

# 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**



**June, 2019**

## When the Spirit of God moves all hell breaks loose

At Pentecost, we witness the birth of the church amid a world of many languages and cultures. God's truth, enflamed by the action of the Spirit, creates a loving community of truth to counter self-serving deceits of the powerful. The communion shared by the fellowship of Christians embraces all peoples and all languages. It embraces the whole creation, in love.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC

No "news" that caters to prejudice can be true. No "policy" that enflames hatred can be true. No "science" that denigrates human dignity can be true. No religious claim that incites extremism or terror can be true.

God's vision of justice and peace is the nonviolent alternative to empire. Its all-embracing kinship prizes yet transcends differences, rebukes self-serving falsehoods, shames demagoguery, and battles oppression. It heals trauma and reaches out to the stranger and the marginalized. It is the prophetic boldness that stands up "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:5).

In our lives and work as churches, and as churches joined in ecumenical fellowship, we pledge always to witness prophetically to the truths of human dignity, religious freedom, the integrity of creation, and God's vision of justice and peace.

Visited by the Spirit of God, a newly emboldened Peter attested to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to the crowds gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. The outpouring of the Spirit moved the followers of Jesus to prophesy.

*In those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:18)*

No one has a monopoly on the truth. No matter how educated or powerful, no religion, no denomination, no nation or country knows it all. We need each other. We can and we have learned from each other. Even humble fisherman can rise to tell it.

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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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And no falsehood or lie can withstand the sturdy witness to the all-inclusive, healing, indeed transformative love of God revealed to us in Jesus. In the end, all authorities must yield to truth:

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. (Acts 4:13)*

These days, we need such prophetic witness to the truth-in our societies and politics, in ourselves and our churches.

Conversion, that is, our falling in love with God, reveals values that illumine our understanding, broaden the range of our empathy, and even sharpen our perceptions. Let us look for a moment on the text from Joel 2:28-29 from which Peter quoted on the day of Pentecost:

*And Afterward,  
 I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
 Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
 your old men will dream dreams,  
 your young men will see visions.  
 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
 I will pour out my spirit in those days*

Peter's speech to the crowds and his plea to the authorities employed these plain tests of truth: Does it lift up and heal? Is it inclusive? Is it loving? Does it track with what Jesus has told us of God's redemptive love for all? Is it real?

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), things began to happen beyond anyone's experience. As a result, Jews representing every nation came together in confusion, because each one heard their own language being spoken to make God's wonders known (vv. 5-6, 11). Peter explained to the crowd that this was in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy in which God said, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people" (v. 17).

This all-inclusive display of God's awesome power made the crowd receptive to Peter's declaration of the gospel, leading to three thousand converts that day alone (v. 41). Following this spectacular kickoff, these new believers then returned to their corner of the world taking the good news with them.

What a word God placed on the lips of Peter. What a powerful declaration of the move of the Spirit of God. It is as if Peter was saying, jump high, jump low, the Spirit of God is moving and no human can stop or block what God is doing. What a mighty God we serve.

God, let us always and together seek the truth, tell the truth, proclaim the truth, and live the truth!



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## The Rededication of Chaguanas Moravian Church and the Dedication of the Rev Selvin G. McMillan Hall



In 2011 the Congregation decided to repair and extend the Sanctuary, which was in a state of disrepair. It further decided to add another level mainly for income generation.

Plans were drawn and submitted to the relevant Agency in 2012.

Final clearance was received in March 2017 after investigations by Fire Department, Public Health, Town and Country Planning and the Borough Corporation.

Time of preparation was used to gather the resources and to do other necessary infrastructural works. When the decision was made to proceed, the Congregation had counted the cost and was ready to begin the work. After mobilisation and selection of the Building Contractor, the Sod was turned on November 19 2017.

Construction began in December 2017 and the Contractor was given a 6 month execution time frame. There were slight variations to the plan and a short delay because of the weather.

All this was done under the supervision of Rev Selvin G McMillan. The Church unanimously agreed that the newly constructed hall would be named after Rev McMillian in honour of his sterling contribution to the Moravian Church.

Special commendation and thank you to Rev McMillian's immediate family, his wife June McMillan, children Walter, Patrice and Lisa and his grandson Sy'ron. Thank you for your love and support.

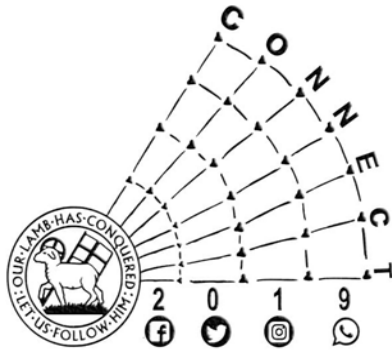
The retirement service for Rev McMillian was held in the finished Sanctuary in July of 2018. The sanctuary was rededicated and hall dedicated on Sunday, 26th June, 2019 by Rt Rev Dr Kingsley Lewis.



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**Moravian Youth  
Retreat  
Apr 26-28, 2019**  
by  
**Sonjina D. Kirton**  
Secretary  
**Barbados Moravian  
Youth Council**



The Barbados Moravian Youth Council hosted a weekend retreat for Youth Convention 2019. The retreat was under the theme "Connect 2019". The aim of the retreat was to encourage the young people of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference to connect to God and to connect with each other. There were 31 young people at the retreat: 18 girls and 13 boys. There were;

- 8 representatives from Dunscombe,
- 6 representatives from Calvary,
- 6 representatives from Centenary,
- 5 representatives from Sharon,
- 3 representatives from Fulnec,
- 2 representatives from Clifton Hill and
- 1 representative from Bethlehem.

The ages ranged from 12 years to 21 years. The three counsellors were:

Sis Khelia Best from Fulnec who is the president of the Youth Council,

Sis Chantal Clarke from Sharon who is the floor member and

Sis Sonjina Kirton from Calvary who is the secretary. The cook for the weekend was Sis Betty Bowen from Dunscombe. The retreat was held in a spacious 3-bedroom house in Content Cot, Merricks St Philip.

The retreat began on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April with a "Getting to Know You" session and icebreaker. On Saturday morning as we awaited the arrival of our guest who joined us for Conference at Prayer, the young people took the opportunity to play cricket in the road under the beautiful view of the sunrise coming off of the cliff. There was a beautiful display of comradery. The prayer meeting was led by Sis Khelia and the encouragement was given by Sis Sonjina. After this, the meeting was split into groups for thematic prayers. Rev Dr. Adrian Smith asked the young people for areas in their lives that need prayer and concluded with a prayer for the youth highlighting their specific needs.

Later the Saturday morning, Arnal Goslin from Ekco Nation; a group with the aim of "Encouraging Kingdom Culture Only", delivered an informative session on Social Media and its impact on young people. In the evening, Pastor Dale Haynes from the Seventh Day Adventist Church delivered an interactive session on our theme "Connect to God, connect with each other". The night was closed with an open forum to discuss the challenges and issues facing the youth groups and young people of the Moravian Church.

We joined the rest of the Moravian community on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Mount Tabor for our annual Youth Convention service. There were shirts on sale promoting our theme and were used for this occasion as it was a jeans and t-shirt Sunday. Rev Dr Adrian Smith delivered an inspiring and dynamic message on connecting with praise, connecting with purpose and connecting with passion. This was a great way to conclude an exciting weekend.



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## PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD 2019

Each year, the (Unity) that is the Worldwide Moravian Church chooses by "LOT" a watchword for each of the Moravian Unity Provinces, Mission Provinces, Mission Areas and Prospective Mission Areas.

The Provincial Unity Watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is the one assigned for November 11th, 2019. It reads: **"You will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame"**. Isaiah 49:23

This Text is our guiding principle for 2019. Congregations are encouraged to print on your bulletins and use it as often as possible throughout the year.



## PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Kingsley Lewis, presently serving on special assignment in the Virgin Islands Conference will retire from the Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, effective April 30, 2019. Bishop Lewis retired after almost 46 years of unbroken service. We thank him for the yeoman service he has given to God, the Church and the community. We wish him every blessing in all his future endeavours.
- ❖ A Retirement Service for Bishop Lewis will be held on Sunday June 23rd, 2019 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 4.00 pm. All are welcome.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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. Let us remember Sister Browne in prayer.

- ❖ The Rev'd Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith has been appointed Provincial Director of Music in the Eastern West Indies Province, with effect from June 15, 2019.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> PROVINCIAL SYNOD UPDATE

As we continue to finalize plans for the 32nd Provincial Synod to be held in Barbados on July 15-19, 2019, I wish to announce that Reports submitted for deliberation at the Synod was sent to **ALL** Synodals on May 17th, 2019.

The reports will be taken as read when we convene the Synod in Barbados on July 15, 2019. Any reports not embedded in this submission will be forwarded to you whenever they are received.

Due to the reduction in the original days for the Synod from July 12 to 19 to July 15 to 19, it was necessary for us to have had a Provincial Pre-Synod Meeting to discuss the reports, respond to questions and accept any suggestions and or proposals going forward. When the Synod convenes on July 15 the reports will be formally presented, discussed and adopted as official records of the Synod.

The Pre-Synod Meeting took place via Video Conferencing on Saturday June 8, 2019 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

The Proposal booklet with will be forwarded to each Synodal.



## FURLOUGH'

The Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago Conference, requested and has been granted 4 months furlough, with effect from March 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019.



## Birthday Celebrants for June

Sis. Stacey Herbert-Männix	2
Sis. Sharon McCardy Joseph	5
Bro. Nigel Daniel	5
Sis. Bernadine Chase	7
Bro. Charles Peters	7
Sis. Rena E. P. Warner-Francis	11
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13
Sis. Joycelyn Connor	17
Sis. Elva Richards-Goodwin	25
Bro. Selvin McMillan	25
Sis. Karen Challenger-George	26
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29



## Anniversary Celebrants for June

Bro. Reuben & Ivy Vessup	01
Sis. Elva Richards-Goodwin & Bro. Michael Goodwin	23
Bro. Kirk & Sis. Nicole Barker	24



## Ordination Anniversaries in June



Bro. Dion Christopher June 16, 1991  
 Bro. Errol Connor June 18, 1991  
 Bro. Ezra Parris June 29, 1992  
 Bro. Erflin Browne June 03, 2001  
 Bro. Vankys Isaac June 02, 2002  
 Bro. Ulric Smith June 08, 2003  
 Bro. Nevin Lewis June 27, 2010

# Congratulations



The Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church is pleased to announce that the Rev'd Dr Ulston Patmore Smith and Dr Jovanca Lewis-Smith welcome the birth of their first Son into the world. He was born on Saturday June 1, 2019. Both mother, son and father are doing well. Let us remember the family in prayer.



### Know your Ten Commandments

Henry, who was very elderly, was unhappy because he had lost his favourite hat. Instead of buying a new one, he decided he would go to church and steal one out of the entrance porch when the worshippers were busy praying.

When Henry arrived at the church an usher intercepted him at the door and took him to a pew where he had to sit and listen to the entire sermon on 'The Ten Commandments.'

After the service, Henry met the vicar in the vestibule doorway, shook his hand vigorously, and told him, 'I want to thank you Father for saving my soul today. I came to church to steal a hat and after hearing your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided against it.' The vicar answered, 'You mean the commandment 'Thou shall not steal' changed your mind?' 'No,' retorted Henry, 'the one about adultery did. As soon as you said that, I remembered where I had left my old hat.'

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Graduations

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