

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF PEC EWI PROVINCE



The Information

To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4: 12-13

The Call!



Rev. Algernon Lewis
Chairman of PEC

Most of us have heard about “the call.” Yes, that long distance call from God to be intentional about gospel ministry. For many, it sounds spooky or other-worldly. When one talks about the call of God there are images of being alone and the person hearing a voice calling his or her name. How dramatic, but it is hardly ever the case. The call of God is heard sometimes in the mundane, in the ordinary affairs of life, not as a audible voice but of an in prompting to get more involved with God.

Personally, I cannot speak of hearing a voice calling my name to dedicate myself to the gospel ministry of the Moravian Church. Over a long period of time, even before dedicating my life fully to Jesus, I knew I wanted to do more in church. The various ministries in church helped me navigate my teenage years. It was in 1987 when my commitment to the work of the church grew into a definitive commitment to Jesus. Church work now had greater meaning because of my personal confession of Jesus as my Lord.

People within my church family would often ask about my ministry desires and I was clear that I did not have those inclinations. Sure, I wanted to be involved in everything, even if it meant leaving home everyday. Yet, each time I led worship, or stood in front the congregation, it felt right. I felt like I belonged there. I did not share that with anyone because it seemed arrogant and heady. Like Mary, that feeling was pondered in my heart.

Much more time would pass and more ministry opportunities came and the sense of being in the right place only grew stronger. By this time, the chorus of people asking about entering the dedicated ministry of the church, only grew louder.

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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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This meant having conversations with my pastor about these matters and trying to give honest responses. All along, my thought pattern was that it would be haughty and arrogant to say that I feel called to the ministry. because who am I that God would call me or use me in that frontal way. There was no doubt in my mind that God was up to something with me. This was confirmed by my faith community who consistently spoke words of encouragement. However, I was not sure what God wanted me to do. I recall saying to friends that I will hold out until I am thoroughly convinced of the ministry path God had for me. Saying it now sounds arrogant and picky. However, at that time, my position was reinforced by Bishop Neville Neal of Jamaica when he preached at an ordination service at Spring Gardens. To paraphrase, he said, only come into ministry if you cannot stay out. If you have other options, explore them because you might later think you made a mistake when the rigors of ministry begin to set in.

The confirmation I needed came in 1990 after a series of events. All along, I was praying and fasting to hear from God. Ultimately, this was my decision to make as I was the primary agent. Once that decision was made, I became a "lifer" – no turning back. The next steps had their own set of challenges, but I remained resolute. I went off in 1991 to the St. Andrews Theological College in Trinidad, then to the United Theological College in Jamaica, graduating in 1995. I remain a lifer, convinced that I was made for this. I can only say, "What a God" who takes frail lumps of clay and makes them into soldiers for a cause.

At this time of year, we look ahead to the John Hus festival. We will talk about and reflect on John Hus and how he gave his life for the cause of Christ. He rode the wave in his time, not content to blend in but to allow God to pluck him out for service. That same God is looking to pluck more people out to serve the present age. The conditions may not seem right. Truth be told, they are never right. There is always something in the atmosphere that prevents us from doing something for God. Yet, the call comes over the restless waves to get involved with God's mission in the world. The call for John Hus sent him through the

official course of being trained as a priest and inhabiting the established space for ministry. My call took me the same route. However, the call that comes ringing over the restless waves, may be nuanced and involve other paths that are less travelled.

God has set some people within the context of this church who are ripe for ministry and they know it. They feel a strong conviction about particular areas of ministry but they are not sure what to do with that conviction. It looks like there is no opening because the current structure almost suggests that there is no room for you. Yet, God calls which means that God knows something that is not yet known by others.

The established niches are not the only roads to travel. Heading off to seminary and being professionally trained is the gold standard particularly in a time when AI and Chat GPT are looking to replace pastors in pulpits. 2 Timothy 2:15 remains a word from the Lord - *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.* In other words, some preparation will be required and this is invaluable to effective ministry. What is of crucial importance, is that call, the pull to get involved with what God is doing in your area or beyond.

Some of you already have responsibilities like families, jobs, and mortgages to name a few. How you navigate those realities is not simple. What is required is the determination to wrestle with God as to what God would have you do. It is not cliché when we say, "God will make a way where there seems to be no way." Responsible steps of faith are undergirded by the resources of heaven. However, each person who senses that call must share that with others and have it affirmed by your local faith community.

Your call and passion may never take you into a pulpit because you feel a passion for administration, or for human resource management, or for fund raising, or for teens, or for families, or for persons between the ages of twenty and fifty years. Modern ministry has many frames. God may innovate something in your context through you. What is important to note is that God is always calling people to minister in the

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context they are located. Modernity is ever evolving and innovating and so must the church. The needs around us keep changing and no one pastor or minister of Christian Education can keep pace with these changes. Violence among youth, mental health challenges, failing family structures, declining membership and influence are all areas that need our attention. You are needed.

Currently, the Moravian Church has fulltime clergy and supplementary clergy as paid staff. There are also Lay Pastors, a Lay Minister of Christian Education, Lay Preachers, and Acolytes. These ministries have the full backing of the church. The list is poised to grow as we discern the new paths God is calling us to. Pay attention to the things happening around your and how the Spirit might be prompting you to respond in this season. The call keeps coming as God continues to be active around us. Set aside personal time to listen and pay attention to what God is doing or saying in your internal universe. You might hear Jesus saying to you as he said the Matthew while he sat behind the tax collector table, “follow me!”

2023 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).

As we prepare for the 2023 cycle of the Hurricane Season, 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.

Locate the nearest shelter. If you live in a low-lying area, decide where you will go if a storm threatens.

If you plan to go to a shelter start packing. Do not wait until the hurricane makes landfall to get to the shelter. Be prepared.



Reflections on Fifty years of ordained Ministry

By
Bishop Kingsley Lewis



July 15th 2023 will mark 50 years of ordained ministry for me if God grants me to see that day this side of eternity.

On July 15th, 1973, I was ordained to the diaconate in the Moravian Church by the Rt. Rev. Edwin W. Kortz at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, Antigua. I was conscious of the prayerful support of a packed church of Moravians, members of the wider church community, family and friends and well-wishers.

Spring Gardens was my home church. There I had been baptized and confirmed—in the church which had stood from 1854 to 1963. Now I was being ordained to the Sacred Ministry in this new church which signified for me a new chapter in my journey of walking with God. It was for many people who were present, a novel experience to witness the ordination of a son of the congregation being ordained since the last such occasion was the ordination of the Rev. Hugh Henry in 1919.

My first call to parish ministry was to Barbados to the pastorate of Mount Tabor, Clifton Hill, Penuel and Blackman's. I arrived in Barbados on Friday, August 3rd, and was duly welcomed that evening at a service at Mount Tabor led by the Acting Superintendent, the Rev. Alvin Barker. In those days there were only three ordained ministers in the Barbados Conference. Usually I had three or four services on a Sunday at 9.00 and 11.00 a.m. and 5.00 and 7.00 p.m.

My ministry in Barbados was a happy and rewarding one, particularly at Mount Tabor, but I thank God for enabling me to lead members to construct a new manse there as well as to reconstruct the chapel at Penuel. Also, while I can thank God for the ecumenical formation provided by the United Theological College of the West Indies, it was in Barbados that ecumenism began to be shaped for me in many practical ways through relationships forged with various denominations, the Barbados Christian Council and the Caribbean Conference of churches.

It was while serving in Barbados that I was consecrated to the Presbyterate by Bishop John Knight at the Synod of 1978 at Zion, St. Kitts, along with the Rev. Willard Prout with whom I had entered the U.T.C.W.I.

My ministry in Barbados was ended with a call to Trinidad after 6 years and 4 months. I arrived in Trinidad with my family on December 27th, 1979 and was duly welcomed at the airport by delegation of members and duly installed at Rose Hill in the first Sunday of 1980.

The ministry in Trinidad was in some respects similar to that in Barbados and in others different. One of the differences was the distance between congregations. Here there were five congregations, but one was 35 miles from home and another about 64 miles from home. As the only ordained minister and Superintendent, I was assisted by a lay pastor and a number of faithful lay preachers. I arrived in Trinidad at a time when the building of highways was one of the more significant activities in the Republic and this determined in large measure the time spent on the roads travelling to and from congregations apart from Rose Hill and Belmont. The road construction and concomitant traffic crawls also impacted members who lived at great distances from the existing churches. This contributed to a decline in worship attendance by persons tired of facing the traffic five or six days a week. I was happy to be able to persuade the Island Conference to explore the possibility of planting new congregations to mark the 250th Anniversary of Moravian missions. The happy outcome of this decision by the Conference has been the establishment of the Memorial congregation.

My ministry in Trinidad also included serving as Acting Superintendent of the Tobago Conference for a period.

My ministry in Trinidad came to an end with a call to Antigua after six and a half years of a fulfilling ministry, my family leaving with me in July 1986.

In Antigua I was called to serve the Lebanon, Enon and Potters Zion congregations. This call was a short one, however, as the Synod of 1987 elected me to the position of Chairman of the P.E.C.

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In relation to this next move with little notice, I had mixed feelings, but as it turned out I was re-elected twice and served until 1996. Against my inclination, I must accept that it was the will of God for me.

I served in the Antigua Conference

At Potters Zion and Judges Hill from 1996- 2002—the contours of this pastorate was a mix of the familiar and the unfamiliar--new insights and new lessons for me in ministry, but all a blessing for me.

At the Synod of 1999, I was elected to the office of Bishop on the 16th of August and consecrated a Bishop of the Unity on November 13th, 1999 at Spring Gardens by Bishop Neville Brown, Bishop Stanley Thomas and Bishop Robert Foster. This was a truly humbling experience for me.

I was after this called to serve the Memorial congregation in the Virgin Islands Conference and served there from July 2002- for four years This was a team ministry in which I served in a pastorate which included the Tortola Fellowship (now Trinity, with the Rev. Ralph Prince, the Rev. George Bedford and the Rev. Anique Elmes-Matthew. This period of ministry had its own blessings and offered opportunities for ministry in a somewhat different dimension. For me, the most fulfilling aspect of my ministry was the commencement of a sunrise service at 6.15 and the establishment of a sunrise choir supported by the enthusiastic endorsement of the Church Boards. Generally, I particularly enjoyed the musical culture of the congregation and was blessed by the range of ministries we had at Memorial.

Later, I would receive calls to Enon and Lebanon on two subsequent occasions, to Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill and Spring Gardens and finally a three--month interregnum at the oldest congregation in the New World, New Herrnhut. At this latter congregation, my ministry embrace Lent and Holy Week and I was particularly blessed by the fellowship of the congregation and its musical offerings.

Children's Activity Corner



“The peace of God...
will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Do the math problems and fit the words into the correct spot to find a final message to the Philippians. Then place the letters in the boxes to complete the final sentence.

8 + 5 = ____ 4 + 3 = ____ 4 + 4 = ____ 9 - 6 = ____
pure noble lovely excellent

7 + 7 = ____ 5 + 5 = ____ 5 + 4 = ____ 15 - 9 = ____
true right admirable praiseworthy

Whatever is: ____ (14)

Whatever is: ____ (7)

Whatever is: ____ (10)

Whatever is : ____ (13)

Whatever is: ____ ____ (8)

Whatever is: ____ (9)

If anything is: ____ ____ or (3)

____ ____ (6)

Think about such things and

The God of ____ will be with you.”

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SHIFT: RECLAIMING OUR IDENTITY, RENEWING OUR PURPOSE, AND RE-IGNITING OUR PASSION



Birthday Celebrants
June 16-30

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



Birthday Celebrants
July 1– 15

Sis. Movelle Kellman	05
Sis. Yvonne Jean	07
Bro. Winston Chase	08
Bro. Michael Goodwin	09
Bro. Neilson Waithe	10
Sis. Cherice Job-Lewis	10
Bro. Ralph Prince	11



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants
June 16-30 & July 01-15

Sis. Elva Richards Goodwin & Bro. Michael Goodwin	23
Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew & Bro. Colin Matthew	04
Bro. Nigel Daniel & Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	06
Bro. Neilson Waithe & Sis. Vera Waithe	07



Ordination Anniversaries
June 16-July 15



Bro. Dion Christopher	June 16, 1991
Sis. Julie Joefield Parris	June 16, 1991
Bro. Ezra Parris	June 19, 1992
Bro. Nevin Lewis	June 27, 2010
Bro. Winston Chase	July 02, 1978
Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	July 11, 1982
Bro. Joseph Nicholas	July 11, 1982
Bro. Moise Jean	July 11, 2015
Sis. Yvonne Jean	July 11, 2015
Bro. Erwin Warner	July 11, 2015
Bro. Reuben Vessup	July 15, 1973

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I thank God for the opportunities I had to serve ecumenically as a member of the Continuation Committee of the Caribbean Conference of Churches for a number of years and as the Chairman of its Presidium from 1991-1997. I thank God also for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Unity Board of the World-wide Moravian Church and as its Chairman from 1994-1996 which afforded me opportunities to experience the Moravian work in its breadth and depth.

I thank God for the opportunities I have had over the years to attend the following institutions of learning and for enduring friendships and alliances over the years: United Theological College of the West Indies, Jamaica; Codrington College, Barbados; University of the West Indies; University of Birmingham, England and Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando.

I am also thankful to many persons who have guided me academically or taught me many things which have enabled me to complete Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Ministry degrees which hopefully have contributed in some ways to the ministry I have been able to offer under the leading of the holy Spirit. All these have enriched me as a servant of God and hopefully have contributed to the enrichment of the church.



Quote of the Day

I try to avoid looking forward or backward,
and try to keep looking upward.

Charlotte Bronte

ALL the words listed below are in this “**Golden Rule**” 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 form the **Mystery Answer**



Abyss,	Evil,	Onyx,
Aleph,	Gehenna,	People,
Amen,	Goats,	Plagues,
Amethyst,	Good,	Prophecy,
Angel,	Holy city,	Sapphire,
Babylon,	Jacinth,	Sardius,
Book of life,	Jasper,	Sheep,
Carbuncle,	Jerusalem,	Spirit,
Day,	Judgement,	Tree of life,
Death,	Light,	Unclean,
Diamond, Drag-	Living,	Yahshua,
on,	Mantle,	Yahweh
Earth,	Millennium,	
Emerald,	New Kingdom,	

Y A D H T A E D L T I R I P S
 G N I V I L R E A R T H G I L
 S T A O G A J A C I N T H T A
 R B M E G A M E T H Y S T E H
 M A O O L N C A R B U N C L E
 I O N O E C E S E U G A L P W
 L S D N K V N R E S S B H O H
 L A E G E O I U O H P A O E A
 E R M R N H F L F E R B L P Y
 N D E E P I E L L E O Y Y E E
 N I R P N G K G I P P L C L M
 I U A S N L I W F F H O I T D
 U S L A J U D G E M E N T N O
 M F D J A L E P H N C Y Y A O
 S S Y B A U H S H A Y X E M G

- Which person in the Bible said, “I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”?
 - Jesus
 - The devil
 - Elisha
 - Larry the shepherd
- What name did Moses change Hoshea son of Nun to?
 - Geuel
 - Joshua
 - Palti
 - Jeffery
- Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being arrested?
 - Simon Peter
 - Judas
 - Luke
 - Doug
- When the resurrected Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene who did she think he was?
 - An angel
 - The gardener
 - A leper
 - A bunny
- As Jesus hung on the cross the sun stopped shining and there was darkness over the whole land for how long?
 - About 1 hour
 - About 3 hours
 - Close to 7 hours
 - All Day
- Who’s hair got caught in a tree and they were left hanging there?
 - Samson’s
 - Absalom’s
 - Jesse’s
 - Rapunzel’s
- Which character does the Bible say “stood in the midst of Mars’ hill”?
 - Peter
 - Paul
 - Joseph
 - Jamie
- Which book in the Bible contains the verse, “A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, and money is the answer for everything.”?
 - Song of Songs
 - Ecclesiastes
 - Romans
 - That’s not in the Bible
- Who does the Bible say was Goliath’s brother?
 - Lahmi
 - Titan
 - Gogmagog
 - Megatron
- In the Book of Revelation, who gets some of the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it?
 - Jesus
 - The one who s victorious
 - Moses and Elijah
 - Everyone

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 air-conditioned 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.

Eternal Life

Mystery Answer

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| 9. 1 Chronicles 20:5 (NLT) | 10. Revelation 2:17 (NIV) |
| 5. Luke 23:44-45 (NIV) | 6. 2 Samuel 18:9-10 (NIV) |
| 1. Matthew 10:5, 16 (ESV) | 2. Numbers 13:16 (GNT) |
| | 3. John 18:10-11 (NIV) |
| 4. John 20:14-16 (ESV) | 7. Acts 17:22 (KJV) |
| 8. Ecclesiastes 10:19 (NIV) | |