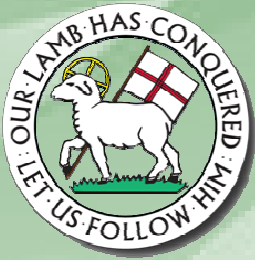


# A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF PEC - EWI PROVINCE



## 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)

### The Brotherly Agreement 2.0



**Rev. Algernon Lewis**  
PEC Chairman

The worldwide Moravian Church otherwise known as the Unity has many memorial or significant days. Whereas May 12 is not a memorial day, it is a significant day in the life of the Unity. On May 12, 1727, the Brotherly agreement was adopted by the Moravian Church in Herrnhut. This was before the epoch-changing event of the August 13, 1727 (the Moravian Pentecost) that brought the church back on track.

At the time when these principles were crafted, the Herrnhut community had known conflict and dissension. These principles were crafted by Zinzendorf to promote the peace of the Moravian Church. They were not meant to be a "discipline" forced down upon a congregation by leaders, but rather an "agreement" or a voluntary covenant among fellow believers. This document is a statement on how we are to live our faith in the world. The Moravian Church is not a confessional church where there are large theological treaties with doctrinal statements. We look to the Bible for guidance on how to live. These principles from the Brotherly Agreement, draws on scripture and condenses the essentials of the faith into one document.

Over the years, the Brotherly Agreement has been amended in some Provinces. The document has remained unchanged in the Eastern West Indies Province until now. The updated Book of Order (2020) to be adopted at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod in July 2022, includes a restructured version of the Brotherly Agreement called the "Moravian Covenant for Christian Living." This comes out of the Moravian Church in North America, and like the Brotherly Agreement, provides guidance on how we live as followers of Christ broken down under five headings preceded by the preamble, "The ground of our witness".

#### Ground of Our Witness

1. We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father (Ephesians 3:11) by the

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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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Holy Spirit (Acts 2:18-21), and as members of Christ's Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed.

2. The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Unitas Fratrum and therefore shapes our lives.
3. With the universal Christian Church, we share our faith in the Triune God, who revealed Himself in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior of all people. We particularly declare His living presence and Lordship over the Church, joy in the benefits of His life, sufferings, death, and resurrection and emphasize a close bond of fellowship with each other in His name. We believe that Christ is present with us in Word and Sacrament. We decline to determine as binding what the Scriptures have left undetermined, or to argue about mysteries impenetrable to human reason. In this regard, we hold to the principle "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity."
4. We thankfully recognize the value of the historic creeds of the Christian Church in calling upon believers in every age to give an obedient and fearless testimony, recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord. A Moravian confession of faith is to be found in the Easter Dawn Liturgy.

## **I. The Witness of the Christian Life**

We believe that as in baptism we have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection, so we have died to sin and should walk in newness of life (Romans 6:1-11).

When seeking guidance, we find that the simplest expression of Christian living is contained in the earliest of Christian confessions, "Jesus Christ is Lord." This implies that obedience is due Him as the absolute Ruler and Lord of our lives. Not only His teachings (e.g., Matthew 5-7) but, even more, the example of His life (Philippians 2:5; Ephesians 4:20) provide an understanding of the obedience that He desires. Although the early Church, guided by the Spirit of Jesus, did not develop a code covering all issues, it offered guidance in various areas of Christian living (e.g., Colossians 3:1-4,6; 1 Peter 2:11- 3:12; Ephesians 4:1-6:20).

Living the Christian life depends not only on our own effort but upon God our Father, who in Jesus Christ accepts us as heirs of God (Galatians 4:4-7) and strengthens and sustains us (Philippians 4:13).

We realize that our Christian faith must continually be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church.

## **II. The Witness of a Living Church**

### **A. The Moravian Unity**

**Recognition of Authority** — As members of the Moravian Church we will abide by the decisions made by the official boards of our congregations, and agree to be governed, both as individuals and as a congregation, by the enactments of the Unity Synod of the Moravian Church and of the Synods of the Province to which our congregation belongs.

**Stewardship** — We deem it a sacred responsibility and genuine opportunity to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We view all of life as a sacred trust to be used wisely.

We will support, according to our ability, the financial needs of the local congregation, the District, the Province, and the Unity. We will consider the support of the benevolent causes of the Moravian Church, both at home and abroad, as a privilege, an opportunity, and a responsibility.

We will also recognize the support of worthy causes outside of the Church as part of our stewardship.

**Personal Relationships** — Since disciples of Jesus are to be known by the love they have to one another (John 13:35), we will cherish Christian love as of prime importance.

We will be eager to maintain the unity of the Church. Realizing that God has called us from many and varied backgrounds, we recognize the possibility of disagreements or differences. Often these differences enrich the Church, but sometimes they divide. We consider it to be our responsibility to demonstrate within the congregational life the unity and togetherness created by God who made us one. How well we accomplish this will be a witness to our community as to the validity of our faith.

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We will endeavor to settle our differences with others in a Christian manner (Galatians 6:1), amicably, and with mediation, and, if at all possible, avoid resort to a court of law (Matthew 18:15-17).

**Worship and Sunday Observance** — Remembering that worship is one of our proper responses to Almighty God, an experience designed for our benefit, and a part of our Christian witness, we and our children will faithfully attend the worship services of the Church.

We, therefore, will be careful to avoid unnecessary labour on Sunday and plan that the recreations in which we engage on that day do not interfere with our own attendance or that of others at divine worship.

**Holy Communion** — In the celebration of this Sacrament we receive the renewed assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, and of our fellowship with Christ; unite with one another as members of His Body; and rejoice in the hope of His return in glory. Therefore, we will commune faithfully and thus renew our pledge of allegiance to Him.

#### **The Unity We Seek**

We will have fellowship, in all sincerity, with children of God in other Christian churches, and will carefully avoid all disputes respecting opinions and ceremonies peculiar to one or another church. In this fellowship, we will cooperate with other churches in the support of public charities or Christian enterprises, which have a just claim upon us as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We realize that it is the Lord's will that the Church of Jesus Christ should give evidence of and seek unity in Him with zeal and love. We see how such unity has been promised us and laid upon us as a charge. We recognize that through the grace of Christ the different denominations have received many gifts and that the Church of Christ may be enriched by these many and varied contributions. It is our desire that we may learn from one another and rejoice together in the riches of the love of Christ and the manifold wisdom of God. We welcome every step that brings us nearer the goal of unity in Him.

### **III The Witness of the Christian Home**

#### **A. Marriage**

We regard it as a sacred obligation to hold to the ideal of Christian marriage as a lifelong commitment given by our Lord in His teaching. We consider it essential, therefore, that all persons contemplating marriage should receive

premarital counseling and that our young people should be instructed, beginning in adolescence, in the meaning and obligation of Christian marriage. This instruction should be given through the Church and home.

We regard Christian marriage as a lifelong covenant before God which requires the continuous loyalty of the man and the woman toward each other. Any breaking of the marriage bond is a result of sin and causes human suffering; therefore, it is the duty of husband and wife to meet all frictions, offenses, and disagreements with a humble, forgiving spirit that persistently works for reconciliation. If at any time the stability of their marriage is threatened, the couple is to seek the counsel of a pastor, or other spiritual leaders in the Church, or other professional Christian counselors as soon as possible before any other action is taken.

Following the example and teaching of our Lord, we acknowledge the responsibility to deal compassionately and redemptively with human frailty and sin in every area of life, including the failure of marriage. As ambassadors of Christ, we are called to be agents of reconciliation, we recognize that persons of sincere faith and with good counsel may still decide or be forced to divorce. We believe it our Christian responsibility to pray for, support, and encourage those who have divorced, the children of the divorced, and all who are wounded by divorce.

#### **B. Family Life**

As parents, remembering that our children are the property of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 1:19), we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) and take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence. For this reason, we will seek to approve ourselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, setting an example for our children. We will give faithful attention to the spiritual development of our children, both in the home and in the church. We will endeavor to conduct regular family devotions.

### **IV The Witness of a Christian Citizen**

#### **A. Recognition of Civil Authority**

We will be subject to the civil authorities as the powers ordained of God, in accordance with the admonitions of Scripture (Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14) and will in no wise evade the taxes and other obligations which are lawfully required of us (Romans 13:7).

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**B. Responsibilities**

Considering it a special privilege to live in a democratic society, we will faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of our citizenship, among which are intelligent and well-informed voting, a willingness to assume public office, guiding the decisions of government by the expression of our opinions, and supporting good government by our personal efforts.

**C. A Higher Loyalty**

Though giving our loyalty to the state of which we are citizens, we do recognize a higher loyalty to God and conscience (Acts 5:29).

**D. Peacemakers**

For the sake of the peace which we have with God, we earnestly desire to live peaceably with all people and to seek the peace of the places where we dwell.

**V. Our Witness in the World**

**A. Love Toward All**

We will not hate, despise, slander, or otherwise injure anyone. We will ever strive to manifest love towards all people, to treat them in a kind and friendly manner, and in our dealings with them to approve ourselves upright, honest, and conscientious, as becomes children of God. Together with the universal Christian Church, we have a concern for this world, opening our heart and hand to our neighbours with the message of the love of God, and being ever ready to minister of our substance to their necessities (Matthew 25:40).

**B. Our Manner of Life**

We will at all times be ready cheerfully to witness to our faith (1 Peter 3:15,16) and if need be, to suffer reproach for Christ's sake (Luke 6:22,23). Being aware that our witness is made by both what we do and what we avoid doing, we will endeavor to let our manner of life "be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27), "not being conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2). But in our yearning for the redemption of the whole creation, we will seek to meet the needs of the world in self-giving love, and as true yokefellowes of Jesus Christ, willingly share in the fellowship of his sufferings, walking in his strength, by whom all things "are given us that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3).

**C. Temperance in All Things**

Remembering the admonition of Scripture to be temperate in all things (1 Corinthians 9:25), we shall endeavour to look upon our bodies as temples of God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). We must also remember to respect the welfare of others who may be affected by our actions (Romans 14:20,21). We are aware of the problems that can be caused by the intemperate use of such things as alcoholic beverages, food, tobacco, drugs, and other things. We consider it the responsibility of every Christian to decide most carefully how they can be used in good conscience. We regard intemperance in any area of living as being inconsistent with the Christian life.

**D. Unity**

Christian: We recognize no distinction between those who are one in the Lord. We believe that God in Jesus Christ calls his people out of "every race, kindred, and tongue," pardons them beneath the Cross, and brings them into a living fellowship with himself. We regard it as a commandment of our Lord to bear public witness to this and to demonstrate by word and deed that we are one in Christ.

Universal: Because we hold that all people are God's creatures (Genesis 1:27) and that he has made of one blood all nations (Acts 17:26), we oppose any discrimination based on color, race, creed, or land of origin and declare that we should treat everyone with love and respect.

**Other Areas**

We realize that all areas of Christian life and conduct cannot be covered in this statement of principles by which we live and bear our witness, and we call attention, therefore, to the Christian's responsibility to follow Christ as Lord of all areas of life.

**VI. Discipline**

We make it a duty of the Board of Elders, which is charged with the spiritual welfare of the congregation, to see that this Moravian Covenant be adhered to and faithfully observed; and we will cooperate with the Board of Elders in its efforts to maintain the discipline of the congregation. As a redemptive community we will be much more concerned in aiding than censuring those who falter, being conscious of our own need for correction and forgiveness.

## 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.



## Congratulations

The Provincial family joins in extending congratulations to the Rev. Bonnie Smith, Superintendent of the Antigua Conference, on being the President of the Antigua Christian Council.

Please pray for Sis. Smith as she leads the Antigua Christian Council.



## Moravian Music Sunday

Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated in the EWI Province on 26th June 2022.

The psalmist reminds us "let everything that has breath praise the Lord." This is a simple, potent and exciting invitation for us to worship God. It suggests that we come with all that we have, all that we are, and all that we hope to be. There is no demarcation of emotions. Come with your sadness, joys, weariness, contentment, defeat, and victory. We are all encouraged to join in this celestial music making. We are encouraged to join this symphony of praise, for in it, there is healing for our wounds, a hand of mercy to wipe our tears and a celebration fit for our rejoicing.

...and so, we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, thankful for all of our own song writers of music and text over the centuries, whose work has become our companion on the journey of faith.

May God continue to inspire and bless them.

## MORAVIAN CHURCH EWIP 33rd Provincial Synod SYNOD ADVISORY #2

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The date for the 33rd Provincial Synod has been adjusted to July 17-22, 2022. The Opening Service will be on July 17 at 9.00 a.m. This will be a provincial service with input from each Conference.
2. The Synod Retreat will be held on July 17, 2022, at 5:00 pm. The theme for the Retreat is: Embracing the change: Thriving amidst the crisis.
3. Synod sessions begin at 8:30 am with Devotions led by the Chaplain each morning with participation from all Conferences throughout the week.
4. Conferences are required to designate a location that allows all synodals to meet in the same space while also allowing for adequate personal space for Committee meetings.
5. Two Pre-Synod sessions will be held May 26 & June 16, where the Synod reports, procedural matters for the hosting of the 33rd Provincial Synod virtually, and other issues will be discussed.
6. The other officers of Synod - Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary will be elected at the first pre-Synod meeting.
7. The Registration form for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be shared shortly.
8. The election of a Bishop has been added to the 33rd Provincial Synod agenda.

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.



## Celebrants Corner

### Birthday Celebrants May 16th — May 31st

Sis. Cleatus Bowers-Jones	21
Sis. Deborah Challenger	27
Bro. Daniel Mark	31

### Birthday Celebrants June 1st — June 15th

Sis. Stacey Herbert-Mannix	02
Bro. Nigel Daniel	05
Sis. Sharon McCardy-Joseph	05
Bro. Charles Peters	07
Sis. Rena Warner-Francis	11
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Bro. Edgar & Sis. Angela Frederick-Barriero	May 25
Bro. Reuben & Sis. Ivy Vessup	June 01

### Ordination Anniversaries

Bro. Erflin Browne	June 03, 2001
Bro. Ulric V. Smith II	June 08, 2003
Sis. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith	June 08, 2010

## Quote of the Day

"Life is not about having everything.  
It's about finding meaning in  
everything."

Joel Randymar.

## Ordination and Consecration

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to consecrate the Rev. Nevin Lewis to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago.
2. Bishop Kingsley Lewis has been requested to ordain Supplementary Pastor Judy Winspeare-Philip to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The ordination service takes place on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

Please pray for Bro. Nevin Lewis and Sis. Winspeare-Philip and their families as they embrace the call of God on their lives and pledge continued service.



## Condolences



The Provincial family expresses condolences to Sis. Marilyn Alexander-William, treasurer of the Tobago Conference, on the death of her mother, Ms. Eva Alexander. Sis. Eva, a former sexton of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Tobago, died on Thursday, April 14th, 2022.

The funeral service for Sis. Eva Alexander was held on April 28, 2022, at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Tobago.

Please pray for Sis. Marilyn Alexander-William and family in their time of grief and loss.

ALL the words listed below, “Jesus is Coming”, are in this 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 left-over letters to form the **Mystery Answer**.

Archangel,	Help,	Righteous,
Awesome,	Honest,	Self-Control,
Bugle,	Jerusalem,	Treasurer,
Caring,	Joy,	Trumpet,
Clean spirit,	Kindness,	Truthful,
Disciples,	Lord,	Wonderful
Earth,	Love,	-----
Father,	Paul,	
Forbearance,	Peacemaker,	
Gentleness,	People,	
God-fearing,	Powerful,	
Goodness,	Prayer,	
Guardian,	Precious,	
Heart-warmed,	Rainbow,	

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S	E	D	E	M	R	A	W	T	R	A	E	H	U	D
T	P	K	N	A	E	I	L	W	J	E	A	D	G	O
R	O	I	T	W	C	R	P	O	O	M	R	I	L	O
U	W	N	L	E	I	E	Y	S	R	B	A	S	E	G
T	E	D	E	S	O	R	M	F	N	D	N	C	G	G
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E	V	O	L	U	F	R	E	D	N	O	W	S	R	C
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Kindly use the NIV version of the Bible to answer all questions.

- Which book in the Bible mentions a “huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot”?  
A. Chronicles  
B. Genesis  
C. 2 Samuel
- What does the Bible say manna tasted like?  
A. Wafers made with honey  
B. Locust and dirt  
C. Candy  
D. Broccoli
- Who’s dead bones brought a man back to life again after the body touched them?  
A. Jesus’  
B. Elisha’s  
C. Adonizedek’s  
D. Skeletor’s
- How long did Elijah pray for it not to rain  
A. 7 days  
B. 3 1/2 years  
C. 7 years  
D. He just sang rain, rain go away...
- According to the Book of Isaiah, how many wings did each seraphim have that Isaiah saw flying above the Lord who was seated on a throne in a temple?  
A. Two wings  
B. Six wings  
C. Nine wings
- Who were the offspring of the “sons of God” and the “daughters of men?”  
A. The Priesthood of Melchizedek  
B. The Nephilim  
C. The Golden Ones  
D. Stormtroopers
- What does the Bible say John the Baptist ate?  
A. Wafers and milk  
B. Fish and wild honey  
C. Locusts and wild honey  
D. Fig newtons and chocolate milk
- Around midnight, when Paul and Silas were in jail praying and singing hymns to God, and the rest of the prisoners were listening to them, what happened?  
A. Fire consumed the jail door  
B. An earthquake  
C. Thunder from heaven  
D. The prisoners said, “Hey, will you please keep it down?”
- What two trees does the Bible mention were in the middle of the Garden of Eden?  
A. The tree of love and the wishing tree  
B. The tree of light and the tree of dark  
C. The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil  
D. A partridge and a pear tree
- After Jesus fed five thousand people from just five loaves and two fishes, how many basketfuls of broken pieces did the disciples pick up?  
A. 12  
B. 40  
C. 70  
D. There weren’t any leftovers
- What was the sign Judas said he would give the crowd to identify Jesus?  
A. He would kiss him  
B. He would say ‘the guy at eleven o’clock’  
C. He would smile and raise his eyebrows in the direction of the man  
D. He would dress Jesus up in a costume



# Moravian Multipurpose Complex

## Conference Center & Apartments



*Conferences*

*Weddings*

*Banquets*

*Meetings*

*Dinners*

*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 cable TV. All utilities are included with the exception of telephone.

*Redeemer*

*Mystery Answer*

*Bible Trivia Answers*

1. 2 Samuel 21:20, 2. Exodus 16:31, 3. 2 Kings 13:21, 4. James 5:17, 5. Isaiah 6:1-2, 6. Genesis 6:4, 7. Matthew 3:4, 8. Acts 16:26, 9. Genesis 2:9, 10. Matthew 14:20, 11. Matthew 26:47-50