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'Honour Christ as Holy'

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"But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as Holy, being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

The Apostle Peter in his letter to the Jewish Christians who were being persecuted by Emperor Nero, reminds us that our focus should always be on honouring Christ the Lord. But what does it mean and how does it translate in our daily walk?

It means to give Him that special place and privilege in our lives that is second to nothing; recognising Him above all else. This is a command for all believers – redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, the Christ, God's Son, our Lord. In our daily walk we should obey His commandments. (John 15:10) *"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love"*.

Striving for this in a world of opposition usually leads to suffering. We saw it with Stephen in the Book of Acts, we saw it with John Hus in the

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history of our Church, and we are seeing this more and more today with Christians losing their livelihood, even their lives because of the faith they profess. The choice, however, should be clear for us – heaven or hell! So, stand fast, be committed, and be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in us. For we have a promise and our God is a promise-keeper.

If we do not live in such a way as to honour and glorify Christ, if we dress, think, talk and react like those whose hearts are not touched by God, why would anyone want to ask about the hope we have? As Christians, there must be something about our choices that draws men to God. People do not hear our words until they see our deeds – therefore our words must be consistent with our witness. 1 Peter 2:12 challenges us to keep our conduct honourable.

How is your manner in suffering – does it reverence God? Is it a gentle and respectful manner – exalting God and not bringing dishonour to His name in our conduct and speech? Our challenge today *'in our hearts honour Christ the Lord as Holy, being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in us; yet do it with gentleness and respect'*.

PRAYER: *Father God, we praise and acknowledge you as a Promise-keeping God, and today we ask you to help us to honour you as Holy in all our dealings, and to express ourselves with gentleness and respect, even in suffering for your name's sake. Amen.*



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"Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow Him"



From the Pastor's Desk

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*"The 32nd Provincial Synod
comes to Barbados"*

On Monday, July 15th the 32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province will convene in Barbados and run until July 19th. Provincial Synod is the highest authority in the Province in the Moravian Church. It is made up of all the clergy, lay delegates (including Youth Delegates) and Conference Treasurers from all Conferences, and any Lay Pastors who have been given charge of a congregation by the PEC. In the Eastern West Indies Province synod is usually convened every three (3) years and has the responsibility to legislate concerning constitution, worship and congregational life.

Synod reviews the life and work of the church across the Province. It also makes plans and projections for the future of the church. It is therefore very important that the church be in prayer for Synod. Many important decisions regarding the church are made at Synod and so God's guidance is very essential. Proposals are debated and many become Resolutions, affecting the life of the church and its members. Such Resolutions become part of the Book of Order, which regulates the life of the church.

The Synod elects the PEC (Provincial Elders Conference) for the ensuing 3-year period. This administrative board of the church, manages the affairs of the Province during the inter-synodal period. The election of bishops is also the purview of the Synod whenever it is necessary to select a new bishop, as is the case this year. God's guidance is very essential to the voting process as well.

The story of Peter's miraculous exit from prison highlights the significance of prayer to the process of Peter's exodus (read Acts 12). So powerful was the force of prayer that those who were praying did not even recognize the answer. Let us put our prayer forces to work while the work of Synod proceed. Remember: "The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous avails much." (James 5:16b)



Worship Hours at Bethlehem:

- Sunday School: @ 9:00 am
- Divine Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 am
- Holy Communion – 1st Sunday of each month @ 10:00 am – **this 1st Sunday of July, Service will be at Calvary at 10:00 am, when we commemorate together as Moravians the martyrdom of John Hus. There will be no afternoon session for Convention this year.**
- Bible Study – on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (*Is.*)
- Prayer Meeting and Fasting – every 4th Wednesday at 7:30 pm
- Pastor's Office Hours: Fridays – 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Assisting with this month's Worship experience:
 - The **Men's Fellowship** with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - The **Choir** with Readings and Prayer.
- **Drum Lessons** – 6:00 pm on Fridays
- **Dance Rehearsals** – 3:00 pm on Saturdays
- Holy Communion to Sick & Shut-In – **July 9th**.
- Women's Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.
- **Annual Convention & Holy Communion Service** – Sun., July 7th at Calvary, Roebuck Street (all churches - no Service at local congregations). **Please remember your Convention Envelope should be recorded at your home congregation.**
- **Board of Stewards' meeting** – **July 11th** 7:30 pm.
- **Board of Elders' meeting** – **July 30th** 7:30 pm.
- **EO Committee Meeting** – **August 8th** 7:30 pm.
- **Conference-wide Events**
- The **Moravian Voice** Broadcast – LIFE 97.5 FM every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm. The Broadcast this month will be led by the Laity.
- **Synod Opening Service** – Monday, July 15th at 7:00 pm at Calvary
- **Synod Holy Communion Service** – Thursday, July 18th at 7:00 pm at Sharon.
- **Laity Sunday (3rd Sunday) – July 21st** – Preachers at our Moravian Churches across the Conference will be drawn from the Laity.
- **Welcome back** to the sisters who journeyed to the **Moravian Women's Conference** in North Carolina – Sis. Joyce Walcott and Rev. R. Hamblin.
- **Police Band Concert at Faith** – August 11th at 4:00 pm.
- **Vacation Bible School** at Faith Moravian – August 12th to 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on week-days.

On the Road to Synod

Conference Announcements

❖ The entire Conference received an invitation to three nights of worship, praise and prayer entitled, **'Pouring out and Pressing In!'** as we seek the Lord, from Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 5 at the Sharon Moravian Church.

- Wednesday, 3 July — 7:00 pm; Pray for Healing and Health
- Thursday, 4 July — 7:00 pm; Pray for our Finances
- Friday, 5 July — 6:00 pm to Saturday 6 July — 6:00 am

A 12-hour prayer vigil. We pray for our upcoming Provincial Synod, the Church and the Nation of Barbados.

❖ Each congregation has been assigned an hour. Bethlehem has been assigned 3:00 am to 4:00 am, and the Mission and Evangelism Committee will close the vigil from 5:00 am to 6:00 am.

❖ Your assistance to our preparations for the 32nd Synod thus far is appreciated, and we thank all who supported the efforts of the Synod Planning Committee over the last two years in the Concerts, Flea Markets, Sponsored Walks, Special Programmes, Fish Fry, the Grand Bazaar and special offerings. We also thank the individuals and groups that have given donations.

❖ As we conclude our preparation for the 32nd Provincial Synod, we make a final appeal for financial assistance to meet the cost of hosting the Synod. A special offering will be received at our Annual Convention. We do pray that in the blessing of God you will be able to help us towards this target.

❖ Election of the PEC (Provincial Elders' Conference) to serve for the ensuing inter-synodal period will take place during the Synod.

❖ The PEC requests the prayers of the Eastern West Indies Province for the election of a Bishop at the 32nd Provincial Synod to be held in Barbados from July 15 to 19, 2019. Pray that God's Will be done in everything that we do. As we commit to prayer the election of a Bishop, let us petition God to guide us to make the right decision for the glory of His grace and the building up of His Kingdom.

Provincial Synod 2019 in Barbados

Synod Agenda

Synod Call to Order

Welcome

Synod Retreat

Roll Call

Election of Officers of Synod

Declaration of the Opening of Synod

Announcement of Committees

Adoption of Synod Agenda

Synod Service – 7:00 pm at Calvary Moravian Church

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes (Daily)

Presentation and Adoption of Reports:

- ✓ PEC Reports
- ✓ Barbados
- ✓ Virgin Islands
- ✓ Tobago
- ✓ St. Kitts
- ✓ Antigua
- ✓ Trinidad
- ✓ Report From Bishops
- ✓ Tutor/Warden Report

Meeting of Committees

Reporting from Committees

- ✓ Election of PEC
- ✓ Election of Bishop

Synod Closing Exercise

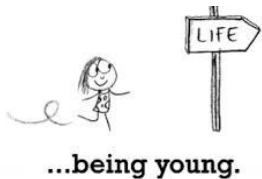
Closing Service / Holy Communion / Installation of PEC – Thursday, 7:00 pm at Sharon Moravian Church



❖ Come and lend a hand. There will be a Conference Work Day on Saturday, July 13, 2019 starting at 8:00 am at the Duncan C. Moore Centre at Sharon in preparation for hosting the delegates to the 32nd Provincial Synod.



MEMBERS AT THE OUTDOOR WORSHIP BUS RIDE



1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live in your love and our purity.

Some older folk may think that young people do not have much to say about anything and sometimes pass them over or dismiss them. However, as the Bible verse says, there are many ways young people can be examples to other young people and to the older persons as well. God doesn't think less of you because you are young. He delights in young persons who are serving him. Your youth is a gift from God. You are full of life and energy and can do many things better than the older persons can. You can be an inspiration to others. You can show your friends the right things to do, how to behave, and how to speak. Persons will be influenced by the kinds of things you speak about and what you spend your time and energy on. You can show them how to be responsible, how to be committed to God by attending church and Sunday School. You can show love to all, even those persons who are not kind to you. This month take some time to thank God for your youth and look for ways you can be godly examples to all.

**GREETINGS
HOW ARE
YOU
TODAY?**



**Remember in
Prayer our Sick/
Shut-In/
Recovering:**

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Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663
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Sis. Muriel La Forte	246-428-7536



Our Laity – Every member, every congregation
Provincial Synod & the Election of a **Bishop**

JULY

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

9th - Sis. Muriel La Forte

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

30th - Bro. Maurice & Sis. Valrie Quintyne

Please remember in prayer the family of our sister, the late Gracie Maynard who passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday June 22, 2019 at the Bayview Hospital. The Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Sis Gracie Maynard** is set for 12 noon on Monday, July 1, 2019 at Bethlehem. The interment will take place at Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens.

WALK-UP OFFERINGS:

- 1st Sun. Bethlehem's Building Fund
- 2nd Sun. "Youth With A Mission"
- 3rd Sun. 32nd Provincial Synod (hosting expenses)
- 4th Sun. Bethlehem's Quota Arrears

Evangelism & Outreach

- **2019 Theme** — **"Standing on Biblical Principles"**
- **'Meet & Greet & Share' District Walk-Through** — Saturday, July 6th from 4:00 pm, & Saturday, August 24th (Time to be confirmed).
- **Month of Prayer** — August 2019
- **Deeper Life Week of Services** — August 26th to 30th (5 nights) at 7:15 pm nightly at Bethlehem. Speaker/Teacher: Rev. Suzette Husbands, Sanctuary Empowerment Centre

Missionary Activities

- **Target:** \$6,000 (tins are available, contact our Treasurer)
- **Fast & Prayer** — July 24th, August 21st & September 4th
- **Mission Breakfast** — (Details to follow)
- **Mission Fields** — (Target Projects tbd)
- **Missionary Rally** — September 8th (various speakers)
- **Missionary Service** — September 17th at 7:30 pm
Preacher: Rev. Suzanne Ellis, St. Augustine Anglican Church



It's Summer Time!!

PART I

Safe Fun Vacations

The Summer Vacation is upon the Family for the next eight (8) weeks. Our families must also prepare for the Hurricane Season at the same time. Preparing for both occasions involves serious planning and preparation by the entire family. In this Issue we will focus on Summer-time Vacation preparations. In the next Issue we will address Hurricane Season and other emergencies.

Vacation Trip

Now that we have completed our school exams and we are planning for our next class or new school, we need to organize our summer activities. Travelling abroad? - Remember your hand sanitisers, remove your headphones when moving around in public and be aware of your surroundings; pay attention to landmarks so you do not become lost or disoriented. Do you know 'by heart' the contact information for your family abroad in case you lose your purse/phone?

Going to the Beach

Can you swim? Avoid going to the beach alone, or without the consent of your parents. Also, select a beach with Life Guard Services. Have you ever done a Life Saving Course? If not, then check the National Conservation Commission and get registered for a course.

Going on a Picnic with friends

Ensure that your parents are informed and one of them can accompany the group. Make sure that some member of the group has First Aid Training and has a First Aid Kit (available from most Pharmacies). Remember emergencies can happen at the Beach and other picnic or Play Park venues, eg:

- Stepping on Sea Egg Shells, broken glass at the Beach or Park
- Being stung by bees or centipedes in the park or country picnic spots, or even at home can be very painful and frightening. Ask your doctor for the action to be taken immediately after a sting or Google for the information.

Going to the Cinema with Friends

Ensure that your parents know who you are with at all times. If one of your teen friends will be driving, make sure the person has a valid driver's license, is insured to drive the vehicle, and is a responsible driver/person. Make sure your parent(s) know that person (driver), and others with you.

Playing Outdoors

We encourage some neighbourhood play, but parents should take turns supervising the play and let the young people work out their problems as much as possible. Stay away from touching any live or naked wires as this could result in a shock which may range from mild to extremely severe. Remember, not all berries on plants are edible – check with your parents before you pick them. If going riding – wear your helmet and adhere to the traffic rules and the guidelines your parent(s) gave.

Indoor Activities

Remove your toys and game-pieces when play is over as they can be a hazard to yourself and others. Do not spend all day in front of a screen (television, or tablet) or on the phone. Find the right balance – and spend some time reading interesting books, doing craft, being taught how to cook or sew, or on educational board-games to keep you sharp for school.

Depending on your age, it is hoped that a parent or adult is at home with you.

Enjoy your Summer recreation activities and put in a few hours of checking your books for the new school year before September. Remember to clean your school bag, games bag and lunch bag, your school shoes, and games shoes.

As a member of your Sunday School and Church, you may be participating in the Church's Vacation Programme. Do enjoy a blessed Vacation and ask God to keep you, your family and friends in safety this summer vacation and Hurricane Season. Do not forget to pray about it.

Submitted by: Sis. Marva Alleyne

HEALTH TIPS:

- ✓ **Carry a water bottle with you at all times:** Water flushes toxins in the body, rehydrates you, and also fills you up.
- ✓ **Eyes:** Relax your eyes at regular intervals when reading or using a computer, or when focusing at distances of five (5) yards away, by taking 5-minute breaks.

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Poem
Morning Hustle!

Teen/Youth Corner

WORD SEARCH

'Summer is Here!'

I woke up early in the morning
With the rustling of leaves and birds chirping
I decided "I'll go to the beach"
But Mum reminded me that there was school
Now you see it a'int easy for me
To get up at six o'clock daily
I have to get dressed, pack my bag,
I real sleepy, but I can's lag
I left my house in a rush
'cause I have to catch the 6:30 bus
I left my breakfast on the plate
I'm at the bus stop, but the bus late
No set on the bus, I have to stand
All the way to Lodge, "Man!"

Tomorrow I'm going to town
I'm pushing for a seat 'cause I'm sitting down
The bus now pulled up in the bus bay
I push those children out of my way
I take off running with my backpack
Like Usain Bolt going around the track
I climbed up the stairs – one, two, three, four
And hurried down the corridor to my
classroom door

I arrived at my class – Miss Bradshaw stare
'how come you now coming in here?'
"Please Ma'am the bus now come
I hurried fast ma'am, I run"
She looked at the sweat on my cheek
'I will see you in detention for a week
Ya'all children need to get school on time
This is your education, not mine!"

I thought to myself
'Why can't they see
It a'int easy for me
To get up at 6 o'clock daily'

Written by: Charlene Forde (2017)

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OUTINGS	PARK	PARTY
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