



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in

advance for us to do".

Ephesians 2:10 [NIV]

The Information

September/October, 2007

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, evangelism, discipleship and service

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New Chairman Installed

New Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference installed. On Sunday 2nd September, 2007, a total of Four hundred and fifty (450) persons gathered at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, for the installation of the new Chairman of PEC, The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis. Among those gathered for the occasion, were the other members of the Provincial Board:

- The Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher
- The Rev. Mikie Roberts,
- Sis. Jeanette Smith Barry and
- Bro. Sidney Osborne,

who all participated in the worship experience. In addition, the entire Ministerial Staff within the Antigua Conference of the Moravian Church and all Six (6) Superintendents were in attendance and brought greetings from their respective Conferences. The Superintendents are:

- Rev. Vera Waithe- Barbados;
 - Rev. Denise Smith Lewis, St. Kitts;
 - Rev Esther Moore Roberts, Tobago;
 - Rev. Adlyn Mgonela, Trinidad;
 - Rev. Winston Chase, Virgin Islands.
- The Rev. Adrian Smith, member of the Executive Board of the Antigua

Conference deputized for the Superintendent, who had just been elected and was being installed as the new Chairman of PEC. It was a real spirit-filled worship experience, as the congregation sang lustily and with much feeling. Bishop Kingsley Lewis brought a very soul searching and powerful word, as he gave the meditation. Using Joshua 1: 1- 9 as the text, the Bishop gave the context that Joshua was in at the time at the death of Moses, and then Charged the new Chairman to be strong and courageous. The Bishop's message is included in this issue of the Information.

Inaugural Message from the New Chairman of PEC

Good evening, It is with a deep sense of Gratitude to God and his faithfulness that I stand here to be installed as Chairman of the PEC. This is not a decision that I came to lightly. It took much soul searching and prayers, to decide whether I should accept the decision to Lead this Province at such a time as this. Never in my wildest dreams or imagination did I anticipate that the Delegates from throughout the Province would have voted for me so overwhelmingly. Never before in the history of this Province has anyone been elected by mail balloting. One has to garner two thirds or 66.66% of the votes cast in the election in order

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Chairman's Inaugural Message

to be elected. I remarked to our local Staff when the voting started that no one would have elected, however, after the first set of balloting, I led with 14 votes. To my surprise, after the second set of balloting, I had 33 votes out of 70, with the nearest rival being at 7 votes. On the third set of balloting, the delegates of the last Synod held in Tobago gave their endorsement to me being Chairman with 54 votes out of 70 or 77.14% of all the votes.

I want to say thanks to my dear loving wife, Althea Pearline and our two daughters, Dacia and Danielle for their support and love. I want to say thanks to Staff and Lay delegates who have elected me to this position. I want to thank Rev. Neilson Waithe for being here in a special way. We have been friends for a long time.

I am very much aware of some of the challenges we face as a Province and they are many.

Having come to this Installation service, it is very sacred to me personally. I see the Installation as my anointing for this sacred office, indeed, my instrument of authority. I had purpose within my heart that I would not perform any role or function without being installed. So this PEC met last night into this morning for the first time. I want to say to the other members of the PEC, that this is team work. We have to work together if anything is going to be achieved. The PEC is constituted in the following manner:

-As Chair, I have responsibility for Administration, Finance, Ecumenical Relations and Unity matters;

-Vice Chair, Brother Dion Christopher has responsibility for Mission and Evangelism;

-Secretary, Brother Mikie Roberts has responsibility for Ministry and Theological Education;

-Lay Member, Sister Jeanette Smith Barry has responsibility for Christian Education and Youth and

-Lay Member, Brother Sidney Osborne has responsibility for Development.

We are without a Treasurer at this time and hope that one can be appointed soon.

One of the first orders of business is the appointment of Acting or Interim Superintendent, who will have responsibility for the Antigua Conference until January 2008.

Many members of the congregation have been expressing all sorts of emotions. Let me allay your fears. I will remain as Pastor of Spring Gardens until at least January 2008. It could be longer. I will be here.

This PEC will not be run on the street by anyone. You have elected us and so we will do our best with the help of Almighty God.

Cortroy Jarvis

Meeting of Christian Educators

Our prayers are requested for the

Ministers of Christian Education, as they meet in session in the Trinidad Conference from Sunday September 23 to Wednesday September 26, 2007.

Appointments

The PEC is pleased to announce the appointment of The Rev. Nigel Daniel as Interim Superintendent of the Antigua Conference effective October 1, 2007 to January 15, 2008.

We Pay God's richest blessings on Rev. Daniel, his family, the staff and congregations in the Antigua Conference, as he takes up this office.

May God truly continue to bless us all and may the peace of God reign in our hearts always.



The PEC is pleased to announce the appointment of Bro. Levi Bradshaw and Sis. Kerstin Petty as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Eastern West Indies Province, with effect from October 1, 2007. Both Bro. Bradshaw and Sis. Petty are members of the Estridge congregation within the St. Kitts conference.

Bro. Bradshaw is the Senior Budget Analyst/Project Account for the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, while Sis. Petty is the Budget Analyst for the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.

We thank God for having called them to this awesome responsibility and look forward to a fruitful term of office.

Consecration of Bishop

We rejoice with the Jamaica Province and indeed the Unity on the consecration of the **Rev. Stanley Clarke** to the office of Bishop. The consecration service took place on Sunday September 16th, 2007 at the Covenant Moravian Church in Kingston Jamaica. Bishops Robert Foster, Stanley Thomas and Kingsley Lewis officiated at the service.

Also in attendance was the Ministerial Staff from the Antigua Conference of the Moravian Church, along with Rev. Eulencine Christopher of the Virgin Islands Conference of the Moravian Church.

The Rev. Stanley Clarke is a member of staff of the Jamaica Province and was elected to this office during the recent Synod held in Jamaica.

We wish Bishop Clarke God's blessings on his elevation to this high office and that God would use him mightily to win souls for the Kingdom.

"Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

**God's Promise to Joshua's Is To You Also
by Bishop K. Lewis**

For all practical purposes the past is behind us, there is nothing back there left to do. We can't undo a single action, we can't take back a

single word, and the past is now a permanent fixture on the face of eternity. Before us is a way, full of promise and opportunity. Facing the future can be challenging, a bit apprehensive, but filled with great excitement. And the best thing of all is that God wants us to be successful in that which we seek to accomplish in the future, if we seek God and focus on things of importance we will have a successful future, God made that promise to Joshua, it applies to us as well; it applies to you especially, Bro. Cortroy.

The promise of God to Joshua was: "as I was with Moses, so I will be with you" and I firmly believe as we gather here this evening that God's promise to you is' "as I was with Moses, so I will be with you."

Graeme Auld has observed that "Continuity is the keystone of the opening passage of the Book of Joshua...It reports a smooth transition from Moses to Joshua." (Graeme Auld) We come to this place and to this time firmly believing that continuity is the keystone that is required by God and the church at this time. When the history of this Province shall have been written, let it be recorded that there was a smooth transition from your predecessors to you.

In Joshua's case, it was a smooth transfer of responsibility rather than power, because power and authority rest with God, but God apportioned responsibility. It is responsibility that is being transferred from your predecessor to you by divine fiat, but the power and authority rest with God.

Preparation for the Task

1. Joshua's Character had something to do with God's choice

- A. Joshua was a man of **initiative**. (Defeat of the Amalekites) Ex. 17:8-10-You have demonstrated initiative and leadership in your ministry thus far.
- B. Joshua was a man of **patience**. (Joshua as Moses assistant waiting on Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights for the tablets of stone from God with the law and commandment)Ex.24:13,18;32:17- there will be situations that exasperate, and you will require much patience.
- C. Joshua was a man of **dedication** to duty. -you have demonstrated that thus far.
- D. Joshua was a man of **loyalty**. (Joshua's loyalty to Moses seen when Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the tent) Num. 11:26-29-You will need to show loyalty to the other members of the Board, even as they show loyalty to you-not blind loyalty, but loyalty because you are a team.
- E. Joshua was a man of **courage**.(Joshua defended the plan to inhabit the promised land when the idea was unpopular and the people were rebelling and ready to go back to Egypt) Num. 14:6-the task before you will demand courage, not weak knees-unpopular decisions will have to be made at times- the office is not merely about winning friends and influencing people-it's about doing the will of God and what is best for God's Church.

- F. Joshua was a man of **respect**. (He was so held by the Gadites and Reubenites) Num. 32:38 - Moral Holiness. It should hardly be necessary for me to remind you of the importance of a life of continued moral holiness as you lead the church in in this position. Lev. 19:32.

2. Joshua's Training had something to do with God's choice

Joshua had training-you have had theological and practical training. God called him to lead early on - you have been called to leadership early in your ministry, albeit at a different level - this will have prepared you in some way.

Joshua learned under Moses and there will have been mentors under whom and from whom you would have learned. See all of this as part of the divine plan for your life.

3. The character of the work had something to do with God's choice

After wondering, there was need for stability in the life of the Children of Israel and the character of Joshua was suited for that task. I believe that your character had something to do with God's choice;

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The character of the work had something to do with God's choice and God has called you at this time to help to bring a sense of stability to this province!

Paul Fritz) reminds us that "the Holy Spirit gave Joshua the wis-

dom to delegate key responsibilities and tasks to capable people. Joshua wrote, "So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: 'Go through the camp and tell the people, Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'" (Josh. 1:10,11) Ask the Lord to give you the wisdom and the interpersonal skills to delegate key responsibilities to obey and teach others' how to minister in a variety of circumstances.

The Holy Spirit helped Joshua set specific goals for his ministry. Joshua wrote, "Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own." (Josh. 1:11) Ask the Lord to help you set and carry out specific goals for your ministry enabling you to have a sense of ownership of all that God gives you"!

I think that over the years you have learned to delegate. You can't do the work all yourself. Delegate! Delegate! Delegate!

Prosecution of the Task

1. Stop, Look and listen for God's guidance (9a)

The Holy Spirit conditioned Joshua's success on his obedience to God's directives. The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not turn to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." (Josh. 1:7) Ask the Lord to help you to seek God's success in terms of what is holy, true, and God honoring.

Listen to the voice of others-do not be deaf to them, but learn to discern those voices which are of God, and those that are not.

The Holy Spirit urged Joshua to meditate on the scriptures as the essential prerequisite for prosperous and successful ministries. The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (Josh. 1:8) Ask the Lord to help you spend quality time in meditating on the scripture throughout every day. The scriptures are your guide. Your primary manual is the Bible, not the manuals of secular management. Though they may be useful, test them by the word of God.

2. Take yourself in hand and be decisive and bold (9b)

The Holy Spirit challenged Joshua to be strong and courageous in his leadership. The Lord said to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them." (Josh. 1:6) Ask the Lord to remind you to be strong and courageous in the Lord's mighty power as you carry out ALL the functions of your office.

Decisive and bold steps will be required of you and the entire P.E.C.

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3. Count on the unfailing presence of God in all – even the worst circumstances (9c)

The Holy Spirit repeated his command to Joshua to not allow himself to give into discouragement. The Lord said to Joshua, "Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Josh. 1:9) Ask the Lord to help you remind yourself of the great commands of God that you are responsible to obey and teach others.

The Holy Spirit showed the supporters of Joshua how to keep him encouraged and pointed in the right direction. Joshua wrote, "Only be strong and courageous!" (Josh 1:18b) Ask the Lord to show your people how to keep you encouraged, directed and intimate with the Lord in all aspects of this ministry to which you are now called.

If you keep in constant communion with God, nothing can overwhelm you.

Stop, Look and listen for God's guidance!

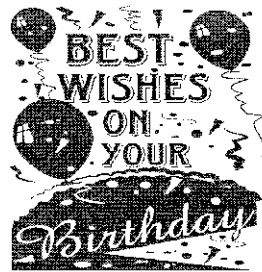
Be decisive and bold!

Count on the unfailing presence of God in all - even the worst circumstances!

And may God grant you every success in all that you do. AMEN.

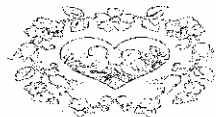
Meeting of the PEC

Your prayers are requested for the PEC, as they meet in session in St., Thomas Virgin Islands, from the 12th - 16th October, 2007.



Birthday Greetings for September

- Bro. Samuel Jacobs 7
- Bro. Walton Frederick 7
- Sis. Myrtle Isaac 8
- Bro. Keith Horsford 10
- Bro. Devon Mannix 23
- Sis. Lynda Prout 29



Anniversary Greetings for September

- Bro. Ezra Parris & Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris 5

- Bro. Romeo & Sis. Deborah Challenger 8

- Bro. Conrad & Sis. Sonia Spencer 24

- Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Horsford 30



Birthday Greetings for October

- Bro. Winston Jones 2
- Sis. Georgette John 6
- Sis. Anique Elmes-Matthew 22
- Bro. Algernon Lewis 24
- Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris 28



Anniversary Greetings for October

- Bro. Vankys & Sis Myrtle Isaac 26
- Bro. Derick & Sis. Lexs Forrester 27