

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF PEC - EWI PROVINCE



The Information

"I must turn aside and look at this great sight..." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3 vs 3-4 (NRSV)

No New Outpouring Needed



Rev. Algernon Lewis
PEC Chairman

Of all the festival days of the Moravian Church, the August 13 Festival is one of my favourites. This Festival shows the raw power of God on display when the people of God submit to the ways of God. August 13, 1727, marked the rebirth of the Moravian Church, and signaled that God is ready to work with this church. It is a North Star to remind us of what is possible when our ways please the Lord. The planned title for this article was "Do it again, Lord!" I know that many prayer warriors have been praying for another outpouring of the Spirit – do it again, Lord! It would be wonderful to see a sanctuary filled with people, in deep worship, on their faces before the Lord. Truth be told that posture of being completely open and vulnerable before God is yet to be experienced by many Christ-followers. It would be nice to have another outpouring, but to what end?

That Moravian Pentecost happened when the people of God, divided by their personal preferences reached out to God with a common call – we want you more than we want to be right. Yes, that is my interpretation of those events. Our spiritual forebears wanted to serve God so badly and they felt that if things were not done the way they knew how they should be done, then the action was not authentic and therefore not worthy of God. That was noble – only the right and best for God. They did not know any better. They did not have the benefit of hundreds of years of theological reflection and experience. They lived in a time when knowledge was not democratized. They reached out to the one source they knew, and God heard the cries of a church that honoured God and the Spirit of God visited them powerfully.

We have that seminal event to teach us how we attract the gaze of heaven. We have read and dissected what was preserved from August 13, 1732. We have read about the divisions, about the threat to the Herrnhut community, about the doctrinal debates, and everyone

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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, Evangelist discipleship and service.

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feeling that their point was the only point. We have also read about their posture of surrender to God and of God's response to them. If we want God to "do it again," then the next move is ours.

The question still remains, why should God pour out the Holy Spirit on the church that way again? Is it that once is not enough? Is it that God has to prove that it can happen again? Is that we are looking for some excitement, something to talk about, something to boast about? Scripture records many moves of God. Hardly will you find the same disruptive outpouring twice. We are fortunate that Pentecost leaped from Scripture into the lived experience of our forebears. For God to do this again, means that we missed God the first time and have chosen to ignore the lesson.

A famous Bible scholar told a story about a young man he met who had expressed a deep love for Jesus. They talked extensively about faith and the Bible. The conversation came around to Sunday worship and the young man indicated that he does not go much, telling the professor that its none of the adrenaline rush that he gets from other activities like the gym. The professor was a little puzzled and clarified that he said that he loved Jesus. He answered in the affirmative. The professor then asked him if he would be willing to die for Jesus and he answered reservedly, yes. "So, let me get this straight, you are willing to die for Jesus, but not to be bored for Jesus?" (Root, 2017). Is it that we are really after adrenalin rushes rather than the awesome presence of God?

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit remained. Each time someone says yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit is released to inhabit the heart of that believer. Rather than praying for God to "do it again" we should be praying for changed lives.

There is no greater excitement for me as a Christ-follower and a pastor, than to see a changed life. A changed life is more than one's regular presence in the pew or involvement in church activity. The change that Jesus requires from us is one that begins on the inside and shows on the outside. God is looking for people to accurately manifest the ways of the kingdom. Galatians 5: 22-23 declares, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." That is where the real excitement lies. It is a place where

the core values of the Christian faith are lived and not just known. When allowed, the Spirit of God living in me (and you) produces these distinctly Christian character traits. Can I just share with you, that these traits are lacking in society and in the church. There is no excitement in forgiving and loving and caring like our forebears did that caused the Holy Spirit to visit. Those actions are mundane and frowned upon in many circles. However, they are the essence of what Christ-followers should be and the aroma that we should share in our communities. There is no substitute for a changed life that reflects the glory of God.

Rather than praying for God to "do it again," let us pray that the church, our church, take the biblical mandate to make disciples seriously. Five years after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our spiritual forebears in Herrnhut, in Germany, missionaries landed on the shores of St. Thomas. They were so convinced about the need for Jesus, that they gave their lives to the cause. There was no excitement traveling on a ship for three months heading to a life of hard labour, but the Holy Spirit was there. They loved Jesus more than they loved themselves and were willing to lay it all on the line.

As we commemorate this August 13 Festival, will you be an answer to the prayer to take discipleship and evangelism seriously? Are you willing to commit to sharing with one person about your walk of faith and why it matters? Are you willing to so live your life that your walk and your talk are closely aligned? Are you willing to be active in the ministry of the church whether it is boring or exciting just knowing that you want to give your best to Jesus? I believe and scripture witnesses to the coming of Holy Spirit in the mundane places –in the field, on the Road to Damascus, in the lonely places. If you are looking for excitement, you may miss what the Spirit is showing you in the hymn verse you just sang or the prayer just offered. God chooses how and when God shows up and none of us can control that.

It is my sincere conviction that God is waiting to work with this church. More accurately put, God is working in this church and waiting for us to get greater revelations of the signs around. Let us not be fixated on burning bushes, cloven tongues of fire, and people falling on their faces. Rather, look within to what the Spirit of God wants to manifest in you, so that you are a living, active witness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit daily.

Happy August 13 Festival

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Congratulations on your Fortieth Year of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Dr. Cicely T. V. Athill-Horsford



Rev. Dr. Cicely T. V. Athill-Horsford, the Provincial family joyfully gives thanks to God for your fortieth year of ordained ministry. Forty years in the life of an institution that is over five hundred years old seems small. However, this is not about the institution. This celebration is about the fact that for almost two-thirds of your life, you

have allowed yourself to be used of God to lead the people of God. For all of these years, your life was on public display for all to see. Having known you for most of those forty years, I know it was not for personal glory but for the glory of God.

When you stepped out, you were not the first, but you were the first female to be ordained to Word and Sacrament in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. You blazed your trail and always did your work. Your ministry in the early days focused much on young people at Provincial Camps and other such activities. Your presence caused others to know that women could lead congregations and hear from God just as good as men. Your ministry created space for other women to answer the call and be used of God according to divine purpose. Wherever you served you left the congregations and the ministry better than you met it. Your journey was not easy, but you kept showing up to offer faithful service to God and to the people of God. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province salutes you.

It is reasonable to believe that you can identify with Deuteronomy 8: 2-4 as the writer admonished, "Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years."

It is also reasonable to believe that you have more stories to tell than you can remember. There must have been many times when you were misunderstood and times

when you misunderstood.

There were many days when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon you and you could not understand what God was doing but you kept walking in obedience. There must have been many times when the shoes and clothes seemed like they would wear out, but they never wore out. As you look ahead to the next phase of the journey, those old questions may arise again. Yet the word of the Lord comes to remind you that God has raised you up, fed you, taught you, and provided for you before and God will do it again.

Sis. Cicely, you deserve the accolades that are laid on you at this time for your faithful service to God and God's church, leading people into a living relationship with Jesus. As you celebrate and commemorate this fortieth year of ministry as a Pastor, I commend Psalm 16: 6-8: "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance. 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved."

Receive warm congratulations from a grateful Province. Your fingerprints are marked on this institution and on younger leaders whom you impacted from near and far. May our faithful God cause you to continue to impact the church and most of all to end well.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be upon you!

Rev. Algernon Lewis
Chairman of PEC



Making the Shift in Attitude

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Rev. Adelyn Mgonela



During Monday's Devotions, we saw that making the shift implied that we are in a particular gear and I dared to suggest that the gear we are in is neutral; and in order to shift out of neutral we needed to Seek and submit as well as hear and heed the **WORD** of God, be filled with the **WIND or Breath** of God and we will be like a great army that is committed to the purpose, the **WORK** that God has carved out for us to do.

Today I invite us to look at ourselves and examine our attitude because you see, in order for our **WORK** to be a success; in other words, in order for us to **FOCUS AND FUNCTION**, we must work together. And working together definitely means that we must first embrace new ideas or concepts that will come from among some of us while gaining a greater understanding of the ideas that have been existing among us already. This calls for a shifting of our attitudes towards one another.

I am saying if we are going to Focus and Function when we come out of neutral, if we are going to utilize our imagination and insight, if we are going to continue making the SHIFT we must examine our attitude.

Because, unfortunately, presently many of us display attitudes of haughtiness, arrogance, pride, conceit, self-righteousness, a sense of self-importance, rather than humility, lowliness or meekness.

In the passage of Scripture that was read for us this morning from John 13, Jesus demonstrates for his disciples what a shifting in attitude looks like.

The first thing we must know is who we are. If we don't know who we are we will spend most of our energy doing things to define our identity. And the thing is nothing we can do—no attainment, no honor, no accomplishment, no amount of human recognition can adequately define our identity.

Why? Because our identity is not found in what we do but in who we are by the grace of God. We don't minister in order to find out who we are. We minister **OUT** of who we are. The first thing you and I need to have as a foundation for making the SHIFT, and so have an effective ministry is a revelation of who we are in Jesus Christ.

In other words, I am what I am by the grace of God. Out of who I am in Christ, I serve.

We are what we are by the grace of God. Out of who we are in Christ, we serve.

When we know who we are and whom we serve we are able to serve others. We change our behavior to agree with our beliefs.

Knowing our identity changes us. We become confident; we don't feel insecure, we don't feel the need to compare ourselves with others; we feel connected and so there is no need for a mask. We can engage each other and be more intimate in our relationships with one another. Knowing our identity causes us to be more creative and so we are able to be original and don't feel the need to copy exactly what someone else is doing.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power. He was not insecure about who he was at all. So stooping to a lowly position to wash his disciples feet did not take away from who he was. When we can only define ourselves by what we do, we will be so busy trying to do something that will put us in a good light that we won't do much service. But when we are firmly centered on who we are in Christ, we can take the lowly position without worrying about being marked as insignificant.

"Jesus knew": "that the Father had put all things under his power; he knew that he had come from God; and He knew that He was returning to God". Nothing could take that from him he was confident in his identity.

Shifting our attitude means we have to be more like Christ.

Because, think about it, if we were in Jesus' place and we knew that Judas was going to betray us, because Jesus knew that, the text says that He knew that the devil had already put in the heart of Judas to betray him. Just imagine how we would have behaved. As a matter of fact we would be so anxious to get to that Passover meal to exercise all that power, show up Judas for who he was; embarrass him and maybe even mete out some discipline some punishment.

Advance the Kingdom ~ S.H.I.F.T

But look at how the gear shifts. Instead of exercising His power over the disciples, Jesus empowers them.

Here is Jesus King of Kings in all his power and authority, but in his act of washing the disciples feet, he demonstrates that power is not primarily for the benefit of the powerful. Instead, one is given power in order to empower others.

Foot-washing was considered a necessary part of showing hospitality to guests, but it was also thought to be such a menial task that Jewish slaves were exempt from it. If you wanted your feet washed, you hired a Gentile to do it.

Jesus in washing their feet did not lose his position as their leader; he did not lose his position as their teacher; he did not lose his position as their master; as their Lord. He maintained his position. He maintained his power. It is not that he laid it aside and was acting in a role as a servant. No!

Look at verses 12-15:

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

So you see it is not about exercising power and authority; it is not about flexing our muscles. It is about servant hood. We talk a lot about servant leadership. But do we really practice it? Many of us as pastors spend a whole lot of time fighting to prove to our members that we are in charge. many laity, who hold position in the church, always looking to be on show and lord it over others. But this shift that Jesus is demonstrating is all about humility; it is all about being a servant.

In New Testament Greek there are 3 different words for servant and in verse 16 we encounter one of them -doulos. The root word of doulos is deo which means 'to bind' So a doulos is one who is bound to his or her master.

A doulos, is not free to act on his or her own because the identity of a doulos is bound up with who his master is. In other words, doulos speaks of the relationship between servant and master. And in Greek culture and certainly in our culture, doulas, slave does not invoke positive feelings at all.

So why would Jesus be modelling the action of a doulos and not just modeling it but actually tell his disciples they need to be doing this to one another? I want to suggest that Jesus saw right through us. How uppity we could get. How we could get carried away by our own feelings of self- importance. Because after all we are sinners and we are slaves to sin. When the Lord frees us, we are freed not to be autonomous, but to be bound to Jesus who can empower us to live the life of a servant.

The second word in Greek that's translated servant is the word diakoneo which literally means to wait on a table. In Acts 6, when some of the widows in the church were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food, Peter said, "It wouldn't be right for us (by us he meant the twelve apostles) to neglect the teaching of God's word in order to wait on tables. That was the word diakonos to serve at a table. So they chose seven men who would serve in the church, make sure the widows were being taken care of. And so our word deacon comes from this word diakonos.

You may very well ask so what is the difference between doulos and diakonos? Well remember I said that doulos speaks of the relationship of a **SERVANT** to a **MASTER**. Well Diakonos (speaks of the relationship of a **SERVANT** to the **MINISTRY**.

You remember in Matthew chapter 25 when Jesus speaks about what will happen to the sheep and the goats in the final judgement. And those on the left, the goats asked: Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Diakonos is the word translated as **MINISTER**.

An understanding of these two words can help us to see what Jesus was modelling for his disciples and also help us to see how doulous and diakonos come together.

Because let me tell you something it is not just about gathering together in sweet fellowship, it is not just about singing songs that moves us into a frenzy, it is not just about women's', Men's, young adults or youth fellowships, it is not just about choirs and praise teams it is also about ministry. All these organizations and groups doing ministry. Serving, reaching out helping, giving of time talent treasure. Doing Ministry.

The douloas is bound to his master and the diakonos does the work of ministry. You can be a diakonos, deacon and not be a doulos **BUT** you cannot be a doulous without being a diakonos.

Our whole attitude toward church, our focus on who we are and how we should operate, must shift, if we are going to function. We cannot continue to enjoy this Christianity and be aloof from our people, lording it over others, thinking we are better because we gather on Sunday mornings attend Bible study, and have a wonderful time in the Lord.

There must be an understanding that we cannot be a doulous slave to Christ without also being a diakonos, a minster ministering to others for Christ. As I said before we do not minister in order to find out who we are. We minister out of who we are.

The third Greek word that is translated servant is only used 3 times in the New Testament and it is the word huperetes which means under rower.

This work was menial work; backbreaking work. No one really sees the people performing this work at all but it is work that is very crucial. This work that the warships set out to do, could not be accomplished without the huperetes.

Remember that doulos speaks to the relationship of the **SERVANT** to the **MASTER** Diakonos speaks to the relationship of the **SERVANT** to the **MINISTRY** and huperetes, speaks to the relationship of the **SERVANT** to the **MISSION**.

The great news is that there is a sense of mission and commission in the life of Jesus Christ and in turn he sends us. He says in John 20:21 "As the Father has sent me , so send I you . "

When we embrace the cause of Christ we become true

servants of Christ and would feel the need to be involved with the mission of Christ. Because you see without that sense of mission, we can become quite selfish. We respond to the call of God on our lives and do what we do because of who and what Jesus is to us.

So thinking highly of ourselves; lording it over others; having a selfish attitude will not get us anywhere. What is needed is a change in attitude where we no longer feel entitled and selfish but an attitude where we want always to empower others.

WHAT IT ALL BOILS TO IS THIS:

To make the shift we must have the mind or attitude of *Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Making the SHIFT involves an attitude shift.

Be Kind to One Another

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Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.

Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:

Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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Hurricane Atlantic Season

The Atlantic Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 every year. Each year, we are encouraged to prepare for the worst while we pray and expect the best. The forecasters have predicted a 65% chance of an above average season with three to six major storms.

As people of faith, we know that our future is not in the hands of forecasters. "My times are in your hands" says Psalm 31:15. The hymn writer goes further to declare, "My times are in Your hand; why should I doubt or fear? My Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear" (CMP 358).

This is a good time to ensure that the insurance for sanctuaries, manse and homes are up to date and include damage from hurricane including flooding. This is a good time to secure your property, trim trees, and be in readiness for the unexpected. Each congregation and family should have settled plans to prepare for any natural disaster.

START PREPARING NOW

- ❖ Keep important documents (insurance policies, birth certificates, will and testaments, licenses, etc.) in safe, dry, waterproof and fireproof containers.
- ❖ Have emergency supplies on hand, including cash, medications, non-perishable items, first-aid supplies, clothing and bottled water.
- ❖ Protect your property by putting up shutters, cutting back tree limbs and clearing debris.
- ❖ Service your generator. If you do not have one, consider purchasing one.
- ❖ Locate the nearest shelter. If you live in a low-lying area, decide where you will go if a storm threatens.
- ❖ Take an inventory of your personal property, room by room, with the cost and date purchased. Take pictures of each room.

WHEN A STORM THREATENS

Inside the home

- ❖ Make sure your important documents - passports, wills, contracts, insurance papers, car titles, deeds, leases and tax information - are safely stored
- ❖ Stock heavy duty garbage bags for post-storm home and yard cleanup.

- ❖ Check flashlight and radio batteries and have extras on hand.
- ❖ Charge rechargeable cellular phones, drills, power screwdrivers, flashlights, and camera batteries.
- ❖ If you plan to go to a shelter start packing. Do not wait until the hurricane makes landfall to get to the shelter.

Outside the home

- ♦ Refill special medications.
- ♦ Get cash (ATMs may not work for days after).
- ♦ Fill vehicle fuel tank. Check battery, water, oil.
- ♦ Make sure you have a spare tire and buy aerosol kits that fix, inflate flats.
- ♦ Prepare your pool. Do not drain it.
- ♦ If you own a boat, make necessary preparations.

WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED

Inside the home

- ♦ Move furniture away from windows or cover with Plastic
- ♦ Move as many valuables as possible off the floor to limit water damage.

Outside the home:

- ♦ Cover windows with shutters, storm panels or plywood.
- ♦ Remove swings and tarps from swing sets. Tie down anything you cannot take inside.
- ♦ Check for loose rain gutters, moldings.
- ♦ Move grills, patio furniture, and potted plants into your house or garage.
- ♦ Disconnect and remove satellite dish.
- ♦ Plug roof drains to prevent salt water contamination to cistern.
- ♦ Secure and brace external doors, especially the garage door and double doors.
- ♦ Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and into garages if possible. If not, park cars away from trees and close to homes or buildings.

DURING THE STORM

- Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered with assistance from Authorized organizations eg. National Office of Disaster Services (NODS or Red Cross)

AFTER THE STORM

- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.



33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

The 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province convened virtually on June 23 and continued in a hybrid/virtual format on July 17-22, 2022. Unlike other Synods where synodals met in person each Conference met at a set location in that place while the Provincial Board and the Officers of Synod met at the Provincial Headquarters at Cashew Hill, Antigua. The theme for Synod was "Advance the Kingdom – SHIFT."

The process leading up to Synod was intense as we had never been this way before. God was providing an opportunity for us see what is possible and more willing to make the SHIFT real. The Synod Planning Committee consisted of Members of PEC, Technical Personnel, and Synod Officials. Essentially, they would create the space for their work.

Convening on June 23, 2022 gave permission for a virtual/hybrid Synod as this provision is not covered in the current Book of Order. During that session, we also elected the other Officers of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis was appointed Chairman of Synod by the Provincial Board. Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford was elected Vice Chair of Synod. Rev. Onita Samuel Warner was appointed as Secretary of Synod while Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd was elected Assist Secretary of Synod. Rev. Adelyn Mgonela was appointed as Chaplain of Synod.

The Synod Opening Service was streamed from the Provincial Headquarters Sanctuary/Auditorium on Sunday, July 17, 9:00 am. Each Conference provided an input through recorded congregational singing or a live item of praise. The service was led by the Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Secretary of the PEC and the sermon was preached by Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chair of the PEC.

This service was sent to sanctuaries for Congregations to share in together. They were singing when we sang, joined in the prayers, and participated generally in the worship as we were in the same location. From all reports, this went well even though some congregations joined late because of a technical glitch.

The closing service was also streamed from the same location on Friday, July 22 at 6:00 pm. The service was led by Chaplain, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela, and sermon was preach by Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, the new Vice Chair of the PEC. All the input for this service was provided from Cashew Hill. Members were expected to join from their homes.

This Province continues to face the realities of low membership numbers and influence. These issues manifest themselves in different ways which is a cause for concern. We are forced to grapple with the viability of the pension plan and how we might act to preserve it for pastors. The mission of God and our involvement is always before us. This session of Synod was to consider the revision of the Book of Order. However, there was not enough time to include that agenda item. This forced Synod to recess to a date to be announced, to consider the Book of Order. In other words, Synod is not yet completed as the Book of Order has to be considered.

There were a total of 75 delegates and 16 observers. So far there are 3 resolutions and 13 recommendations.

Synod reelected Rev. Algernon Lewis as Chairman. Clergy members, Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith was reelected while Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis was elected for the first time, both without reference to office. Sis. Evannie Jeremiah of the Virgin Island Conference and Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins of the Tobago Conference were elected as lay members. The newly constituted Provincial Board is as follows:

Bro. Algernon Lewis – Chairman
Administration, Finance, Ecumenical Relations,
Church Redevelopment
Bro. Adrian Smith – Vice Chair
Theological Education, and Social Media Engagement
Bro. Jeremy Francis – Secretary
Discipleship, Mission and Evangelism
Sis. Evannie Jeremiah – Lay Member
Christian Education
Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins – Lay Member
Development and Innovation
Sis. Elisa Hodge— Treasurer
Sis. Lisa Maryse Roberts—Assistant Treasurer

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Profound thanks to the outgoing members of the Provincial Board – Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Bro. Anselm Richards, Sis. Karen Challenger-George, and Sis. Megan Samuel-Fields for their labour of love and sacrifice for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. May God continue to work in and through you to make a difference.

To all who worked behind the scenes to make Synod possible. We are all amazed at what God allowed to happen through us. God is ever preparing us for what is ahead. Let us focus on how we might be better for God. Thanks to all the prayer warriors who carried and still carry Synod 33. We look forward to what God will do with us next as we complete Synod 33 and work towards the goal of building the discipleship ministry and tackle the fiscal challenges that face us. I am confident in the overcoming power of God for them who will chose obey rather than wonder. God is ahead of us, let us follow God.



Unity Heritage Tour 2022

Prayers are requested for Sis. Launée Richards and Bro. Stratton



Browne as they represent the Province at the Unity Heritage Tour from August 10-25, 2022. The theme of the tour is, "Crossing Borders Unity Youth Heritage Tour Tanzania." The activi-



ties are structured to help participants gain knowledge of the Moravian world (the Unity) and in this case, the Moravian Church in the Continent of Africa, deepen Moravian connections, and appreciate the diversity in customs and practices across Provinces. Participants are expected to return to their Province, share their experience, and continue in the ministry of the church.

Sis. Launée and Bro. Stratton are from the Antigua Conference.



HE WROTE YOUR STORY

Entering this church one day,
She had a talk with God,
When looking to the roof she saw,
Dust falling that looked like mud.
The conversation that she recalled,
She thought that God was mad,
To place her under a roof that messed.
This had to be her test.

Her overture was an anxious one,
For planning took some time,
Not only the roof was her concern,
But finances to bring in line.
Yet souls her first commission,
With a flock that needed condition,
Then the word that she would share,
Became a voice in every ear.

Now, they're many lives that you must nurture,
For Christian faith to be their culture,
New faces you'll see in every pew,
And your new name we must learn too,
This task began that needed support,
"We can't do it alone" you'll always report,
"For worship to have that spiritual base,
God will supply us sufficient grace".

Your preaching now reaches many homes,
With simple messages in different forms,
The experience you gained in your pilgrimage,
Has now become a gracious adage.
Many a visitor has joined this flock,
Or sought your teaching from the media block,
Whatever the medium your voice is heard,
Many have taken it as a comforting word.

Longevity has marked this church's life,
This truth you learned when you arrived,

To serve and worship can span plenty years,
Birthdays of one hundred were among many peers.
Your calling here has just begun,
'though years you are serving keep rolling on,
Yes, your life with us it can be long,
Our youth may see you in decades to come.

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In burial sermons you always confessed,
That celebrating one's life you try your best,
Your words of wisdom are never for the dead,
But always pointing to the living instead,
Your constant fact that death's a sure flight,
And charging those present to be upright,
The blessings you have in every lesson,
We see you standing in God's true presence.

We celebrate your forty years call,
As you present Christ to one and all,
In fellowship and worship you said it boldly,
Let's follow His teaching through bible study.
Two tough years with ministries shaken,
Our talents and commitment almost forsaken,
Yet through it all you showed the way,
In God's great providence every day.

Here, you sojourn as God has planned,
We are thankful you heeded that command,
With prayers and love we celebrate,
Your path of success that He has made.
When we are concern that you are alone,
You always insist for you God atoned,
With praise and honour in Him we glory,
Because it is Christ who wrote your story.

Written by
ANDREW ALLEYNE 2022.

Furlough

The Provincial Board has granted furlough to the Rev. Andrew Roberts, pastor of the Moriah and Evangel Moravian Pastorate in the Tobago Conference. Bro. Roberts will be on furlough from May 1, 2022 to September 6, 2022.

Let us pray for Bro. Roberts as he goes on furlough.

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The Rev. Moise Jean who currently serves as the Pastor of the Zion/Potters and Judges Hill Moravian Pastorate in the Antigua Conference, applied for and was granted leave of absence from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024.
2. The Rev. Kevin St. Hill who serves as the Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Pastorate in the Antigua Conference has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Zion/Potters and Judges Hill Pastorate in the Antigua Conference. This call is effective October 1, 2022.
3. The Rev. Nevin Lewis who serves as the Pastor of the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Pastorate in the Antigua Conference. This call is effective October 1, 2022.

Please pray for Bro. Jean, Bro. St. Hill, and Bro. Lewis as they respond to the call of God on their lives.

Theological Student

The Provincial Board is pleased to announce that Sis. Chioma Henry of the Zion Congregation in St. Kitts has been accepted to be a ministerial student of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP). Sis. Henry will serve in the ministry of Christian Education. Sis. Henry will attend the United Theological College of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica and is expected on campus on August 17, 2022.



The Provincial family is invited to pray for Sis. Chioma Henry as she begins the formal process of theological

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Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP

Sis. Judy Francine Winspeare-Philip was ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on Sunday June 12, 2022 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua at 5.00p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC and Rev. Bonnie E. B. W. Smith officiated at the Ordination Service.



Consecration Service for Rev. Nevin Lewis

Rev. Nevin Lewis was consecrated a Presbyter in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on May 22, 2022 at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Rev. Algernon Lewis Chairman of PEC and Rev. Nigel Daniel officiated at the Consecration Service.



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Celebrants Corner

Birthday Celebrants for June, July , August and September 1– 10 respectively

Sis. Jocelyn Connor	17
Sis. Elva Richards-Goodwin	25
Bro. Selvin McMillan	25
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Karen Challenger-George	26
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29

Sis. Yvonne Jean	07
Sis. Cherice Job-Lewis	10
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Sis. Earleen Simmons	25
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Sis. Althea Pearline Jarvis	29
Sis. Elisa Hodge	29

Sis. Marleen Browne	01
Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	04
Sis. Winelle Kirton Roberts	20
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew	22
Bro. Reuben Vessup	22
Bro. Erwin Warner	24
Bro. Conrad Spencer	29
Sis. Angela Frederick	30

Bro. Colin Matthew	02
Sis. Cynthia St. Hill	03
Bro. Walton Frederick	07
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	08
Bro. Keith Horsford	10

Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

June, July, August and September 1—5 respectively

Sis. Elva Richards Goodwin & Br. Michael Goodwin	23
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Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew & Bro. Colin Matthew	04
Bro. Nigel Daniel & Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson Waithe & Sis. Vera Waithe	07
Bro. Erflin Browne & Sis. Marleen Browne	19
Bro. Moise Jean & Sis. Yvonne Jean	20
Bro. Devon Mannix & Sis. Stacey Herbert-Mannix	21
Bro. Mikie Roberts & Sis. Winelle Kirton-Roberts	24
Bro. Walton Frederick & Sis. Angela Frederick	26

Bro. Daniel Mark & Sis. Callisha Greenidge-Mark	18
Bro. Selvin McMillan & Sis. June McMillan	20
Bro. Kevin St. Hill & Sis. Shanele Chase-St. Hill	25
Bro. Dion Christopher & Sis. Eulencine Christopher	29
Sis. Catherine Governor Browne & Bro. Shelfor Browne	29

Bro. Ezra Parris & Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	05
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Condolences



The Provincial family expresses condolences to the Rev. Daniel Mark on the death of his aunt, Ms. Dawn Sealy. Sis. Sealy died on May 6, 2022 in Tobago. The service of thanksgiving for the life of Sis. Dawn Sealy was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Evangel Moravian Church in Tobago. Please pray for Bro. Daniel Mark and his family in their time of grief and loss.

The Moravian Provincial family expresses condolences to the family of the late Sis. Edris M.V. Roberts GOM. Sis. Roberts died suddenly on May 12, 2022 at age 87 years old. Sis. Edris was a prolific hymn-writer and has eleven hymns in the Caribbean Moravian Praise (CMP). The funeral service for Sis. Edris Roberts was held on June 14, 2022 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua at 2:00 pm. Interment at Bathsheba Gardens, Lebanon Moravian Church, her home congregation.

Let us pray for the family of Sis. Edris Roberts as they mourn her death.

Quote of the Day

Knowledge is power.
Information is liberating.
Education is the premise in every society,

in every family.

Kofi Annan

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters to find the **mystery answer**.



Kindly use the NIV version of the Bible to answer all questions.

Aaron,	Glory,	Rebellion,
Altar,	Houses,	Separate,
Atonement,	Incense,	Sign,
Brethren,	Inheritance,	Sinners,
Censer,	Israel,	Swallow,
Children,	Levites,	Tabernacle,
Commanded,	Memorial,	Tents,
Company,	Milk,	Tribes,
Congregation,	Minister,	Vineyards
Door,	Moses,	
Earth,	Offering,	
Eleazar,	Priesthood,	
Fields,	Princes,	
Fire,	Provoked,	

- Who said, "If anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.?"
 - John
 - Jesus
 - James
 - Someone who hates mountains
- What did Moses say when God called to him from within the burning bush, "Moses! Moses!?"
 - "Here I am"
 - "Hello"
 - Who's there
 - That's my name don't wear it out
- How old was Noah's father, Lamech, when he died?
 - 77
 - 356
 - 777
 - He didn't die
- Who is the first person the Bible says God caused them to "fall into a deep sleep?"
 - Adam
 - Abram
 - Noah
 - Rip Van Winkle
- How many stones for his sling did David had with him when he went out to fight Goliath?
 - 1
 - 3
 - 5
 - He filled his pockets with as many stones as he could
- How was Elijah taken to heaven?
 - The hand of God picked him up
 - In a whirlwind
 - In a pillar of fire
 - In a spaceship
- In Paul's letter to the Philippians, what does he say to be anxious about?
 - Everything
 - Nothing
 - Death
 - Dragons
- In which direction does the Book of Genesis say God planted a garden?
 - In the north
 - In the east
 - A little bit west
 - In the Metaverse
- Which book of the Bible talks about gates made of pearls?
 - Matthew
 - Nahum
 - Revelation
 - The Lord's City
- What did David's dad give him to take to the commander of the unit his brothers were in?
 - Wine
 - Cheeses
 - Healing oils
 - A duck



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