror, even though that emotion may have nothing to do with their circumstances. Such negative emotions can hinder one's effectiveness.

## **5. Less is more.**

As Pastors, sometimes we get upset or down spirited sometimes when some persons complain about the length of our services. I can hear some Pastors saying, but, how come some people go to carnival or sporting events and remain for hours? It is a good question. However, the environment is completely different. At Church, persons are in a different posture. You are expected to behave a certain way and to give your undivided attention to the entire worship. At the other events, you are free to move, to laugh, to talk, to eat, to drink to be at ease with yourself, to the extent that you do not even have to pay attention to the main event. I've learned that less is more applies not only to meeting agendas but also to sermons as well. People in general absorb a few key ideas (or points) much better than when we use the proverbial fire hose approach. There are occasions though, when time should not be a factor, but one has to monitor carefully and know when to bring something to an end. What sense does it make or whose purpose is being served, if the preached is preaching his/her heart out and the people are sleeping?

*Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis*

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## Members of PEC at the Faith Moravian Church in Barbados



Rev. Roslyn Hamblin, Pastor of the Faith Moravian Church in Barbados



Members of PEC with Sis. Roslyn Hamblin at the construction site of the Faith Moravian Barbados.



Members of PEC with Bro. Adrian Smith on April 8th at Calvary Moravian Barbados.



Congregation at Faith Barbados on April 8th.

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## Happy Birthday

### Greetings for the Month of May to

Bro. Patmore Smith	10
Sis. Ivy Vessup	10
Sis. Joan Thomas	10
Sis. Gloria Barker	11
Sis. Karen Bowers-Jones	21
Sis. Deborah Challenger	27
Bro. Daniel Mark	31
Sis. Menelva Samuel	31



## Wedding Anniversary Celebrants for May

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



## Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Nigel Daniel	May 25	- 16 years
Rev. Reuben Vessup ( <i>Retired</i> )	May 31	- 26 years
Rev. Ralph Prince ( <i>Retired</i> )	May 31	-26 years



## Quote of the Day

# HAPPINESS

comes from  
**WITHIN**  
and is found in the  
**PRESENT MOMENT**  
by making peace with the  
**PAST**  
and looking forward to the  
**FUTURE**



## Consecration of Bishop

Following the election by Provincial Synod of Rev. Brinmore Phaul as Bishop in the Guyana Province of the Moravian Church, Rev. Phaul will be consecrated as Bishop on Sunday April 29, 2018 at the Queens-town Moravian Church in Guyana at 2.30 pm. This will be



a historic Service and occasion for the Guyana Province as Rev. Phaul accedes to the Order of Bishop in the Unitas Fratrum. The Rt. Rev. Sam Gray and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will the two bishops to consecrate Rev. Phaul as Bishop. Rev. Desire Peerwijk, President of the Moravian Church in Suriname will represent the Unity, while Rev. Dr. Errol Connor will represent the Eastern West Indies Province.

## A little Humour

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration. "Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?" "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.

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