

# 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

September, 2019



## Missionary Season

### Inside This Issue

If my memory is accurate, we are in missionary season. Most congregations I know have their missionary service this time of the year. We grew up with the notion that mission is a fixed date on the calendar which is unlikely to change – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of September, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October and the like. But is it really? Can we localize missions to a day or ever a season?



**Rev. Algernon Lewis**  
**Chairman of PEC**

How do we understand the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20)- *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* The great commandment is Jesus' marching orders to the church, the called-out people of God, to get busy moving towards the nations to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. That activity

cannot be localized to a day, a month or a season. Missions is life. For us as Moravian, mission is who we are; the passion that burnt in the veins of our spiritual forebears.

Over the years, the term has become corrupted by religion. For some, missions has come to mean going afar to tell people about Jesus. It also has the connotation of summer trips for youth and others to do projects for people less fortunate.

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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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There was also that added element of raising funds to support various purposes including propping up congregation's budget. Missions has graduated to mean many things that are good and vital but not specifically intended under the great commission.

In recent years there is a movement to redefine what we are called to do as church. The term "missional" was introduced to help the church focus again on the great commission as found in Matthew 28. One might ask, "What is a missional church?" Great question! As usual, great questions do not always yield great answers. A missional church is many things. To my mind the missional church calls us to adjust our thinking and acting. We are well accustomed to speaking of the mission of the church. The missional church perspective does not focus on the church's mission but the mission of God, *the Missio Dei*. To speak of the church's mission is to speak about human endeavour. The mission of God begins with God. The missional church fundamentally believes that the mission of God has a church. The missional church seeks to actively discern what God is doing in the context and follow the lead of God. The mission of God informs everything – polity, worship, stewardship, discipleship among others. In the missional church there is a conversation between, the context, the church and God. The missional church sees itself not as sending but as a sent. It is sent to a broken world to bring a message of redemption, healing, justice, salvation and deliverance. The missional church is multidimensional, responding to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

So what does this mean for us? Before we become despondent, it is useful to note that we have been this way before. It was the mission of God that led our forebears to unknown paths to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was that same mission that caused them to focus on empowerment of people, invest in educating people of African descent and preach the gospel. Those were bold initiatives in their day as people of African descent we not seen as people and therefore uneducable. They came to a broken place to give hope in the light of Jesus.

How can we do that this missionary season? How might we be more missional in our missionary efforts in 2019 and beyond? How might we bring hope to people around us who are marginalized? Are there people around us who have lost their voice and need our voice to be raised up for them? Where can we be present to the people in our various communities? God is not expecting massive programmes from us. God expects us to move away from missions that simply please us to missions that follow what God is doing in our context. For those who care to give this another thought, God will grant sight and insight into ways in which we might connect again to the needs and the people around us. As the mission of God becomes the driving force, survival becomes less of our concern. From this perspective, it will soon be clear that missionary is not a date on a calendar, not just a season but story of our lives. May the mission of God move us forward.



## HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

### BE PREPARED

#### WHEN A WATCH OR WARNING IS ISSUED

- Leave low lying areas.
- Protect windows with plywood boards, or storm shutters.
- Secure outside objects.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel and water.
- Have several days supply of food and water for each family member.

If called to evacuate, do so immediately.

#### BEFORE THE STORM

- Be ready to put your plan and preparation into action.
- Pay attention to local weather reports on radio, television, or the internet.
- Have house boarded up, or have storm shutters in place.
- Have plenty of food and water.
- Make sure all your tools, supplies, and first aid kit available for use.
- Have a secure room available.

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## Tribute to Rev Dr. Winelle Kirton Roberts

A Farewell Service was held on Sunday August 28th, 2019 for the Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton Roberts, at the



Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas. This service was attended by Government Officials, University and Community Leaders and Moravian Clergy from across the Islands.

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is served by many excellent clergy persons.

One of our finest is our sister, Rev Dr. Winelle J Kirton Roberts. From her earliest days at Dunscombe, St. Thomas, Barbados, she has distinguished herself. Her distinction is not of the type of “sounding brass, or tinkling cymbal.” Sis Winelle’s distinction may be seen in the soundness of her character, the warmth of her heart, the excellence of her academic achievements and the profundity of her spirituality.

Sis Winelle candidate for ministry in the Moravian Church in 1989 and she entered seminary at the United Theological College of the West Indies and the University of the West Indies. From UTCWI and UWI, Sis Kirton Roberts was assigned to the Chaguanas Congregation in central Trinidad for two (2) years before she left to pursue further studies. She returned from academic pursuits to serve the Calvary and Gracehill Moravian Churches in Barbados in 1997. She served that pastorate for Nine (9) years ending on June 30, 2006 when she was called to serve the Memorial Moravian Church along with her husband Rev Dr. Mikie Roberts.

Now, we meet to recognize her dedicated and sterling service to Memorial Moravian Church and the wider St. Thomas community and pray God’s favour upon her as she opens another phase of the journey.

One also needs to mention that along the way, Sis Kirton Roberts bore three (3) beautiful girls, attained a PhD, served as Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference, wrote an academic book – *Created in their Image* – served as Secretary of the Provincial Elders Conference, served God’s people and many other meaningful engagements, too numerous to mention.

To celebrate and recognize this woman of excellence, this woman of God, is easy. To bid her farewell, is not as easy. Her presence and contributions at Moravian staff gatherings, at Provincial Synods and other meetings of the Conference and Province will be acutely missed. This is a bitter sweet moment – our celebration is tainted with a dose of melancholy. Yet still we believe that her steps are ordered of the Lord and that God delights in her ways. We believe that the God who has brought her this far will be there to navigate the course up ahead.

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province wishes you well and intercedes on your behalf that that God will guide your feet to the places ordained for you. Your cup will run over and that which God has deposited in you will feed whom God will place in your path. Remember the holy psalm and walk before God in humility and integrity of heart. As you do, God will continue to be faithful and lead you to pleasant places. This is what God promised David in 1 Kings 9:4-5.

Now, May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).



### Quote of the Day

Life is short, and if we enjoy every moment of every **day**, then we will be happy no matter what happens or what changes along the way. With the new **day** comes new strength and new thoughts. Enjoy the journey and try to get better every **day**. And don't lose the passion and the love for what you do.

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## Ordination to the Diconate of the Moravian Church

Sister Astrigt M. Schalkwijk-Hermelijn was ordained a Deacon on Sunday August 18, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at Immanuel Moravian Church in St. Maarten by Bishop John Kent.



The Chairperson, Rev. Algernon Lewis of the EWI province along with Bishop Kingsley Lewis and Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis were also in attendance.



The President of the Suriname Province Rev. Desiré Peerwyk along with Clergy from Curacao and Aruba were in attendance.



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**Tevye-Kaori Parris**

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2019**

It was not an easy road to a scholarship for 18 year old Tevye-Kaori Parris. The former Harrison College student said he had to make sacrifices to achieve his goal but I was worth it in the end.

“I sacrificed a lot of sleep, free time and recreation, often working well past midnight to make sure I completed my homework and other assignments. The second term of upper sixth was extremely taking mentally, emotionally and in terms of workload, but I managed to get through it and I am very proud of myself for pushing through and obtaining this scholarship,” he said.

Now the studies are over, at least for the time being, Parris said he could get back to his hobbies such as building speakers, playing video games, building aquariums and fish-keeping. Being the first scholarship winner in his Family, Parris said he had a list of people he wanted to thank.

“I would like to thank my parents for supporting me and driving me where I needed to go. I would also like to thank all of my teachers, both in school and out

Side of school, who did their very best to prepare me and my friends. Speaking of friends, I want to thank my friends who supported me in the most trying times,” he said.

Parris, who plans to pursue studies in computer engineering, had some words of advice for students.

“I would advise next year’s potential winner to have the mindset from now that there will be many obstacles and hardship: it is not an easy road. But if they do the work and make the sacrifice they can do it,” he said (AC)

*(taken from the Barbados Newspaper)*

Tevye-Kaori is a member of the Sharon Moravian congregation in Barbados and the Son of the Rev’ds Ezra Parris and Julie Joefield-Parris of Barbados.



### **Ministry to the L.E.A.S.T** *(Missionary Outreach)*

Matthew 25: 40 “...Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did for me’.”

#### **“The Church has left The Building”**

The traditional Missionary Service was held at 8.00am—an hour and a half earlier than regular service time.

Focus: Ministry to the ‘least’ from a holistic perspective.

Location: Independence Square, Basseterre St. Kitts

Action:

1. Hot meal was prepared and served
2. Food hampers were distributed to individuals who were identified while witnessing in nearby communities.
3. Medical team of Doctors and Nurses aided in blood pressure and blood sugar testing b. Medical Consultations and Free recommendations/referrals (Prostate)
4. Prayer and Counselling Area
5. Evangelism Team
6. Clothing Distribution (Infants to Adults)

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## 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 Denise Smith-Lewis, Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference requested and has been granted four (4) months furlough in two parts, from January 10-14, 2019 and August 15 to December 12, 2019.
6. 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.  
Plans for filling the position of Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church is currently being addressed.



### Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Ministers

Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 is the annual day of prayer for the surviving Spouses of Moravian Ministers in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day we will remember the following persons in prayer.

Margaret John -	Tobago
Dorothy Graham-	Barbados
Ida Browne-	Antigua
Deborah Challenger-	Antigua
Myrtle Miller-	USA
Gwendolyn Jacobs-	USVI
Lynda Prout-	Trinidad

As we remember them in prayer, a special offering will be taken on this day as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Church.



Shanna Challenger is the 1st Chevening Scholar from Antigua and Barbuda.



Shanna Challenger is currently employed as the Redonda Restoration Programme Coordinator, responsible for saving an island from the harmful impacts of invasive species. Through her work and the noted rebound in the ecosystem, Shanna has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Caribbean Achievers under 25 by Caribbean Beat.

The vivacious Shanna will pursue an MSc in Conservation Biology at the University of Kent.

Shanna is the daughter of Mrs. Deborah Challenger and the Late Rev. Romeo Challenger.

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# Congratulations

The Moravian Church EWIP congratulates Mrs. Karen Challenger-George on her Graduation from Walden University in the United States of America. Karen graduated with an Ms in Management.

Karen is a Lay member of the Provincial Elders Conference and a Member of the Cedar Hall Moravian Congregation in Antigua.



## Ordination Anniversaries in September

Bro. Alban St. Hill  
Bro. Jeremy Francis  
Bro. Jr. Sean Roberts

September 11, 1996  
September 07, 2003  
September 14, 2003

### Hurricane Safety Tips continued from Page 2

#### DURING THE STORM

- Stay in Secure Room.
- Stay away from windows.
- Do not use the phone, or candles.
- Monitor Weather and Civil Service Bulletins on either regular or NOAA radio.
- Have supplies on hand.
- Remain indoors when the eye moves over your area because the storm will resume shortly.

#### AFTER THE STORM

- Make sure that all is definitely clear outside, and the storm has completely passed before going out.
- Report downed power lines, and stay away from them.
- Use stored water and food.
- Be patient. Things will take a while before they get back to normal.

## Happy Birthday

### Birthday Celebrants for September

Bro. Collin Matthew	2
Sis. Cynthia Hill	3
Bro. Walton Frederick	7
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	8
Bro. Keith Horsford	10
Sis. Callisha Greenidge-Mark	16
Paula James-Roberts	17
Bro. David Rossington	22
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Bro. Dave George	23
Sis. Lynda Prout	29

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrants for September

Bro. Ezra & Sis. Julie Parris	05
Bro. Conrad & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Frank Alvin and Sis. Gloria Barker	27
Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	30

### Joke of the Day

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple was involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON!," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

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