

# 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.

Matthew 4 vs. 4



## Rally round the Lamb

July, 2019

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Our world today is desperately in need of Leadership. Leadership that will help to empower persons to grow and achieve their God given potential. A casual look at the prevailing

conditions in our world is enough to produce fear, hopelessness, uncertainty, insecurity, emotional and social trauma, depression, disillusionment, discouragement and despair. The threat of economic collapse, social disintegration, moral decay, religious conflict, political instability, global health epidemics, ethnic cleansing and the like demands leadership that can see beyond the now into the future. Leadership that has the skill to transfer vision into reality and has the courage to inspire us to go and grow.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC

Do we really have leaders who want others to go and grow? If an organization stumbles, falls and dies at the death of the leader, such a leader would have failed. At the death of any leader, the movement or organization that he/she would have been leading should continue and even bloom as if the leader were still alive. A good leader is not insecure or afraid to allow others to lead, even if people proclaim that someone is better than him/her. Good leaders multiply other leaders and followers. A classic example of insecure leadership in the Bible is how King Saul reacted at the way

how the people and especially the women celebrated David as a result of his successes. 1 Samuel 18: 6-9 is very apt,

*When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. <sup>7</sup> As they danced, they sang:*

*"Saul has slain his thousands,  
and David his tens of thousands."*

<sup>8</sup> *Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David*

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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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## ***Rally round the Lamb Cont'd from page 1***

***with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.***

If only King Saul had recognized that he could have worked David, it would have been such a powerful and impactful force to lead the nation aright. Instead, Saul used the rest of his time and energy to block, obstruct, to choke, to congest and to make things impossible for David to succeed in his mission. He saw David as a threat, rather than co-workers together.

The writer of the Book of Proverbs instructs us in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". These words have been quoted time and again in almost every sphere of life. They capture the significant role vision has in our individual, corporate and national lives. The full essence of the statement implies that where there is no revelation of the future, people throw off self-control, restraint and personal discipline. Vision is the source of personal discipline.

As we journey towards the 32<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, it might be good for us to listen to Myles Monroe on vision. He says, "No invention, development, or great feat was ever accomplished without the inspiring power of this mysterious source called vision". He goes on, "Vision is the source and hope of life. The greatest gift ever given to mankind is not the gift of sight, but the gift of vision. Sight is the function of the eyes; vision is a function of the heart. 'Eyes that look are common, but eyes that see are rare'. Nothing noble or noteworthy on earth was ever done without vision".

David Rudder, the Calypsonian, penned a song which has become the anthem of the Cricket West Indies. It is a song that calls us to rally even though the West Indies team is not doing well. It is a cry for the troops to come together in order to continue fighting after a defeat or dispersion. It is a song that calls us stand up and give our support and encourage the team so that they will rise to greatness in spite of their failures and lack of growth and success. One verse and chorus of the song will suffice as David Rudder seeks to rally the fans to the West Indies cause.

*For ten long years  
We ruled the cricket world  
Now the rule seems coming to an end  
But down here  
Just a \*\*\*\*\* in the armour*

*Is enough, enough to lose a friend  
Some of the old generals have retired and gone  
And the runs don't come by as they did before  
But when the Toussaints go the Dessalines come  
We've lost the battle but yet we will win the war*

*Chorus:*

*Rally, rally round the West Indies  
Now and forever  
Rally, rally round the West Indies  
Never say never  
Pretty soon the runs are going to flow like water  
Bringing so much joy to every son and daughter  
Say we're going to rise again like a raging fire  
As the sun shines you know we gonna take it higher  
Rally, rally round the West Indies  
Now and forever  
Rally, rally round the West Indies*

David Rudder has a vision to see the West Indies Cricket team rise to new heights in the future.

No matter what complains we may have about the Moravian Church, it is an organization that has brought us to where we are in life. This Church is a seed that will not die. You and I are the ones who must continue to water it. We must continue to fertilize and manure it. The vision that God has deposited in us must bloom where we are now. We must not, we ought not, and we should not abandon ship because things are not going the way we believe it ought to. We must rally the troops to battle.

As we rally, let us keep the vision before us. There are many who have no vision for their lives and wonder how to obtain one. There are others who have a vision but are stuck in the mud of confusion not knowing what to do. Then there are some others who had a vision but have abandoned it because of discouragement, failure or frustration. As we continue to rally around our Provincial theme, "Advance the Kingdom: live as Kingdom citizens", let us seek to make this vision come alive in our churches and communities.

The Moravian Disciples of the Barbados Conference of the Moravian Church has made famous the song, "Rallying around the Lamb". Jesus, the Lamb of God is worth rallying around. John declares in John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. He Jesus must be known and adored to the ends of the earth. Let us rally. Yea, let us rally around the Lamb.



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## **Retirement Service for The Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Kingsley O'Reilly Lewis**

**Sunday 23rd June, 2019  
At the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, Antigua.**



A Retirement Service for Bishop Lewis was held on Sunday June 23rd, 2019 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 4.00 pm.

Bishop Albert Kingsley O'Reilly Lewis was born in St. John's, Antigua. He was baptized in infancy at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church where he was nurtured and confirmed on Palm Sunday 1963.

He candidate for the ministry after receiving a divine call in the summer of 1965.

He was ordained a deacon at Spring Gardens on the Eight Sunday after Pentecost, July 15th, 1973 by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edwin W. Kortz and consecrated a Presbyter on August 22nd, 1978 during the Provincial Synod by the Rt. Rev. John E. Knight at the Zion Moravian Church in Basseterre, St. Kitts. He was elected a bishop on August 16, 1999 and consecrated to the episcopate on the day of the Chief Elder's Festival, November 13, 1999 by the Rt. Rev. Neville C. Brown, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Stanley F. Thomas and the Rt. Rev. Robert G. Foster.

He studies for his vocation at the united Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. He attended Codrington College in Barbados and the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, where he read history. He holds a PhD. From the University of Birmingham, England, and a D.Min from Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando Florida. He taught undergraduate courses in West Indian History for the University of the West Indies at the Antigua State College.

He served congregations in Barbados, Trinidad, St. Thomas, Tortola and Antigua.

During his ministry he served as Superintendent of the Barbados, Trinidad and Antigua conferences and as Acting Superintendent of the Tobago Conference.

In 1991 he was elected as a President of the Caribbean Conference of Churched and Chairman of its Presidium.

In 1993, he was elected to serve as president of the Unity Board of the Worldwide Moravian Church and was re-elected to serve a second term in 1996.

He was elected to the Provincial Elders Conference of the Eastern West Indies Province in 1978 and served until 1996, the last nine years as Chairman of P.E.C.

Bishop Lewis is married to Maureen née Ranjitsingh. They have two adult children, Marguerite and Albert and three grandsons Ethan, Kamal and Evan.



### **Prayers of the Church requested for the Election of a Bishop**

The PEC requests the prayers of our members in the Eastern West Indies Province for the election of a Bishop. We are 11 days away from the beginning of the 32nd Provincial Synod to be held in Barbados from July 15 to 19, 2019. Pray that God's Will be done in everything that we do. As we commit to prayer the election of a Bishop, let us petition God to guide us to make the right decision for the glory of His grace and the building up of His Kingdom.

The Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum #687 and 688 state in part, "A Bishop of the Moravian Church is consecrated to a special priestly pastoral ministry in the name of and for the whole Unity.

The Office of Bishop represents the vital unity of the Church and the continuity of the Church's ministry, although the Unity does not place emphasis on any mechanical transmission of the apostolic succession.

A Bishop as a Bishop has responsibility primarily for providing pastoral care to pastors and the Church and assisting the Church in its faithfulness to Christ and the Gospel. He/she has a special duty of intercession for the Unity and for the Church of Christ as a whole.

May God lead us on to earnest prayer.



## Moravian Church EWIP Delegation to Women's Conference in North Carolina



Kitts delegation to the women's conference



Trinidad delegation to the women's conference



Antigua delegation to the women's conference



Barbados delegation for the women's conference



Tobago delegation to the women's conference



Virgin Islands delegation to the women's conference.

A total of 67 women from the Eastern West Indies Province attended the Moravian International Women's Conference. *Continue on Page 6*

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## Addressing Mental Illness: The Church as Helper

### Billie Sterling-Lewis, EMPAC CC

Many Christians find it hard to accept that a believer can struggle with mental health disorder. In fact, many argue that mental illness has no place in the church because God is too good and He is bigger than all our problems. But just like the physical body can become ill after injury and wear and tear, so too can the mind, after trauma and unmanaged stress. While the goodness and greatness of God are irrefutable the fact remains that mental illness affects individuals in the faith community.



**What is Mental illness?** Mental illnesses are health conditions involving changes in emotion, thinking or behaviour. They lead to distress and problems functioning in virtually every sphere of life. Mental illnesses can vary in severity, being either mild, moderate or severe and can affect persons at any developmental age and stage. Studies show that depression and anxiety account for the majority of mental illness diagnoses; women are more frequently diagnosed than men and young adults between the ages of 18- 25 are more often diagnosed than older adults.

**What about prevalence?** The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 in 5 persons live with a mental illness at some point in their lives. This suggests that mental illnesses are very common. And even in the Christian community, mental illness can be observed from the pulpit to pew. One 2004 study in the US found that 1 in 4 pastors struggle with mental illness at some point in their life and ministry.

Despite its commonness, mental illness is heavily tabooed and there exists many misconceptions, misunderstandings and stigma about the mentally ill. Stigma has caused many sufferers to remain silent about their struggle. Using terms like “crazy”, to refer to the mentally ill lead many to assume that the mentally ill are only the deranged, vagrant person who should be feared and avoided. Now while serious mental illness may result in such a condition, most persons who experience mental illness in their lifetime are functional. These persons “wake up every day, look presentable, take care of stuff and people that need to be taken care of....” all while masking the mental, emotional and physical distress they experience daily.

**What causes mental illness?** A bio psychosocial and spiritual perspective is the best way to understand the cause of mental illnesses as they can result from a combination of many factors. Factors like unresolved trauma, death and

loss, poverty, abuse, neurological issues and sin...yes sin, can all contribute to the development of a mental health disorder.

**Addressing mental illness: The Church as the Ideal Helper-** The church has been strategically positioned by God to minister to the whole man and can intervene in situations of mental illness. There are three R's that demonstrate the church as ideal helper. Firstly the church has a Responsibility. The church has the responsibility to deal with God's people; to meet them at the point of their need and to empower them to live balanced and fulfilled lives. We have been mandated to care for *His* sheep. This is not an option! This responsibility calls us to recognise that there is a need: a need for restoration, reconciliation and refreshing for those who are burdened with mental illness.

Secondly, the church has the Resources and Rulership needed to help in the mental health struggle. We have the Holy Spirit and the Living word at our disposal to help the mentally ill, but we also have the gifts and technical skills, all of which work together to bring about holistic health. In the body of Christ there are qualified persons in Psychology, Psychiatry, Medicine, Social Work and so many other areas, who unfortunately, reserve their skills and gifts only for the secular field. No wonder we continue to struggle, because those most abled often do not use their gifts and skills for the edification of the saints. The church also has the authority through Jesus to step upon serpents and scorpions. This may be a strange antidote to the mental disorder dialogue, but one key aspect of healing from mental illness is deliverance. The enemy of our souls has often masked himself in mental illness, holding people hostage through demonic oppression and possession. But the church has the authority in Jesus Christ to command evil to leave and help restore men and women to their right mind. But we must first identify, and walk in our authority.

Finally, we have a Reward! In ministering to the mentally ill the church gets the joy of seeing persons overcome challenging issues, live the abundant life and become useful for ministry. But greater still is our heavenly reward for fulfilling the command of Christ, to “feed my sheep”.

**Moving forward:** Many believers in the church miss out on the daily experience of the abundant life that Jesus came to give us because of they live with mental illnesses. The church should at least be the safe place for healing, support and encouragement. One place for churches to start is to begin serious dialogue about mental illnesses. Providing counselling and support groups for the mentally ill and their families is another way for the church to help persons overcome, grow and thrive. Finally it is important that church leaders know when and how to refer to outside agencies, when that becomes necessary.

## PEC NOTICES

### The PEC makes the following Announcements:

1. The Rev'd Nevin Lewis, Pastor of the Montgomery and Buccoo Congregations on Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Montgomery Congregation on Tobago, with effect from September 01, 2019.
2. The Rev'd Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel Congregations on Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Buccoo Congregation on Tobago, with effect from September 01, 2019.
3. The Rev'd Andrew Roberts, Pastor of the Fulnec Congregation on Barbados, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel Congregations on Tobago, with effect from September 01, 2019.
4. The Rev'd Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Congregation on St. Thomas, requested and was granted four (4) months Furlough from August 01-November 30, 2019.

In addition, the Rev'd Dr. Kirton-Roberts has been granted Leave of Absence from December 01, 2019-November 30, 2021.

5. The Rev'd Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC will serve as Interim Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Congregation on St. Thomas during the Furlough period from August 01-November 30, 2019.
6. Plans for filling the position of Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church is currently being addressed.
7. Sister Judy Winspeare-Philip who recently completed theological training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica and who will serve in the Supplementary Ministry, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, with effect from August 01, 2019.
8. Sister Marleen Browne has been accepted as a candidate for the fulltime Pastoral Ministry of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province. Sister Browne will enter UTCWI in Jamaica in August 2019 to commence her preparation for the Ministry of the Church.

9. The Rev'd Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith, Minister of Music of the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences and Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Minister of Music and Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference, with effect from August 01, 2019. In addition, the Rev'd Dr. Smith has accepted a call to serve as Provincial Director of Music, with effect from June 01, 2019.

Let us remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

## Independence Honours

Three Members of the Moravian Church received Independence honours from the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda on Tuesday July 2, 2019.



Left to right is Sis. Cammie Francis, Sis. Janet Francis and Sis. Monica Isaacs. Sis. Janet is a member of the Grace Hill Moravian Church while Sis. Cammie and Sis. Monica are members of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

## Ordination

Hermilijn Astrigt a Lay member of the St. Maarten Moravian Church, will be ordained a deacon in St. Maarten on August 18th, 2019.



## Executive of the Barbados Christian Council



Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford is the 1st Vice President of the Barbados Christian Council.

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## 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. Michael Goodwin	9
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Bro. Ralph Prince	11
Bro. Colbourne Walters	14
Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Sis. Earleen Simmons	25
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Sis. Althea Jarvis	29
Sis. Elisa Hodge	29

## Anniversary Celebrants for July

Bro. Collin & Sis. Anique Matthew	04
Bro. Nigel & Sis. Belinda Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson & Sis. Vera Waithe	07
Sis. Karen Challenger-George and Bro. Dave George	15
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. David Rossington and Sis. Cecile Christopher Rossington	28
Bro. Sean Junior Roberts and Paula Roberts	30



## Ordination Anniversaries in July

Bro. Kingsley Lewis	July 15, 1973
Bro. Winston Chase	July 02, 1978
Bro. Joseph Nicholas	July 11, 1982
Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	July 11, 1982
Bro. Conrad Spencer	July 11, 1982
Bro. Cortroy Jarvis	July 17, 1983
Bro. Walton Frederick	July 22, 1984
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	July 21, 1985
Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	July 22, 1990
Bro. Algernon Lewis	July 19, 1995
Bro. Andrew Roberts	July 20, 1998
Bro. Rowan Simmons	July 30, 2000
Bro. Hilton Joseph	July 30, 2000
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew	July 23, 2000
Bro. Devon Mannix	July 30, 2006
Bro. Erwin Warner	July 11, 2015
Sis. Yvanne Jean	July 11, 2015
Bro. Moise Jean	July 11, 2015



## Our Deepest Sympathy

The Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to:

1. Mrs. Althea Jarvis, wife of the Rev'd Dr. Cortroy Jarvis on the passing of her mother Vida Rosetta Baptiste, on Sunday June 23, 2019 in Baltimore, USA. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday July 5, 2019 at the Emory United Methodist Church, 6100 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20011. Viewing begins at 10.30 am and the Service begins at 11.00 am.

2. The Rev'd Bonnie EBW Smith and family on the passing of her aunt, Ena Piggott Philipcean. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday May 18, 2019 in London, England.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday July 10, 2019 in London,

Let us remember her family in prayer.



## Joke Corner

A large company, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, "I make \$400 a week. Why?"

The new CEO then handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room came a voice, "Pizza delivery guy."

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# Moravian Multipurpose Complex



Conferences

Seminars

Weddings

Banquet

Meetings

Dinner

Graduations

Only ten minutes away from the stores, shops and banks in St. John's.

Our International airport is also just ten minutes away.

Our balcony provides a refreshing view of undulating hills and valleys.

The conference center has a seating capacity for 200 persons.

We are situated on a hill overlooking the picturesque out-skirts of the city of St. John's, Antigua.

There are EIGHT LARGE APARTMENTS which are available for rental. Each room is self contained with kitchenette. The rooms are air-conditioned with Available internet and cable TV. All utilities are included with the exception of telephone.



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