



# Bethlehem Herald

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**John Hus**  
1369 - July 6, 1415

*"Seek the truth  
Listen to the truth  
Teach the truth  
Love the truth  
Abide by the truth  
And defend the truth  
unto death."*



Love  
The  
Truth

*I hope, by God's grace, that I am truly a Christian, not deviating from the faith, and that I would rather suffer the penalty of a terrible death than wish to affirm anything outside of the faith or transgress the commandments of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

This year marks the 602<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of John Hus. It provides for us an important reminder of his life and ministry – what he stood for, what he died for, and what we too should stand for, and be willing to 'go down' proclaiming. (The following Devotional with reference to John Hus comes from:

[www.cslewisinstitute.org/The\\_Legacy\\_of\\_John\\_Hus\\_FullArticle](http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/The_Legacy_of_John_Hus_FullArticle))

Hus' message to us today challenges us to be grounded in Scripture. Writing to his friends in Bohemia the day before he was executed, he declared what was a constant reminder throughout his ministry – "Be diligent in the Word of God". (This represents the Use the Key of Knowledge according to this Year's Provincial Theme). The reading habits of today's Christian might be quite embarrassing if really revealed. Hus also promoted 'doing and living out the truth'. He wrote to his friends at Prague with great urgency – "I beg you...that you gladly attend the preaching, diligently hear it; and hearing it,

understand it, keep it; and keeping it, learn to know yourselves; and learning to know yourselves, know rightly your dearest Saviour."

What is a second challenge from Hus is that we keep Jesus Christ as the head of the Church. (This represents the Use the Key of Jesus according to this Year's Provincial

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St. Philip  
Moravian Fellowship

**"Rejoice 2017"**

**Sunday,  
July 16,  
2017  
4:00 pm**

The Princess Margaret  
Secondary School

**\$20**

Featuring:  
The Royal Barbados  
Police Force Band;  
Amanda Fields,  
Southern Region Singers;  
Hallelujah Dancers;  
Marielle Shorey.



**Theme).** For Hus, the Church was the gathering of all predestined believers in heaven and earth who confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hus struggled with following the decrees of the Pope who “lived contrary to Christ” - “the supreme head” of the Church. While Hus was a reformer, he recognized that **his desired goal of Church unity was possible only through true faith** that was elusive if church-goers were not devoted to Scripture. As we critique programmes or ministries today, we likewise should be challenged to base our actions on Scripture, and not personal power or pride.

Hus also recognized **the centrality of worship to connect people to God**. Hus would be alarmed today to discover that more time is devoted to announcements than the reading of Scripture. His desired to increase participation and **create a vertical flow of worship** by preaching and translating the liturgy and hymns into the vernacular, allowing the people to participate more fully.

Also, during that period, only the priest received the wine while the laypeople were limited to receiving the Eucharistic bread. Central to the Czech Reformation that followed Hus’s death was the **return of the cup to the laity**. This was symbolized by a chalice placed on an open Bible, communicating the free proclamation of Scripture and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with both bread and wine. Hus’ motivation again was derived from Scripture. In writing to his replacement at the Bethlehem Chapel, Hus asserted: “Do not oppose the sacrament of the cup of the Lord which the Lord instituted through Himself and through His apostle [i.e., Paul]. For no Scripture is opposed to it, but only a custom which I suppose has grown up by negligence. **We ought not [to] follow custom, but Christ’s example and truth.**”

Another important challenge from Hus deals with **cultivating the spiritual life**. **(This represents the Use the Key of the Holy Spirit according to this Year’s Provincial Theme)**. Speaking to one of his closest friends and supporters, Hus exhorted him to “firmly and steadfastly love the Lord Jesus Christ”, noting that Christ suffered and provided this as an example in following Him.

**Let us Pray:** *Father, we thank you that your Word contains all the necessary guidelines for training and disciplining ourselves and our children. Help us to seek, listen, teach, love, abide by, and defend the Truth, even unto death, using the Keys that you have so lovingly provided, as we Advance the Kingdom.* For the full article go to: [www.cslewisinstitute.org/The\\_Legacy\\_of\\_John\\_Hus\\_FullArticle](http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/The_Legacy_of_John_Hus_FullArticle)

## SEEK ADVICE FROM...

### Word Search

|            |            |         |
|------------|------------|---------|
| Accounting | Coach      | Father  |
| Agent      | Counsellor | Judge   |
| Banker     | Dean       | Lawyer  |
| Dentist    | Librarian  | Manager |
| Broker     | Doctor     | Manager |
| Mediator   | Minister   | Nurse   |
| Pastor     | Police     | Priest  |
| Principal  | Teacher    | Trainer |
| Mother     |            | Tutor   |

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### THIS MONTH IN MORAVIAN HISTORY AT BETHLEHEM

|                                    |   |
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| ✠ 1965<br>July 17                  | <b>First Wedding at Bethlehem :</b><br>Vincent and Cynthia Grandison<br>(both now deceased).  |
| ✠ <u>Annually</u><br><u>July 6</u> | All Moravians commemorate the<br><b>Martyrdom of John Hus</b> in<br>Joint (Holy Communion)<br>Convention Service (one location)<br>on the first Sunday in July. |



## From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Delroy Burley

### ***'Why Not Invite Someone On The Project?'***

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.'*

Romans 12:3

I believe when a person is a new leader, he often mistakenly assumes that being a leader means he/she has to know it all. As a result, he/she puts him/herself under unnecessary stress, trying to project him/herself as one who knows everything. His/her need to appear as an expert at everything reveals an immature understanding of what true leadership is all about.

I realized when a leader keeps everything in his/her own hands and does not allow anyone else to do anything, this leads to frustration for the team members working with him. It is especially frustrating when there are people surrounding the leader who know the answers, who are experts in their fields, and who really could help. But they have to silently sit by and just watch the leader struggle as he tries to be Superman, never asking his team for help.

This sounds like someone I know very well. No one has all the answers! The smartest leaders in the world I believe are those who realize both their gifts and their limitations. A leader is being wise when he recognizes his/her need for gifted, talented, willing-minded people to chip in and help him/her effectively do what he/she is called to do. No one can do it all alone. In fact no one is an Island.

If you will open your eyes and look around, you will find that God has graciously surrounded you with the very people you need. They are just waiting for your invitation to help you nurture your God-given dreams, visions, and projects and bring them to fulfillment.

In Romans 12:3, Paul spoke about our need for others in our lives despite we might not want them. He said, for I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to

think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

If anyone could have thought highly of himself, it was Paul and he would have been correct! He formerly had been a lawyer, politician, and Pharisee. No doubt he was also once very wealthy. Now Paul could claim that he had seen Jesus and had been taught by Him (Galatians 1:12). In regard to his own apostleship, he acknowledged that his apostleship to the Gentiles was mighty (Galatians 2:8). In fact, it was so mighty that when those who were appointed as apostles before Paul saw the great grace in his life, they extended to him the right hand of fellowship and invited him into their inner sanctum. In 2 Peter 3:16, Peter writes that the profound nature of Paul's revelation was so extraordinary that even he wrestled to comprehend it all.

Yet Paul is the one who admonishes us not to think too highly of ourselves but to learn to view ourselves soberly. The word soberly is the Greek word means to be of sound mind; to be reasonable; to be balanced and level-headed in the way one thinks; to maintain a proper appraisal, measurement, or value; to think clearly about one's limitations. In other words, we are not to pretend to be more than we are and I leave it there!

Although Paul stood in a class by himself and could boast of unprecedented accomplishments, he recognized his need for other members of the team. That is why he leaned so heavily on Timothy, Titus, Luke, Barnabas, Silas, Sosthenes, among many others. The understanding of his own limitations is the reason Paul could rejoice that others were on his team. Therefore, he could write with no sense of being threatened by someone else, I planted, but Apollos watered.... Apollos contributed a part that Paul would never have brought into the project. Paul was a dynamic planter, but Apollos was an excellent nurturer. Paul needed all his team members to bring his job to maturity or fruition.

Of course, you need to recognize your own God-given abilities and use them. God wants you to develop your gifts and use your talents to become the very best you can be. But when you come to the edge of your limitations, realize that it is all right for you to say:

- This is too much for me!
- This is a project that I am not anointed to do!



- This demands gifts and talents that I do not possess!
- This is a time for someone else to take the lead, even if temporarily!
- This assignment is going to take teamwork, because I cannot do it by myself.

God intended for you to be a part of a team! If you try to act the team like you can do everything on your own, you are going to find it quite humiliating when you fail miserably in front of everyone.

Trying to tackle a huge project all by yourself is the surest and quickest way to end up embarrassed in front of others. When you fail and tumble on your face, you will regret that you did not say, I think someone else can do this task better than I can. This is simply not where I am most gifted. Who can work along with me and help me out with this project?

So instead of thinking too highly of yourself and attempting to go it alone with every project you undertake, be smart! Develop a team mentality. Bring others into the project with you as the Lord leads. Recognize your limitations, and seek out those who have the gifts and talents you need. Rather than try to figure everything out by yourself, let the people around you contribute their thoughts, views, and insights. Let them use the talents and abilities God gave them. You can accomplish a whole lot more as a team than you can do by yourself.

The next time you set out to accomplish a task God has assigned to you, remember there exist other members of the Body of Christ too! You are not the only one who is called and has faith. God has gifted His entire Body with faith and spiritual gifts. Rather than trying to do it all by yourself, think soberly. Recognize your limitations, and allow other people to be used by God too!

*Prayer:*

*Lord, give us the grace to recognize both our abilities and limitations. Help us be unafraid to admit when we have overstepped our bounds and tried to tackle something bigger than our current abilities. In those moments, please enable us to ask others to join the project and to help us do what we cannot accomplish by ourselves. We really need You to help us overcome our weaknesses and our fears that others may be better gifted than we are. We know You have placed people all around us to be blessings in our lives, so today we are turning to You. Help us recognize these people and receive them as the blessings You intend for them to be, through Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## RADICAL HOSPITALITY...cont'd

**Mark 12: 28-34; Romans 15:4-11**

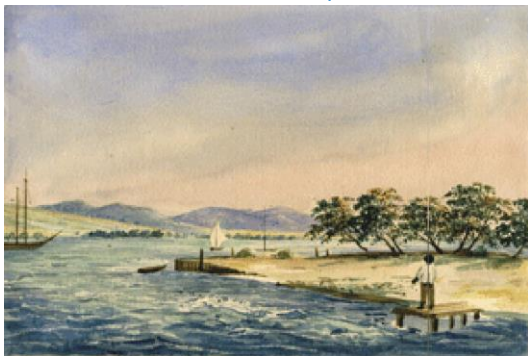
What is hospitality? What is the difference between plain, ordinary, garden-variety hospitality and hospitality we would call **radical**? When hospitality is mentioned many people think of a hotel or a place to stay or generally service we received rather than thinking of a Sunday morning worship, which is a classical one - being friendly, saying hello, making people feel welcome in a variety of ways and **allowing ourselves to give them more than they expect**, the value of acceptance. Some churches say with pride "we are a friendly church". As a Church we do need to make that claim, but with integrity. I know of someone who told me she felt welcomed and was made to feel at home with people who behaved like family. Other churches are so loving and friendly to one another (*inward*) that they miss those who come as the stranger (*outward*) or they just think that it's one person's specific role, but then when that person is not present, then guests may receive a different sort of welcome. But what takes hospitality, the love of a stranger, to the next level? How do we "kick it up a notch" in our attitudes and behaviour to make it radical?

According to Bishop Schnase "vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice radical hospitality: out of genuine love for Christ and for others, their **laity and pastors take the initiative to invite, welcome, include and support newcomers, and help them grow in faith as they become part of the body of Christ**. Their members focus on those outside their congregation with as much passion as they attend to the nurturing and growth of those who already belong to the family of faith, and they apply their utmost creativity, energy, and effectiveness to the task, exceeding all expectations. **Christian hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, receive and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ** (page 11)."

The apostle Paul wrote that **we are to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us for the purpose of glorifying God (Romans 15:7)**. Another translation says we are to "accept one another" as Christ accepted us to bring praise to God. In the words of the Message translation of Romans 15:4-11 we might think of how we can help those who are "outsiders" to be "insiders" as soon as they arrive. Jesus said: **Love thy neighbour as thyself**. This is truly a remarkable statement for us to be radical.

Parks, L. (2009). *Preaching in the small membership church*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. & Schnase, R. (2008). *Five Practices - Radical Hospitality*. Nashville: Abingdon Press.

## This Month in Moravian History



### "First Missionaries to St. Croix – 1733"

*Image: View of the Harbor at Basin, St. Croix, water color by L. T. Reichel, 1859.*

*On an official visit to the fledgling mission in the Eastern West Indies in 1739, Zinzendorf was dismayed to learn of the high casualties associated with the mission there. Upon reaching land, Zinzendorf worried no missionaries would be found alive. He asked his travel companion and missionary, George Weber, "Suppose that the brethren are no longer here; what shall we do in that case?" Weber replied, "In that case we are here." It is this steadfast, persistent attitude that characterized the founding of the St. Croix mission, begun 284 years ago this summer in 1733.*

After sending out the first Moravian missionaries in 1732 to the island of St. Thomas, the Moravian Church received an unusual offer in 1733 from the Danish Privy Councillor and Senior Chamberlain *von Pless* to settle and cultivate his plantations on the newly acquired Danish island of St. Croix. In their role as overseers of the plantations, Moravians would be allowed to proselytize to the slaves there. Zinzendorf hesitated to approve, rightly believing that this dual role of overseer-missionary would create conflicts and distract the missionaries from their purpose to bring souls to Christ. However, Moravians in Herrnhut were so eager for this new opportunity to preach to slaves, a deal was struck with *von Pless*, and eighteen missionaries left Herrnhut for St. Croix and St. Thomas in August 1733.

Unfortunately, this eager start led only to severe hardship in the years that followed. The

fourteen men and four women who left from Herrnhut were relegated to a room on the ship only fifteen feet square and so low they could not even sit upright. The ship was forced to winter over in Norway, causing some to live outdoors in caves through the harsh winter. By the time the ship reached its destination almost a year later, all were debilitated by lack of provisions and fresh water, and several suffered from scurvy. In addition, disharmony crept in among the group over the long voyage, and a sense of mutual love and purpose could not be regained. Many succumbed to illness and death as a result of strenuous work, poor nutrition, and rampant disease in the tropical climate.

Eleven additional missionaries were sent as reinforcements in 1735, but even these could not staunch the tide of failure. Altogether seventeen missionaries died. Nine reduced by illness returned to Europe (three were lost at sea on the journey). Timotheus Fiedler remained on St. Croix as an overseer, but lost his association with the mission. Matthäus Freundlich, the single faithful remaining missionary, joined the mission on St. Thomas in 1736.

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Over the next two decades **the gospel message on St. Croix was kept alive by the slaves themselves (the members, the laity)**, along with sporadic visits from subsequent missionaries from the nearby island of St. Thomas.

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Twenty-two years later, in 1755, Christian slaves at last had the opportunity to celebrate Easter in their new church at Friedensthal. **The St. Croix mission is a testament to the promise that much fruit is born from adversity suffered in Christ's name.**

**Sources:**—Oldendorp, *History of the Mission...on the Caribbean Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John*, 1987 trans.; Hutton, *A History of Moravian Mission*; Hamilton, *A History of the Missions of the Moravian Church*.

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**Best Wishes to Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford, currently serving at the Mount Tabor Moravian Church in Barbados, who will celebrate 35 years of Ordained Ministry on July 11, 2017.**  
**In 1982, Rev. Athill-Horsford became the first female to be ordained into the Ministry of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province.**

## Have Your Say...

Who would you call an  
'UNSUNG HERO/HEROINE OF THE BIBLE'?

This Month's "Unsung" Hero/Heroine is ...

### The Laity

As we consider persons of the Bible, we look this month at the ordinary men and women whom God used mightily. Perhaps one of the early criteria for Laity was brought out by Jethro of the Old Testament, Moses' father-in-law (*Exodus 18:19-23*). When he saw Moses wearied by his commitment to the people and didn't consider Moses' method as the best way to achieve the results, his suggestion was that Moses should "select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain". It is worthy of note that Jethro adds to his statement that 'if God confirms this advice that he was now giving, then is when Moses should do it'.

The Lord Himself also set this example of using ordinary people – calling them to become 'fishers of men' - (*Matthew 10:1-4* and *Luke 6:12-16*):

- Simon Peter,
- James (the son of Zebedee),
- John,
- Andrew,
- Philip,
- Bartholomew,
- Thomas,
- Matthew,
- James (the son of Alphaeus),
- Thaddaeus,
- Simon the Zealot, and
- Judas Iscariot.

When Jesus called the twelve together, He gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and to perform healing (*Luke 9:1-5*). So Jesus delegated authority to others to do the work, but He also spent time to equip them.

Now we today are believers, so that sets the stage for us – although we are not clergy, although we are ordinary men and women, we are not excluded from God's Plan. Yes, we are all different - different genders, even different stages of our walk with God, but He desires to use us mightily as well, and He wants to equip us. Let us make ourselves available.

## AVENUES FOR INVOLVEMENT OF THE LAITY

- Outreach Visitation Volunteer (with Pastor or members of the Elders' Board)
  - Missing-Member Outreach Volunteer
  - Elderly Member, Sick/Shut-In Visitation
  - District/Community Visitation/Follow-up
- Hospitality/Aesthetics Volunteer
  - Refreshments
  - Car-Pool Volunteer
  - Usher/Visitor Support, Parking Attendant
  - Greetings (Card, Gift, Hamper)
  - Landscape Volunteer
  - Flower/Foliage Donor/Arranger
  - Church Décor Assistant (special occasions, other)
- Artisan Volunteer (carpenter, electrician, mason, plumber, painter)
- Worship Services:
  - Bible Reader/Prayer Participant
  - Worship Leader/Liturgist
  - Lay Speaker/Children's Chat Presenter
  - Worship Team Member/Assistant
  - Youth/Senior Choir Trainer or Assistant
  - Choir Member (Junior/Senior)
  - Musician (organ, piano, drum, guitar)
- Bible Study Assistant Leader
- Sunday School Teacher/Assistant
- Youth Advisor/Helper
- Arts Assistant (drama, dance, musical instruments)
- Craft Facilitator
- VBS-Teacher/Student Assistant Volunteer
- Camp Counsellor/Cook/Security/other
- Tutor/Homework-Help Volunteer
- Audio Technician/Slide Presentation Team Leader/Team Member
- Christian Education Writer/Proof-reader/Editor
- Videographer/Photographer

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# Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

## THE MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE

### LAYMEN'S LEAGUE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 represents a historical landmark for the Laymen's League of the Moravian Church - Barbados Conference as the League will celebrate its **sixtieth Anniversary**.

It was during the celebration of special events of all congregations and provinces in the 1957 **Quincentennial Year** of the Moravian Church worldwide that the formation of a Laymen's League was conceptualized by Barbadian, Bro. Fitzgerald Downes.

Bro. Downes, a teacher, lay preacher and member of the Lay Preachers' Association, later became a Reverend in the Moravian Church Barbados Conference. His idea was that the existing Lay Preachers' Association should be replaced by a Laymen's League which would not only comprise the Lay Preachers, but also other members of the Laity.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1957 the proposed resolution for the formulation of the Laymen's League was adopted by the Barbados Conference. At the inaugural meeting which was held at Calvary Moravian Church the first officers were elected to serve on the executive committee. These officers included President – Bro. E Cameron Hewitt, and Secretary - Bro. Fitzgerald Downes, with all Moravian clerics as *ex-officio members*.

Monthly meetings of the League were later held at different Moravian churches, visiting them in alphabetical order. Activities included discussions on the Book of Order, the Moravian Church History, Bible Study, lectures and training courses.

Later, the League initiated a number of special activities, among which were two Summer Schools coordinated by Bro. George Collymore in 1962 and 1964. In the 1965 bicentennial year, the League, as a special project, organized an extensive Island-wide Evangelistic Campaign.

The League continued throughout the years to play an important role in Kingdom building, and in furthering the work of the Moravian Church - Barbados Conference. **Members of the League assumed duties as Lay Preachers** and played the role of Lay Pastors when there was a shortage of Ministers. They were granted **membership on the Evangelism Committee and on the Board of**

**Trustees of the Barbados Conference Lay Academy**. Members of the League were assigned to preach at different congregations on **Laymen's Sunday** and the League was given the responsibility of conducting devotions for one month of the Radio broadcast **'Moravian Voice' on Voice of Barbados Radio station**.

In more recent times the League included other activities such as concerts, quizzes, panel discussions on societal issues, visitations to the sick and shut-ins, and visits by professional experts educating persons in areas such as health and wellness.

The Laymen's League has faced two substantial challenges in recent years. These are:

1. a seeming duplication of programmes and activities by other groups/organizations within the Conference (such as the Men's and Women's Fellowship and the Youth Council); and
2. a very full events-calendar within the Conference.

These challenges have resulted in curtailing the League's activities and hampering the effective functioning of the League in relation to its proposed programmes. The League is therefore tasked with finding ways to meet and surmount these challenges.

In this **sixtieth year of celebration**, however, we give thanks to Almighty God for all that in and through Him the Laymen's League of the Moravian Church - Barbados Conference was able to accomplish for His Honour and Glory and for the building of His Kingdom on this side of the vineyard. We pay tribute to those who have passed on and all those who are still with us who have made invaluable contributions to the growth and service of the League.

*Adapted: President, Laymen's League (Sis. Janice Thompson)*

#### LEAGUE MEMBERS WHO MOVED INTO FULL-TIME MINISTRY

Rev. Frank H. Barker – Clifton Hill

Rev. Rawle Belle – Sharon

Rev. Fitzgerald Downes – Sharon

Rev. Rudolph Gibbs – Calvary

Rev. Alexander Graham – Mt Tabor

Bishop G. Oliver Maynard – Calvary

Rev. Duncan Moore – Sharon

*(Apologies for any errors or omissions)*

| Other Moravians from the Barbados Conference who answered the Call, moved from Laity to full-time Ministry of the Lord within the Moravian Church |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Rev. Sherwin Alleyne  | Bethlehem              |
| Rev. F. Alvin Barker  | Clifton Hill           |
| Rev. Kirk Barker  | St. Phillip Fellowship |
| Rev. Winston Chase  | Calvary                |
| Rev. Dufferin Culpepper   | Mt. Tabor              |
| Rev. Roslyn Hamblin   | Bethlehem              |
| Rev. Charles Harewood   | Bethlehem              |
| Rev. Winston Jones  | Fulnec                 |
| Rev. Movelle Kellman  | Dunscombe              |
| Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton Roberts   | Dunscombe              |
| Rev. Tyrone Lewis   | Mt. Tabor              |
| Rev. Ezra Parris  | Centenary              |
| Rev. A. Cuthbert Pilgrim  | Mt. Tabor              |
| Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith   | Fulnec                 |
| Rev. Alban St. Hill   | Mt Tabor               |
| Pastor Kevin St. Hill   | Mt. Tabor              |
| Rev. Neilson Waithe   | Calvary                |
| Rev. Vera Waithe  | Dunscombe              |

*Apologies for any omissions*

## Congratulations

### STAFF CALLS

- ❖ **Rev. Kirk Barker** (*from the St. Philip Fellowship*) has been called to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 1, 2017.
- ❖ Graduates : **Student Pastors** Daniel Mark and Kevin St. Hill graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies on May 18, 2017. Congratulations and 'Best Wishes' to them.
- ❖ **Pastor Kevin St. Hill** has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon (Newfield) Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 1, 2017.
- ❖ **Pastor Daniel Mark** has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Congregation in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 1, 2017.

## Best Wishes

- ❖ The **Rev. Vera Waithe** will step down as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from August 31, 2017. Rev. Waithe began serving as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference in February 2002.
- ❖ The **Rev. Ezra Parris** has been appointed Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from September 1, 2017.

## OUR JOURNEY TO SYNOD 2018

The affairs of all Moravian Churches within each Province are managed and coordinated by a body of Ministerial Staff and Laity known as the Provincial Elders' Conference.

### The Eastern West Indies Province (EWI)

This Province (EWI) operates on 10 Islands, divided into 6 Conferences: Antigua, Barbados, St. Kitts, Tobago, Trinidad, the Virgin Islands (made up of St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John and Tortola), and Grenada, a mission field, relatively new to the Province.

### Administration of this Province

- ❖ Rev. Cortroy Jarvis – Chairman  
*with responsibility for Administration, Finance, Ecumenical and Fraternal Relations*
- ❖ Rev. Errol Connor – Vice Chairman  
*with responsibility for Mission and Evangelism*
- ❖ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton Roberts  
*with responsibility for Christian Education*
- ❖ Sis. Karen Challenger-George  
*Lay Member with responsibility for Christian Education*
- ❖ Bro. Anselm Richards  
*with responsibility for Development*
- ❖ Sis. Elisa G. Hodge – Treasurer  
*with responsibility for Financial matters*

### Structure of this Province:

Each Conference within the Province is administered by a Superintendent, who is the Manager. Each Conference has responsibility for remuneration of the Staff within the Conference, developing its human and physical resources, and for developing programmes that impact the community and spread of the Gospel. The current list of Superintendents within the EWI Province are:

- ❖ Rev. Bonnie Williams Smith – Antigua Conference
- ❖ Rev. Vera Waithe – Barbados Conference
- ❖ Rev. Hilton Joseph – St. Kitts Conference.
- ❖ Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts – Tobago Conference.
- ❖ Rev. Dr. U. Patmore Smith – Trinidad Conference
- ❖ Rev. Eulencine Christopher – Virgin Islands Conference

### Staffing

At July 1, within the EWI Province, there are forty-seven (47) ordained Staff Members - 27 males and 20 females. Staffing within this Province is also supported by two (2) Lay Pastors, seventeen (17) Acolytes, and eighty-four (84) Lay Preachers. *Adapted:*

*Report of the Eastern West Indies Province for the Year 2016*



## Helping Hands – Our Mission Fields

✓ **Church Quota and Arrears** – In an effort to help lower our debt to the Conference, **it would be prudent for us to pay an additional \$500 each month towards our quota arrears, while maintaining our monthly quota payments.** As a result, to aid in achieving this target, each member is encouraged to contribute towards this amount on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Any amount donated will be appreciated.

✓ **Greetings/Birthdays/Anniversary Cards** – Strengthen our fellowship in Christ as we welcome visitors and help celebrate special occasions in the life of members and visitors. You can make a contribution of any amount to Sis. Diana Yarde or Sis. Anthea Barrow.

✓ **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province** is scheduled to be held in Barbados from July 6-14, 2018. The Barbados Conference has begun to make preparations for this event, including fundraising. **Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to make a weekly contribution of \$1.00 towards those costs for which the Conference will be responsible.** This contribution will be collected on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

✓ **The Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial (CPM) Hall** is available for rentals – Conferences/Seminars, Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Graduations, etc. Just off the Maxwell Coast Road, minutes away from the Airport, it is situated within a quiet residential area, with ample parking available. To view/book, contact CPM Hall Manager, Sis. Eudora Mascoll (246-428-4784) or Assistant, Sis. Desma Linton (246-428-2962).

✓ **Bethlehem's Beautification Project** (Church and Grounds) is an on-going project. Lend your support.

✓ **This Newsletter - The Bethlehem Herald** is a monthly publication. Send ideas and articles to <bethlehemmoravianchurch@gmail.com>

## Remember In Prayer

### ❖ Our Sick & Shut-In/Recovering:

Shut-in Communion/Visitation – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

| NAMES                 | CONTACT NUMBERS                          |
|-----------------------|--|
| Sis. Boothe Chase     | (246) 428-6068                           |
| Sis. Mavis Chase      | (246) 428-6258                           |
| Sis. Emily Forde      | St. Philip Family Care<br>(246) 622-1897 |
| Sis. Gracie Maynard   | (246) 428-3678                           |
| Sis. Dorothy Waite    | (246) 428-2877                           |
| Sis. Marjorie Worrell | (246) 437-1805                           |
| Sis. Odessa Haynes    | (246) 426-8663                           |

❖ Family of the **late Sis. Marva Williams**, and other persons grappling with the **loss of a loved one.**

❖ Ourselves – **the Laity**

❖ Missionary, **Sis. Andrea Pitt & YWAM Program.**

❖ **Ministerial Staff** and their assignments

❖ **The Jamaica Province;** entire Moravian Church.

## Financial Status

Target: \$ 9,000 monthly

Bethlehem's monthly Quota to Conference: \$4,796.67

Quota Arrears: \$72,292.46

**Special Envelope this month: CONVENTION – It is not too late to bring in your Special Envelope.**

*Please give to God what He truly deserves*

### Income for June 2017

|                  | \$              |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes        | 2,597.00        |
| Loose Offering   | 586.75          |
| Sunday School    | 13.00           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>3,196.75</b> |

### Other Monies raised June 2017

|                                    | \$       |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Fundraising: Fair & Family Fun Day | 1,085.45 |

### Other funds collected

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Quota Arrears to Conference       | 276.00          |
| Synod Walk-Up to Conference       | 105.50          |
| Surviving Spouse to Conference    | 10.00           |
| Convention Offering to Conference | 40.00           |
| Moravian Voice to Conference      | 10.00           |
| Theological to Conference         | 10.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>1,536.95</b> |

### Walk-Up Offerings:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Bethlehem's Building Fund
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. "Youth With A Mission"
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. 32<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Synod Prep.
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Bethlehem's Quota Arrears

### Thank You to:

- ❖ all who attended and participated in the Fellowship Day & Outdoor Service – at the Silver Sands Beach in June.
- ❖ The members of Bethlehem and St. Philip Fellowship who performed jointly in the Annual Convention Evening Rally Programme – the dramatised presentations were all very well received.
- ❖ The representatives from Bethlehem who participated in leading worship on the Thursday night of the Conference Evangelistic Services at Gracehill Moravian.
- ❖ Our Laity (the membership) who have rallied in support of our sick and Shut-In members, and other areas of God's Mission-field here.

## Mark Your Calendar - JULY

- **Bethlehem's Hours of Worship:**
  - **Sunday School** : Sundays @ 9:00 am
  - **Divine Worship** : Sundays @ 10:00 am
  - **Bible Study** : Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm.
  - **Prayer Meeting**: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm.  
Come and invite someone.
  - **Pastor's Office Hours** : Fridays, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (*by appointment*)
- **Liturgical Dance Classes** – Saturdays @ 4:30 pm. All interested persons are invited.
- Assisting with the Worship experience this month:
  - **The Women's Fellowship** will be assisting with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
  - **The Elders' Board** will be assisting with Readings and Prayer
- There will be **no Worship at Bethlehem on first Sunday this month (July)** as all Moravians will worship at Calvary for 10:00 am and 3:30 pm Services (July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017).
- **Building and Environmental Committee Meeting** on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.
- **Elders' Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 pm.**
- **Thanksgiving Service for the late Sis. Marva (Patricia) Williams (a.k.a. Chase)** will be on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at Bethlehem.
- **Shut-In Communion** will be administered on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please advise accordingly.
- **There will be a brief meeting of the Evangelism Outreach Committee** on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> (*following Bible Study*).
- **Worship on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Laymen's Sunday)** will be led throughout the Barbados Conference by representatives of the Laity.
- **Candidate for Ministry: Bro. David Ince** has been accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry of the Moravian Church – EWI Province. He will enter U.T.C.W.I. in August 2017 as he begins preparation for the Supplementary Ministry of our Church.
- **The Church's Auction** will be held on **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ Bethlehem.**

## Other Reminders

- **"Caribbean Moravian Praise"** Hymnal (\$70.00)
- **Contact the Minister about Church Membership/Confirmation Classes** for adults and teens. Registration forms are also available from the Church Office.

## Announcements

- **Annual Convention Service commemorating the martyrdom of John Hus on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, starting at **10:00 am**. All Moravian congregations will gather at Calvary Moravian Church for Worship and Holy Communion.
- **The afternoon's Rally (July 2<sup>nd</sup>)** will commence at **3:30 pm**. Bethlehem and St. Philip Fellowship will participate in drama for the Rally. Please take your **special contributions for Rallying**.
- **Evangelist Explosion (EE)** on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Bro. Ephraim Graham's Reception as Acolyte** will take place on **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Mount Tabor Moravian Church.**
- **The Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union Ltd** will hold its **AGM at Sharon (Cuthbert Moore Hall)** on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **The St. Philip Fellowship's Annual Concert** takes place on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm featuring the Police Force Band and the Southern Region Singers, among others. Tickets (\$20.00) are available within each congregation.
- **The Provincial Elders' Conference** will meet on July 19-24 in St. Croix.
- **Conference Prayer Meeting** on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Centenary Moravian Church at 6:00 pm.
- **Missionary Festival at Centenary** on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- **Provincial Youth Leaders' Conference** takes place July 25-31 in Tortola, B.V.I.
- **Conference's Sponsored Walk** will be on **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please collect a Sponsor-Sheet and assist with the fundraising effort to raise funds towards Synod 2018.

## Celebration Time

### BIRTHDAYS - JULY

09 – **Sis. Muriel LaForte**

### ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

30 – **Bro. Maurice & Sis. Valrie Quintyne**



### Upcoming (August/September):

**Conference's Men's Fundraising Concert** for Synod 2018 will take place on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. \$20.00

**Bethlehem's Mission Rally** - Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. **Please start setting aside your contributions.**

## *Truths/Tips...Something For Every Age*

### **HURRICANE AWARENESS SEASON – BEFORE TIPS**

The time to prepare for a hurricane is before the Season begins, when you have the time and are not under pressure. It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Determine Your Risk – find out what types of wind and water hazards your area is prone to, and start preparing.

#### **PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY:**

- ❖ Engage in discussion with your family on what to do if a hurricane strikes. Discussions ahead of time helps reduce fear, panic and rash decisions, particularly for your children.
- ❖ Prepare your emergency supplies kit (enough to get you through the storm and, also for potentially lengthy delays). Replenish any items that are missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies. Keep emergency kit nearby. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are ‘must haves’.
- ❖ Before the hurricane strikes have enough water for each person for at least one week.
  - fill plastic bottles with clean water for drinking
  - fill bathtubs and sinks with water for flushing the toilet or washing the floor or clothing
  - fill your car’s gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued for your area and it is safe to drive.
- ❖ Be prepared to evacuate quickly and know your routes and destinations (Hurricane Shelters, etc).
- ❖ Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances before the effects of a hurricane are felt.
- ❖ Make sure each person can have access to radio broadcasts and updates in case you become separated.
- ❖ Have extra cash on hand and equip each member of your family with a Wallet ID Card with basic, key information
- ❖ Keep insurance policies, documents, and other valuables in a safe-deposit box. You may need quick, easy access to these documents. Keep them in a safe place less likely to be damaged if a hurricane causes flooding. Take pictures on a phone and keep copies of important documents and files on a flash drive that you can carry with you on your keys (house or car).
- ❖ Check on your neighbour – you often have to rely on them after a disaster.

#### **PROTECTING YOUR PETS & ANIMALS:**

- ❖ Prepare an emergency kit for your animal companions.
- ❖ Consider a precautionary evacuation of your pets or livestock. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you.

#### **PROTECTING YOUR HOME:**

- ❖ If you plan to ride out the storm in your home, make sure it is in good repair and up to local building code specifications for hurricanes.
- ❖ Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or invest in one-half inch marine plywood that is pre-cut to fit your doors and windows.
- ❖ Bring inside anything that can be picked up by the wind [eg: lawn furniture, outdoor toys (bicycles), gardening tools and trash cans] and identify a place to store them away from stairs and exits where they might hurt someone or obstruct emergency evacuation.
- ❖ Move indoor furniture and valuables to the higher floors of your home in case of flooding and cover them with plastic in case of leaks
- ❖ Turn off utilities to prevent damage to your home or within the community. If you shut your gas off, a professional will be required to turn it back on.
- ❖ Unplug small appliances to reduce potential damage from power surges that may occur.
- ❖ Checks for loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts and clear them to prevent flooding and unnecessary pressure on the awnings.
- ❖ Standard homeowners insurance may not cover flooding so remember to investigate your policy coverage.

#### **PROTECTING YOUR CHURCH:**

- ❖ Complete your written hurricane plan, including identifying Emergency Wardens and contact information.

ADAPTED: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) & [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



## Truths/Tips...Something For Every Age

### Teen's Corner

*Have to perform on stage? Have an interview for a Summer job, Have to make a speech?*

### No Need To Fear, No Need To Worry!

As you have heard and seen GOD's LOVE is pretty awesome. Trust in that LOVE, Trust in what GOD is willing and able to do in your life, and you will find that fear and worry will be overcome!

Using the words below, complete the verse that follows:

| Punishment | Because |
|------------|---------|
| Perfect    | Love    |
| There      | Drives  |
| Fears      | Fear    |
| One        | Perfect |
| Fear       | Love    |
| Not        | Love    |

" \_\_\_\_\_ IS NO \_\_\_\_\_ IN  
\_\_\_\_\_. BUT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ OUT FEAR, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ HAS TO DO WITH \_\_\_\_\_.  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ WHO \_\_\_\_\_ IS  
\_\_\_\_\_ MADE \_\_\_\_\_ IN  
\_\_\_\_\_".

1 John 4: 18

Extract: "More Bible Activities"

### IT'S SUMMER TIME!

### TIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

- ✓ **Make a list.** Think about things you wish you had time to do during the school year – whether they are fun activities or productive projects. Write them down and start crossing them off your list. You will feel accomplished by the time you are back in school!
- ✓ **Step out.** If you are getting bored with your daily routine, change things up! Instead of spending the day on the couch, get out and volunteer for a cause you care about, or try something new like an art class or a new sport. Who knows – you just might find your new favourite hobby!
- ✓ **Get some sun.** Did you know that a Vitamin D deficiency is closely linked to mood and depression? For you, the warm weather might not last when you return to school, so be sure to soak it up while you can.
- ✓ **Reconnect.** Spend time with loved ones. Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quality time with your favourite people. Share highlights from your year and catch up on what they have been doing while you were in school.
- ✓ **Recharge.** Give yourself a break! After all, that is what summer is for. Go for a walk, sleep, catch up on your favourite shows on Netflix, or read a book. Do not forget to devote time to yourself and your wellbeing.

Adapted:

<http://www.ulifeline.org/articles/477-summer-tips-for-college-students>

**ABOVE ALL MAKE TIME TO GIVE GOD THANKS.**

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

*"Supporting the work of Ministry"*

**"Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys"**