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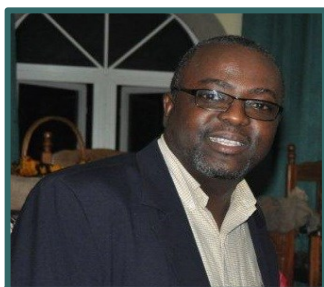
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J Joseph

Resting on His promise, what have we to fear? God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

Indeed, as we launch into the unknown of two thousand and eighteen I wish God's best for you.

Through this forum I share with you the report from the recently convened Unity Mission conference held in Cape Town South African.

Indeed, it was a time of reflection and discussion as we focus on the "how" of doing missions in the twenty-first century.

I am grateful to this congregation Zion and the St Kitts conference of the Moravian Church for affording me the privilege to be an apart of the conference. We look forward to the fruits of the conference in the near future.

May the blessings of the triune God be with you and your entire clan.

Your in Christ,

Hilton J. Joseph
Pastor

Report Unity Mission Conference 2017

The 3rd Unity Mission Conference was held in the beautiful and historic Cape Town South Africa, from 15 to 20 November 2017. Approximately 200 delegates from 35 nations representing the majority of the Unity gathered to engage in networking, reflection, deliberation and inspiration for action under the theme, "Moravian Unity in Mission: Giving Heed to God's Call in the 21st Century". The venue for the conference was the comfortable Garden Court Hotel nestled between a spectacular view of the mountains on one side and sea on the other.

My Family in Christ,

This is the season of new beginnings, and sentiments of goodwill and best wishes pervades the air, no doubt one can become caught up in the sentiments of the moment; but as I pause to reflect on the best sentiment to disperse to the community I am drawn again to the words Frances Harvergal penned in 1873 verse four in particular, which I commend to you

He will never fail us, He will not forsake; His eternal covenant He will never break.

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom:
Thematic Focus
Use the Keys"
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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Nine conference papers were presented:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and Identity in the Moravian Church 18th and 19th Century. • Congregational Mission in the Ancient Moravian Church. • Congregational Mission in a Globalized Moravian Church. • Mission of the Church from the Reformation to Edinburg 1910. • Mission of the Church in Early Church and Middle Ages until the Reformation. • World Mission from 1910 to 2010. • Mission and Culture: Moravian mission between Communion and Community. • Doing mission today: Martyrdom, Conversion. • Un-Churched People, Social Action, Post-church people. • Spirituality of Mission: Call, Approach, Preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sustainable Models ♦ Caribbean Worship Experience and the Pentecostal Impact on the Moravian Church ♦ The Missional Church ♦ Communicating the Good News ♦ Women and Mission ♦ Youth in Mission ♦ Moravian Treasures Common Curriculum. ♦ The World Council of Churches. | <p>Mission in our own communities and across the province.</p> <p>We also encourage the province to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Not always focus on what we don't have, but affirm, celebrate and use what we have ♦ Create the social platform for sharing about missions ♦ Be intentional in involving our youth in mission work. ♦ Pursue business mission enterprises. <p>Submitted by the EWIP Delegates and Observers: -</p> <p>Sis Valerie Richardson*
Sis Dionne Issac*
Sis Krystal Baynes*
Sis Conchita Benjamin*
Bro Nigel Daniel*
Bro Hilton Joseph*
Sis Phyllis David*
Bro Adrian Smith*
Bro Errol Connor*
Bro Kingsley Lewis**
Sis Maureen Lewis**
Sis Cicely Athill Horsford**
Sis Ivy Thompson**
Sis Yvonne Francis**
Sis Janae Christopher**
Sis Eulencine Christopher**
Bro Dion Christopher***
Bro Cortroy Jarvis****</p> |
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- As a delegation, we found that these sessions well researched, educational and stimulating.
- The conference also allowed for fellowship with members of the South African Province through Sunday morning worship and a musical afternoon at Moravian Chapel.
- There was an excursion day with a three-option choice of tours to Mamre, Genadendal, and Cape Peninsula. The conference also included a music and mission Singstunde and closed with proposals, resolutions, closing service and Holy Communion.
- Mission has always been our Moravian identity. We therefore encourage every member, clergy, and laity of our church to renew the passion and commitment towards being a missional church. Let us recognize there are missions to be done right

There were eleven workshops of which participants chose four.

- ♦ Refugees and Immigrants
- ♦ Contextualised Theology
- ♦ Mission in the East African Context

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Ministries Within The Church

Leadership
Board of Elders
Board of Stewards

Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday School
Girls' Brigade
ZMC Dancers
Feed My Lambs

Ministry In Music

Zion Junior Choir
Zion Youth Choir
Zion Senior Choir
Zion Combined Choir
Zion Gospel Singers
Praise & Worship Team
Youth Praise 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
Moravian Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team





PRAYER FOR 2018



The Christmas Family

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

by Minnie Louise Haskins 1876 – 1957

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way. "So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

Omnipotent Father, all the glory, honour and praise belong to you. With grateful hearts we have come to thank you for the New Year as we anticipate new mercies, new experiences and new blessings. Your Word declares in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - *In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

During the past year, we were reminded that nothing was possible without you, Jehovah. You guided and protected our footsteps and so we have come again to rely upon you in this New Year. May your Holy Spirit lead us one day at a time so that we could demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit in a better way, declare Your Word with power and exercise our faith in the most challenging situations. Lord, have mercy upon us. Empower us to carry out the mandate in St. Matthew 28:19 & 20 - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

Sovereign God, may your will be done in and through the

leadership of our church, those who have been called to serve in this season. Forgive our selfish practices. Strengthen the church in the year ahead. May your people step out in faith, humility and godliness. We declare that spiritual leaders will rise up in your name. Give health and wisdom for the journey. Keep your words of truth planted firm within our hearts and give us the power to be obedient to them. Help us to keep focused on what is pure and right. Abba Father, guide your people so that we remain steadfast in prayer and praise.

For families who experienced the extremities of life in the past year, Lord, provide comfort. Build a hedge of protection over our families and friends. Keep us distant from the evil intent of the enemy. We declare in your name that doors of opportunity shall be opened to those who are in need while morals, wisdom, honesty and Your Word still prevail.

Lord, we plead your blood over the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis. Create avenues for your voice to be heard stronger this year. Shine your light in us, through us and over us as we make a difference for your glory. Bless the nation's leaders and endow them with wisdom, compassion and honesty.

We dedicate ourselves afresh to you, in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

"Father, Let Me Dedicate"

by Lawrence Tuttiett, 1825 – 1897

*Father let me dedicate
All my year to Thee,
In whatever earthly state
Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain or care
Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer:
Glorify Thy name.*

*If in mercy Thou wilt spare
Joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair,
Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart while it sings
Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings,
Glorify Thy name.*





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Christians today define mission more broadly and variably than ever before. Are we, as the body of Christ, headed in the same direction or are we on divergent missions? I believe that as we meet for this most important Moravian Mission Conference, it is hoped that we will all catch the fever of mission in all of its dimensions. Mission is the heart of the Church and if the heart is missing, there will be no Church. In fact, we will be playing Church and not doing Church. There is therefore that urgency as we meet to have that common understanding of our mission as a Church.

Some argue that the mission of the Church is to confront injustice and alleviate suffering, doing more to express God's love for the world. Others are concerned that the church is in danger of losing its God-centeredness and thereby emphasize the proclamation of the gospel.

As the Worldwide Moravian Church meets in Cape Town, South Africa, it is my hope that we can agree and employ the right categories and build our theology of mission from the same biblical building blocks.

I believe that we will be challenged to explain key concepts like kingdom, gospel, and social justice. In addition, it is hoped that the Mission Conference will help us to get on the same page, united by a common cause, and launch us forward into the true mission of the church. Mission is action. Mission is a very important work in the life of the church.

It is hoped that the Great Commission, which is our marching order for Mission, will cultivate a culture of discipline among us. It will help every member own the responsibility for helping other believers grow in the faith. Pastors ought to equip the saints for the work of ministry, says Paul, "so Christ himself gave the apostles, prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12), which

Moravian Unity Mission Conference
From 15 to 20 November 2017, one hundred and ninety-five (195) Moravians assembled in Cape Town, South Africa for the 3rd Unity Mission Conference. They came from every corner of the world where Moravians exist and are involved in Mission. They came from thirty-five (35) countries and spoke over twenty (20) languages; but, we were united by one cause, that of making Christ known and touching the lives of people for good. Though it took some of us nearly two days to get there, it was the ideal place and setting for such a Conference. The friendship, the fellowship, the eagerness to learn from one another and to lift up the name of Jesus was quite evident at the Conference.

Of course, we had some time to see a little of Cape Town: the early Moravian settlements of Mamre and Knadendal, Robben Island, Table Mountain, a sight to behold; the Museums, the cultural diversity at the malls came alive in a real way. The people are warm and friendly. The worship experiences were awesome.

The Planning Committee of the Unity and the local Committee in South Africa must be commended for doing a wonderful job in putting together the entire programme

and seeing to it that it was successfully executed.

I share with you the message of the President of the Unity Board Administrator, Dr Jorgen Boytler at the opening of the Mission Conference:

"As Moravians gather from around the world for this Mission Conference, under the theme, MORAVIAN UNITY IN MISSION: GIVING HEED TO GOD'S CALL IN THE 21ST CENTURY, there is urgency for us to do mission and not just talk about it. We have been talking for a long time. We now need to jump into action. From the first Mission Conference in Miami in 1994, to the second Mission Conference in Herrnhut in 2001 and now to Cape Town in 2017, I believe that God is calling us to put our hands to the wheel. The world must feel the impact of the Moravian Church.

We must bear witness to Jesus Christ in a tangible way so that others will see and know that God has called and preserved this people known as Moravians: to Preach the gospel to the poor; to Heal the broken hearted; to bring deliverance to the captives and recovering of Sight to the Blind; to Set at Liberty them that are Bruised.

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means the work of mission belongs to all the saints. The whole body, speaking the truth in love, grows as it builds itself up, each part doing its work. Then in Eph. 4:15-16 Paul says, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work". And then in 1 Corinthians 12:14, he says, "even so the body is not made up of one part but of many". It speaks on Unity and Diversity in the body of Christ.

Finally, let us pray for the success of the Mission Conference as we continue to pray for the health and growth of our Church. The great Preacher and Evangelist Charles Spurgeon said, "I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach". As we pray, Oswald Chambers said, "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties". This is the Moravian Unity in Mission: giving heed to God's call in the 21st century. God Bless you.

Hymn of the Month for December 2017

As the year ends, the hymn of the month for December is #45 **Come Raise your Voices Children**. The hymn was written by Sis. Edris M.V. Roberts from Antigua who is also credited for composing the tune. The arrangement of the tune was done by the late Sis. Isalyn Richards and because of that the tune for this hymn has been given the name **Isalyn**.

The hymn captures the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and retells it in a manner that makes it appealing especially to children and youth.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for December:

*Come raise your voices children;
A newborn babe is come.
He's lying in a manger,
Far, far away from home!*

*2 He has no crib or blanket,
No cap or knitted shawl;
He has no shoes upon His feet,
He has no clothes at all.*

*3 His mom is sweet, fair, Mary,
And Joseph-brave, his dad,
His name is Jesus, Saviour,
And this should make you glad:*

*4 Because this Jesus, Saviour,
Is 'specially born today,
To bring you love and joy and peace,
That's what the scriptures say.*

*5 The scriptures, they say lots more
About this special boy,
Just turn the pages day by day,
And take your share of joy.*

*6 So, raise your voices children,
Sing praise to God above;
He sent this special gift to you,
He did it out of love!*

1978. Edris M. V. Roberts.

Meeting of Ministers of Music

From Sunday 26 November to Friday 01 December 2017 the two ministers of music



Revs Mikie Roberts and Patmore Smith

in the Province, the Reverends Patmore Smith and Mikie Roberts, met in the Barbados Conference.

During that time they continued their work on the music edition of Caribbean Moravian Praise. The main task at this time is checking the text and punctuation of the

music to ensure that they match the version in the "words only" edition. Attention is also being given to other important details like the metrical and alphabetical indices.

While the ministers of music were engaging in their work, the hymns that have already been completed were distributed to the various Pastorates in the conference. Members of choirs and from the congregations within each pastorate reviewed the hymns that were assigned to them and submitted any corrections that they noted. It is the intention to continue that editorial process within the Barbados Conference until the work on the musical edition is completed.

We are thankful for the support offered by the Barbados Conference, those who hosted us and provided daily meals. Special thanks to the Superintendent Bro Ezra Parris for leading the local organization as well as Sis Marlene Griffith who serves on the Provincial Hymnal Committee.

All things being equal, we hope that the music edition should be press ready by mid-2018. The music edition is the third phase of our hymnal project now that the words only version and liturgy book have been printed.

We crave your prayers as we continue working on this the third phase of our hymnal project.

Furlough

The Rev Hilton J. Joseph, Superintendent of the Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference and Pastor of the Zion Moravian Congregation in St. Kitts, has been granted four months furlough from 29 January 2018 to 29 May 2018.

PEC Meeting

The PEC will meet in the Antigua Conference from 25 to 28 January 2018. The **Superintendents Conference** will convene from 29 to 30 January 2018. Please bear up the members of the PEC and the Superintendents of the various conferences in prayer.





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 and Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Brother Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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

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

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER



January Birthday Celebrants

2nd – Sis Clarita Richards; 3rd – Sis Wanda Pitt, and Sis Mary Morton; 4th - Sis Casandra Blake, Bro Victor Payne, and Bro Kareem Glasford; 5th - Sis Lennecia Pitt-Rogers, 7th – Sis Jamilla Connor (USVI); 08th – Sis Mary Morton; 10th - Bro Pedro Douglas; 12th - Bro Moise Jean (Antigua) and Bro Everett Freeman; 13th - Bro Richard BonCamper; 19th - Bro Dean Warner and Sis Aleah Nisbett; 21st – Vekisha Hook; 24th – Alana Dunrod; 25th - Sis Valdene Henry and Ian Godwin; 27th – Sis Diandra Gumbs; 28th Sis Viola Warner; 29th - Sis Kalia Powell, Bro Carl Skeene and Sis Sonia Hector; 30th - Bro Nigel Williams and Sis Valdene Casey; 31st - Bro James Archibald and Sis Amanda Bridgewater and Sis Tamara Liburd.



January Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

03rd Bro Kevin & Sis Kendra DeSilva
04th Bro Wilmoth & Euphema Roberts
06th Bro Leroy & Sis Adlyn Warner
10th Bro Jomo and Cherisse Williams
30th Bro Norman & Sis Yvonne Gill

COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH



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

UNITED STATES

Sis Ycole Boncamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Sis Tarhia Slack
Bro Christian Nathaniel
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor





FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on **Tuesday 09 January** 2018 from **09:00 am to 12:00 noon**.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** on is on break... parents are kindly asked to please take note.
- **Girls' Brigade resumes** on Monday 15 January 2018 at 5:00 pm.
- **Boys' Brigade** on Mondays at 5.00 pm.
- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on **Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.**
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** - Wednesdays at 12:00 noon
- **Up-Risers' Children's Ministry** on Wednesday at 5.00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** resumes on Friday 12 January at 7:15pm under the theme Young Lives Matter.
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.
- **Praise Team Ministry** on Saturdays at 5.30 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** are responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of January 2018. Date will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Daily Texts

2018 Daily Texts are available: **Large print copies cost \$45.00; small print copies cost \$40.00.** Please see Elder Allison Belle-Archibald.

Church Council

Church Council will be convened on Wednesday 10 January at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come and be a part of this meeting .

Conference Christian Education Department Spirit Camp 2018

Persons interested in organizing **Spirit Camp 2018** are asked to kindly submit their names to their pastor.

BIBLE WORDSEARCH

GENESIS

The True Beginning of Salvation for Men

Genesis 1:1

O E H O A R A H P I X L F W G O
 R B A C I R C U M C I S I O N B
 C A L R D E H F H J L K D B G I
 M B G E N O M A P G L Q R N S S
 U E V A A B E L O T A W X I Y H
 A L B T H M T S C N D R D A P M
 J C M E L C H I Z E D E K R R A
 F A G D H E U S T I E J C K O E
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 J O S E P H H M S A P S V A V R
 U W S R A B G A H R C H O R E S
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 A C B H L R O A J I B D L W I N

CREATED	RAINBOW	JUDAH	EGYPT
ADAM	GOPHER	SARAH	SODOM
EVE	SERPENT	HAGAR	LOT
CAIN	ARARAT	MELCHIZEDEK	JOSEPH
ABEL	BABEL	ISHMAEL	ISRAEL
ENOCH	ABRAHAM	CIRCUMCISION	PHARAOH
METHUSELAH	ISAAC	GOSHEN	GOD
NOAH	JACOB	LADDER	
ARK	ESAU	PROMISE	





TRIBUTE TO SISTER RAHMONA CASEY



A soldier in the Army of the Lord was called home to glory on 30 November 2017, four days before her fiftieth (50th) birthday. She went on in time to strut those streets of gold.

On 04 December 1967, Vernon and Vida Casey were blessed with 'a heritage from the Lord', a baby girl they named **Rahmona Ann-Marie**. Her educational journey began at

Ms. Yearwood's Pre-school on Cunningham Street, Basseterre. Following this, she attended the Irish Town Primary, Basseterre Junior and Senior High School. Upon leaving school, she worked at Walls Bookstore, then at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, where she served for twenty – nine (29) years, most recently in the Human Resource Department.

Sis Rahmona was an active communicant member of the Zion congregation. The song, 'Oh Victory in Jesus' and Psalm 91 were her favourite. Of all the colours, **GREEN**, the most restful and relaxing colour for the human eye, the colour of life, renewal, nature, and energy, captured her attention the most. She loved it.



She was a virtuous lady who demonstrated her love, compassion, generosity and humility in many ways. She championed the cause for God and her church as she served with distinction in the following areas:

- ◆ **Moravian Conference Choir**
- ◆ **Moravian Conference Youth Choir**
- ◆ **Zion Youth Choir**
- ◆ **Zion Moravian Youth Fellowship**
- ◆ **Zion Moravian Ambassadors (ZMA), later named Adult Conquerors of Zion (ACOZ)**
- ◆ **Zion Steel Orchestra**
- ◆ **Zion Gospel Singers**
- ◆ **Confirmation Class – Feed My Lambs**
- ◆ **Moravian Evangelism (EE) Explosion**
- ◆ **Up – Risers Children's Ministry**
- ◆ **Joint Board, specifically the Board of Stewards for several terms**
- ◆ **Zion Nominating Committee**

Missionary 2017 has been etched in the memories of all 'Zionites'. As one of the committee members, Sis Rahmona worked above and beyond her call of duty, even after leaving for vacation and while hospitalized. She wanted to ensure that the total was not only achieved but surpassed. To God be the Glory! Sis Rahmona loved children. She was blessed with her daughter, Shakira Pitt, who was born on 30 October 1990. One of her trademarks was to bring many little ones to church. She was getting close to a bus load in recent times. Her dream to be realized after retirement was to establish her own Daycare Centre called SHAMONA's Daycare, situated at her residence, #150 New Road Development, St. Kitts.

The Serenity Prayer: written by the American theologian, *Reinhold Niebuhr*, sums up the simplicity yet effectiveness of Sis Rahmona's life:



**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.**

A disciple, daughter, niece, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, godparent, co-worker, friend, confidant, neighbour and encourager has fulfilled her mandate here on earth. Sincerest condolences are expressed to the family of our dear Sister Rahmona on behalf of the leadership and members of the Zion family. Thank you for sharing your loved one with us. At the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, 'Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted' – *St. Matthew 5: 4*

Now Rest in Peace Sis Rahmona Ann-Marie Casey...



Her Beloved Daughter, Sis Shakira - "final goodbye"

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TRIBUTE CONT'D



Tribute by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank



Tribute by the Zion Gospel Singers



Tribute by the Members of the Joint Board

CONGRATULATIONS



Sister Lydia Blanchette, Administrative Officer and Alternate Risk Liaison Officer of the Support Services Management Department (SSMD) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) was awarded the Service, Excellence, Teamwork and Truth-telling, Accountability and Results (STAR) Award at the ECCB's annual staff dinner and awards ceremony on 9 December 2017. The STAR Award which is being presented for the second year is the brainchild of Governor, Timothy N. J. Antoine.

Fourteen (14) employees were nominated for the award and a total of six (6) were chosen, one of whom was Sis Blanchette.

Sis Lydia is a well-rounded individual who embraces her role with pride and dignity. She applies her experience from the Accounting Department, by readily offering advice and clarification on subject matters outside of her direct role in SSMD.

Sis Lydia is known for delivering on time, ahead of time and just in time. She takes on very short notices without much fuss. She would often say: "I have a lot of competing priorities to deal with today but I will ensure your item is actioned before I go home".

She willingly shares knowledge and information with colleagues in the department and is not afraid to say it as it is.

Congratulations

Mr and Mrs Kurt Caines



The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church extend heartiest congratulations to **Bro Kurt Caines and Sis Karimu Byron-Caines** on their recent Exchange of Vows. Bro Kurt and Sis Karimu were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday 16 December 2017. Bro Kurt and Sis Karimu, we give God thanks that He has brought you together at this time and pray for generous blessings upon your

lives. We encourage you to maintain your marital bond with strong pillars of faith, love, peace, forgiveness, patience, trust and understanding. Always remember to make time to pray together and let God direct your plans. In closing, we share the following scripture as you experience this transition: (Proverbs 3:5-6), "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We extend blessings encircled with love, good health and compassion to you both.





YOUTH CONNECTION

ZION'S STARS



Congratulations Sis Kadeema Blanchette

The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) held its 49th Meeting of Council and Regional Top Awards Ceremony 2017 at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort over the period 11 to 15 December 2017. The region's top scholars and CXC Council members converged on St. Kitts to participate in this prestigious event.

The delegates paid courtesy calls on Governor General Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton, Deputy Prime Minister the Hon. Shawn K. Richards and other government ministers, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas. They also toured the twin-island Federation and were treated to various cultural displays of St. Kitts-Nevis.

The highlight of the week was the Award Ceremony held at the Marriott Resort on Thursday 14 December 2017. **Sister Kadeema Blanchette** was one of the Caribbean region's Top Awardees. She was selected the Most Outstanding Female in the region for Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC). She achieved Mastery in CCSLC English, French and Mathematics, and Grade I in Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Theatre Arts, Physical Education & Sports. For this outstanding performance, **Sis Kadeema** received a plaque, monetary award, and a full scholarship to any of the UWI campuses. She was also treated to a 4-night all expenses paid stay at the Marriott Resort (from 11 to 15 December 2017) where she stayed with the other top awardees from the Caribbean region.

This is the second year that CXC has awarded the Most Outstanding Male and Female in the region for CCSLC.

The Leadership and members of Zion wish to commend **Sis Kadeema** for her outstanding performance and wish her well in her future endeavours

Congratulations to Sis Ycole BonCamper

On 15 December 2017, surrounded by her family and friends, **Sister Ycole BonCamper** graduated from Florida International University, in Miami. She obtained a Bachelors of Arts in English along with a minor in Communication Studies receiving Magna Cum Laude honours.



Sister Ycole BonCamper is already enrolled and working diligently to accomplish her next goal of receiving her Master's degree in Linguistics from her alma mater.

She gives thanks and praise to the Almighty Father for her achievements thus far.

Congratulations Bro Christin Scarborough



On Tuesday 09 May 2017, **Bro Christin Scarborough** graduated from the School of Visual Arts (SVA) in New York with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Degree in Computer Art, Computer Animation and Visual Effects. His thesis film, "Playground Warfare", was among the selections screened at the institution's Second SVA Premieres in California on Thursday 01 June 2017 (his 24th birthday). The Nathaniel and Scarborough Families extend sincere thanks to the Zion, and all other Moravian congregations, for faithfully praying for Christin throughout the entire period of his studies. To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!

Congratulations to Sis Daria James

Sister Daria James obtained the following from the CXC Examinations in June 2017 (as a 4th Form student): A One (1) in Principles of Business and her inclusion in the Merit List of St Kitts-Nevis, as second in this subject area.





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow

Don't waste today's time cluttering up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles. ~ Barbara Johnson

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Happy New Year!

For many of our members, 2017 has probably been one of the most challenging years in recent times. The painful memories of illnesses, sudden deaths, financial challenges and unprecedented storms and hurricanes, would be forever etched in our minds. Notwithstanding this, it is still important for us to assess your victories of the past year, while we take our trials into account. However, we must not dwell on whatever might have happened, but press on with God's guidance; looking for new opportunities for growth and development.

So many times when we pause in reflection, we allow the negative outcomes to overshadow everything else that was achieved. I assume it is just human nature or maybe there is some deep psychological reason as to why we do this. As we begin 2018, let us be optimistic and just think for a moment about your 'moments of gratitude' for 2017. Can you name five of them? I challenge you to complete this simple, but meaningful exercise.

As I prepared my planner for 2018, I silenced my innermost thoughts and meditated on this heart-warming and reassuring song—**Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow**. I hope that you will use this song as your guide in this new season. Think positive thoughts. Explore something new—a new hobby or language; start a new social/volunteer group; volunteer your expertise. Spread your love, joy and peace. Ensure that your fellowmen see the light and love of Jesus Christ in your life.

May this new year of opportunity bring outstanding personal and professional growth. I pray for stronger ties and chords of unity, peace and sincerity within your respective families. I ask for God's guidance and wisdom in your walk with Him. Let there be a financial breakthrough that shatters the hardships/issues you encountered in the past year. I trust that this year would bring good health and positive relationships that blossom with each passing day. Finally, continue to believe that He is the Great Provider and knows all of your needs. *To God be the glory. I can face tomorrow, just because He lives.* Blessed love to all of you.

*God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives!*

Chorus

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!*

*And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!*

Written by Bill and Gloria Gaither

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member



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

Bro Peter Byron and Family on the passing of:

Brother Patrick Byron
(Son)

The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold." Brother and Sisters, may the Lord grant you all Peace in these trying times.





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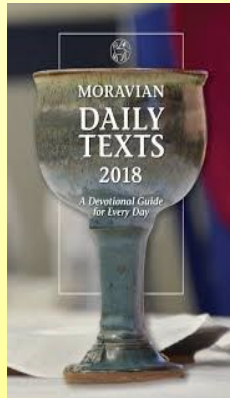


**Sunday 07 January 2018
First Sunday After the Epiphany**

Watchword for the Week

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.
Psalm 29:2

Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.



The Lord said to Moses, "I will raise up from them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will out my words in the mouth of the prophet". **Deuteronomy 18:18.**

Phillip found Nathanael and said to him, We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth. **John 1:45**

Word of life, you continue to speak peace into the world. Give us ears to hear and heart to understand the often unlikely sources from which your truth is proclaimed. Amen.

07 January 2018 (1st Sunday after the Epiphany)

Pastor & Celebrant: Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph

Worship Leader:

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Songs

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-11
Hymn #305 *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*
Hymn #240 *I'm Pressing On The Upward Way*

Prayer of Approach
Hymn of Adulation #250 *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-15 *Sis Tryphena James*
New Testament: Mark 1:4-11 *Bro Wycliffe Morton*
Song *I Am Healed by The Word of God*
Sermon **Rev Hilton J Joseph**
Altar Encounter and Moments of Intercession

Worship in Giving

*Youth Bottle, Windows Offering,
Other Church Ministries*

Dedication of Offering
Welcome and Celebration
Church Notices & Announcements
Preparation for Holy Communion



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation
Hymn #444 *Christian Hearts In Love United*
Hymn #179 *Breathe On Me Breath of God*

Consecration and Distribution of Bread

Hymn #555 *Together With These Symbols Lord*
Hymn #154 *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*
Hymn #334 *Nearer My God To Thee*

Consecration and Distribution of Wine

Song *Worthy Is The Lamb*
Song *The Blood That Jesus Shed For Me*
Hymn #578 *According To Thy Gracious Word*

Declaration, Covenant and Blessing
Hymn #290 *O Jesus I Have Promised*