

# 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



**Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith**  
Vice Chairman of PEC

### Church and Technology Summit 2023: A Confluence of Faith and the Future Mt. Zion Baptist Church Nashville, Tennessee

This year's Church & Technology Summit was an enlightening 3½ day experience, focusing on the harmonious blend of faith with the latest in technology. The event delved deep into exploring the possibilities of using advanced tech, specifically Artificial Intelligence (AI), to further the noble cause of the church and to propagate the Gospel of the Kingdom more effectively.

Participants were offered a choice among five specialized tracks, each tailored to distinct roles and interests within the church community:

### Five Dedicated Tracks, One Unified Vision:

The five tracks offered at this year's summit catered to various roles within the church:

1. **Lead and Executive Pastors:** A deep dive into the leadership aspects, envisioning how technology can aid in evangelism and outreach.
2. **Church Administration:** Exploring tools and strategies to streamline church operations, finances, and more.
3. **Emerging Technology:** A look at the latest in AI and how these advancements can be incorporated into the church's mission.

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

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4. **Creatives & Communication:** Harnessing AI-driven tools for image generation, design, presentation, writing, and social media to craft compelling messages.
5. **Production Engineering:** Leveraging AI for enhancing audio, video editing, and production quality.

### General Sessions: Expanding the Horizons of Faith Through Technology:

Each general session was designed to inspire and inform:

- **Innovation and Creativity:** Delved into ways technology can be an ally in expanding the reach of the church.
- **The Strategy of Technology:** A roadmap on how churches can strategically integrate technology for maximum impact.
- **Embracing Technology:** Explored the bridge between spirituality and technology, emphasizing the enhanced spiritual connections possible through technology.
- **Ministry & Marketplace:** A discussion on the intersection of commerce and church in this digital era.
- **Church Multiplication in the Digital Age:** Strategies for church growth and multiplication in a digital-first world.
- **Be Heard Better:** Techniques and tools to amplify the church's message.
- **Why Pastors Need to Use Data:** An informative session on the significance of data-driven decision-making and its effective use.

One of the standout concepts was the AI Evolution Pathway:

- **Generative AI (Text-Based):** Using AI to generate written content, sermons, or communications.

- **Multi Modal (Images, Audio, Video):** Employing AI tools for multimedia content creation.
- **Action Stacking (Workflows, Automations, Assistants):** Streamlining church operations through AI-driven automations and tools.
- **Second Brain (Predictive, Personalized, Pervasive):** Envisioning an AI that not only assists but predicts church needs, offering personalized solutions.



### Navigating Morality, Revelation, and AI:

A profound aspect of the Summit was the dialogue around morality and AI, as well as revelation and AI. As we venture into the digital era, it is essential to understand and shape the moral landscape that AI occupies. How does AI align with our spiritual revelations and teachings? Such introspective discussions were at the heart of this year's summit.

### Changing Mindsets vs. Implementation of Tools:

While technological tools are pivotal, the summit emphasized the importance of shifting mindsets. It is not just about implementing new software or gadgets; it is about understanding the broader vision of how these tools can serve the church and its mission.

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# What Does the Bible Say About Giving and Stewardship?

by Julie Wesley

The Bible is a collection of writings and stories from a wide variety of people in different places and different times that tell about the nature and character of God and about God's relationship to humanity. God's outrageous generosity toward humanity is one of the primary themes that runs cover to cover from the beginning of the Hebrew Scriptures all the way through the New Testament.

## God is the Great Provider, and provides all we need with abundance!

- God gives life and all that life entails and requires.
- God gives freedom when we are enslaved.
- God gives hope when we suffer.
- God gives protection when we are in danger.
- God gives grace and mercy even when we don't deserve it.
- God gives opportunities and second chances.
- God gives relationships and communities to support and help us.
- God gives love to people in all places and in all circumstances.

This list of examples from the biblical story of God providing everything needed could go on and on. And yet, it is difficult sometimes to feel and experience the abundance that comes from God. It is in our human nature to worry about, fear, and really feel the illusion of scarcity. Even the Israelites fleeing Egypt felt scarcity and worried about not having the manna they needed for tomorrow! However, God wanted to be known to the future generations as the dependable provider of all good things (Exodus 16).

## Freedom From and Freedom For

Trusting that God has provided, is providing, and will always provide everything we need frees us from the anxiety of needing to provide for ourselves. Martin Luther described this in his essay, "The Freedom of a Christian." We are freed *from* the responsibility of fending for ourselves and freed *for* the opportunities to use what we have to serve God and one another. Even this freedom is an incredible gift from God!

Understanding this glorious freedom changes how we view the gifts God has bestowed upon us. All that we are and all that we have comes from God. **It is not, however, for the sole purpose of our own comfort and pleasure.** God has been generous to us so that we can be generous to others. In this way, what we receive from God is not gifted to us; it is entrusted to us. What we have is not ours because we worked hard to earn it and deserve it. It is ours only because God gave it to us and trusts us to use it to meet our own needs and the needs of others. We are then only stewards of our lives, our time, our talents, and our possessions.

## Love is a Verb

These are the things God has given to us as signs of God's gracious love. When Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us (John 15), there is an implication that this means to provide for others as God has provided for us. **When Jesus speaks of "love", it is almost always as an action verb and never as warm fuzzy feelings.**

The most important question of stewardship is this: *How will we care for and use what God has entrusted to us in order to love, serve, and care for our neighbors?*

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### **Purpose-Driven Technology:**

The ethos was clear: use technology to go further and faster, ensuring that God receives the glory. By harnessing the capabilities of AI and other technological advancements, we can achieve our spiritual goals more efficiently and impactfully.

### **Balancing Progress with Patience:**

It is essential to move people at a rate they can tolerate. Rapid changes can be overwhelming, so it is crucial not to try to eliminate pain but navigate it wisely. Progress should be made keeping in mind the 4 C's: Character, Chemistry, Competence, and Culture.

As we reflect on the Church & Technology Summit 2023, the message is clear: Embracing technology is not just about keeping up with the times; it is about harnessing these powerful tools to amplify our message, enhance our missions, and foster deeper connections within our communities. The future of the church is exciting, and with the marriage of faith and technology, the possibilities are boundless.

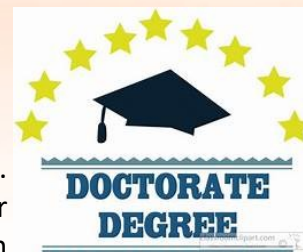


### **Quote of the Day**

A church must grow larger and smaller at the same time.  
Larger through worship and smaller through small groups.

*Pastor Rick Warren*

### **Congratulations**



Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Anique Elmes Matthew on her recent graduation from Omega Graduate School (OGS) with a Doctor of Social Leadership (DSL), September 23, 2023, Summa Cum Laude. Her Action Research Project: The Role of Church Leaders in Advancing Church Growth. Sis. Elmes-Matthew received the Chancellor's Honour Award, given in recognition of the documentation of a faithful ministry, the resolve to teach others, and the recognition of quality research with the potential to advance the Christian faith. This is Sis. Elmes-Matthew's second doctoral degree from OGS.



### **Resignation**

Rev. Catherine Governor-Browne, Pastor/Minister of Christian Education has resigned as a member of staff of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province effective July 1, 2023.

Her resignation was accepted by the Provincial Board. Sis. Governor-Browne has been on Leave of Absence since May 2020.

The Province expresses its appreciation for her six years of service and prays the blessing of the Triune God on Sis. Governor-Browne and family.

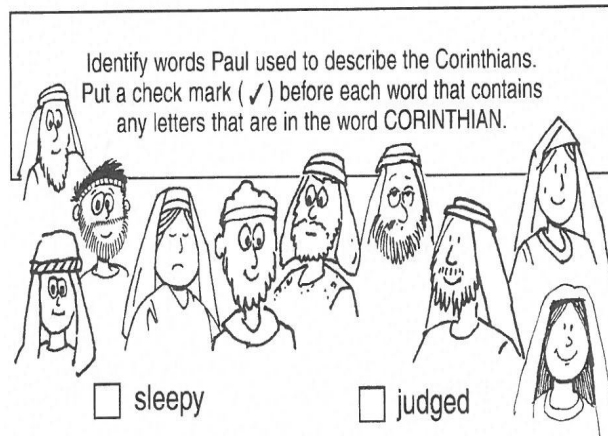




## Children's Activity Corner



The Corinthians were comforted to know God would help them continue in righteousness.



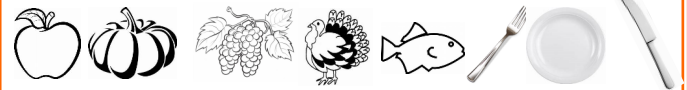
Identify words Paul used to describe the Corinthians. Put a check mark (✓) before each word that contains any letters that are in the word CORINTHIAN.

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## Jesus Keeps You Strong

Unscramble each word to spell the name of one of the items that is pictured. Then use the circled letters to complete the sentence.



Paul told the Corinthians that...  
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# Let Us Celebrate



## Birthday Celebrants

**October 16—31**

Bro. Algernon Lewis	24
Bro. Erflin Browne	25
Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	28



**November 01—15**



Sis. Onita Samuel-Warner	01
Sis. Cherry-Ann Ince	01



## Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

**October 16-31 & November 01-15**

Bro. Vankys Isaac and Sis. Myrtle Isaac	26
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## Ordination Anniversary



Sis. Eulencine Christopher November 05, 1995



## Consecration

Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer has been requested to consecrate the Rev. Liselle Roberts to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago.

Please pray for Sis. Liselle Roberts as she continues steadfast in the call of God and the ministry of the Moravian Church.

## Provincial Board Meeting

The Provincial Board meets in St. Kitts from October 16 -20, 2023 for its final official meeting for 2023. Your prayers are requested for us as we deliberate on matters facing the Province.

Thank you for your prayers.



## Condolences



It is with sadness that we advise you of the passing of Sis Dorothy Graham, widow of the late Rev. E Alexander Graham, originally from Mount Tabor, who passed away September 23, 2023 at age 97.

On behalf of the PEC and the entire provincial family we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family.



The Provincial Board and the Provincial Family extends condolences to Sis. Kirsten Petty, Treasurer of the St. Kitts Conference, on the passing of her mother, Vanderlyn Petty. Sis. Vanderlyn, a stalwart of the Moravian community in St. Kitts passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Please keep the immediate family and church community in our prayers.

Funeral details of both will be shared in subsequent announcements.



ALL the words listed below are in the puzzle “**Biblical Occupations**”- 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**



- Jesus performed many miracles during His ministry, and they served as signs that the Kingdom of God had truly come. What was Jesus' first miracle?
  - Walking on water
  - Turning water into wine
  - Feeding 5000 with the loaves and fishes
  - Cursing the fig tree
- Whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal when she had a fever?
  - Martha's
  - Mary Magdalene's
  - Matthew's
  - Simon Peter's
- As Jesus and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat, a terrible storm arose and threatened to drown them. Jesus rebuked the wind and waves and the storm disappeared. What was Jesus doing when the storm arose?
  - Praying
  - Sleeping
  - Eating a meal
  - Explaining the parables to His disciples
- Whose daughter did Jesus bring back to life?
  - Jairus'
  - Herod's
  - Simon Peter's
  - Martha's
- Jesus miraculously broke just a few loaves of bread and fishes and fed 5000 men, plus women and children. How many loaves and fishes did he start with?
  - 3 loaves and 2 fishes
  - 2 loaves and 3 fishes
  - 5 loaves and 2 fishes
  - 2 loaves and 5 fishes
- Which disciple walked on the water with Jesus?
  - James
  - Matthew
  - Peter
  - Thomas
- Which disciple were with Jesus at His transfiguration, when “His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light”?
  - Andrew, James and Matthew
  - Peter, James and John
  - Thomas, Peter and John
  - Philip, John and Peter
- What man did Jesus raise from the dead, after he had been dead four days?
  - John the Baptist
  - Lazarus
  - Elijah
  - Moses
- What was Bartimaeus' affliction that Jesus healed?
  - Leprosy
  - Lameness
  - Deafness
  - Blindness
- When Jesus healed the man who was blind from birth, He made mud with his spit and put
  - Go pray in the synagogue
  - Go show himself to the Pharisees
  - Wash in the Sea of Galilee
  - Wash in the pool of Siloam

Ambassador,	Coppersmith,	Magistrate,
Apothecary,	Craftsman,	Maid,
Artisan,	Cupbearer,	Mason,
Astrologer,	Disciple,	Metalsmith,
Baker,	Fisherman,	Nurse,
Basketmaker,	Gatekeeper,	Prefect,
Brewer,	Glassworker,	Silversmith,
Brickmaker,	Harvester,	Slave,
Carpenter,	Jeweler,	Tentmaker,
Charioteer,	King,	Woodworker
Clerk,	Laborer,	

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# 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.

### FARMER

#### Mystery Answer

1. B. (John 2: 1-11) 2. D. (Mathew 8 14-17), Mark 1: 29-34) Luke 4: 38-41) 3. B. (Mathew 8 23-27, Mark 4: 35-41, Luke 8: 22-25) 4. A Mark 5: 21-43, Luke 8: 40-56) 5. C. Mathew 14: 13-21, Mark 6: 30-44, Luke 9: 10-17, John 6: 1-14
6. C (Mathew 14: 22 -33)
7. B. (Mathew 17: 1-13, Mark 9: 2-13, Luke 9: 28-3
10. D (John 9 1-41)
8. B (John 11: 1-44) 9. D. (Mark 10 46-52)

#### Answers to Bible Quizz