

# 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)

### Christ's Love Moves the World



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

Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity! This was the theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Karlsruhe, Germany from August 31-September 8, 2022. This Assembly was to have been convened eight years after the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Busan, Republic of Korea in 2013, the Coronavirus pandemic forced the delay to 2022.

There were more than 4000 participants from every corner of the world. This makes the WCC Assembly the largest and most diverse Christian gathering of its size in the world. This Assembly provided an opportunity for member churches to come together

in one place for worship, prayer, conversation, and celebration. The Assembly also offered a unique opportunity for churches to deepen their commitment to visible unity and common witness.

There were no conversations about doctrine and ritual. Each confession/denomination was accepted as authentic and representative of their respective traditions. Each day of the Assembly began with morning prayers which drew from varied Christian traditions. To officially close the day, confessional evening prayers were held led by local churches. These included Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Old Roman Catholic and Anglican Oriental Orthodox, and Pentecostal. Each worship experience was different and beautiful in its own way. For the final sending prayer, the gospel reading was from the Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament. The worship life of the Assembly was led by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts who is the Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and Faith and Order.

Each day of the Assembly there was a thematic plenary which focused on a different topic as it received addresses and presentations from various persons.

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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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The thematic plenaries were structured to bring the theme into greater focus and were built around biblical texts. The plenaries were held on September 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7. The respective daily themes were:

1. The purpose of God's love in Christ for the whole creation – reconciliation and unity – Colossians 1: 15-20
2. Europe: The parable of the Good Samaritan focuses on Christ's compassionate love, which transcends boundaries and borders, calling us to care for the stranger with love and hospitality – Luke 10:25-37
3. Affirming the wholeness of life – John 9: 1-12
4. Affirming justice and human dignity – Matthew 15: 21-28
5. Christian unity and the churches' common witness – Matthew 20: 20-28

These plenary sessions invited participants deeper into the text to hear the gospel's call to act together for the cause of Christ. For preachers, there is the real temptation to see the biblical text as declarative material for worship experiences. The plenary sessions pushed us beyond the preaching moment to the incarnational effect of the word of God. Jesus did not just come so that we could preach and people could be saved and secure their eternal destiny. Jesus came to change the world and we are meant to be the world changers using the biblical text and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as our living guides. Jesus' vision for the gospel is more expansive and more inclusive than ours might be – to seek and to save a lost world.

Coming from dwelling in the texts, one may ask the question, "what is the church for?" Another way to ask the question might be, "What is the mission of the church?" Our view of the mission is often local. We focus on the issues that affect us. That is absolutely needed. However, as the church of Jesus Christ in the world, we must realize that we are part of a global community of Jesus followers who are seeking to be faithful to the call of God. We must care for our neighbour down the road, along the island chain, in the East, on continents, and in the global South. We all share Jesus in common and that should cause us to reject Cain's perspective and wholeheartedly declare that "I am by brother's/sister's keeper." As followers of Christ, when we must care for one another, we must witness to our oneness in Christ – By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one

another (John 13:35). We have sung it melodiously (and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love), it is time to make it incarnational, make it real. Cornel West says that "Justice is what love looks like in public." In other words, if we love one another, we must do justice to each other. Doing justice moves beyond individual relationships to incorporate every facet of life including churches, denominations, races, nations, and the like.

As people who seek to do justice, we must care when any member of the family is treated unjustly. As far away as Syria is from us, we must care that the current embargo against Syria prevents basic medicine from reaching Syrian Christians. We must also care that the church in Cuba is similarly affected by embargoes. When Palestinian Christians (yes, there are churches in Palestine) have to live with the continuous threats from Israel, and Israelis have to live in the continuous tensions with Palestinians, we must be concerned enough to pray. Whichever side one takes in the war between Ukraine and Russia, Christianity is of the dominant religion of each of those nations. The witness to the world is one set of Christians killing another set of Christians. Should we be concerned? Should anyone care that colonizing nations built their wealth, including their infrastructure, on slave labour and the exploitation of resources from the colonized without turning back to offer reparations so that our nations could get a boost up and narrow the gap between the worlds? If this is our Father's world, should we not care that its resources are not being stewarded efficiently and that their scandalous misuse is causing more storms and other climatic changes that will affect the most vulnerable among us? Does Jesus care that some people will die because of storm damage or from lack of basic medicines? "O yes, he cares, I know he cares. His heart is touched with my grief." If Jesus cares, why don't we?

The Assembly theme calls us to care as Jesus does so that the love of Jesus in us can move us to action. The Samaritan in Luke 10: 25-37 did not care about the religious affiliation of the wounded man. He cared enough to help. It did not matter to Jesus who sinned why the man was born blind. Jesus reached out to the blind man with healing and hope, and changed the direction of his life forever. Jesus was not after the praise; Jesus was after healing and wholeness for broken people.

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What motivates our ministry? After a beautiful worship experience with solid, inspiring word, what changes? Where does Jesus show up in our 8 – 4 or in the communities where we live? How do we represent the way of Jesus on our block, in our neighbourhood, to the blind, the wounded, the marginalized, the hopeless, and to people in need? What is left after the music fades?

Clearly, Jesus is calling us to more. We are called to widen our vision of our Christian duty. We are called to let the love of Christ move us beyond the safe worship space of the sanctuary to the world in need. Jesus calls us to use the unique gifts of the Christian faith such as hospitality, fellowship, forgiveness, love, compassion, grace, and mercy to be agents of healing and hope. We do not need more word or more powerful worship sessions. We need the commitment to walk in obedience to the commands of Christ. Christ-followers need to do just that – follow Christ.

The Assemble also transacted business. The business sessions provided the opportunity to make decisions and to set the agenda for the WCC for the next eight years. Bishop Philip Wright of the Anglican church, resident in Belize, was one of eight Presidents elected. He is President of the Caribbean Region. The Central Committee of about one hundred and fifty members, administers the work of the WCC and has five Caribbean representatives: Rev. Liudmila Hernandez Retureta of Cuba (Reformed), Rev. Merlyn Hyde Riley of Jamaica (Baptist), Bishop Everal Galbraith (Methodist), Rev. Bjorn Warde youth representative of Trinidad and Tobago (Reformed), and Mrs. Kimberly Voaden of The Cayman Islands (United and Uniting).

In these business meetings, churches raised issues that concern them so that the WCC many make representations on their behalf. Once these issues get on to the agenda, WCC uses its voice to advocate on their behalf. The issues from the Caribbean were Cuba, Haiti, reparations, and the climate crisis. There were also pre-Assembly events. This was an opportunity for specific matters to be addressed. These included youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and just community of women and men.

I participated in the just community of women and men and presented on the topic of transformative masculinities. That presentation will be shared in another issue.

Christ's love moves that world to reconciliation and unity. Let us commit to caring about other brothers and sisters. Let us commit to remove structures and systems that marginalize and dehumanize others. Let us commit to act like Jesus.



### **Provincial Day of Prayer and PEC Meeting**

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The Provincial Days of Prayer continue on October 1, 2022, at 6:00 am. This will be our thirty-second straight month of beginning the month together in prayer. Following the culture of prayer of our spiritual forebears who continued in prayer for one hundred unbroken years, let us continue to seek the face of God deliberately and sincerely for God's intervention in the affairs of this church and in the affairs of our lives.

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, we will meet for prayer at 6:00 am when we will be led by the Tobago Conference as we pray for the leadership of the church, and the structural adjustments needed to remain faithful to God, among other things. The link for this prayer meeting will be shared in due course.

Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord!

2. The new Provincial Board will meet from October 7 13, 2022, in St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands Conference for its first business meeting. Please pray that the Spirit of God will guide our deliberations.

## SHIFT MINISTRY MODELS

### Scarcity and Addiction

Learning the true meaning of trusting  
God's abundance

by Mort Meyenburg | September 5, 2022

I'm an alcoholic. I haven't had a drink in many years. I believe that by the power of God and with the supportive people in recovery, I have been taught how to live. Quitting drinking wasn't the only issue—I needed to learn how to live without drinking.

Though I've been sober a number of years, I learn something new about addiction and recovery every year. Normally when I'm trying to learn something else, I am opened up to new ways of seeing how addiction has played a part in my life. Recently at Luther Seminary, I was in Grace Pomroy's class "Money and Mission of the Church." We were discussing scarcity and abundance.

In our reading for that class, Walter Brueggemann caught my attention with his *Christian Century* article: "The Liturgy of Abundance, the Myth of Scarcity." Brueggemann writes, "Because Pharaoh, like Hitler after him, is afraid that there aren't enough good things to go around, he must try to have them all. Because he is fearful, he is ruthless. Pharaoh hires Joseph to manage the monopoly. When the crops fail and the peasants run out of food, they come to Joseph. And on behalf of Pharaoh, Joseph says, 'What's your collateral?' They give up their land for food, and then, the next year, they give up their cattle. By the third year of the famine they have no collateral but themselves. And that's how the children of Israel became slaves — through an economic transaction." I was astounded because this is exactly how addiction works.

Whatever we are addicted to takes us piece by piece until we become its slave. This notion of scarcity—the fear of not having enough—pulls and pulls us into this myth of scarcity. I hadn't ever thought of scarcity playing a role in addiction until I was reading Brueggemann.

When I started drinking, I wasn't automatically an alcoholic. I became an addict in much the same way the Israelites became slaves. You see, when I drank, I felt like I was a different person; I felt like I fit in; I felt like I was finally enough. So, I'd go back to my addiction, and it would ask, "What's your collateral?" And I'd pay by giving up some time with my friends. Then, I'd go back and be asked again, "What's your collateral?" As years went by, I gave up money, I gave up time with my family, I gave up values, I gave, and I gave. I could never sate my addiction; I couldn't get enough, so I kept giving and giving until—just like the Israelites—my addiction had all of me and I was a slave.

When I was in active addiction, I didn't understand that I was enough exactly the way I was; I didn't understand that God was all about abundance. Just like Israel learning to trust God that there was enough, I had to learn to trust God that I was enough. I needed to trust that I was made through the grace of God's abundance.

Eventually I learned, I am enough.

*Mort Meyenburg*

Mort Meyenburg is a Luther Seminary student currently serving as a synod authorized minister at Healing Waters Parish in SWMN ELCA Synod with three churches: Augustana Lutheran in Clarkfield, Bergen Lutheran in rural Granite Falls, and St. Lucas Lutheran in rural Cottonwood. Meyenburg is grateful for the gift of sobriety these past 26 years.

### Quote of the Day

"Whatever you want to do, do it with full passion and work really hard towards it. Don't look anywhere else. There will be a few distractions, but if you can be true to yourself, you will be successful."

Virat Kohli

## GENEVA MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP AND MISSIONS

By

Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts

At the end of 2020, just after one year of the founding of the Geneva Moravian Fellowship, we felt led to reach out to the global community. Firstly, having learned of our Moravian brothers and sisters in Myanmar, we have made an annual Lenten appeal to assist with the work there. Devastated by an ongoing war, the Moravians in Myanmar continue to be in great need for food, shelter, and general care. Through kind contributions of Moravians, in and outside of Geneva, we have given over 4000CHF (4000US) to assist in the work. Since the war, over 1 million people have been dislocated and thousands have been killed. These photos were sent to us by Bro Tin AungSchwe, who is one of the leaders of the Moravian work. Bro Tin joins our weekly Global Bible Study and gives us updates on the work. He expresses gratitude for our assistance. Anyone who is led to help especially the children can reach out to him [07tinaungschwe@gmail.com](mailto:07tinaungschwe@gmail.com) or to us [moravian-singeneva@gmail.com](mailto:moravian-singeneva@gmail.com)



The Geneva Moravian Fellowship also offers an outreach to the Moravian work in Albania. The Moravians began work in Albania, the home of Mother Teresa, thirty years ago.

Albania is one of the poorest European countries which is now emerging from years of communist rule. There are currently six Moravian stations in Albania. In recent times, the Moravians have been doing great work among the Roma (known as poor wandering) Families.



For over a year, the Geneva Moravian fellowship has sent a monthly contribution to help in the teaching of the children and adults. In June this year, I was honored to have visited Albania and to see the work firsthand. It was a most moving and memorable experience.



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

## Celebrants Corner

### Birthday Celebrants September 16th - 29th

Sis. Callisha Greenidge-Mark	16
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Sis. Lynda Prout	29

### Birthday Celebrants October 2nd –15th

Bro. Winston Jones	02
Sis. Shanelle Chase St. Hill	04
Sis. Georgette-John-Cotton	06
Sis. Nicole Wellington-Barker	09
Bro. Joseph Nicholas	15

### Anniversary Celebrants September 24th—30th

Bro. Conrad Spencer & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Frank Barker & Sis. Gloria Barker	27
Bro. Keith Horsford & Sis. Cicely Athill Horsford	30

## Consecration

The Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd will be Consecrated a Presbyter in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on Sunday October 9, 2022, at the Friedensthal Moravian Church, Christiansted St. Croix U.S.V.I at 4:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will be presiding.

## Installation Service

The Moravian Church Antigua Conference cordially Invites you to the Installation service for:

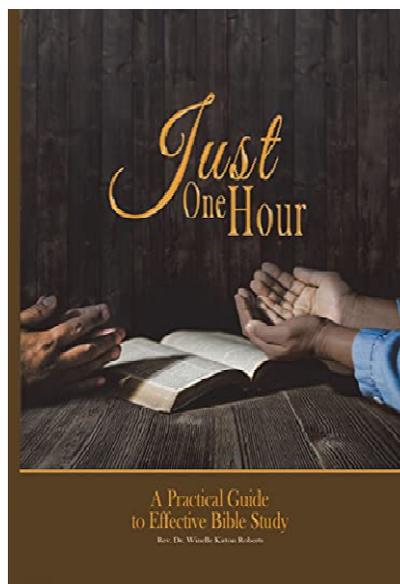
1. Rev. Kevin St. Hill as Pastor of the Potters/Zion and Judges Hill congregation on Sunday 2nd October, 2022 at 9:00a.m at Judges Hill Moravian Church (Judges Hill).
2. Rev. Nevin Lewis as Pastor of the Enon and Lebanon congregations on Sunday 2nd October, 2022, at 10:00a.m. at Lebanon Moravian Church (Seaview Farm). These services will also be live on Facebook at Antigua Conference of Moravian Church.

## Day of Prayer and offering for Surviving Spouses

Sunday, September 18, 2022, was observed as the annual day of prayer for the surviving spouses of Moravian Pastors in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day, we prayed for the spouses who were partners in the work of ministry. Please remember in prayer:

- Sis. Dorothy Graham - Barbados
- Sis. Deborah Challenger- Antigua
- Sis. Myrtle Miller- USA
- Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs- Virgin Islands
- Sis. Lynda Prout- Trinidad

Along with prayer, a special offering was taken on September 25, 2022, as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.



Go ye therefore and teach all nations... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you... (Matthew 28: 19a, 20a) is the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

This book, "Just One Hour," was compiled by Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts from over 29 years of teaching Bible Study. It is a prayerful, thoughtful, systematic, teaching tool that would inspire all believers to go deeper into the written word of God. In this practical guide, one would find studies on Books in the Bible, Christian faith, and Contemporary issues.

Bible Study has always been a passion of Sis Kirton-Roberts. Today, Sis Kirton-Roberts teaches a weekly Global Bible Study via zoom.

Please get a copy of the book for personal, family or Bible Study groups. You can order online via the link below.

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B3R6TYX5/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_MBPBDXCRR5EQ4B3KH0D](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B3R6TYX5/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_MBPBDXCRR5EQ4B3KH0D)

ALL the words listed below are in this **Stronger Together** 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 in the correct order to form the **Mystery Answer**.

Apostles,	Fellowship,	Oneness,
Body of Christ,	First church,	Pillar,
Common union,	God's plan,	Prayer,
Community,	Habit,	Sacrifice,
Cover,	Heavy books,	Same spirit,
Don't neglect,	Important,	Shareholder,
Easier,	Lifestyle,	Shortcomings,
Encourage,	Love others,	Stir up,
Faith,	Many membered,	Time,



1. What does the Bible say John the Baptist ate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What does the Bible say God did after Enoch lived 365 years?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who does God tell, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman"??  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where does the Bible say Adam was when Eve was talking to the serpent and eating the fruit from the tree?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Who in the Bible will say, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What does the Bible say are the fruits of the Spirit?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. While Elijah was in hiding in the Kerith Ravine who does the Bible say brought him food?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What does Jesus say people will see him doing in the end times in the Gospel of Mark?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. In which book of the Bible does it say, "All the tables are covered with vomit and there is not a spot without filth.?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What does the Bible say the Spirit of God was doing in the second verse of Genesis? . \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who in the Bible is mentioned being "the greatest man among all the people of the East"??  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the unforgivable sin mentioned in the Bible?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. According to Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, who knows when the end times are going to happen? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What kind of fish does the Bible say swallowed Jonah?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. What does the Bible say we should be anxious about? \_\_\_\_\_

# Moravian Multipurpose Complex

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## **GOOD WORKS**

### **Mystery Answer**

11. Job 1:1-3 (NIV)
12. Luke 12:10 (NIV)
13. Mark 13:32 (NIV)
14. Jonah 1:17 (NIV)
15. Philippians 4:6 (NIV)
6. Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)
7. 1 Kings 17:2-6 (NIV)
8. Mark 13:26-27 (NIV)
9. Isaiah 28:8 (NIV)
10. Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)
1. Matthew 3:4(NIV)
2. Genesis 5:23-24 (NIV)
3. Hosea 1:2 (NIV)
4. Genesis 3:6 (NIV)
5. Matthew 25:31-41 (NIV)

### **Bible Trivia Answers**