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## FROM THE PASTORS' DESK



Rev Hilton J  
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Greetings!

We gather to celebrate our freedom as a people from the whips of the taskmaster and the struggles of the plantation. The freedom bells continue to ring but my family, "Are we truly free?"

Martin Luther King Jr said, "... oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The yearning for freedom eventually manifests itself."

Keep pressing!

This month's Voice of Zion is designed to share reflections from the recently

concluded Synod. As I packed my bags to leave the Hills of Sharon, Barbados, where the Synod was held, the following hymn verse of 'Facing A Task Unfinished' pervaded my thoughts and caused a burst of energy to erupt in my soul:

*O Father who sustained them  
O spirit who inspired  
Saviour whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend me  
From lethargy awake  
Forth on thy errand send me  
To labour for thy sake*

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*The following is the first Circular issued by the new Chairman of the P.E.C, Rev. Algernon Lewis.*

### FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Thirty-Second Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province met at the **Duncan C. Moore Centre at Sharon, Barbados** from July 15 – 19, 2019. The Synod began with a retreat for all participants on Monday July 15, 2019, under the Theme: "Advance the Kingdom – Live as Kingdom Citizens – A Missional Approach". The retreat was led by Bishop Conrad Spencer.

The Rev. Neilson Waithe, Tutor/Warden at the University of the West Indies and United Theological College, served as Chaplain to Synod and guided all the devotional activities.

Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith was selected as Chairman of Synod in advance by the PEC. In the morning of the first session, Bishop Conrad Spencer was selected as Vice Chairman by the Synod. The Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis was selected to serve as Secretary in advance by the PEC and the Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner was elected as Assistant Secretary at the first session of Synod.

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**EWIP Provincial Theme**  
"Advance the Kingdom:

**Thematic Focus**  
Live as Kingdom Citizens"

**St. Kitts Conference Theme**  
"Raising the bar"

**Moravian  
Motto**

In Essentials, *Unity*  
In Non Essentials, *Liberty*  
In All Things, *Charity*

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Ministries**

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Bus Ministry  
Bible Study  
Health Care Team  
Moravian Senior Club  
Zion Ushers Ministry  
Zion Missions' Team  
Multimedia Team  
Outreach Ministry



**FROM THE PASTORS' DESK CONT'D**

The Synod Opening Service was held at the Calvary Moravian Church on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The sermon *"Why Has the Lord Done This for Us?"* was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC. Both the Governor General and Prime Minister of Barbados were in attendance.

The Synod Closing Service was held at the Sharon Moravian Church on Thursday July 18, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor preached a sermon *"Lead with love and avoid condemnation"* based on Matthew 7:1-6 at the closing service.

The Synod celebrated and unanimously voted to grant the Tortola Fellowship congregational status after it met all the requirements. The congregation was given the name Trinity Moravian Church. Synod also celebrated Faith Moravian formerly St. Phillip's Fellowship of Barbados.

The socio-economic realities of the region and the challenges they pose to the ministry of the Church were acknowledged among other challenges. There was an overwhelming call for partnership as we look to the future with hope. Synodals were asked to go back the way they have come, to go back to the communities and connect with the people there and serve them.

Twelve (12) resolutions and eight (8) recommendations were

passed on matters including Administration, Christian Education, Ministry, Evangelism, Youth and Social Action, Constitution and Finance. The Synod Journal will be made available very soon to all Ministerial Staff, Board of Elders and Stewards for study, reflection and implementation in all Congregations.

The Synod held elections for another Bishop; however, after 14 ballots, there was no election.

A total of seventy-two (72) Delegates and thirty (30) Observers attended the Synod. Synod elected as Chairman of PEC, Bro. Algernon Lewis and, without reference to office, Bro. Errol Connor, Bro. Adrian Smith, Bro. Anselm Richards and Sis. Karen Challenger-George.

The responsibilities of the individual members were agreed on as follows:

- Bro. Algernon Lewis, Chairman - Administration, Staff Relations, Church Redevelopment, Fraternal Relations, and Finance
- Bro. Errol Connor, Vice Chairman - Mission and Evangelism
- Bro. Adrian Smith, Secretary - Ministry, Theological Education and Social Media Relations
- Bro. Anselm Richards, Lay

Member - Development

• Sis. Karen Challenger-George, Lay Member - Christian Education, Youth and Communication.

• Sis. Elisa Hodge was re-appointed to serve as Treasurer, in the interim.

Before adjournment, the Tobago Conference invited the Province to convene the 33rd Provincial Synod in the year 2022 in Tobago.

Profound thanks was expressed to the outgoing PEC for their tireless efforts in leading the Province through these times of great uncertainty and disruptions such as the devastating Hurricanes of 2017. We especially thank Bro Cortroy Jarvis for leading and representing the Province these twelve years.

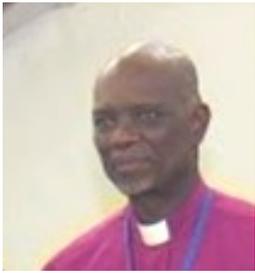
The Barbados Conference must be highly commended for hosting a successful Synod. Thanks to the Superintendent, the Synod Planning Committee, the Choirs, Staff and the rest of the team that came together to have made it the success it was.

We ask for the continued prayers of our membership as we continue to minister in these challenging times.





## SYNOD RETREAT: 15 JULY 2019



The following is a summary of the presentation by the **Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer** for the Synod Retreat, which was held on 15 July 2019.

His presentation was a missional approach to (i) one's understanding of citizens of the Kingdom of God, and (ii) an examination of one's obligations to exercise the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

- The **Kingdom of God** (Heaven) is defined as the Rule of God or the Reign/Sovereignty of God. It is a present spiritual reality and a future inheritance/blessing (Matt 25:34; I Cor 15:50).

Jesus' Central Prayer, Mission and Teaching were all about the **Kingdom of God** (Matt 6:9-15)

**Kingdom Citizens** are :

- Followers of Jesus.
- Learners from Jesus – People seeking to discern God's will
- Evangelizers/missioners on behalf of the King.

### Critical Thinking and the Kingdom

- Repent and believe the Gospel (Mark 1:15)
  - ◊ Repent is present tense. This signifies a continuous action.
  - ◊ Repent means turn around, reverse course of action/life, change activities.
  - ◊ Nuance – Change your way of thinking as you adapt and adjust to the changing times or as you engage in extending the influence of the King.
- Renewing of the mind (Rom 12:2)
  - ◊ Through the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.
  - ◊ The Kingdom of God is so radical in nature that we must align our ideas with what God wants to do in and through us.

### Some Implications for Kingdom Living

- Our willingness to follow Jesus includes a commitment to address the needs around us, using the best mental processes.
- Following Jesus means that we will seriously try to determine fact from fiction, spirit from spin, real news from fake news.
- We are followers and believers of Truth (John 14:6).
- Clear thinking requires us to evaluate sources of information, especially in social and news media.
- Jesus sends us out like sheep in the midst of wolves to be wise as serpents and as innocent as doves (Matt 10:16).
- There is no room/place in Church leadership for "sloppy" thinking and decision making.
- Critical thinking skill can be learned.

### The Model Prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9-13)

- The prayer is a petition for God to reign; to manifest His Kingly sovereignty and power; to put to flight every enemy of

righteousness and of His divine rule so that God alone may be King over all the world (Ladd, 1988, p. 21).

### Some Implications for Kingdom Living

1. Our concern must be that God's name be hallowed; His Kingdom come; His will be done.
2. Our desire should be that our cities, neighbourhoods, nations and peoples reflect in their lives the glory and reign of the King.
3. The vision reflected in the prayer is for:
  - ◊ A multitude of people worshiping and serving God from every ethnic and people groups throughout the earth (Matt 28:19)
  - ◊ The establishment of the king-reign on earth.
4. The mission of Jesus is about the Kingdom (Matt 24:14).
  - ◊ It is a mission Jesus transferred to us as history and civilization move from the Garden to a City.
  - ◊ God's plan is summed up in Ephesians 1:9-10
  - ◊ He plans to fill the universe with His Divine Glory (Eph 1:22-23).

### Some Implications for the Church

- The Church is the agent of the Kingdom – The bride of Christ. Her role is to:
  - ◊ Fill the whole earth with the Glory of God (Gal 5; Rev 19-21).
  - ◊ 'Colonize' the earth with the life of heaven.
  - ◊ Break down the spiritual borders/barriers of sin and death.
  - ◊ Extend life and a new home to all who will embrace God's invasion of love.
  - ◊ Represent the King (Phil 3:18-20).
- St Paul speaks of our citizenship in heaven (Phil 3:20).
- Our mission is to extend the life of heaven to the place where we live (earth).
  - ◊ Throughout salvation history, God dwells with His people: in a Garden; in a Tabernacle; in a Temple; in a Person—Emmanuel (Matt 1:23)
- In the last scene in Revelation, we move to a city—New Jerusalem. It is coming down from heaven, bringing heaven and earth together once and for all. At this point, the Promise of Jesus' model prayer will be fully realized: **Thy Kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven.**

### The Kingdom of God and Ministry

- The concept of the Kingdom of God is fundamental to our understanding of the mission of God (Mission Dei).
- Matt 6:10 – Your Kingdom come: the expansion of the saving reign of God.
- King Jesus rules supreme in heaven and earth (Phil 2:9).
- Christ's incarnation provides a model for our ministry of reconciliation in the world (Jn1:14; II Cor 5).
- The fulfilment of Isaiah 61 is a model for ministry (Lk4:18-21) – social justice, criminal justice, liberation, compassion and service.



## SYNOD DEVOTIONS: 15-18 JULY 2019



Synod Devotions were led by Rev. Neilson Waithe, Tutor/Warden at the University of the West Indies and United Theological College. Each day, one of the Conferences would have been responsible for leading worship.

### 1. 15 July (Eph 6:10-14) – “KINGDOM CITIZENS WHO ARE PREPARED”

The Apostle Paul admonishes that we should be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. We should prepare ourselves for what is before us by putting on the whole armour of God, for we are in a fight.

- We have to prepare ourselves for the battle and for what God will do with us and among us.
- Preparation means:
  - fortifying ourselves and standing firm;
  - opening ourselves to be used by God, not seeking to determine where and how and when for God.

John Hus was a Kingdom citizen; he was not afraid to make the sacrifice. We must ask ourselves these questions, “Are we really Kingdom citizens? Are we advancing the Kingdom, or are we seeking to advance ourselves?”

We have to trust God to do more than we can plan, devise, and imagine, because God is going to advance God’s kingdom with or without us.

### 2. 16 July (Philippians 1:1-11) – “KINGDOM CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT ON THEIR OWN”

One of the most depressing feelings one can have is when one is not able to get or feel the satisfaction of being supported in the work that we do.

One of the hallmarks of the Moravian Missionary tradition is that the Herrnhut community was very pivotal for the partnership of those who went out on mission. The community was so organized that persons were always a part of a group.

The Moravian church historically was never a Minister-centric church; it was always a partnership with the Clergy and the laity.

One of the challenges of the Ministry is that people will leave you. We are burying people every week, so we have to continually forge partnerships.

You must constantly remind yourself that you are in a partnership. You are not alone.

### 3. 17 July (Isaiah 38:1-7, Philippians 1:12-22) – “KINGDOM CITIZENS WHO KNOW WHY THEY SERVE”

One of the challenges that many of us who serve others have is understanding **why we serve**.

Our service must be about **bringing glory to God** and about **advancing the kingdom of God**. When we lose sight of this, we are not sure why we serve.

Are we serving only for the good times? Are we willing to serve when it is not good for us personally? If you are a Kingdom citizen your role is to advance the Kingdom, and God is not accepting excuses or blame. We must be growing and building for the Kingdom.

*“The supreme test of service is this: ‘For whom am I doing this?’ Much that we call service to Christ is not such at all.... If we are doing this for Christ, we shall not care for human reward or even recognition. Our work must again be tested by three propositions: Is it work **from God**, as given us to do from Him; **for God**, as finding in Him its secret of power; and **with God**, as only a part of His work in which we engage as co-workers with Him.”*(A.T. Pierson)

### 4. Thursday 18 July (Isaiah 40:1-11) – “KINGDOM CITIZENS WHO WILL NEVER DESPAIR”

As Kingdom citizens we advance the Kingdom by assuring and reassuring each other and our people that our God is still in charge and our God is a merciful loving God, who, even though He will not accept our sins and our shortcomings, will not allow his beloved church to come to nought.

Our church will have its challenges and problems, but with God all will never be lost. We fail God in so many ways but God will come after us and He will restore us.

If we believe that God is still in charge, then we need to recommit ourselves for service. We have a kingdom to advance. It is our duty and our responsibility to engender hope and allow others to feel and know that they will never be forsaken – our God reigns!

Go and live as Kingdom citizens; build for the coming generations. Never despair, God is still in charge.

**AMEN.**



# SYNOD 2019



Synod Retreat



Opening Service



Synod Delegates



Synod in session



Closing Service



# SYNOD 2019



**Members of the new PEC**



**Conference Superintendents**



**Fraternal Delegates**



**Barbados delegates**



**Antigua delegates**



# SYNOD 2019



**St. Kitts Delegates**



**US Virgin Islands Delegates**



**Tobago Delegates**



**Trinidad Delegates**





## SYNOD INTERVIEWS



Voice of Zion (VOZ) spoke with **Rev. Ezra Parris**, who is a native of Barbados and has been the Superintendent of the Barbados Conference since September 2017, but was on the Executive Board for approximately one and a half years prior.

**VOZ:** Can you share with us your experience since you have taken up the position?

**Bro. Ezra:** “The challenge has mainly been around finances which has somewhat caused me not to pay attention to other aspects of church life. One other area in the decline is members, I am not certain if it’s a National problem or it’s synonymous to the Moravian Church Barbados Conference, but I would say that our society is changing and becoming more secular and that in and of itself could be one of the contributing factors to the decline in members for Church (church attendance)”

**VOZ:** What was it like preparing for the Synod, being the host?

**Bro. Ezra:** “The challenges were evident due to the financial situation. However, high commendation to the sub committee who planned a number of fund raisers and managed to raise in the region of One hundred thousand Barbados Dollars (**\$100,000.00 Bds**). Bro. Ezra commented that he was pleased with the Synod thus far.

In going forward, it’s ‘Back to Work’:

- Financial Challenges
- Plans to correct the trend in declining members/ membership

*The Voice of Zion congratulates Bro. Ezra in leading his Conference in the preparation and hosting of Synod 2019. Best wishes to the Barbados Conference for the years to come.*



During the Synod breaks, the Voice of Zion was able to engage **Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis** in a brief interview.

Rev. Jarvis served the church as Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference (P.E.C) for 12 years after first being elected via ballots (mail) following the resignation of Rev. Dr. Errol Connor in 2007. Rev. Jarvis was then re-elected in 2009 at the Synod held in St. Kitts, then in 2012 in St. Thomas, and again in 2015 in Antigua.

Bro. Jarvis said that it was challenging at times where he had to navigate through ‘choppy waters’. Bro. Jarvis stated that at times,

he didn't see eye to eye with staff and had sleepless nights as it pertained to decision-making. But through it all he has a great love for the church and Jesus Christ and has a deep desire to see people grow. He stated that his leadership style was different—he liked reaching out to people.

While as Chairman of the P.E.C., Bro. Jarvis was able to work closely with Sagicor Insurance Company to rectify the Group Health and Pension Plan for the church. To date, most of the crucial matters of reporting and remittance of funds to pensions have been operating satisfactorily. Through his leadership and the work of the other members of P.E.C, they have been able to bring the church closer to some level of degree.



Voice of Zion made contact with **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts**, who was able to exchange brief words about her tenure as Secretary on the P.E.C.

**Sis. Winelle:** “I was elected in 2015 at the Synod held at Jolly Beach, Antigua. Sis Winelle stated that when she attended Synod in 2015, a position of leadership on the P.E.C was the furthest thing from her mind as she was just coming out of a season of sickness” (She has recovered and has been well ever since, thank God!).

One of the things she cherished was being able to work directly with members of Staff which gave her a better appreciation of their giftings. While on the P.E.C., Sis. Winelle’s portfolio was Theological Education.

**VOZ:** What are your visions on Ministry in the Province?

**Sis Winelle:** “For us to realise even further growth in Congregations and Ministries, greater attention would have to be provided to calls given to Ministry workers/Pastors. It cannot be about filling a vacancy. Considerations must seriously be given to persons’ giftings and abilities and also understanding the diversity in churches /congregations. The only way for growth is through matching persons to congregations.”

*The Leadership and members of the Zion/Bethel Pastorate say thanks to Sis Winelle for her service and extend best wishes in her future endeavours.*



## SYNOD INTERVIEWS



The Voice of Zion interviewed **Rev. Adrian Smith** during a lunch break at Synod on his thoughts on his election to serve on the P.E.C.

Pastor Smith shared that he believed that it was the season to be in leadership and it is a very humbling experience; the sense of validation and affirmation of callings was highlighted just from the fact of being elected to serve as Secretary to the P.E.C.

When asked the question about what he brings to the table, Pastor Smith responded with the following comments

“My continued commitment to Christ and the people, along with Theological Education Partnership- the willingness to partner/ synergy. I am all about relationship building – enabling persons to come to Christ and stay in Christ and that’s the good news that must go throughout the Caribbean.”

Voice of Zion extends best wishes to Pastor Smith as he functions in his new capacity as Secretary to the P.E.C



The Voice of Zion interviewed **Rev. Algernon Lewis** during lunch period at Synod, he was elected Chairman of the P.E.C and will serve the church in this capacity for the next three years.

Rev. Lewis went on to clarify the point made earlier about the low point in church by stating that this was due to a ‘combination of activities.’

When Rev. Lewis was asked to share briefly on his areas of responsibility he said: “Administration, Finance, Staff Relations and Church Re-Development (How do we become the Church of 2019 and beyond).

When asked ‘What do you bring to the table?’ Rev. Lewis responded: “Intangible passion for church and love for God. Love for people and conversation. Twenty-four years of experience, a personal encounter with God and recent studies in leadership and innovation in ministry.”

Rev. Lewis shared that when he realized the hand trend of the voting process, he was a bit in shock and thought that it could happen, he had skills and abilities to do that but “... if I wanted it to happen is another story.” Pastor Lewis posits that “It was a major task at one of the lowest points (not a criticism of anyone) in the life of the church. It’s a time to ask ‘How do we get to a place of repositioning so that the spirit of God can get to stretch in us?’ ”

The voice of Zion was extremely proud and extended heartiest congratulations to Rev. Lewis, having served as Pastor of the Zion Moravian Church.



Voice of Zion was able to share with **Rev. Dr. Errol Connor** who served as Vice Chairman of the P.E.C. under Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis and has been re-elected in the same capacity under the new leadership of P.E.C., Rev. Algernon Lewis.

**VOZ:** Good morning. Give us a few thoughts about where you see the church going?

**Bro Connor** The church is poised for a takeoff in a direction that will assist us to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Bro Jarvis was very attentive to a number of important details with reference to the provincial church and some other things that were happening in the context of Congregations.

- One of the great challenges was the situation of fitting staff to congregational needs, as not all staff are essentially equals with the skills sets that they bring. Hence, doing church as a team is important in doing church in the 21st Century.
- In terms of spirituality, there is still a hunger and thirst; people want to know.
- Help persons overcome fear.
- Help persons not to become too shallow as it pertains to their spirituality. Also, seek to go deeper – move on from milk.
- Stay grounded.

**VOZ:** There is the new concept of church without walls as opposed to traditional church. What are your thoughts on this new concept?

**Bro Connor** We have to first understand that the church is the gathered community of believers so if we gather on a beach or in a building, we are the church that gathers to herald the name of Jesus. Discipleship is important in this season.

**VOZ:** You have been re-elected to serve on the PEC under this new leadership. What are your thoughts going forward?

**Bro Connor:** I am happy to be given another opportunity to help roll out some new directions and to continue some items.

I am happy and excited to hear the new directions and freshness of thought that comes with the new team.

I anticipate that we will have to band ourselves to the directions of Synod as we seek to advance the church over the next three years. Yes, there is much to be done but the Lord said ‘the just shall live by faith.’ (Hab 2)

Let us be positive and purposeful as we go forward for the sake of Christ and His church.

*Voice of Zion extends best wishes to Rev. Connor as he continues to function in his capacity as Secretary to the P.E.C.*



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### Church Ministries

- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** continue on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Girls' Brigade** will be on break until school reopens.
- **Junior Choir** will be on break until September.
- **Youth Fellowship** will be on break until September.

### St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period **12-16 August 2019**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

### Basket of Hope

We have opened the Basket of Hope in support of the Dorcas Ministry. We are encouraging persons to bring non-perishable items for this basket to help out the ministry. There is a box at the back of the church in which you are to place the items. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Missionary 2019

On 03 February 2019, Zion launched its 2019 Missionary colour-coded offering. During each service for the months of February to November, a colour offering will be collected as follows:

- **Green** – February and July
- **Blue** – March and August
- **Purple** – April and September
- **Orange** – May and October
- **Grey** – June and November

The colour for the month of August is **Blue**. We look forward to what God will do this year; our target is **\$50,000.00**.

### Zion Scholarship Programme

As a Congregation, we believe in the transformation of people/society through education. As such, the leadership continues to advertise its Scholarship Programme for students transitioning to Secondary School. Applications are open; apply at the Church Office.

### Back to School Sunday

Blessing of Book Bags and Back to School Sunday will be held on Sunday 25 August at 9:30 am.

All students are invited to bring their book bags and wear their uniforms to Church. Adults are encouraged to wear the uniform of their alma mater.

This is an initiative to encourage students, teachers and parents.

### Other

A bequest to the Zion Moravian Church by the late **Sis. Ada Hendrickson** in the amount of **EC \$10,000.00** was received on Wednesday 31 July 2019. We are indeed grateful to God and may her soul continue to rest in peace. These funds will go towards the purchase of another window in the sanctuary.

The Zion Moravian Church extended gratitude to the Law Firm of Seaton & Foreman for executing this matter.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- **Women's Fellowship Heroes' Day Breakfast:** 16 September 2019.
- **Revive Convo 2019: 01-13 October 2019.** Stay tuned for more information.

### CONFERENCE NOTICES

- **Vacation Bible School for Bethesda & New Dawn** will be held **18 – 31 August 2019**.
- The **Estridge Congregation** will be celebrating **180 years** of work and witness under the theme "Seeking God's Face: Basking in His Glory". The Anniversary Service will take place on **Sunday 29 September** at 4 pm.
- The **Bethesda** Moravian Church will be having a **200th Anniversary Celebration**. Please stay tuned for more information.
- The **Conference Bible Study** is on break for the month of July but will resume in August at the Bethesda Moravian Church at 7:00 pm every Wednesday. Please study the first five chapters of the Book of Genesis.
- The **Bethel Moravian Church** will be selling **Breakfast** on Saturday **24 August** from 7:00 am to 10:00 am at Parson's Ground. Tickets cost **\$20.00** and proceeds are in aid of Church Windows.



## CELEBRATION CORNER



### August Birthday Celebrants

1st – Sis Florence (Dolly) Tweede; 2nd – Sis Carelle Samuel (USA); 5th – Sis Eldora Samuel (USA); 7th – Sis Delyth Morton; 8th – Sis Althea Jean (Antigua), Sis Kimberly Phipps and Bro William Hughes; 10th – Bro Carl Samuel Sr; 11th – Sis Kerine Webbe and Sis Goldha Franks; 13th – Sis Desarie Williams; 18th – Sis Shauntel Somersall, Sis Kendra De Silva, Sis Nekisha Challenger-Liburd (St. Thomas); 19th - Sis Aziah Warner; 20th - Sis Cherice Gardner; 22nd - Bro Joseph Tudor; 27th - Sis Y’Cole Boncamper (USA); 29th – Sis Rita Adams, Sis Joycelyn Connor (St. Thomas).



### August Anniversary Celebrants

6th.....Bro Rudolph & Sis Danielle Wiggins  
                     Bro Damon & Sis Ornella Bacchus  
                     Bro Romaine & Sis Cherise Belgrove  
 8th.....Bro Glenroy & Sis Lydia Blanchette  
 26th.....Bro Charles and Cassandra Blake

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Whether your need is small or great, you are welcome to use God's direct 24-hour hotline — prayer!

His promise is, *“Call to me and I will answer you.”* (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons listed below and be reminded that *“you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”* (Matthew 21:22)

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James (USA), Carmen Powell (USVI); Bro Whitley Williams (USA) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Eileen Mills, Sylvia Samuel, Urlie DeSilva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, Heather Demming and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Hashim Bertie, Alphonso Archibald and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

## SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

**Please remember in prayer our Zion Shut-Ins. Their names are as follows: -**

**Sisters** Connie Smith, Brenda Manners, Eugenie Belgrove -Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

**Brothers** Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.

## COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH



*Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12 (NIV)).* Studying abroad and being away from family and loved ones is a stressful time for many students. Hence, this is why the Zion Community is asking members of the Congregation to bear up in prayer our student members studying overseas. Their names are as follows:-

### UNITED STATES

*Sis Ycole BonCamper  
 Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey  
 Sis Tarhia Slack  
 Bro Christian Nathaniel  
 Bro Glassil DeSilva  
 Sis Daria James  
 Sis Xarielle Blanchette  
 Sis Akila Moore*

### CANADA

*Bro Hassanni Lapsey*

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**MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Watchword for the Week**

*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2*

**Prayer**

*Maker of all things life-giving and timeless, we praise your holy name. Keep our spirits lifted as high as the hills, and our eyes fixed on you. Take us to the ends of the earth to share your love. Amen.*

**Sunday 4th August 2019**

**Senior Pastor: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph**  
**Associate Pastor: Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner**  
**Worship Leader: Sis. Delyth Morton**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Call to Worship.....African Drums  
 Song.....Glorious Freedom  
 Liturgy for Emancipation (p. 187-190 Liturgy Book)

Welcome/Greetings

Song.....All The Way To Calvary He Went For Me  
 Song.....Free, Free, Free  
 Hymn 237.....Make Me A Captive Lord

**Ministry of the Word**

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

New Testament: Luke 12:13-21

Hymn.....Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**SERMON.....REV. HILTON J. JOSEPH**

Song of Praise.....Sis. Chioma Henry

**Worship in Giving**

Hymn 244.....Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It  
 Prayer of Dedication

Celebrations & Notices

Closing Song.....Lift Every Voice And Sing (Negro Anthem)

Benediction

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**



Hymn of Preparation #.220.....And Can It Be

The Invitation

**Consecration and Distribution of Bread**

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn 248.....Redeemed By The Precious Blood Of The Lamb  
 Hymn 259.....O What A Wonderful Wonderful Day  
 Hymn 262.....I Know Not Why

**Consecration and Distribution of Wine**

2<sup>nd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn 268.....Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed  
 Hymn 270.....He Pardoned My Transgressions  
 Hymn 272.....My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Song.....You Are My All In All

**The Blessing**

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