

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



Celebrating the Birth of the Moravian Church

March, 2019

March 01, 1457 marked the beginning of the Moravian Church in Kunvald, Bohemia in Czechoslovakia. It had its humble beginnings, but since then the Church has mushroomed and spread throughout the world, empowering, elevating, enriching and enlivening the lives of people everywhere. The Moravian Church has long being in the **area of Missions** and continues to touch the life of men and women in a Holistic way. This is a church called out by God and will never die.



Reverend Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

On March 01, 2019 we mark 562 years since our Church was established. This church has gone through many challenges, especially severe persecution at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. Persecution forced the Moravian Church underground, but it did not die, for God had a purpose for this Church. The members, who were convinced that God had called this Church into being for such a time as they faced, were never daunted as their persecutors sought to destroy the movement. **They worshipped in Caves, Bushes, in the Forest and any place that was secure enough to prevent the authorities finding out their strategy to worship their God.**

They sacrificed time in the dead of the night when others were asleep to worship God. **There was a Thirst, a Desire, a Yearning to worship the living God** and like the Psalmists in Psalm 84,vs: 2, 10 they were saying:

² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

In 1722, after the severe hounding and persecution of the Moravian movement, they rose

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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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like a Phoenix in Herrnhut Germany, on the estate of Count Nicholas Von Zinzendorf who accommodated them on his property.

They crossed the border from Czechoslovakia into Germany.

Today we thank God for the men and women who had the fortitude, tenacity and faithfulness in God and who stood firm on Jesus Christ, in the midst of persecution, death and burning at the stake. Today, we stand on their shoulders and proclaim with conviction: **"Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him."** This is a statement that calls all Moravians to rally around our risen and ascended Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. The question is, can the Moravian Church renew and cement its witness or are there threats lurking around the corner to destabilize, dismantle, destroy and devour it?

As we celebrate the 562nd Anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church Worldwide, one needs to ask, where is the Church and what are the opportunities open to it as it seeks to minister in these times? Can the Moravian Church continue to be effective in these challenging and changing times? If we are honest and value what God has blessed us with we would recognize that God has placed this Church in a position to maximize our gifts and talents to His honour and glory.

As a Church, we must believe that health is wealth. God's desire for His people and indeed His Church is that we prosper and be in health. In 3 John, the word of God declares: **"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."** (3 John 2). This text suggests that God is looking for a Church where wholesomeness, honesty, sincerity, justice and righteousness are the watchwords. The Moravian Church is founded on Jesus the Christ and owes its very existence to the mercies of God. The central figure around which our Church revolves is Jesus the Christ and hence our acclamation of faith in our motto, **"Our Lamb has conquered, Let us follow Him"**.

God has blessed the Moravian Church with much property and he expects us to maximize the use of them so that more lives can be touched and won for Him. The properties ought to be used to generate income to engage in Mission, so that the poor and less fortunate, those who have been displaced, despised and rejected, those who are under em-

ployed and unemployed can be empowered and given a new lease on life. The Moravian Church must not and ought not to commit the sin of having its lands and buildings lying idle when they can generate income to promote God's Kingdom. The Church therefore has the opportunity to galvanize our members and those who are God fearing, to put their God given gifts, talents and abilities to work in the interest of the development of God's Creation. Our Church can do no less if it is going to continue to be relevant, efficient and effective.

God has also blessed this Church with an abundance of human resource which we must continue to use to His honour and glory. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has been endowed with a Staff filled with young men and women who have been called to Ministry to champion the cause of righteousness.

Our human resource is the greatest resource that God has placed into the hands of our Church. As our Staff is empowered, they are charged and challenged to empower the membership; especially our young people and make our church and communities, God's abode. The Moravian Church must maximize the opportunities presented to it by God to point the lost to Jesus Christ.

Quote of the Day



For God so loved the world
 that he gave his one and only
 Son...
 JOHN 3:16

WE GIVE *because*
GOD GAVE FIRST

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

Hymn of the Month for March, 2019

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

Our hymn for the month of March # 110 – *Go to dark Gethsemane*. The name of the tune that is applied to this hymn is *Gethsemane*.

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



Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 See Him at the judgment-hall,
Beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O, the wormwood and the gall!
O, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
'It is finished!' hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes:
Saviour, teach us so to rise.

1820. James Montgomery a.

His Passion

110 Go To Dark Gethsemane

1825. James Montgomery.

GETHSEMANE
77.77.77.

Richard Redhead, 1853.

1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, Ye that feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2. See Him at the judg - ment - hall, Beat - en, bound, re - viled, ar - rained;
3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There a - dor - ing at His feet,
4. Ear - ly hast - en to the tomb Where they laid His breath - less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see; Watch with Him one bit - ter hour.
O, the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus - tained!
Mark that mi - ra - cle of time, God's own sa - cri - fice com - plete:
All is so - li - tude and gloom; Who has ta - ken Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fer - ing, shame, or loss; Learn of Christ to bear the cross.
'It is fin - ished!' Hear Him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes: Sa - viour, teach us so to rise.

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A men.

The Reverend Dr. Patmore Smith was consecrated a Presbyter in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on Sunday February 24, 2019 at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad. Bishop Kingsley Lewis officiated.



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You Are Holy
JOVE
8.7.9.7

Rev. Ulston P. Smith

1. You are ho - ly, You are ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
2. Come and wor - ship! Come and wor - ship, Christ the
3. In your pres - ence, in your bow - ship be - fore your throne,
4. Lord Re - deem - er! Lord you we pros - trate, fall;

8 So I pray lift ho - ly You
In His ten - fore
Clothed in we clear with your
Wash and

12 up, You are ho - ly, Lord.
place, Come and wor - ship, God.
name, You are ho - ly, Lord.
blood, You are ho - ly, Lord.



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Furlough

The PEC makes the following announcements:

The Reverend 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 – May 30, 2019.



UNITY PRAYER DAY OFFERING

Sunday March 03, 2019 is Unity Sunday. It was on March 01, 1457 that the Moravian Church was born. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.

A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on that Sunday to support the building of a church in the Mountain Station Haflong in Azam, India. It is part of the South Asia Moravian Church Mission Area.



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday March 24, 2019 is Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor at The United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica and all of our ministers in training.

At present, Sis. Judy Winspeare-Philip of Antigua is our Minister in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. Our Warden/Tutor is the Reverend Neilson Waithe from Barbados.

On this day we encourage anyone who has heard the Call of God on their life to speak to your Pastor about that Call. The PEC welcomes you and looks forward to hearing from you through the application process after you would have spoken to your Pastor.

A special offering will be taken on March 24, 2019 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.

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 their bulletins and use it as often as possible throughout the year.



ASH WEDNESDAY— A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

As we approach and prepare for the 32nd Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province, the PEC invites all Staff and Members of our Church to participate in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Province, but more especially for the Synod. This will take place on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 from 6am to 6pm.

Prayer points for the upcoming Synod can be but not limited to the following:

1. All Delegates and Observers as they travel
2. Barbados Conference as it plans
3. Financial breakthrough in Conferences that are challenged
4. The Provincial Board as it guides the process
5. Meeting of Synod, sessions, services and times of fellowship
6. That we may experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit
7. That our Church will be Obedient to God's Will and God's Way.



Adjustment to the 32nd Provincial Synod Dates Synod Bulletin #3

At the recently concluded Superintendents Conference, it was agreed to reduce the days for the synod from July 12 -19, to July 15 – 19, 2019. This was due primarily to the projected cost involved in hosting the Synod. It was also decided that Synodals would gather together in each conference on a day set aside to convene the Synod and to receive all the reports. This will be done by video conferencing. ALL Synodals are expected to be in attendance. All Synodals are expected to arrive in Barbados on the morning of Monday July 15, 2019. The Synod Service will be held on Monday July 15, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The Synod Communion Service and installation of the PEC will be held on Thursday July 18, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Synodals will be hosted at 3 venues:

- a. The Keith Hunte Hall at the University of the West Indies
- b. The Palms Resort, Sunset Crest and possibly
- c. The Divi Heritage, Sunset Crest

The Cost of the Synod has now been set at US\$600.00. ALL FEES should be paid into the Barbados Conference by March 31, 2019 and a receipt of payment forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters. Please take note of the deadline for payments.

Observers can attend and participate in Synod activities. Kindly announce this in all congregations throughout the Eastern West Indies Province. ALL Completed Registration forms for Synodals should be forwarded to the Provincial office IMMEDIATELY.

A final list of all Delegates and Observers must be submitted to the Provincial Headquarters on or before March 31, 2019. Please be reminded that the new Synod dates are July 15 – 19, 2019.



Ordination Anniversary

Bro. Patmore Smith March 13, 2005
Sis. Liselle Roberts March 11, 2011

Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP

Reverend Daniel Mark was ordained a Deacon in the Moravian Church EWIP on Sunday January 13, 2019 at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago at 5.p.m.

The Rt. Reverend Dr. Conrad Spencer was the presiding Bishop and The Reverend Dr Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC, presented the Candidate to the Bishop.



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Birthday Celebrants for March

Sis. Alicia Ross Floyd	7
Bro. Jeremy Francis	9
Sis. Eulencine Christopher	18
Bro. Kingsley Lewis	20
Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis	20
Sis. Vera Waithe	29
Bro. Edgar Gonsalves-Barriero	29
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	08



Anniversary Celebrants for March

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Rosalind Prince	02
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Condolences

1. To The Reverend Ulric Smith, on the passing of his Brother Roberto Ferguson in the Bahamas. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Wednesday February 6, 2019. The Funeral Service for Roberto Ferguson was held on February 23rd 2019 at 11.00 am at the Church of God of Prophecy Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama, The Bahamas.
2. To The Reverend Yvanne Jean and family, on the passing of her niece Marie Mona Joseph. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Wednesday February 13, 2019 in France.

The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at the Evangelical Assembly Church in France.

3. The Reverend Erwin Warner and family, on the passing of his Grand Father Mr. Abraham Francis. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Thursday February 14, 2019 in the village of Five Islands, Antigua.

The Funeral Service will be held on March 12, 2019 at the Five Islands Moravian Church, Antigua at 2.00 pm.

Let us remember Reverend's Smith, Jean and Warner and their families in our prayer.

Food for thought

Several years ago, a Pastor from out of town accepted a call to a town to propagate Christianity. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride a bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him 50 pence above his normal change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give this money back. It would be wrong to keep it. Then another thought occur to him, "Oh forget it, it's only 50p; who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a "gift from God" and keep quiet." When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the 50p to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.' The driver with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new Pastor in town? 'Yes' he replied. 'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about accepting Jesus. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you in the Church this Sunday.

When the Pastor stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold Christianity for 50pence.

'Our lives are the Holy Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard—and remember—you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christians.

- Watch your thoughts; they become words.
- Watch your words; they become actions.
- Watch your words; they become habits.
- Watch your habits; they become character.
- Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.





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 over-looking 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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