

THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Established 1777) 238 Years of Christian Witness



# THE VOICE OF ZION A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

#### **Rev Hilton J Joseph Pastor**

**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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Rev Hilton J Joseph

Greetings my Church Family.

As of 15 August 2015, the Zion Congregation will be aligned with the Estridge and Bethel Moravian churches to form the Pastorate of Zion, Estridge, and Bethel.

To this end, a Pastoral team has been commissioned to lead the charge, with Rev Hilton J Joseph as the Senior Pastor and Pastor Elva Richards-Huggins as the Associate Pastor.

In this issue of the Voice of Zion, let me use this opportunity on behalf of the leadership and members of the Pastorate to say 'Welcome' to our Associate Pastor and Co-Team Leader -Pastor Elva Richards-Huggins. We look forward to what God will do through this dynamic team.

Together with the Lay Preachers and Pastors, we are poised for action and declare, "Lord, we are available to you". Further, let me share some thoughts on the ministry of the Associate Pastor.

Firstly, let me emphasize the fact that Pastor Elva and I will be functioning as a team. This means

## From The Pastor's Desk

that we share in the pastoral responsibilities of the entire pastorate. Yes, there will be special duties that each of us will be assigned but together we work for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Being an associate does not mean that she is 'less than', neither does being Senior Pastor make me 'better than'; it simply means that we are coworkers in the Kingdom of God, each taking a lead role for various projects and areas of ministry. However, as the Chairman of PEC, Rev. Dr. Cortoy Jarvis always says, "Someone must lead".

What really matters is that we synchronize so that the gifts in each of us come to the surface for the building of God's Kingdom.

To this end, let me say "Welcome" and I await your arrival.

Let us now meet our Pastor through this From the Pastor's Desk article.



Pastor Elva "Inez" Meranda **Richards-Huggins** 



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

"Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ."

The words of this hymn, based on Psalm 34 and written in 1696 by Tate and Brady, are a testimony of my journey and my appreciation to God for His Grace and Mercy extended to me.

My parents, Alexton and Catherine (Amy) McKay Richards, relocated to St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, from Old Road, Antigua, with me and my sister Shirley when I was three years old. A few years later, my younger sister, Monaly, was born. I grew up in St. Thomas attending the Memorial Moravian Church where my father served as a Lav Pastor and my mother as a member of the choir. I graduated from the Charlotte Amalie High School and later the College of the Virgin Islands, earning a Bachelor His word my hope secures. of Arts in Elementary Education.

My professional life has taken me through various paths. I taught Elementary School, served as the Coordinator of Child Nutrition Programme, the Government of the Virgin Islands. I also served as the people have suffered. a member of the Moravian School Board. After Enrichment Programme.

Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School responsibilities in life. teacher, usher, teacher of "Continuing the Faith" and the Handbell Choir.

While at UTCWI, I served as Senior Student for the consent and approval of the people.' the Moravian community, Assistant General

Secretary and President of the Association. I graduated from the institution on 20 May 2015 with a Diploma in Ministerial Studies with Second Class honours.

I am divorced and the mother of four adult children: Elvaughn. Elvin. Elvarice Elvaneice. I am also the grandmother of four: Elyssa, Alair, Siy'Niyah and Elenie.

It is my belief that the Lord has allowed me to have the varied experiences as preparation for the work He has 're-tyred' and called me to do in this chapter of my life. I am humbled, yet excited to see what the Lord has in store as He leads me to the St. Kitts Conference of the Moravian Church. My prayer is to be obedient to my Lord as I minister to and hold His people in my heart.

"The Lord has promised good to me... He will my shield and portion be... as long as life endure."

> Pastor Elva Richards-Huggins 6000

"Whenever in the history of the church the Director of the School Lunch Programme for St. ministry has become more of a career than a Thomas and St. John before retiring from the calling, the church's mission has stagnated, and

my retirement, I served as the Assistant Principal All Christians are called into ministry; this is the and History Teacher at the Moravian School, and essence of the doctrine of the ministry of the the Director of the Memorial Moravian Summer laity... As Leo Tolstoy would say: "The vocation of every man and woman is to serve people". In terms of the priesthood of all believers, service is At the Memorial Moravian Church, I served as a understood to be in conjunction with one's other

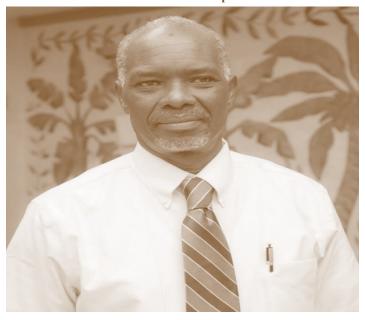
a youth group for persons who were recently Speaking of calling into the ordained ministry, confirmed. I also served as an Advisor to the John Calvin distinguished several dimensions to Youth Fellowship, Assistant Treasurer, and a the concept of call. First is the "secret call", or member of the Board of Stewards, Christian inner call, of God, which the church does not Education Committee, Decoration Committee witness. This was a witness of the heart, ensuring that one was entering the ministry without selfish ambition or avarice or other selfish desire. In 2009, I answered the call of God on my life Second is the 'churchly call' by which the and applied to the PEC to enter the Ministry of Christian community measures the outward the Moravian Church as a Minister of Christian manifestations of the 'secret call' by the fruits of Education. I later requested a change to full-time holy living, sound doctrine, and talents to Pastoral Ministry. In 2012, I enter the United determine whether to ordain or not. Finally, Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI). there is the 'congregational call' which involves

Images of Christian Ministry, Messer (1989)



## **PEC Reports**

31<sup>st</sup> Synod of the East West Indies Province Elects a Bishop



Bishop Elect - Rev Dr Conrad Spencer

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, at its Thirty -first (31st) Provincial Synod held at Jolly Beach Resort and Spa "No union is more profound than marriage," Kennedy wrote, cast on 13 July 2015.

Rev Dr Spencer is currently serving as Pastor of the Faith Moravian Congregation in the Virgin Islands Conference, on St. Justice Kennedy is right when he wrote that "no union is more God the glory as he continues to lead us. Rev Dr Conrad Spencer will have the number 358 in the line of the Ancient Moravian Church and 296 of the Renewed Moravian Church.

whole to bear us up in prayer as Synod continues to meet.

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province's Response to United States Supreme Court's Decision on Same Sex Marriages

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province is alarmed by the ruling and pronouncement by the US Supreme Court on the Legality of Same Sex marriages in all fifty (50) United States and its territories. The United States Supreme Court ruled on Friday 26 June 2015 that same-sex couples have a right to marry nationwide, in a historic decision that invalidates gay marriage bans in more than a dozen states.

Gay and lesbian couples were able to marry in thirty-six (36) states and the District of Columbia. But in a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the 14th Amendment requires states to issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples and to recognize such marriages performed in other states.

The ruling means the remaining fourteen (14) states that did not allow such unions, in the South and Midwest, will have to stop enforcing their bans. What of the US Virgin Islands?

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the majority opinion, just as he did in the Court's previous three major gay rights cases dating back to 1996.

in Antigua, after prayerful contemplation, has elected the Rev Dr joined by the court's four more liberal justices. He continued: Conrad Spencer as a Bishop of the Moravian Church (Unitas "Under the Constitution, same-sex couples seek in marriage the Fratrum). Dr Spencer, an Antiguan, was elected on the 7<sup>th</sup> Ballot same legal treatment as opposite-sex couples, and it would disparage their choices and diminish their personhood to deny them this right."

Croix. He was ordained on 11 July 1982 and just celebrated his profound than marriage"; however, the Moravian Church, 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. He is married to Sonia Spencer Eastern West Indies Province believes that the pattern God and they have three (3) daughters. The Moravian Church gives intends for his creation in marriage is for one man and one woman to be united in marriage.

Regardless of what you think, feel, or believe about the place same-sex marriage has in the United States, you must now live in We encourage the Moravian Family and the community as a the reality that it is legal. The US government has re-defined marriage as it pertains to the government system.

> We are mindful of the pressure that has been brought to bear and Released by Sis Roslyn Hamblin, will be brought to bear on the Church. Our Church, though it Chairman of Synod recognizes all people as God's Creation, does not believe that and **Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis**, same sex marriages are God ordained and must therefore oppose/ Chairman of PEC resist it with every fibre/fiber in our bones.

> > 13 July 2015



## **PEC Reports (Cont'd)**

Let us continue to be faithful to God's call upon our lives and to so live that others will see Jesus and come to embrace Him as Lord and Master of their lives.

> Kind Regards, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis Chairman of PEC

#### Hymn of the Month - July 2015

During the month of July there were two major celebrations for us as Moravians in the Eastern West Indies Province. First we joined with our Moravian brothers and sisters across the Unity in observing the 600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Huss on 06 July 2015. A few days later, the Province convened the 31st Provincial Synod in Antigua which ran from 10 to 15 July. In light of these two major celebrations, our hymn of the month for July was THANKFUL FOR THE LIFE YOU GAVE US which was written by the Rev Roslyn Hamblin in 2007. The suggested tune is ABBOT'S LEIGH.

The text of the hymn resounds with the theme of "Jesus' grace" and the ways in which this grace is manifested among us as the Body of Christ. In the first verse, we are invited to view all that Every denomination entered the Caribbean with a mission. While we cannot but sing songs of praise and thanksgiving. The second stanza calls us to remember that as believers we have a divine commission to declare the Gospel of Christ and advance the Kingdom of God. That task can only be accomplished by faith and the work of grace in our lives. Verse three highlights the presence of the Holy Spirit at work within the Church giving us boldness and courage to do what God has called us to do. That was the same spirit of boldness which characterized the life of 'amazing grace' of Christ will always be at work within the Moravian Church. Below are the words and music of this hymn:

> Thankful for the life you gave us, And our goodly heritage: Grateful for the love that brought us Through this wondrous pilgrimage – Lord, we come before you singing; Lifting high your name in praise: You have led us on this journey, In the light of Jesus' grace.

We have heard your great commission: We have sought this to fulfil: Those before have bravely listened, And responded with deft and skill.

Now we stand before you duly; Ready to receive in faith: Help us to perform this duty In the light of Jesus' grace.

Thankful for your blessings to us Through these years of serving you; Mindful of the task you give us To proclaim your message true: We commit to follow bravely, And to boldly stand and face With the Spirit's aid most gladly In the light of Jesus' grace.

2007 Roslyn Hamblin

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee

#### Created In Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados, 1834-1914 by Winelle Kirton-Roberts

God has done in the past through this vista of grace. In so doing the general motivation was to convert the population to Christianity, the accompanying practices were undoubtedly intended to civilise and westernise. The Moravians and Methodists were the first two evangelical Protestant missions that brought the gospel to the enslaved Africans in the Caribbean. When emancipation was granted to the enslaved Africans by the British government in 1834, the newly freed Africans had their own ideas as to how they would live, work and worship. They were in a struggle for freedom, self-affirmation, self-expression John Huss. We pray that as we convene the 31st Provincial and personal development. But the Moravians and Methodists Synod of the Moravian Church in the Eastern West Indies and had independently framed their thoughts on what the formerly celebrate our spiritual legacy descendants of Huss, that the enslaved Africans needed to survive and succeed. What the evangelical Protestants created was an image of the formerly enslaved African. They had drawn a mental picture of a European Christian of African descent who was residing in the Caribbean and practising the Christianity of the West. The Caribbean evangelical black was a reflection of the European but never managed to fit into the submissive Christian image. This book traces the eighty years during which the formerly enslaved Africans adapted to their new state of freedom in Antigua and how the Moravians and Methodist sought to share their way of life. The book examines the theological dispositions on slavery, gender, education, religion, sexuality and race.

> This thought-provoking history book is available from the Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts (winellekroberts@gmail.com), through amazon.com or authorhouse.com. Soft covers US \$25.00 Hard covers US \$30 00



## The Pathophysiology of Ageing: The How, Why and When

#### Introduction

travelling along a road, doing many mileages over a period of the colour. The natural life cycle of the pigment cells is only a time, then we will begin to understand the basis of the ageing few years. At age 50, most of the average person's hair have process. Despite the gloss and "spray overs", inevitably, gone grey. "mileage is mileage." For the purposes of this paper, the discussion and analysis on ageing will be largely condensed.

advances all contribute to the type of car we inherited or exchanged it for, how often we need to service it, which mechanics we choose to determine its roadworthiness over time, The Teeth what oils we use as lubrication and finally make a clear decision By age 60yrs; people in industralised countries lose an when the car is unfit for driving in order to avoid danger to self average of 1/3 of their teeth. By age 85 years, almost 40% have and others, then we are on the right path to UNDERSTANDING no teeth at all. Gum disease is very prevalent among this age LIFE, DEGENERATION AND DEATH. Like machinery, we group as well several factors contribute to this including loss of were engineered to degenerate over time and eventually fall apart. During this process, there will be several patching up jobs, on diet and nutrition and spread of disease to other organs mainly replacements, being left in the mechanic shop for a day or days the heart from dental complications. (home or hospital). Like machinery, these jobs may be done at minimal or expensive costs, just to ensure that we keep The Lungs functioning.

#### There are principally 5 main THEORIES OF AGEING which difficult. feed into two main CONCEPTS:

- (the Classical View)
- Ageing is more orderly and is genetically programmed i.e. We fail in the way all complex systems fail, with backup systems to help us out along the way (The Newest Concept)

In order to fully understand how our body as a complex piece of The Hands machinery ages, we need to understand and analyse the several The functioning of the hands decreases; 40% of the muscle mass components viz organs going through a process of degeneration, of the hand is the thenar muscles, the muscles of the thumb. morbidity and failure.

#### The Brain

At age 30, the brain weighs 3 lbs and can hardly fit into the skull; by age 70, grey matter loss leaves almost an inch spare room; the brain rattles around in the skull; hence it is more common in older folks to have cerebral bleeding from falls.

The frontal lobes of the brain shrink first: these lobes govern judgement and planning.

The hippocampus where memory is organized begin to fail. Processing speed start declining well before age 40; by age 85vrs, working memory and judgement are sufficiently impaired that 40% of us have TEXTBOOK DEMENTIA.

#### The Hair

If we begin by equating our bodies as manufactured cars We go grey because we run out of pigment cells that gives hair

#### The Eves

By age 40 the eyes of the average person truly begin to Genetics, nutrition, hygiene, lifestyles, medicine and medical degenerate. A healthy 60 year old has only 1/3 the vision of a 20 vear old.

muscle strength in the hands and arthritis of hands. This impacts

Functional lung capacity decreases. We become breathless easier; walking, running and climbing become increasingly

#### The Heart

Ageing happens because of RANDOM WEAR AND TEAR The aorta and other major blood vessels become calcified. In order to maintain the same volume of blood through our narrow and stiffened blood vessels, the heart has to generate increased pressure. As a result, more than half of us develop hypertension by the age of 65 years. CARDIAC OUTPUT DECREASES BY THE AGE OF 30YRS

From age 50 years, we begin to lose bone density at a rate of 1% per year. Loss of motor neurons produces loss of dexterity. Hand writing degrades; hand speed and vibration sense decline. Simple tasks now become difficult from around the age of 65 years.

#### The Spine

We lose about two inches in height over time. Lordoisis of the spine is very common as we age; this contributes to the neck stretching out and upwards, and making swallowing difficult; hence making it easier for older people to choke on their food.

#### The Entire Gastro-Intestinal System Slows Down

Including the bowels: constipation, diarrhea, indigestion, and acid reflux syndrome are all common disorders resulting from this.



## The Pathophysiology of Ageing: The How, Why and When (Cont'd)

#### **Genito-Urinary Disorders Are Common**

urethra and bladder combined with loss of sensation from the degenerating nerve ending result in incontinence and increased risk of infection

#### **Reproductive System**

simultaneously men either suffer from erectile dysfunction (ED) or become completely impotent. Sperm count drops significantly. As the entire rest of the body is becoming almost noncaring for children in our declining years.

The pattern of decline has changed over the years for many chronic illnesses; lung, heart, liver diseases to name a few. Modern medicine has been stretching out and delaying the moment of the downward drop. The progress of medicine and

public health has been an incredible boon; - people get to live Loss of muscle tone of the smooth muscle of the ureter, the longer, healthier and in more productive states than ever before. This has brought about a biological and cultural transformation of the course of our lives which at times brings about unreasonable expectations. THAT IS WHY ALTHOUGH THE DIAGNOSIS MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT FOR YEARS, DEATH ALWAYS SEEMS TO SURPRISE US. Life and health would Decreases in both male and female hormones occur leading to putter along very nicely, as if there's not a problem in the world; menopause. Women become non child bearing while almost then illness would hit and the bottom would drop out like a trap door. We were engineered to fall apart.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot functioning, the body determines that we are no longer capable of change; the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." Reinhold Niebuhr

#### Contributed by R. Pat Richards-Leader

Registered Nurse Consultant and Medical Anthropologist Owner/Proprietor: The Grange Nursing Home, Ottley's, St. Kitts

## **Congratulations**

Two of our overseas students have successfully completed their studies abroad and have graduated with honours from their respective universities.



Sis Tonya Watts

Sis Tonya Watts whose focus Interior on Design graduated from the Miami International University of Art and design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Magna Cum Laude. In 2014, Sis Tonya was also awarded the Luciano Franchi award of excellence.

This award is granted to the student who has been and continues to be dedicated to his/her creative and academic pursuits and aims to achieve goals that meet a standard

above and beyond the expected.

The student is one who has overcome challenges, set standards, and heightened his/her observation and research skills to demand the best for themselves.

The individual is a student, a mentor, a friend and a compassionate individual that moves through his/her creative career in their best capacity.



**Bro Lindbergh Belle** 

Bro Lindbergh Belle, a teacher at the Washington High School, graduated from the Ming Chuan University of Taipei, Taiwan on Sunday 13 June 2015 with a Bachelors degree in International Business and Trade. He also received a 'distinguished award' for ably engaging in various areas development.

The Leadership and Members of the Zion Congregation congratulate and salute Sis Tonya Watts and Bro Lindbergh Belle for their excellent achievement. We pray that God would continue to guide you as you return home to make your contribution in society and the Church.



## **For Your Calendar**

## **August 2015**

#### **Shut-in Communion**

Shut-in Communion date to be announced.

#### **Church Ministries**

Brigade, Junior Choir and \$3,743.59. Youth Choir will be on break until September.

The Zion Combined Choir Zion meets every Saturday at 3:00 presents pm.

are reminded that the Zion Denise Moravian Senior Club meets (preacher, poet and motivator) each Tuesday at 10:00 am at Tickets are on sale at \$20.00. the Methodist Church Hall on Children under 12 pay \$10.00 Seaton Street.

#### St. Kitts Outreach Centre

the St. Kitts Outreach Centre held on Wednesday Members are asked to take -\$20.00 note and assist wherever possible.

#### **Men's Ministry**

Men's Ministry Sunday on 20 with **Divine** September 2015. another brother to church and 4:30pm. let's worship the Lord our God Almighty.

#### **Missionary**

For the month of August, the • 08 November - Bethesda Zion Congregation will be • 22 November - Estridge

collecting an orange offering • 27 November - New Dawn churches. will (\$50.00) and in September, a resume in September on a grey offering (\$100.00), all towards Missionary our Festival. Our target this year is \$30,000.00.

#### **Emancipation Concert**

Moravian its Emancipation Concert under • the theme: "Emancipation come!" on Sunday 2 August Zion Moravian Senior Club 2015 at 7:00 pm. Special All persons 60 years or older guest appearance by the Rev • Smith-Lewis at the door.

#### **ZMCWF Prayer Breakfast**

responsible for ministering at Prayer Breakfast will be Pastor

#### **Harvest Festival**

Zion Annual Festival will be held on Sacrament All men are reminded of Sunday 25 October 2015 Communion Worship Invite 9:30am and Cantata

> of the other Harvest Festivals town at 3:00 pm. within the Conference:

- 01 November Bethel

#### **Divine Worship** & Communion

Divine Worship and Holy under the theme "Advancing Youth Fellowship, Girl's To date, we have collected Communion will begin at the Kingdom: It begins with 8:00am.

## **Conference Prayer Meeting** •

Church Conference Prayer Meeting 2015 will be held on:

- Saturday 5 September at Bethel the Church starting 6:00am
- Zion Moravian Church Sunday School Missionary starting at 6:00am.

#### Welcome & Installation Service

The Welcome and Installation There will be a Conference Service for the New Pastoral Sunday School Rally at the The Moravians will be Zion Women's Fellowship team (Rev Hilton J Joseph & Bethesda Moravian Church Elva 16 Huggins) will be held on 23 **4:00pm**. from 17 to 21 August 2015. September at 7:00am. Tickets August at 4:00pm at the more details. Estridge Moravian Church. Please be seated by 3:45pm. All are invited.

> of will at celebrated. All Joint Board be given upon their arrival. at members, leaders of groups, Estimated cost is \$45.00 members of congregation are asked to take \$50.00 (Journal). Please note the date and time note. The buses will leave

> > no morning service at the held from 12 to 15 November Zion, Estridge and Bethel 2015.

#### **Christian Education Month**

The Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference presents On Sunday 06 September Christian Education Month Me!!"

- 13 September Women's Sunday
- 20 September Men's Sunday
- 27 September Youth Sunday.

Moravian Stay tuned for more details.

### Saturday 3 October at the **Sunday School Missionary**

Meeting will be held in all Congregations on Sunday 27 September.

#### **Sunday School Rally**

Richards- on Sunday 27 September at Stav tuned for

#### **Daily Texts 2016**

Orders for Daily Texts 2016 Harvest We will wear white since the can be placed with our Ushers Holy or at the Church Office. be Details of the final cost will the (Large), \$35.00 (Small) and

#### **Looking Ahead**

Please note that there will be Chief Elder Festival will be



## **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 Rahmona Casey, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins and Gloria Thompson and Brothers Dawud Byron, Ernest Christopher, Earl Brotherson and Basil Byron (St. Kitts).

## **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

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



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

**Brothers** Vernon Connor and James Phipps.

## **Celebration Corner**



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



06 <sup>th</sup> August	Bro Paul and Sis Emelita Paul
06 <sup>th</sup> August	Bro Rudolph and Sis Danielle Wiggins
08 <sup>th</sup> August	Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel
08 <sup>th</sup> August	Bro Glenroy & Sis Lydia Blanchette
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Bro Charles and Cassandra Blake

## **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 Bro Withley Williams Bro Zaavan Hobson Bro Christin Scarborough Bro Glassil DeSilva Sis Vicky Liburd Sis Akila Moore

#### **CANADA**

Bro Hasani Lapsey Bro Alester Thomas

#### **BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Sis Asha DeSuza

#### SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

#### **JAMAICA**

Bro Kyle Bradshaw Sis Avicia Sweeney





# **Ordination in Photos**















## **Stewardship Corner**

our relationship with God and God's income is generated at the bottom of the people (Matthew 28:19-20).

- and treasure follow our relationship.
- In the local church, it is always about people, relationship and making disciples.
- All ministry takes place in the context of relationship.

(Church Giving Matters, more money really does mean more ministry, Stroup, Ben, Mikkel, Joel)

The 31st Synod of the Moravian Church EWIP is now history and we have been mandated to continue to do the work of Advancing the Kingdom through the many recommendations and resolutions that were passed.

This Synod saw the two Lay Delegates of our Conference not having voting rights owing to Provincial Quota Arrears. This this, our Stewardship Corner.

Quota: a noun meaning a limited or fixed number or amount of people or things, in particular.

So our quota is the fixed amount of money that is paid to the Conference as the congregation's assessment.

Each congregation has a set quota that is paid to the Conference for the financial operation of the Conference (Telephone, Insurance, Salaries, Social Security, Utilities, and Provincial Quota).

The amount of quota a Congregation pays depends on its numerical size. When a congregation pays a quota, the Conference in turn has to pay a quota to the Province.

Provincial Quota pays (i) Provincial Staff, (ii) Utilities, (iii) General Administrative Travelling Matters, and Accommodation.

Stewardship is inextricably connected to We therefore have a system where the Zion Moravian In-House Bible Pageant scale.

Our resources of time, talent, temple, Income is generated in congregations; when congregations fail to pay their quota, Conference cannot pay its Quota to the Province and, in turn, the Province cannot fulfil its obligation to the Unity Synod -Moravian Church Worldwide.

> The reality is that congregations continue to fight against an increase in quota. However, expenses are not decreasing.

One of the facts realized in the Conference was that over the last few years, our food ventures income was covering most of our Provincial Assessment. Since we have shifted from that venture due to strained physical and human resources, a void has been created, causing us to recognize what true financial situation Congregations need to increase quota.

after much deliberation, a 50% of the proposed increase in quota was accepted.

But what of the Arrears to the Province, where quota has not been paid for over 18 months? Well, a proposal was submitted to the P.E.C. and was later accepted, the details of which will not be shared via this Suffice it to say, we have agreed on a monthly payment plan for the next 18 months, three months of which have already been paid for due to your generous giving through the John Hus Offering.

600<sup>th</sup> memorabilia of the Anniversary of John Hus will be sold throughout the Conference, the proceeds of which will go towards the arrears.

Through this medium, I encourage us to tithe and give to the work of the local church. This raises a substantial question. - Can the Church survive on tithes only?

To be continued...

## **Youth Connection**

Thank You Note



Sis Nizhoni Henry and Bro Christian Nathaniel

On the night of 22 May 2015, I, Nizhoni Henry, was awarded best introductory speech and interview appearances and. I. Christian Nathaniel, was awarded best introductory speech, character wear and talent appearances. The attainment of these awards bestowed upon us the title of Bible Queen and Bible King respectively.

First and foremost, greatest and most brings me to share on "What is Quota?" in As stated in the last issue of our newsletter, reverenced appreciation to our magnificent Creator, God, the ever present guarding and guiding force, who gifted us with the courage, stamina and talent which resulted in our victory.

> Sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to our amorous family and friends for their influence, inspiration and ardent encouragement. Special thanks to Ms. medium owing to its wide circulation. Karimu Byron whose tips in stage elegance aided significantly in performance.

> > Profound thanks to the Executive of the Zion Moravian Youth Fellowship for regenerating this event and the Technical Engineering Team of the Pageant.

> > Warmest thanks to our friends in victorious Group Two.

> > Our industrious team of 'behind-the-scene' individuals - Ms. Beverly Gould-Hodge, Shaniqua Weekes, our wardrobe personnel (Ms Aslyn Broadbelt, Ms. Ethleen Millard, Mr Austin Gumbs, Sahely Fabrics, Ms. Edith Weekes, and Ms Sonia Carr) - thank you!

> > > Bible Queen & Bible King



#### **Instrument of Peace**

In celebration of this year's Emancipation Day, we give thanks to God for the determination and fortitude of our forefathers. As we continue on the path of life, we look to our awesome Father for faith to run the race that is set before us with confidence.

Thanks be to God for our freedom!

Our featured song is Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit.

Be blessed!

#### **Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit**

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke Out of his mouth came fire and smoke All around me looks so shine Ask my Lord if all was mine

#### Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart I will pray Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart I will pray

The Jordan River is chilly and cold. It chills the body but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.

Oh, I have sorrow and I have woe I have heartaches here below But while God leads me I'll never fear For I know that He is near

Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member



#### Bible Wordsearch 🤻 **Sealing the Saints** ANGEL BENJAMIN IVELMANASSEHIFG ASHER BLOWING ONEARTHIRTVYSRN COUNT BRANCHES PEOPLESOSOREROI EARTH CORNERS SPREVENTISHEABV **ISSACHAR** HANDS LIVING ESUEMUHCNCANEEI LANGUAGE HARM BEADLIELNAGCLSL ISRAEL MANASSEH IAVUCNSABEVRHSE JOSEPH MULTITUDE RLBTORRNLLERDAN JUDAH NAPHTALI TEBIUBEGEHONEAR LAMB NATION ZDTTNMWUSTAWPST **PREVENT** LEVI EAELTAOABHIHIHN PALM REUBEN NMYURLPGEETHRNF PFOPLE ROBES POWER SEALED UNIMAJNEBANOWGG TREES SERVANTS H P E S O J P A L M N M R A H TRIBES SIMEON SRENROCIEEHADUJ VOICE THRONE WHITE ZEBULUN After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right MORE PUZZLES AT http://biblewordgames.com



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Bro Glassil De Silva and Family on the passing of:

> Michael (Ela) Glasford Father

Bros Hasani and Hashim Bertie and Family on the passing of:

> **Shaquille Bertie** Brother

In the middle of the turbulence surrounding you These trying times are so hard to endure In the middle of what seems to be your darkest hour Hold fast your heart and be assured This too shall pass He'll never give you more than you can bear So in this thought you'd be comforted For it's in His Hands This too shall pass

May the Lord grant you brethren His Peace in these trying times.

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## **Moravian Daily Text**

#### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Watchword for the Week -** Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **John 6:35** 

Sunday 2 August 2015: — Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15; Psalm 78:23–29; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35.

They will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. Malachi 3:17 (NIV)

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy. **Ephesians** 5:25–26

Divine Sustainer, may we feast this day on your salvation. May Christ's love for the church awaken and embolden our love for you. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

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# Sunday 02nd August 2015 (Tenth Sunday After Pentecost) Pastor & Celebrant: Rev Hilton J Joseph ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship	The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Hymn #277Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah	The Invitation
Congregational Prayer	Prayer of Humble Access
SongBy The Rivers Of Babylon	1st Eucharistic Prayer
SongI Know Who I Am	Hymn #521Like The King Of Salem
Worship through Welcome, Fellowship	Words of Institution
Listening to God through the Written & Spoken Word	SongLet Us Break Bread Together
Old TestamentExodus 16: 2-4, 9-15	Hymn #525My Shepherd Is The Lamb
Gospel Reading	Hymn #198Heal Us Immanuel Hear Our Prayers
SongSing Them Over Again To Me	2nd Eucharistic Prayer
SermonRev Hilton J Joseph	Words of Institution
Altar Encounter	Hymn #539
Worship Through Giving	SongThere Is A Fountain Filled With Blood
	Prayer
Hymn #197Amazing Grace	Hymn of Thanksgiving & Recommitment #540Here O
Prayer of Dedication	My Lord
Notices & Church Concerns	The Blessing
Negro Anthem	