



**THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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# THE VOICE OF ZION

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**Provincial Theme**  
*Fulfilling the Mandate*

**The Thematic Focus**  
*Advance the Kingdom!*  
 (Developing God's Church  
 – Teaching, Reprimanding,  
 Empowering)

**Foundation Text:**  
*Acts 1: 8*  
*Matthew 28: 16-20*  
*Romans 15:20*  
*2 Timothy 4:2*

**Conference Theme**  
*Pursuing the Blessing:*  
*Empowered to do Ministry*

**Motto**  
 In Essentials - *Unity*  
 In Non Essentials - *Liberty*  
 In All Things - *Charity*

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## From The Pastor's Desk



How's that for a self-serving post?

Those from the church where I serve as pastor should read this post knowing I minister to hundreds of pastors every month. In my latest blog survey, over 50 percent of my readers are in vocational ministry. But even more important, only about 10 percent of my readers actually know me personally. So, this is not a personal plea. It's written for the hopeful benefit of others. Thanks for being the kind of church that—for the most part—protects the pastor.

### Greetings Brothers and Sisters

It is my prayer that you be blessed spiritually and physically as you continue on this journey called faith. I hereby share with you some of my personal readings which I found to be very thought provoking. It would be interesting to hear your reviews. So send me a WhatsApp message (1(869)662-2962) or e-mail your respond to the members of the Editorial Committee. May the same power that raised Jesus from the dead strengthen you for the work of the Kingdom.

Yours in Kingdom Building

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### Four Gifts That Will Greatly Bless Your Pastor by Ron Edmondson

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Ron Edmondson: "Most churches love to bless their pastor. I get asked frequently how the church can help me." In this post, I want to share some gifts you can give your pastor.

Most churches love to bless their pastor. I get asked frequently how the church can help me. To be a pastor of a local church is a privilege and a high honour. But it's the hardest work I've ever done.

Here are four gifts you can give your pastor:

1. **Your understanding of time - Acts 6:1-2, Ephesians 5:31** (*applies to the pastor's marriage too*).

The pastor needs time away from the ministerial responsibilities and activities of the church so that he can commit time to his family and to the ministry of the Word of God. Every activity done in the church is important, according to God's Word, but the primary responsibility of the pastor is to teach God's Word. I have witnessed so many pastors who burn out because too many demands are placed upon them. If there is a social or an activity in the church or among its people, most people expect the pastor to always be there. There is often little consideration of the fact that the pastor needs time with his family; and certainly time to prepare the message of God's Word.

If you want your pastor to be prepared to deliver God's message of the week to you, and if you



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## Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God



**Bro Chesil Hamilton**

Sixty years ago on 03 February 1955, accompanied by my twin sister Adelyn (now Rev Adelyn Mgonela) I made my advent into this world. From a very early age I soon grew to recognize my affiliation with church activity. My other siblings and I were drafted into the Moravian heritage by our maternal grandmother Ruth-Ann Albertha Jones-Greene-Wilson.

I was christened at the Bethesda Moravian Church and attended church and Sunday school there from earliest memory. At approximately age twelve, I was confirmed as a member of the Moravian Church and thus began my own responsible relationship with the church from that time.

I grew up within a family unit including cousin Verdensia, brother Eugene, sister Adelyn, and cousin Idetha, along with our grandmother and our step grandfather Mr Herman Wilson. Our mother (Eugene, Adelyn and myself) had traveled to England when we were all babies. We did not get the opportunity to join her as she died before plans for us to join her could come to fruition.

Sunday school teachers like Sisters Louise Isaac, Estelle Walker, Dinzey Phillip and Bro Edgar Morris among others were all extremely influential in shaping our early lives as children. They skillfully promoted learning about the rudiments of the Christian faith, and inculcated in all of us a basic knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

During my boyhood days, I was involved in a particular company of the Boys Brigade which was affiliated with the Bethesda congregation. I can say without reservation that membership in the Boys Brigade was very influential in shaping and cultivating discipline and respect for authority in relation to situations other than home and school.

I recall the great influence of mentors in that company such as my own godfather Bro Edgar Morris and Bro William Charles among others who were upstanding members of the Bethesda congregation. I recall too the occasional interaction with other Boys Brigade

companies from Basseterre. Names like Bro Cardinal Christmas and others in leadership still resonate in my memory.

A very important feature of my childhood days was that as children of choir members we would invariably accompany our parents to practice sessions. Needless to say, we knew all of the anthems and other select pieces inclusive of their several parts, soprano, alto, bass and tenor. My brother Eugene and I became very adept at ‘blowing the bellows’ for the great pipe organ both for practice and [sometimes] for Sunday service, providing support for the organist Sis Guishard aka “Teacher Linta”.

In relation to other influences of the church, I recall at times wanting to emulate persons within the wider church family. I wanted to grow up to sing like Brothers Edgar Morris, Edmund Thomas, Arlington Salters, Kelvin Bertie of Bethesda and Cardinal Christmas and Maurice Woods of Zion. I wanted to preach like Brothers Samuel Nathaniel, Maurice Woods and Rev Frank Barker. I admired the gentlemanly (reverent) image of persons like Brothers Samuel Nathaniel, Oliver Glasford, Cardinal Christmas, Maurice Woods, David Saunders, Arthur Thompson and Cornelius Brazier, among others.

Among my other role models were several male teachers at different stages of my school life. Notable among them were Rufus Small and Percy Isaac of Cayon, Eustace Esdaille and Vincent Inniss of Basseterre, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

The women in my life as a boy, were invariably those representing the home, school and church. Heading the list was my grandmother and her other associates on the Bethesda Choir. At school, all of the female teachers from pre-school onwards were shining examples of virtue and positive lady-like qualities. Mrs Mary Charles George stands out as an extraordinary disciplinarian of her time.

I have always had an ear for music. However, although I love it as an art form, I was never fully exposed to any instrument sufficiently enough to master the art of playing for my supper. The most that I would therefore do was to sing along; and sing along I did, as a member of the Youth Choir at Bethesda for a short while. I also joined other members of the Youth Fellowship in rendering selections during performances for church festivals of the day.

All of the young people of our church participated fully in a myriad of activities. These included concerts, cantatas and other programmes highlighting the various seasons of the church. Recitations, plays, as well as solo and choir renditions were common features of our involvement in church life. On special occasions when the church had picnics we were able to come into contact with members of the different congregations.

### Ministries Within The Church

#### Leadership

Board of Elders  
Board of Stewards

#### Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship  
Sunday School  
Girls’ Brigade  
ZMC Dancers

#### Ministry In Music

Zion Junior Choir  
Zion Youth Choir  
Zion Senior Choir  
Zion Gospel Singers  
Zion Mass Choir  
Praise & Worship Team  
ZMC Steel Band

#### Other Church Ministries

Women’s Fellowship  
Dorcas Ministry  
Zion Outreach Ministry  
Bus Ministry  
Bible Study  
Health Care Team  
New Believers Class  
Zion Senior Club  
Zion Ushers Ministry  
Zion Missions’ Team  
Multimedia Team



## Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God ~ Bro C. Hamilton

Youth Fellowship days at Bethesda were most beneficial as we interacted with other congregations and even fostered pen relationships with Youth Fellowships in Antigua. I recall vividly learning about young Cortroy Jarvis — who later became Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis the leader of the Provincial body of our church. The days of Youth Fellowship exposed the young people to opportunities for socializing and fellowshiping.

I relocated to Basseterre when I married Sis Linda Wattlely of Estridge on 22 December 1980. Our marriage resulted in the birth of our only child, our daughter Cheslyn. It was at that time that I began my association as a member of the Zion congregation. The church was just a mere three hundred yards from my new home at Nevis Street in Basseterre.

At first my attendance was relatively straightforward because of the proximity of the church. However, it became more challenging during period 1982 to 1992 during which time my wife was ill. In those days, wheel chairs were not as accessible and it was therefore problematic to get to and into church via the normal means. Nevertheless, on occasion my family and I joined in worship at Zion as regular members. Our daughter Cheslyn developed a closer association at Estridge, in view of the fact that she was more often than not being chaperoned by her grandmother in Mansion Village.

Latterly, when we were able to secure a wheel chair, our attendance improved, but again became very limited. This was primarily because access to and from our apartment was via a steep and narrow 14-step stairway. Descending and ascending the stairs by way of lifting proved to be an extremely daunting experience.

I recall that I was attending church sporadically and alternatively at Estridge, Bethesda and Zion for a number of years. However, following a spiritual encounter during a week of Deeper Life Services, I decided to commit to the greater service of my church and closer fellowship with the other membership as part of my worship of my Lord and Saviour.

As part of that decision, I felt obligated to organize myself to achieve the desired result. This meant that I had to make changes. Instead of going to bed early on Sunday mornings, following my graveyard shift in a job which took me through every Saturday night, I would prepare myself and attend church for Sunday morning worship and then get my sleep

afterwards.

It was around the time when worship was returning to the sanctuary, following the roof renovations. I soon became involved in all of the activities that were associated with the return of worship in the Sanctuary. I fondly recall the painting, the installation of the new benches, the building of the new kitchen and bathroom facilities, the capturing of still and video images of these activities and the wonderful fellowship which flowed as part of these developments.

I must relate something about my penchant for photography. My initial thrust was in capturing video footage of the extraordinary changes (mentioned above) that were coming on stream at Zion. Hence I took an interest in the renovation works and the installation of new benches, etc. utilizing a borrowed camcorder.

Some years ago my cousin who is a photography hobbyist, introduced me to his favourite still camera and I soon decided that I had to have one for myself. I had done some course work in photography years before, when I had pursued studies in Mass Communication.

This latest interest led me to procure a still camera and to begin to snap at everything; paparazzi style. I discerned an opportunity to capture images of other activities at church which could be used in periodic magazines and also in the context of an emerging internet presence in keeping with the vision of the leadership of Zion. As it turned out, I was selected to serve on the Newsletter Committee, whereby I could contribute to the photography aspect of the publication, as well as to lend other literary support.

When I was first invited to serve as a Steward, I was a little hesitant but I decided to accept the challenge. I felt somewhat humbled at the thought that other members would repose their confidence in me to serve in such a capacity. In short order, this led to my election as a delegate to Island Conference, where I was further called into service as a member of the Executive Board, filling the role of Secretary. I have had the privilege of working with our Superintendent Rev Joseph and other members of the Board for the duration of my two three-year cycles as a delegate to Island Conference. During that time also, I was extremely honoured to represent the Conference at the 30<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province which was held in St. Thomas in 2012. Throughout the years, I have also felt privileged

to be able to lend my support to the efforts of our church in all relevant endeavours.

I also feel obliged to share my testimony about tithing. My experience had always been that I did not take tithing seriously. At some point, I might actually have felt that it would be too much money out of my income to contribute to the church. However, at the point of becoming a Steward I succumbed to the declared prerequisite and made a conscious decision that I wanted to start tithing. However, I had a big problem. My finances were in terrible shape, in that my income, after all financial obligations were deducted at source, was less than ten percent.

A few days after I had made that conscious decision, someone from my bank called me and told me that he wanted to help reorganize my finances. After outlining my new financial programme, I was now in a position to commit my tithe and still had money to maintain my household. Needless to say, I informed him that it was God who sent him to call me and I told him about the decision that I had made a few days earlier.

Over the course of my life to date, my professional pursuits have included significant stints as a school teacher, educational broadcaster, industrial factory department supervisor, Social Security field inspector and Social Security department manager.

My other secular pursuits led me to take an active interest in cultural art forms associated with writing, singing and music. In that regard, I have written poetry as well as prose, winning competitions at the level of school and national circuits during my high school years. I recall having a number of poems published in a National Arts Festival magazine, around the late sixties or early seventies. Later, I turned my poetic inclinations into writing songs which I used for entry into calypso competitions, as part of National Carnival; winning two crowns along the way. I never treated this aspect of my life as a professional endeavour; it was always just a hobby for me.

In terms of my Christian witness, I can declare without reservation that it is only because of the Grace of God that I am in a position today to continue my walk of faith towards heavenly glory. Because of my personal experiences, I am convinced that I could have been a lost cause in so many ways. I continue to hope that I can be an example to others, that they too can serve God in spirit and in truth and serve their church in whatever capacity possible.





## Cloud of Witnesses

## Rev Hugh King

*This monthly feature is to re-tell the stories of ordained Pastors who served in the Eastern West Indies Province in recent past. It is intended to inform us of the life and witness of these ministers and their spouses so that we can better appreciate the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, it is hoped that both the ordained and un-ordained will be inspired to continue our ministry diligently knowing that our labour will never be in vain in the Lord.*

The following biography of **The Rev Hugh King** 1905 -1953 was submitted by his daughter Mona King.



**Rev Hugh Archibald King** was born on 12 August 1905 at the Moravian Manse in Cedar Grove Antigua to the resident Moravian minister Rev Archibald Theodore King and Edith May King née Pilgrim. Both parents were Barbadian although Edith May was born in Guyana to Moravian minister Rev Alexander Pilgrim with whom young Archibald served as his assistant in Barbados. His siblings were Mona, Kathleen and Dorothea who became nurses.

When his mother died at thirty two years his father remarried a lady of a prominent family in St. Croix and he acquired another brother Dr Howard King and sister, Louise King. The children were sent to live with the Pilgrims at Mount Tabor, Barbados. In this atmosphere of educators and musicians and Moravian stalwarts – and Uncle Rev Ivor Pilgrim, young Hugh was a natural candidate for the ministry.

He attended Harrison College in Bridgetown and successfully completed his Junior Cambridge Examination in nine subjects. At sixteen years in July 1922, he left school with his Senior Cambridge Certificate with credits in English History, Latin and Spanish.

His tertiary education commenced at Codrington College, Barbados and then on to Lincoln University Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, USA. However, he was asked to return to help in the Antigua field cutting his studies to three years when he received a Diploma on 01 May 1928. It was at university he became a friend of Kwame Nkrumah the first Ghanaian president and prime minister which petered out when he returned to Antigua.

In Antigua he served at Spring Gardens and Cana Moravian churches. He was a pointed and articulate preacher and teacher. He was a great orator and had great charm. His daughter was told by a ninety-nine year old lady who remembered me that “the Sunday evening services at Spring Gardens were well attended by many young ladies of other denominations who were quite taken up with the six foot four very handsome eligible young preacher”. Added to that he rode a motorcycle.

He became close friends with the Nantons of North Street, the lady of the house being a close friend of his Aunt Mona. The Harneys and Gores were also close. James Allen Gore was a planter and his wife, Helen Gore née Piper was a Montserratian who had attended the Moravian Teachers Training College at Spring Gardens.

In the meantime, living in Montserrat was Miss Eulalie Geraldine Gore. She attended the Antigua Girls High School and at the school leaving age of sixteen, she was recruited by Mr Carrington to teach at the newly opened Boys School in Montserrat. She was a very dignified and accomplished young lady. Not only did she have a great command of the English Language and Mathematics, she also played the piano and organ, embroidered, tatted and baked delicious cakes. So the dear matchmakers started looking for a lady to complement the man of the cloth. Furthermore, in those days the spousal choices were vetted.

On 01 October 1930. the Rev Hugh King married nineteen year old Eulalie Gore at the Cedar Grove Moravian Church; the reception was held at The Mount, then at Codrington Estate where her father James Allen Gore was Overseer. The Mount is now the site of the Mount St. John Medical Centre.

Perhaps there was a need for early wedlock as he was to be stationed at Estridge, St. Kitts away from family connections. This position he filled from 1931 to 1945 where all five of his children were born, William Archibald Theodore, Hugh Archibald, James Allen, Helen-May and Mona Edith.

There under the watchful eyes of Rev Williams, Ma and Pa Williams, they worked. Lifelong friends were established such as the Nesbitts, Brooks, Rev Christopher, Reg Delamos, Rt Rev John Knight along with Mary George who saw to it that she attend the Teachers Training College in Antigua.

He acquired a Brownie camera and to this day there are many pictures which tell stories of family and friends and places. It was his weekly letters and many pictures which helped to sustain his brother in law, Leo Gore, during his war days in Europe with the Canadian Army.

Returning to Antigua he was stationed at Cedar Hall Moravian Church, Jennings with responsibility for Grace Bay, Old Road in the South and Cedar Grove in the North. To make ends meet he taught English, History and Latin at the Antigua Grammar School and Antigua Girls High School, which were private and run by Anglican Archdeacon Branch and his sisters and where his children attended.

He was also very involved in sports and sometimes drove athletes a little too hard, but they excelled including his son, Hugh, who held the sprinters record for years even after he left school. He was close to Rev Davidson, Rev. “Pappy” Henry, Mr Hilson Murdoch, a lay preacher and several of the Jennings community



## PEC Reports (Cont'd)

members such as Teacher Millie, the Joseph family, Teacher Pratt, Teacher Rawlston.

He was very well beloved by all his parishioners and students for he was a compassionate and humble man. His calling was to minister and this he did willingly, leaving a good name as a man of God.

Most of all his family and friends adored him and were all close to each other's hearts. Of course, he was not without fault and perhaps like Samuel needed to spend more quality time with his children.

It was not a bed of ease, but they rallied and were sustained by well-wishing parishioners with produce and the thriftiness of Eulalie. The car No. 270 was not always reliable, but served its owner the best it could.

For all that, they had mostly joyous times.

His very heavy agenda resulted in a daily unhealthy mealtime and rest schedule. Coupled with an unreliable monthly salary and transportation and the fact that he shared the little he did have, his health deteriorated and unknown to his loved ones, Doctor Winter had advised him to take a break.

But it was the eve of harvest and his wife and himself along with the choir and members of the congregation were busy with decorating. He had suddenly crossed over to the mission house because of a sudden chest pain. Soon after, he was taken to the Holberton Hospital.

On Sunday 17 May 1953, he died from a massive heart attack — it was Eulalie's birthday. He was forty-seven (47) years.

In this day and age perhaps life would have been a little easier for the family, but Rev Hugh Archibald King left a legacy of godly love which was forever memorialised by his wife, who died at ninety seven in 2008. She said to Mona "If I had to I would do it all over again".

### Hymn of the Month ~ March 2015

As we continue the Lenten journey during the month of March, our hymn for this month is **I come to the Cross like a small boat**. This hymn was written by the late Jamaican poet Dennis Scott and originally appeared in the Caribbean hymnal *Sing A New Song No. 3*. The music for this hymn was arranged by prominent Jamaican musician Noel Dexter.

The image of the cross is central to this hymn. Traditionally, we tend to speak of the cross of Christ as a place of suffering and shame. Our view of Christ's cross oftentimes leads us to embrace it as the pinnacle of the expression of God's love for sinful humanity. After all, it is Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross which atones for the sins of the world. But the symbol of the

cross is treated differently in this hymn. The cross is not depicted primarily as a place of suffering. Rather it is presented as a resting place; but not just any resting place. The cross is depicted as a home, a place we should all feel drawn and invited to; a place where we must journey to. In making the journey to the cross akin to coming home, Scott makes the movement to the cross both desirable and appealing.

But the painting of the journey to Christ's cross as a journey home is made all the more attractive because the home being spoken of is our heavenly home. So the main message that is communicated in this hymn is that as we journey to the cross, we are taking a journey that is also taking us beyond the cross of Christ to spending eternity with Christ. It is a permanent journey and once we take it there will be "*no more*" a desire to go back. There are other supporting images which are tied to this central image of the cross. So we are given at least three comparisons of our journey to the cross that everyone in the Caribbean can identify with: *a small boat*, *a sea stone* and *a river*. Each verse highlights the blessings that exist on this journey to the cross; a journey which takes us beyond the cross and ultimately to our heavenly home. Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for March:

I come to the Cross like a small boat  
Sailing across the reef,  
And the calm of my Christ is waiting  
Behind the waves of grief.  
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!  
Not going to sail no more.  
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,  
Sailing to the promised shore.

I come to the Cross like a sea-stone  
Wet in the Saviour's hand;  
He will polish me for His glory,  
Safe in the promised land.  
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!  
Not going to drown no more;  
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,  
Home and dry on the shore.

I come to the cross like a river  
Folding down to the sea;  
And the tide of love washes red-red  
Down from the Cross to me.  
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!  
Not running down no more;  
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,  
Singing on the promised shore.

~ Rev Mikie Roberts  
Chairman, Provincial Hymnal Committee



## Highlights from Island Conference Meeting

The first Island Conference Meeting for the 2015 was held on the 28 January 2015.

This meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Rev Hilton Joseph (Superintendent). At this meeting new delegates were welcomed to the island conference. Zion was represented by the following delegates, Rev Hilton Joseph (Pastor), Bro Chesil Hamilton (Executive Board), Sister Sonia Hector (Synod Delegate), Sis Iditha Boncamper (Treasurer), Sis Gwenella Benjamin (Delegate) and Sis Delyth Christmas (Delegate). Observers for Zion were Sis Sonia Daly-Finley, Sis Myrna Archibald, Sis Rahmona Casey, Sis Desarie Williams, Sis Marie Dandressol-Newton and Brother Chessley Williams.

During this meeting, reports were presented for each congregation. Pastor Erwin Warner presented the report for the New Dawn Congregation. He highlighted that the New Dawn Congregation was now using the sanctuary of Bethesda for worship due to the unavailability of the community centre. He also mentioned that despite the change in location, the membership has been consistent, averaging fifty-seven (57) persons. He further noted the creation of a youth chorale, which comprised twenty (20) young persons. This chorale was formed in the month of October 2014.

Afterwards, Pastor Erwin Warner presented the report for his second church, Bethesda. He accentuated the change in time for Bethesda from 10:00 am to 10:15 a.m. This was implemented in order to accommodate the New Dawn Church. He also emphasised that the attendance at church had increased, averaging 101 persons. Additionally, Sunday School was now geared to everyone. In order to accommodate this, teachers underwent a series of training sessions which spanned a period of three days. This seminar was facilitated by Pastor Erwin Warner and Rev Hilton Joseph.

In like manner, the Bethel Report was presented by Rev Jeremy Francis. He outlined the desire of Sis Uddenberg, Bethel's Treasurer, to retire after her three decades of service to the congregation. Thus, the need of a successor was expressed. Furthermore, the Reverend made mention of the financial standing of the Bethel Church being able to meet their financial obligations. In addition, a fundraiser was planned for Valentine's Day in order to raise money to refurbish the windows of the sanctuary.

Rev Jeremy Francis proceeded to present his second congregation's report, Estridge. There were no particular areas that needed highlighting.

Then, Rev Hilton Joseph presented the report for the Zion congregation. He highlighted and expressed his gratitude for the improvement in the giving from the congregation, especially with the purple envelopes. This was further confirmed by the treasurer Sis Boncamper who presented the financial statements and made mention of the generous giving of the members.

Another report presented was that of the Women's Council by Sis Allison Belle Archibald and this was followed by the Conference Budget and Financial Statements by Sis Sherlene Johnson (Island Conference Treasurer). After that, there was discussion on the preparations for Synod in July 2015. This was headed by Rev Joseph. He specified that the contribution of our conference should be \$20,400, with Bethesda - \$5,000, Estridge - \$5,000, Zion - \$5,000, New Dawn - \$2,700 and Bethel - \$2,700. Rev Joseph also outlined the monies needed by each individual attending synod, the registration deadline and other preparation details for the synod. He further proceeded to highlight that through elections the delegates representing the St. Kitts Conference would be Sis Delyth Christmas and Sis [Belinda] Melissa Bart Pantlitz, while the youth delegate would be MJ Byron. The Executive Board has decided

to support the inclusion of the runner up Sis Jonelca Browne who lost to Bro MJ Byron by one vote.

A proposal to be presented to synod was also debated. This dealt with the process of becoming an elder. It was mentioned that the conference had moved from electing members to appointing members to the Elder's Board. However, this proposal was denied.

In addition, during the meeting, elections were conducted for the positions of secretary and lay member on the Island Conference Executive Board. The persons elected to these positions were Rev Jeremy Francis (Secretary) and Sis Joanne Williams Sargeant (Lay Member).

In the final segment of the meeting, Rev Hilton Joseph outlined portfolios of each minister.

- ◆ Pastor Erwin Warner - Christian Education and Ministry to Children through young adults
- ◆ Rev Jeremy Francis - Music, Lay Academy, Protocol and Logistics
- ◆ Rev Hilton Joseph - Ministry to Men, Women, Mission and Evangelism

Subsequently, the events for the upcoming months were mentioned. This was followed by the adjournment of the meeting by The Superintendent, Rev Hilton Joseph, at 8:27 p.m.

~ Sis Gwenella Benjamin





## For Your Calendar April 2015

### Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion (**Basseterre to Cayon**) will be held on **Wednesday 15 April 2015** commencing at **9:00 am**.

### Church Ministries

**Bible Study** continues on Tuesday at **7:00 pm**. All are invited.

**Youth Fellowship** meets on **Fridays at 7:15pm**

**Girl's Brigade** meets every **Monday at 5:00 pm**.

**Junior Choir** meets on **Fridays at 5:00 pm**.

The **Zion Youth Choir** meets every **Saturday at 4:30 pm**. Members are asked to take note and to be punctual.

The **Zion Mass Choir** meets every Saturday at 3:00 pm.

### St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** from **27 April to 01 May 2015**. Members are asked to take note and assist wherever possible.

### Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry Sunday on **19 April 2015**. Invite another brother to church and let's worship the Lord our God Almighty.

### Book Sale

**Daily Text** are now available. Large print at \$48.00 and small print at \$40.00. Please support.

There are still copies of available of "**Emancipation Come – The yearnings of a people to be Free**" written by Rev Denise Smith-Lewis, former Superintendent and Pastor in the Conference.

### 2014 Emancipation Concert DVD

Copies of the 2014 Emancipation Concert Collector's Item DVD are available at the church office at a cost of EC\$40. However, you are welcome to give a love offering of

\$50. Persons purchasing three (3) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each.

### Combined Choirs

The **Combined Choirs** (Moravian Conference Choir, St. George's Anglican Choir and St. Christopher Choral Society) under the direction of Rev. Jeremy Francis and accompanied by Brother Christian Nathaniel on Organ and a brass ensemble presents, "**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! A Festival of Hymns and their Stories**". This takes place on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm at St. George's Anglican Church. Tickets are available from Choir members, St. George's Anglican Church and Zion Moravian Church for \$20.00.

Proceeds go towards the church of the respective Choirs. Come and sing, learn and be blessed by hymns of the faith and the stories that brought them to being!

### Provincial Hymnal

The **New Provincial Moravian Hymnal** is almost ready for the publishers!

To give all a feel of the New Hymnal before printing, the **Provincial Director of Music and Chairman of the Provincial Hymnal Committee**, the **Rev Dr Mikie Roberts** will be in St Kitts on **Sunday 12 April 2015** to host what we dubbed: "**An Encounter with the Hymnal**". The session will be held at the Zion Moravian Church from **6:30 p.m.**

Please note all musicians, choirs, singers, groups, members of Moravian St. Kitts Conference are invited. A copy of the New Hymnal will be on exhibition. Song and Liturgies will be done. Come all Moravians to this encounter with the Hymnal!

### Mother's Day Poetry Contest

**Calling all Youths!! The Voice of Zion Committee is inviting our youths to participate in a Mother's Day Poem Contest. More information will be given.**

## Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

want his family to be strong enough that he can model family life for you, then give him time alone with God during the week. Make sure he has time to study and for his family. Too many demands on his time will make a very stressed out pastor!

**2. Your financial partnership - 1 Corinthians 9:11-12.** Your pastor needs to be personally supported financially and needs your partnership in funding the mission of the church.

I haven't met any strong, biblical pastors who don't realize that the ministry is a sacrifice. Most pastors don't expect to be wealthy. Most pastors know that the ministry is a life of faith, even in the area of finances. They shouldn't, however, have to beg for support. The burden of support should be on those receiving the ministry.

Operating any size church takes resources. The stress of "fundraising" on a pastor usually is outside of their comfort zone and expertise. What a blessing it is to a pastor when people willingly sacrifice to fund the vision!

**3. Your personal support - 2 Timothy 4:16-17.** Paul knew what it felt like to feel all alone. It's a scary feeling. Many pastors today know that feeling. Of course, God is "our refuge and strength and ever present help in time of trouble," but the pastor needs to know that he has the support of a few people. There need to be some people he can always depend on to encourage him in his daily walk with the Lord.

I want you to know that being a pastor is sometimes a lonely place to be. God has given us human relationships in order that we might provide physical strength and encouragement to each other to help us along life's journey. The pastor often feels left out of this plan. Please don't let that happen to your pastor!

If your pastor has an idea for the church, support him unless you have a better idea or what the pastor is proposing is unbiblical. Be willing to not only voice your support but provide physical, financial and moral support to the pastor's plan. Be a physical encourager by complimenting the pastor, praying for him, sending him an occasional note or email, and simply putting an arm around him and saying "thanks." Don't forget to encourage his family as well.

Our pastors need our support. They need to know we care. They need encouragement. There has never been a more stressful time to be a pastor than in the world today. Tell yours you care about him (or her) today!

**4. Your unconditional love - Philemon 7. Your pastor needs you to love him ... even when he makes mistakes.**

Do you love your pastor? Do you thank God for the person God has sent to lead your church? Here's a more important question: Does your pastor know of your love?

By the way, that will be evidenced by your actions more than





## For the Love and Preservation of Self

In psychology, the term **self-esteem** is used to describe a person's overall sense of self-worth or personal value. Self-esteem is often seen as a personality trait, which means that it tends to be stable and enduring. Self-esteem can involve a variety of beliefs about the self, such as the appraisal of one's own appearance, beliefs, emotions, and behaviors. This then factors into what you really believe about who you are and the love you have for self.

We often tend to disregard the love and preservation of self as a selfish act. However, can one really love and care for others without first practising on oneself? What does this all really mean? What does it mean to love oneself or to ensure that you have preserved your beliefs, your values, your morals, and your overall sense of self?

We all know that we are all created differently but do we truly understand how different we are? A few factors determine the way we think and act and they are our family environment, our experiences, our education, our company (friends), our belief system (do we believe in a creator?), our goals and aspirations for our lives, and how we view our past, present and future. These factors then determine how you view who you are and what shapes your opinion. On further introspection, can you say what really makes you tick? Have you ever thought about what makes you truly love and value yourself? Do you believe you are loveable and deserve the best that life has to offer? Do you engage in positive talk or are you easily affected by negative thoughts?

Because we are not created to be solitary beings, the opinions of others most often factor heavily in the way we view ourselves. In time, we then develop a positive or negative view of who we are and how we think about ourselves. Unfortunately, most persons form a negative view of self and find it far easier to focus on their mistakes than their accomplishments. In order to cultivate a positive view of self and in turn build a positive self esteem, there are several ways to begin.

Here are just a few –

- **Practise positive affirmations** - One such way is to get a note pad and write on each page a positive thing about yourself. Then place these notes in areas that you frequently visit in your home such as your dresser mirror, your bathroom mirror, or any other place that you spend most of your time. This will assist in reaffirming the positive things about who you are.
- **Practise positive talk** - Instead of the glass being half empty speak as if the glass is half full. Instead of saying I don't know if I can, turn it around and say **Yes I can**. Speak as if all things are possible because with faith they are .
- **Practise writing in a journal** - A journal helps you to track

your development. Write your thoughts and aspirations and look back at how far you have come. It is an amazing tool in building yourself.

- **Practise your faith** - Although faith has very few letters, it is a very powerful word. Faith shapes your self-esteem in ways that are indescribable.

In a world that is so very busy, we tend to forget that the care of self is most important. You must seek not only to feed your body, but your mind and especially your spirit. All this makes up who you are and how you view your life. Can you truly achieve your goals with an unhealthy self esteem? We all know the answer, so practise, practise, practice as practice makes perfect.

- **Embrace who you are! You are not perfect, but you have a purpose so embrace all you are. Don't allow what others think and feel about you determine your self-worth or your action.**

~ Contributed by Sis Julie Charles

## From the Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

your words.

I can tell you that there are many pastors today that wonder if anyone cares for them. Most pastors hear far more complaints than they hear encouragement. Everyone always shares burdens with the pastor, but few people stop just to share love with their pastor.

Have you figured out yet that your pastor is not perfect?

Your pastor is a flawed individual, just like you are, who God has appointed to shepherd your church. Many times they didn't even ask God for the assignment but are simply trying to be obedient to God's call upon their life. Can't you just love a person like that? They may have put their career objectives on hold just so they could do God's will and minister to you! Have you ever thought about it like that?

Why not think of how you can show your love for your pastor today?

**Ron Edmondson**







## 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, and Veronica Stevens (USA). Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Desdemona Henry, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Dahlia John, Dorette Rawlins, Jillian Musgrave-Archibald and Althea Byron and Brothers Ernest Christopher and Earl Brotherson (St. Kitts).

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

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



**Sisters** Connie Smith, Nora Godwin, Winifred Phipps, Brenda Manners, Mavis Deosaw (Overseas) and Abdelita Glasford (Barbados).

**Brothers** Vernon Connor and James Phipps.

## 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 Y’Cole Boncamper  
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey  
Bro Withley Williams  
Bro Zaavan Hobson  
Bro Dujon DeSuza  
Bro Glassil DeSilva  
Sis Vicky Liburd  
Sis Tonya Watts  
Sis Akila Moore  
Bro Christin Scarborough

### CANADA

Bro Alester Thomas  
Bro Hasani Lapsey

### ST THOMAS USVI

Sis Nadia Francis

### UNITED KINGDOM

Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

### BRUSSLES, BELGIUM

Sis Asha DeSuza

### TAIWAN

Bro Lindbergh Belle

### JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw  
Sis Avicia Sweeney

### SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr



## Celebration Corner

# Happy Birthday

### April Birthday Celebrants

1st - Bro Amani Nisbett, 2nd - Sis Carla Taylor-Williams, Bro Arnold DeSilva, 3rd - Sis Aslyn Broadbelt, Bro Quame Williams, 4th - Sis Gennifer Broadbelt, 5th—Bro Brian Mc Lachlan, 8th - Sis Charmaine Seaton, Sis Carmen Davis, Sis Gloria Thompson, 9th - Bro Earl Brotherson Jr, 10th - Bro Giuseppe Garito, Sis Ingrid Merritt, Sis Avicia Sweeney (Jamaica), 13th Sis Danielle Wiggins, 14th - Bro Peter Byron, Sis Findjie Dandressol, Sis Abigail Percival, Sis Shiloh Archibald, 15th - Bro MJ Byron, 16th - Sis Doris Taylor, 18th - Sis Gail Gumbs-James, 19th - Sis Lilette (Rosie) Liburd-Lewis, 20th - Sis Tarhia Slack, 21st - Sis Takoya Slack, 23rd - Sis Carol Saddler, 24th - Sis Shelia Pemberton, Sharmaine Archibald, Sis Avonelle Phillip, Bro Earl Brotherson Sr, 26th - Bro Mervin Hook Jr, and 29th - Sis Tasia Williams.



### April Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

09 April ..... Bro Steve and Sis Jacqueline Claxton  
18 April ..... Bro Errol and Sis Louvina Maynard  
23 April ..... Bro Terrance and Sis Althea Byron  
24 April ..... Bro Raphael and Sis Myrna Archibald  
30 April ..... Bro Valentine & Sis Beulah Morris



## Easter Glory

Sis Daria James



*Sister Daria James*

*Easter is a season  
of hope and joy and cheer,  
With beauty all around us  
to see and touch and hear.  
It's a season of fulfillment  
for one's ever-searching soul,  
A time of looking upward  
toward a heavenly goal.*

~Helen Steiner Rice

The above poem **puts into perspective the joyful and glorious season of Easter**. In the past whenever I heard the word Easter, I thought about my wonderful experiences in Florida at Easter. Back then, I could always count on purchasing my Easter eggs from the nearby Walmart or Target, taking photos with the 'Easter Bunny' and participating in the Easter Services at a Methodist Church which I attended. Additionally, to me, Easter always brought a certain level of freshness in the weather. It was as if God certainly made sure that he changed the weather (to Spring) to coincide with this very important Liturgical Season.

However, as I got older, Easter took on a new meaning. For me, it has taken on a meaning of life, victory over death and suffering in our Father's world and newness in our Christian walk. No longer do I associate it with candies and bunnies. From Palm Sunday through to Easter Monday, we can truly appreciate Jesus' trials and temptations and how he managed these trying situations. There is a lesson at every stage for each one of us. **Lessons of patience, forgiveness and perseverance easily come**

**to mind.** Easter causes us to pause and think about that glorious morn when the angel of the Lord descended and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. **"He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said," were the words uttered by the young man arrayed in a white robe.** What a glorious morn!! What glorious hope!!

**Let us rejoice for victory (our internal sunshine) triumphed over death and darkness.** Could you imagine if we were to live on an island that did not have daylight? Let's go further, what about if our days of darkness were flooded with raging violence and dreadful diseases? How would plant and animal life survive? We give God thanks for the sunlight—rays of hope, peace and prosperity. The sunlight gives us a constant reminder that all sin and darkness would one day be no more, and our eternal day in heaven would take over from the dark days. Jesus' resurrection is our promise that we too shall be resurrected and live forever in our eternal home. Let hope fill our hearts that Jesus Christ has gone to prepare a way for us. He has taken our place so that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We give thanks for His life and thank our Father for the ultimate sacrifice—giving up His only Son.

**Blessings on this special Easter morn! Lift up His name on High! He arose!**

~Contributed by Sis Daria James

### Moravian Daily Text Easter Sunday

**Watchword for the Week:** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have died. **1 Corinthians 15:20**

**Sunday 05 April 2015**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8

This people I have formed for myself; they shall declare my praise. **Isaiah 43:21**

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." **Luke 10:21**

*God of our resurrection hope, we give thanks for the living presence of Jesus and for the power of the Holy Spirit that makes us one. Reveal yourself to us to discern your will and discover you in unexpected places. Amen*



## The Period of Easter



**John 3:16** states *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”*.

I sincerely believe that Easter demonstrates The Power of God over sin, and to Christians that is wonderful news. In fact, centuries after its actual occurrence, this period in the Christian calendar profoundly impacts me, as it does others. As a result, Christians and non-Christians alike, despite having to relive the horrific events of the days preceding Good Friday, eagerly participate in celebrating Easter. In retrospect therefore, I am convinced that the followers of Jesus then, saw what the naysayers failed to see – that Jesus died that all may live.

Today, I choose eternal life, because I believe that God’s plan to redeem the world was very well-defined, based on the following scriptural excerpts (N.B. references used are not exhaustive) in that order:

- Love God’s Love John 3:16
- Forgiveness from sin 1 John 1:7
- Salvation through the shedding of blood Matthew 1:21
- In-dwelling of the Holy Spirit Luke 11:13
- Eternal Life John 6:40

~ *Contributed by Sis Vanta Archibald*  
Estridge Moravian Church

## Condolences

The Leadership and Membership of the Zion Moravian Church express condolences to:



Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel, Bro Ian Nathaniel, Sis Angela Scarborough, Bro Christian Nathaniel, Bro Christian Scarborough and the Nathaniel/Ward Family on the passing of:

**Brother Samuel James Nathaniel, MBE**  
(Husband, Father, Grandfather)

Bro Leroy Williams, Sis Emily Pitt, Sis Hardai Baley-Pitt, Sis Jahkeema Pitt, Bro Denzil Pitt, Sis Isilyn Pitt, Sis Wanda Pitt, Sis Allison Belle-Archibald, Sis Sharmaine Seaton, Bro Leroy Seaton, Sis Chelsea Pitt-Amory, Bro Tae-J Pitt-Charles, Sis Shakira Pitt, Sis Glennecia Williams, Sis Lysandra Hook and Family on the passing of:

**Brother Leroy Pitt**  
(Son, Father, Brother, Uncle)

The Walters Family on the passing of:

**Bro Joseph Walters**  
(formerly of the Ebenezer Moravian Church)

Bro Stafford Myers and Family on the passing of:

**Ms JoAnn Althea Chandler**  
(Mother - St. Vincent)

The Word declares — *“come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” Matthew 11:25-30* (NIV).

May the Lord Grant You His Peace in these trying times.





## Pan On The Rise

## Bro MJ Byron



Brother MJ Byron

***“I was born with music inside me. Music was one of my parts. Like my ribs, my kidneys, my liver, my heart. Like my blood. It was a force already within me when I arrived on the scene. It was a necessity for me - like food or water.” ~ Ray Charles***

I am certain that musician Bro MJ Byron would agree with Ray Charles’ analysis of music in the above quotation. Bro MJ is our main drummer at Zion Moravian Church (ZMC) and the lead teacher alongside his brother, Bro Omandey Byron for our All-Female Steel Band. He is currently employed by the Ministry of Education as a Steel Pan Teacher at the Basseterre Senior High School for the past four years. Bro MJ is also the President of ZMC Youth Fellowship and has represented ZMC at a number of church-related conferences and camps.

Bro MJ’s recent trip to San Fernando, Trinidad ran from 19 January to 15 February, 2015. The main purpose of his trip was to participate in a Pan Making and Tuning Course and also to take part in the National Panorama. His sponsor, the Golden Hands Steel Pan and Music School was instrumental in making his trip possible. This band has about seventy (70) members ranging from ages 6 to 30. It is located in San Fernando, Trinidad. The Arranger, Vanessa Headley is assisted by Director Franka Hills-Headley and Captain Pete Braxton. Soon after his arrival in Trinidad, Bro MJ was joined by six (6) gifted and talented players from Antigua.

Needless to say, the trip was extremely hectic. Bro MJ got ‘his feet’ wet right away and started practising on the same day of his arrival because the Preliminary Round was only four (4) days

away. The selection for this Round was a tune called Pan In De Galaxy, which was composed, arranged and sung by the Arranger Headley. The practices were very tiresome; most times the band practised for at least twelve (12) hours per day.

The Pan Making and Tuning Modules were ‘eye-openers’ and extremely stimulating. The science behind developing a good steel pan was explored thoroughly. He remarked that there is still so much to learn. However, he stated that he learnt quite a lot including, how to clean the pans, how to store them and many different techniques and skills to play and also arrange.

It has been said that Bro MJ is probably the first citizen of St. Kitts-Nevis to have played in a Trinidad National Panorama and also reaching the Finals. The band placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the Preliminary Round, 9<sup>th</sup> in the Semi-finals and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Finals (coming first in south Trinidad). This was a major accomplishment for a very inexperienced band. It seems as though this trip was history-making all around—because it was also the first time that a band had a female arranger who had written, composed, sung and played the competition piece. We extend heartfelt congratulations to his Trinidadian counterparts.

In closing, Bro MJ expresses thanks to God for His travelling mercies and for giving him the determination to succeed at this level. Special thanks to his family and friends for their support; and also the Zion Moravian Church family. We look forward to Bro MJ’s growth and development in this ministry.

~ *Contributed*



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

We extend sincere congratulations to Bro MJ and the Management and Students of the Basseterre High School (BHS) on their recent win at the TDC-sponsored ‘I Rep My School Rally’. This is the second year of the event and also the second time that the school has been victorious. Bro MJ explained that he is the teacher charged with the task of composing the chants.

This year he was challenged by Principal Carlene Morton to compose a new style of chant; different from their 2014 chant. He is indeed proud of his team and looks forward to the 2016 Rally.



## PEC Reports (Cont'd)

### MORAVIAN CHURCH – UNITAS FRATRUM Office of the Unity Business Administrator Rev Dr Jørgen Bøytler (PhD)

#### Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015

#### South Africa: Projects for Youth and Sunday school. Projects that will be supported through the Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015.

#### MORAVIAN YOUTH UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Union has 12 Districts. Presently they are challenged by a lack of resources. The Moravian Church in South Africa do not have a youth minister to see to the needs of the youth. We hope this will be rectified in the future. We need support in our youth development programmes. This year we would like to do a follow-up on last year's programme but do not have the funding yet.

A **Youth Leadership Development Workshop** was held last year 19 to 21 September to equip the youth with the necessary skills.

#### Aim

- Equip present youth leaders
- Equip new leaders

#### Topics

- Formal lecture sessions:
- Youth Ministry in a South African Context
- The Leader of Youth ministry in a South African Context
- The Team Practical Workshop Sessions
- Teambuilding
- Discipleship
- Strategic Planning

#### MORAVIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION (MSUSA) Statistics

The following are 10 of the 12 districts statistics: 347 Teachers and 4184 learners.

The Sunday School new Curriculum was work-shopped in all the Districts. The 70th Birthday of MSUSA was celebrated in 2012.

Presently the Sunday Schools function in almost all congregations. The Union members are thus challenged financially as the congregations do not pay their contributions to the Union. Sunday School camps are thus organised locally if they have funding.

There is no Sunday School teachers training in all our Districts. The churches stretch over a wide area, making it financially difficult to reach all by Union members.

They plan a national conference this year to elect new members to serve on the Union. Resources especially in the rural areas need attention.

#### MASANGANE MORAVIAN AIDS PROGRAMME - MASANGANE (Xhosa: embrace)

The vision of Masangane is to reach out to people with HIV/AIDS and mobilise the Moravian church to make a sustainable, positive contribution to aids challenges and the reduction of the number of new

HIV infections and to engage in HIV /AIDS education and care in partnership with others.

It is a Community-Based outreach programme of the Moravian Church that involves caring for HIV/AIDS infected and affected persons and families. The programme caters for orphans and the vulnerable. As from 2014, the programme has expanded its activities by introducing a woman forum which is called gender based programme, brothers union as well as an orphan's forum.

Masangane is well known in the surrounding areas of Maluti, Mt. Fletcher and Shiloh by its programme of initiating ARVs since from 2004-2010. The project saved many lives and most stakeholders including hospitals and clinics staff learnt from Masangane about ARVs. There are other activities conducted in the communities, they are as follows: - Health counselling and testing, Home base care and five poultry projects for the support group. Due to financial constraints in 2014 staff members had to be retrenched and the Mount Fletcher branch had to close its doors.

#### MORAVIAN BRIGADES ASSOCIATION IN SA (MOBRASA) Statistics

25 Brigade Companies are affiliated to MOBRASA. Companies exist in Districts 2, 3, and 6 with 17 Chaplains, 65 Officers and 683 Brigaders. The boy's and girl's brigade work in close cooperation with the other unions of the MCSA. They attend Exaudi Sundays, Music Department Festivals and All African Mission Day. Visits to institutions and the Aged in communities are part of the four square programme.

The national conference took place in 2014. The union is financially challenged as they do not function in all congregations and are not well supported despite the major role they play to instill good values and skills in the children. Funds kindly forward to the Unity Fund: Unity Fund Account.

#### Appointment of Superintendent

The Reverend (Rev) Eulencine Christopher has been appointed as Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from 01 March 2015. Sister (Sis) Christopher assumed the responsibility of Acting Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference from 01 September 2014.

We wish Sis Christopher every blessing as she assumes this awesome responsibility of leading the Virgin Islands Conference. Welcome aboard, Congratulations!

#### Condolences

The PEC expresses condolences to Pastor Yvanne Jean and Family on the passing of her Mother, Mrs Lucienne Sancé in Haiti. She passed into the nearer presence of God on 01 March 2015. The funeral service of Mrs Lucienne Sancé was held on 15 March 2015 at the Baptist Church in Fond-Des-Nègres, Haiti. Let us remember the family in our prayers.

#### The 31st Provincial Synod

The 31st Provincial Synod will be held in Antigua from 10 to 16 July 2015 at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa. The committees are getting together and the Conference is in need of your support in prayer and hands on deck for smooth execution.

The PEC has also requested prayer for the election of another Bishop.

Members of the Church can attend Synod as casual observers or as official observers in which case a cost is attached.



# Youth Connection

# Surprise!

Do you know what is Jack-in-the-Box? Jack-in-the-Boxes have been around for hundreds of years. On the outside consists of a box with a crank. When the crank is turned, it plays a melody. At the end of the tune there is a “surprise”, the lid pops open and a figure, usually a clown or jester, pops out of the box. The Jack-in-the-Box reminds me of a story in the Bible; a story about a very special surprise.

Early in the morning, on the Sunday after Jesus was crucified, two women went to the grave where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived, they found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance and the grave was empty. They were surprised to find an empty grave and wondered what had happened to Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling bright clothes appeared to the two women. Now they were not only surprised - they were also afraid. The men spoke to the women and said, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, he has risen just as he told you he

would.”

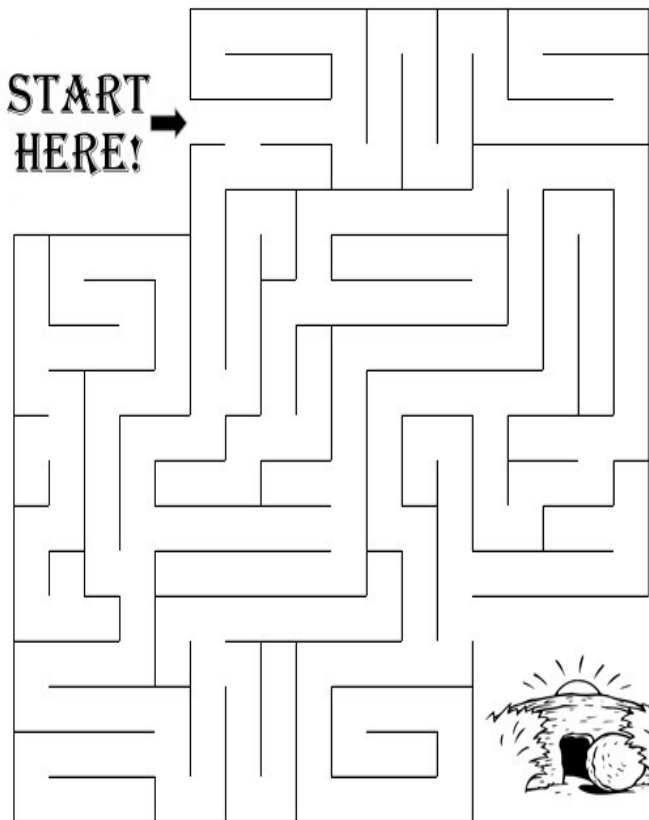
When the women heard these words, they remembered that Jesus had told them that he would be crucified, but that he would rise again on the third day. Now they were no longer surprised at finding an empty grave. They rushed back to tell his disciples and everyone else what they had seen.

Some surprises, like playing with a Jack-in-the-Box, make us happy, but the best reason we have to be happy today is that the grave is empty, Jesus is alive, and he loves us very much! That is what we celebrate today!

Dear Father, we praise you! For Jesus is risen, just as he said he would! We thank you for his sacrifice made, so that we can be redeemed. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Adopted from Kids 4 Sermons, <http://www.sermons4kids.com>

Can you find your way to the empty tomb?



He is not here, He is risen. Luke 24: 1 - 12

A G K Y T Q S P I C E S X E F  
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## Instrument of Peace



*Happy Easter my family!*

This month I am happy to share with you one of my favourite Easter songs – Christ Arose. May you be blessed in great measure! Christ arose! Alleluia!

*Mark 16:6 ~ And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.*

### Song Information:

Words: Robert Lowry  
 Music: Robert Lowry  
 6.5.6.4. with Chorus

#### Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay,  
 Jesus, my Savior,  
 Waiting the coming day,  
 Jesus, my Lord!

#### Refrain:

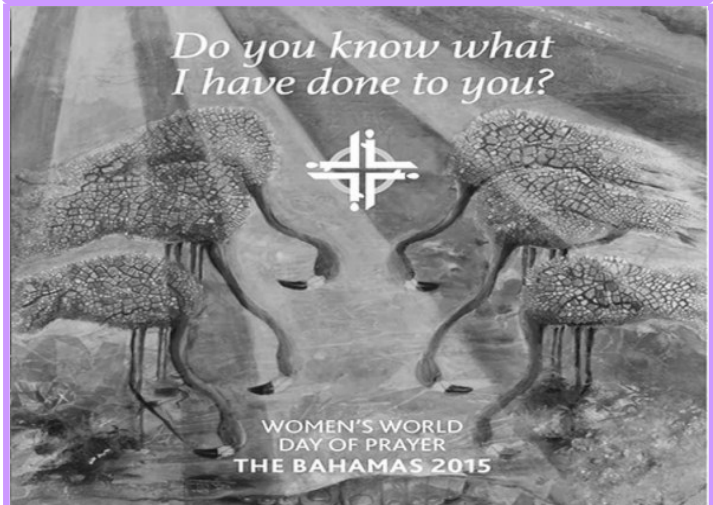
*Up from the grave He arose,  
 With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
 He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
 And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
 He arose! He arose!  
 Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed,  
 Jesus, my Savior;  
 Vainly they seal the dead,  
 Jesus, my Lord!

Death cannot keep his Prey,  
 Jesus, my Savior;  
 He tore the bars away,  
 Jesus, my Lord!

*~ Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member*

## 2015 World Day of Prayer



*The Cover of the 2015 Women's World Day of Prayer Programme*

### Women's World Day of Prayer

The Zion Moravian Church was the venue for the annual **Women's World Day of Prayer** in Basseterre (Zone 1) for yet another year. On **Friday, 06 March 2015**, women from across the various churches in St Kitts joined together in celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness under the **2015 theme: Jesus Said to them: Do you know what I have done to you.** The main activity for this year's service was **Foot Washing** by the leader. Some twelve (12) women participated in this exercise. This year's programme was prepared by the **Christian Women of the Bahamas** and featured quite a number of local songs from the Bahamas. These included *This We Bahamian Praise* and *Brand New World* by the late Dr Myles Munroe. Other songs featured were *Oh I love Jesus*, *The Day Thou Gavest*, *Lord Has Ended*, *In Your Hands* and *Do You Know What I Have Done to You*, by George Mulrain. According to the local coordinator, Mrs Elizabeth Condell of the St Johnston Methodist Church, St. Kitts, she was indeed touched by the compilation of songs this year. She went on to thank the Women of the Bahamas, the local women who participated and their respective churches, Dr Robertine Chaderton, Chairperson for the proceedings, Sister Gail Gumbs -James, organist and the Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church for their invaluable contributions toward the success of this year's event.

*~ Contributed*





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## PEC Reports (Cont'd)

In accordance with Paragraph 4.6.1, 2 and 4 of the Book of Order 2014, the following appointments have been made with regard to the 31st Provincial Synod to be held in Antigua from 10 to 16 July 2015.

1. The Rev Winston Chase has been appointed Chaplain for the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province.
2. The Rev Roslyn Hamblin has been appointed Chairman for the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province.
3. The Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts has been appointed Secretary for the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Province.
4. In addition, Pastor Wingrove Spencer, Senior Pastor of Precision Centre in Antigua, will lead the Synod Retreat, under the Provincial theme:

“Fulfilling the Mandate” with the thematic focus: “Advance the Kingdom”.

5. All Staff members are required to wear either PREACHING or ACADEMIC GOWN for the Opening Service of Synod, which will be held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, St. John’s Antigua on Sunday 12 July 2015 at 9:00am. Lay Delegates and Observers are required to wear Black.
6. A Synod Programme will be held at the Gracehill Moravian Church in Liberta on Sunday 12 July 2015 at 7:00pm. Please dress appropriately for worship.
7. The Synod Communion Service will be held at the Cedar Hall Moravian Church in Jennings on Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 7:00pm. Please dress appropriately for the Communion Service.

## Sunday 5th April 2015 (Easter Sunday)

**Pastor & Celebrant: Rev Hilton J Joseph \* Worship Leader: Sis Delyth Christmas**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Processional Hymn #106 ..... *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*  
Francis Pott

Introit  
Call to Worship

Hymn #113 ..... *Hallelujah He is Risen*  
Philip P. Bliss

Song ..... *Because He Lives*  
Matt Maher

### Prayer of Approach

Communal Prayer: Litany for Easter Sunday  
A Time to Rehear and Respond to the Word of God  
Moment of Silence

### Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson ..... Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ..... Bro Sydney Osborne  
NT Lesson ..... Mark 16:1-8 ..... Bro Wycliffe Morton  
Communal Response..... *Wonderful Words of Life*  
Philip P. Bliss

**Proclamation..... Rev Hilton J Joseph**  
Wrestling with the Word/Altar Ministry  
Item of Praise ..... Zion Mass Choir

### Worship in Giving

*Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle,  
Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project*

Prayer of Dedication  
Welcome & Words of Encouragement  
Birthday/Anniversary  
Church Concerns & Notices  
Hymn ..... *The Trumpet*  
Pastoral Prayer & Benediction

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation  
Prayer  
Hymn #488 ..... *Jesus Stand Among Us*

1st Eucharistic Prayer Distribution of Bread  
Hymn #103 ..... *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  
Hymn #108 ..... *With Hearts and With Voices*  
Hymn #111 ..... *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer Distribution of Wine  
Hymn #125 ..... *Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
Hymn #375 ..... *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun*  
Hymn #140 ..... *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Covenant Hymn #422 ..... *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*  
The Blessing