



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH
(Established 1777) 239 Years of Christian Witness



THE VOICE OF ZION

A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

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From The Pastors' Desk

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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We invited the entire Church to participate and sincerely intercede on behalf of our Church. 2 Chronicles 7:14 encourages us: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We recently concluded our Moravian Week of activities held under the theme 'Retelling our story, Remembering our struggles and Recognizing our Strength (God).' Indeed it was an inspiring week, but as we rise from these activities it is our prayer that we will allow the Spirit of God to empower us for the work of ministry and give us the strength to write our own story.

The story continues in our everyday ministry to the people of St Christopher and Nevis and further afield.

This month's "From the Pastors' Desk" article features the message of the Chairman of PEC to the Province as we celebrate the 559th anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum (Unity of the Brethren). Be encouraged and let us keep the Christian flag waving high.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Hilton J Joseph

HOLD YOUR GROUND

01 March 2016 marked the 559th year since the birth of the Moravian Church or the Unitas Fratrum. Over these centuries, the Church has encountered tremendous struggles as it sought to fight for the moral and spiritual integrity of our people. Many persons lost their lives in the process, but God has preserved this Church.

In recent times, the PEC has observed that a spirit of rebellion and disobedience is pervasive in our Churches. This is not of God for God is a God of order, not a God of confusion. To this end, a Day of Prayer and Fasting was declared on Tuesday March 1, 2016 for the entire Province. We engaged in a period of Prayer and Fasting from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm as we asked God to cleanse, heal and restore us to the glory that He desires.

The Watchword for the Eastern West Indies Province for 2016 is very appropriate for our times. This Watchword brings much encouragement today as we are confronted with the demons of Defiance, Deception, Disobedience, Destruction and Death. The Watchword as declared in Psalm 118:15-16 enunciates the following:

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!
(English Standard Version).

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous. In all the dwellings of good people, throughout the land of Israel, was heard nothing but the voice of joy. Why we may ask? It was all on account of David's

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Zion Gospel Singers
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From The Pastor's Desk (cont'd)

accession to the throne; the deliverance of him from the persecution of Saul and his administration of Israel. In addition to that, the rejoicing came as a result of the victories David obtained over all his enemies: for, "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan" (Proverbs 29:2).

As we came to this day, it was another occasion for joy in the dwelling places of the saints, the tents that we possess and live in, and in the churches of God, (the tabernacles of the most High) all on account of the spiritual and eternal salvation which Christ has won for us. Christ is the author of this inward joy, felt in the heart, and outwardly expressed by one saint to another; and in our vocal prayer to God, and in singing his praises. This may be done in the houses of the saints, as well as in the house of God. What this voice, or the righteous with their voice, expressed in each of their dwelling houses, is as follows;

" the right hand of the Lord doth valiantly; or "acts powerfully". The right hand of the Lord acts powerfully in helping and assisting David, in protecting and defending him, in raising him to the throne, and in giving him rest from all his enemies. God took him from a nobody to be somebody. God lifted him on high. I want to encourage you to "Hold Your Ground". God has seen your sacrifice, dedication and total commitment.

As we hold our ground against all odds, pain and suffering might still come our way. Dietrich Bonhoffer, a German Theologian, once said, "When God calls a man, He bids him come and die". For his faith in God and his determination to hold his ground, Bonhoffer was hanged under Hitler in Germany in 1945. John Hus held his ground in spite of the dangers he saw coming his way. His faith was cemented in Almighty God. He was burnt at the Stake on July 06, 1415. We are called to follow Jesus with total commitment. The road is not going to be easy. No wonder Jesus declares in Luke 9:23, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me".

Jesus is here saying, you have to follow me all the way. He is saying that your walk with God,

demands everything. My Lip and my Life must be in alignment.

The story is told of a Pig and a Chicken that were walking down a road together. The Chicken said, "Hey pig, I was thinking that we should open a restaurant".

The Pig replied, "Hmm, maybe, what should we call it?" The Chicken responded, "How about ham and eggs?" The Pig thinks for a moment and says; "No thanks! I'll be committed, but you'd only be involved. You see, in order to get ham, I have to give myself, I'll have to die, while you can lay an egg and move on".

When we hold our ground and remain obedient to God, he has promised much blessings will come our way. He will lead us by the rivers of water and prosper us. Notice what the Psalmist declares, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Ps. 1:3).

Much more than that, when we hold our ground, God will do for us and take us to places we never dreamt of. In Deuteronomy 28, the Word of God speaks powerfully of the blessings that will come our way when we hold our ground:

¹²"The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. ¹³The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. ¹⁴Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them".

As we embark in a time of prayer and fasting; as we ask God to intervene in our affairs; as we seek cleaning, healing and restoration, it could be painful, but let us hold our ground. Let us not give way to the enemy who is seeking at all cost to steal our Joy in the Lord. God has chosen you. You are not an accident. Let us pray that God will work a new thing inn you, in me and in us. To God be the Glory! Hold Your Ground.



The Effects of Crime on the Society

Crime has had such a negative effect on our society in the past years that at this point people seem to have become desensitized. At first when the shootings and killings were fairly new, we as a society would be horrified and outraged. However, now we have become quite unbothered and at times insensitive as we have no problem sending pictures of murder victims to our social circle. Have we completely detached ourselves from the victims and their families? Are we no longer our brother's keeper? Here is a recent story that may cause you to think again at the way we view these acts of violence in our society. The names of the persons have been changed with the exception of mine.

It's 5:30 Monday morning and I am already in the gym working out. The effort it took to get out of bed and get to the gym was nothing short of miraculous. My trainer had just finished giving me instructions when my phone went off. Because I was using my phone for my gym music, I would receive messages while working out. I checked my phone and realized that my friend Jennifer had messaged me. I remembered that I had a missed call from her the night before but I was already out cold when she called and had made a mental note to call her back.

As I read her message I almost dropped the phone. I read it over and over and over again. Did she type this? My response was - WHAT!!!!!! She had informed me that a mutual friend's son had been shot the night before and she needed me to figure out how to handle our friend. I needed to process this real fast so I called her right away and asked her to please explain. She said 'Julie, Jane's son got shot up and I don't know if he is still alive'.

I am usually the calm one whom everyone draws strength from, but today I was real slow in gathering that strength. It took a very long time for me to process this. **He was only a baby, what is this place coming to?** So I gathered my thoughts and asked her to call Jane and try to find out the extent of the injuries.

Needless to say I could not continue my routine and had to ask my trainer to excuse me for that morning. As I drove home, a million thoughts ran through my head: How is he doing? How bad is it? How is my friend? Well I knew the answer to that one. I knew she was a total wreck.

Jennifer contacted me around 7:30am and told me that he was still alive, but fighting for his life. The police was guarding him and only immediate family members could visit him because of the condition in which he was. I then told her that we had to go and look for Jane.

I got to work and my mind was swimming in thoughts and I could barely concentrate. I could not wait for 11am to come to go to the hospital. The time came and I picked up my friend Jennifer and we went to the hospital. Every single step I took, felt like I

was walking with weights around my ankles. I tried my best to gather myself together because I knew I would need all the strength and faith in me to get us all through this. As we turned to walk up to the Surgical Ward, I looked up and saw our mutual friend. I was not prepared for that scene. She was way past being a mess; she looked totally destroyed. My eyes opened wider as I quickened my steps to get to her. She was extremely weak and limp from not eating or drinking. Her face was swollen and extremely red and her eyes were twice the size from all the crying. Her clothes were mismatched and she is a Diva so to see her that way was a shock. Her hair was uncombed and she was leaning on someone for support so that she didn't fall down.

I took her arm and she tried to smile in recognition of me, but she had no energy to do so. I asked her about her son and she told me that he was still fighting. I asked her if she had eaten and she said not since the day before. I started to provide some comfort and explain to her that she had to take care of herself so she could look after her son. I told her he needed all her love, her faith, her strength and her courage if he was to stay alive. While I am trying my best to pump some positivity into her, there were others around her who were pushing the anger, revenge and hatred. I almost felt as though I was being drowned out, but I also knew I could not give up. I encouraged her to take a walk and to get at least a Vita Malt to drink, so she could at least get something in her stomach.

She then began to relay the story and my heart dropped even further. Two young men not even 21 years old had gotten into a verbal conflict and one of these young men thought/believed that the only way to settle/win the argument was to inflict violence on the other young man with whom he grew up. Given his actions, he wanted him dead and when he had emptied all the bullets in the gun in the body of his school mate and realized that he was still alive, he began to beat him in the head with the gun.

What is the morale of this true story? What is the lesson? For me it says that as a society we are both the perpetrators and the victims of this cycle of violence. However, we still have the power to change this path.

The Home/Parents – Some try their utmost best to raise their children to follow the right path and no matter how hard they try; the parents cannot control or influence the environment in which their children 'hang out'. When an incident like this occurs, the parents have to pick up the scattered pieces of their lives and find additional funds to help with medical bills if they are lucky or funeral expenses if they are not lucky. Through all this pain and anger, the parents are shunned by their community, because the community's automatic assumption is that the child was a gang member and the parent failed. These parents now have to deal with the following emotions – the deepest pain they have ever



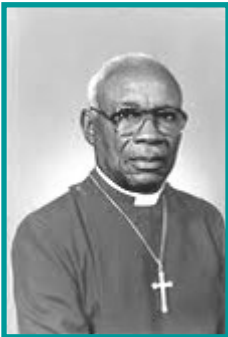
PEC Reports

Clouds of Witnesses

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. More-over, 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.

Rev Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts

The following biography of **Bishop Neville Brown** (12 April 1926 to 03 January 2012) was submitted by his son, Sylvester Brown.



Our Father **Bishop Neville Cleofoster Brown** was born in Newfield Village, Antigua on the 27th April 1926; he was the second to last of nine children for his parents, Walter and Ellen Brown. The mother and baby were so weak that the doctor told his father to come to his office to collect the child's death certificate the next day. Only God knew that certificate would not be required for another 85 years.

Although poor, with the care of his mother our father grew from strength to strength. At the age of twelve (12), one Sunday afternoon, as was his usual practice, he came home to recite his "Golden Text" which was taken from Acts 16:10 and I quote-

"Immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them".

His mother who had been ordered to bed rest came to the door and spoke to his father; the last words "Daddy" heard from her were "and Neville must become a Minister." She was dead within the hour at the age of 55.

In 1943, however, our father became a school teacher and was very proud of his first salary of 12 shillings, which he counted several times before handing it over to his father. He soon became disenchanted with teaching.

In 1945 Dad became the first boy from Newfield to go to Grammar School in preparation to enter the Ministry. He was however subjected to a detour as there was uncertainty as to which College he could attend. In 1947 he was given a job at Montpelier Sugar Factory; he later summed up that experience in one sentence, "Dealing with adults in a responsible manner on a

daily basis was a learning experience for the work of the ministry".

Our Dad entered Theological College in Jamaica in late 1947; he was the first student from the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church to receive training for the Ministry in Jamaica.

On his return, he was launched into Pastoral Ministry and took up residence with Rt Rev Peter Gubi at the second mission house on St. John's Street and worked as his assistant at Greenbay and also served regularly at Five Islands, Potters and Spring Gardens.

The newly elected and consecrated Bishop Peter M. Gubi at the Provincial Synod held at this very spot on 11 April 1951 ordained him as Deacon. Our father had become a Minister of the Moravian Church; his mother's dying wish was realized. He was stationed at Lebanon and also served Gracehill.

In 1952 he was transferred to Moriah in Tobago and it was at his first Palm Sunday service that he noticed a girl who arrived at the head of her six siblings; he observed that she was in full control ensuring they behaved themselves and thought she would make a very caring mother.

Dad's investigative skills kicked in and his discreet questioning over the next few days revealed all the information he needed:

- Her name was Ida Lyons,
- She was the first daughter and fifth child of Wilfred and Louisa Lyons,
- There were eleven children in the family,
- That she earned a Senior Cambridge Certificate at Bishop's High School,
- That she excelled in Sports and had left a sprinting record, and
- That she was awaiting a call from the Nursing Council.

Dad dubbed her his "Tobago Rose" and within short order they were married. That union lasted 59 years and I am the first born, Lennox the second, third was Trevor, he died in St. Kitts and Louise (we call her Dad's favourite) was fourth, Rawle was fifth and Marie the sixth died at age six in Trinidad.

Our father's fourth call was back to Antigua, Cedar Hall, and Gracebay where Lennox was born. In April 1956 he moved with his family on his fifth call to Estridge St. Kitts where Trevor and Louise were born. His sixth call was back to Lebanon at Sea



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View Farm where Rawle was born. In 1970 we all moved to Trinidad; it was his seventh call where Marie was born; she died in 1974. In 1980 Dad returned to Antigua; that was his eighth call.

During the Independence celebrations of 1989, Dad was given "The Order of Honour Silver Award".

At the 23rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, held in St. Kitts in 1993, he was elected Bishop. It was a most unexpected event as he was not a delegate and had earlier retired in July. He was consecrated Bishop on the 11 November that year, here, at Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

Dad was an honest and focused gentleman, he availed himself as God's mouth piece, hands and feet for the success of God's work in the Church. As his children, we were sometimes oblivious to the sacrifices both Dad and Mom made, not just for us but often for the Church.

We were too young to fully understand what it meant for them to arrive at Estridge in St. Kitts or to be uprooted and find one self on a cold dark night in a dilapidated Mission House at Lebanon without furniture, bed linens or food and no one to welcome you... not even to light the gas lamps.

The church has warmed much since those earlier days, but in his last years Dad's heart was at times burdened that the leadership could become so engrossed with church organizing that the little things – the caring, the sharing – could often be overlooked.

For him, life had its twists and turns, its ups and downs, its stormy and calm weather; but such was life. Dad never complained.

His comfort was found in one of his favourite Scriptures 2 Corinthians Chapter 4: v8-9) "***I have been hard pressed, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed***".



Status Update on Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal

The historic publication of the first Caribbean Moravian Hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise – is near completion. Upon completion of the hard cover hymnal, each congregation will also receive a database that will contain a reference to the hymn tunes. In this database the music for the new hymns will be provided. However, in cases where

the tune for the hymn is unchanged the actual music for that hymn will not be provided. Instead the database will indicate the name of the tune and the number of that hymn in the current music edition. By so doing, it is our desire that the new hymns will soon be incorporated into the congregation's hymnal repertoire since the tunes will be at the congregation's disposal.

Work on the musical edition has been ongoing and is in the advanced stages. It is hoped that its completion should be finalized within 12 – 16 months. The compilation of the musical edition entails giving attention to some details that are not required in the 'words only' edition of the hymnal. For example, in addition to the authors and translators index, there must also be added an index for hymn tunes and composers as well as the alphabetical listing of the hymn tunes. Furthermore, we have to once again negotiate with international copyright holders to secure permission for the printing of the tunes for the hymns that are still under copyright. Mindful that this process may be lengthy, the provision of the hymn tune database will therefore serve as a temporary but necessary measure until the musical edition of the hymnal is completed.

The other component of the provision of worship material for the Province that has also begun is the production of the Liturgy Book. We anticipate that this volume will be published locally. It will contain the revised Liturgies, Litanies and Orders of Public Worship. The publication of this volume will be the second worship resource we intend to have available within the Province. We anticipate that it will follow not too long after the publication of soon to be released words only hymnal.

The final phase of the work that will be engaged will be the provision of the hymnal and Liturgy books in an electronic downloadable format. There have been numerous requests for the materials to be presented in this format and we are seeking to meet that request. However, we currently do not possess the resources (financial and human) to give attention to this matter.

In summary, there are four phases to the overall mandate of the Provincial Hymnal and Liturgical Committees: (1) Hard copy words only hymnal; (2) Prayer Book with Liturgies; (3) Musical Edition; (4) Electronic Format of Hymnal and Prayer Book.



In Loving Memory ...

In Memory of Samuel J Nathaniel



June 1935 - March 2015

*No one knows
the tears still inside me.*

*People think it's all past
They think I am all better.*

*Every once in a while
I think, I hope, I pray
that things will be better too.*

*But then I remember.
And the pain floods back
and the bottom falls out,
and I fall and I fall.*

*And I know once again
that things aren't all better.
My loved one is gone,
and I cry alone.*

Taken from 'Journeying through Grief' Book Three
By Kenneth C Haugk.

Signed: **Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel**
on behalf of the entire family.



In Loving Memory of **Bro Alphonso Hobson**
A dedicated member of the Zion Moravian Church and a
devoted husband and father

*Sunset: 22 February 1992
The rolling stream of life goes on
But still the vacant chair
Recalls the voice, the smile
Of him who once sat there*

**May you find comfort in the memories of our dearly
departed Brother Hobson. Amen.**

**Signed by: Patricia Hobson (wife), Damion Hobson
and Marissa Hobson-Newman (children).**



*In Loving Memory
Of*

Sis Althea James

Bro Darren Delon James

Bro Glenford 'Pilly' Gumbs Jr

*"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day."*

(Anonymous Sponsor)



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, Helen Woods, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Eileen Robinson, Mary MacLachlan, Beverly James and Gloria Thompson and Brothers Ernest Christopher, Hashim Bertie, Allan Pennyfeather, Washington Archibald, Earl Julius, 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, Brenda Manners, Iris Mc Donald, Eugenie Belgrove, Shirley Phipps and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor, Arthur Thompson, Earl Brotherson Snr. and James Phipps.

Celebration Corner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthday Celebrants

5th - Sis Latoya Somersall, 6th - Sis Jillian Tudor-Akeem, Bro Orin Lewis, 9th - Bro Lloyd Matthew, 10th - Bros Omandey Byron and Bernard Rawlins, Srs Eileen Robinson and Helen Woods, 13th - Srs Tryphena James and Greta Musgrave, 16th - Bro Rudolph Wattlely, 18th - Sis Jasmine Jeffers, 19th - Srs Tonya Watts, Myrna Archibald and Sandra DeSilva-Wilkes, 21st - Bro Charles Benjamin, 22nd - Srs Sheryl Reid-Nisbett and K'Tusha Liburd, Bro Wilfred Mitcham, 23rd - Sis K'Shanta Reid, Bro Frank Sargeant, 24th - Bro Zahmoyah Nisbett, Srs Veangele Williams (USA) and Audrey Henry, Bro Henry Mitcham, 25th - Sis Doris Powell, 26th - Sis Giovanna Greaux, Bro Steve Francis, 27th - Srs Deidrea Morton, Hyacinth Gumbs, and Tammy Byron, 29th - Sis Sasha DeSuza and Sis Kristal Gardner and 31st - Sis N'Gozi Nicholls, Bro Sidney Osborne.



March Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

07th March Bro Orin & Sis Lilette Lewis
 18th March Bro Charles & Sis Margaret Benjamin
 31st March Bro Wilmoth & Sis Yvonne Farrell

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 Hassanni Lapsey
 Bro Alester Thomas

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
 Sis Avicia Sweeney



For Your Calendar

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion for the Zion, Ebenezer & Bethel Pastorate (Basseterre to Parsons) will be held on Tuesday **22** and Wednesday **23 March 2016** from **9:00 am**.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** on Mondays at 4:00 pm.
- **Girl Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15pm
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:15 pm

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of **March 2016**. Members are asked to note that the dates will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry on **Sunday 20 March 2016**. Bring a brother to Church with you.

Zion Lenten Services

The remaining Lenten Services are as follows:

- 16 March – Deeper Life Service at Zion at 6:00 pm.
- 24 March – Pastorate Combined Communion Service at Zion at 7:00 pm.

Christian Council Services

The last Christian Council Midday Service will be held on **Wednesday 16 March** at the **Catholic Church** from **11:45 am to 12:30 pm**.

Oasis Moments

Come, join us for Oasis Moments: a lunch time moment of Worship, Word and Prayer.. Come and be refreshed and receive strength to continue this journey of life. Every Wednesday in the month of April. from 12 noon to 12:50 pm.

Zion Vestments

The Zion Vestments Committee is still seeking funds to offset the cost of two sets of vestments. Members can donate individually, as a group or as a family. Please see any member of the Committee for more details.

Fundraiser "Island Flavours"

The **Executive Board of Conference** presents a fundraiser entitled **"Island Flavours"** A Taste of the Islands (featuring St Kitts, Jamaica, Guyana and Dominican Republic) in **June 2016**. Stay tuned for more

MORAVIAN SENIOR CLUB 5TH ANNIVERSARY COASTAL CRUISE

Aboard the *Prince De Vonte J*

Date: Easter Monday (28 March 2016)
Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Boarding: 9.30am
Cost: \$60 – Adults
 \$30 – Children 12 and under

Tickets available from members of the Club

M.A.D.E.



M.A.D.E. St. Kitts Executive Team.

(L-R: Mr. Kevrone Phipps (Vice President), Ms. Nastassia Johnson (Treasurer), Mr. Trevis Belle (President), Ms. Carolyn Welcome (Secretary), Mr. Christian Nathaniel (Public Relations Officer)

M.A.D.E. – Making A Difference Everywhere is a team of over 100 dedicated, hardworking and determined young adults, working to make the world a better place, starting with the greatest destination on earth – the Caribbean.

The organisation is directed towards making an impact on the global community by ensuring a more cohesive environment for all of its inhabitants. To do this, members identify issues and devise methods to solve them. MADE, along with its associates, strives to enhance community spirit among the young and old in the hope that they can find solace in their homeland or place of residence.

Throughout the year of 2015, MADE has accomplished so many things! We certainly didn't expect all of what has occurred to happen; nevertheless, we continue to be extremely grateful to the Lord for blessing us ever so much. Some of the main highlights from our 2015 year are as follows:

- * MADE Anti-Bullying Campaign;
- * MADE for the 'Marti Expedition';
- * The instalment of three new branches: Trinidad (est. August 2015), St. Lucia (est. October 2015) and Grenada (est. November 2015);
- * MADE 'Take What You Need' Campaign;
- * MADE Youth Month Rally;
- * MADE in the Spirit of Christmas 2015.

On Sunday 11th January 2016, members of MADE concluded their 2nd Anniversary Celebrations at the Zion Moravian Church. As we fellowshiped, I can recall being so overwhelmed with the immensely heart-warming response to the group's contribution and successes by the congregation. Many persons were inspired and encouraged us to continue pushing onwards to bigger and better things. On behalf of the entire organization, I personally thank the members of the Zion Moravian Church for so warmly

The Zika Virus



The Zika virus is a mosquito-transmitted infection first identified in Uganda in 1947 and recently declared an international public health emergency by World Health Organization (WHO).

The virus is more common in areas such as Africa and Asia and recently began spreading wildly to the Western Hemisphere in 2015.

The Zika is mainly spread by the bite of the female Aedes genus mosquito. These are known to breed in relatively small areas of stagnant water and usually bite in the day. Alternative ways of spread have been identified, namely via sexual transmission. Three (3) cases have been identified of the virus passing from male to female by semen.

The infected person presents very vague and generalized symptoms such as fever, generalized rash, joint pain, muscle pain, red infected eye, swollen legs and weakness. Similar to any viral infection, the treatment is basically resolving the symptoms and allowing it to run its course.

The country of Brazil raised concern when the number of cases identified increased to large quantities. Coincidentally there was an increase in babies born with unusually small sized heads with damaged brains. The medical community therefore suggested a possible link between the virus and the deformed babies. Besides affecting the unborn babies in the uterus of the pregnant mothers, the virus has also been deemed culpable of causing other complications that may affect the nervous system of the body, the most popular identified as Guillan Barre syndrome. This is a transitional paralysis which ascends through the body eventually affecting the organs for breathing.

Since the cases reported in Brazil in 2015, the virus has been identified in 2016 in the Americas and Caribbean islands, such as

Barbados, Haiti, St. Marten, Puerto Rico and Martinique. To date, no report of the virus has been identified in our Federation of St Kitts and Nevis.

PAHO and Caribbean public health agencies issue regular alerts and updates of the spread of the disease and tips for control of the mosquito reproduction. Regional organizations also assist in this area.

Like every other epidemic, there are rumours surrounding the infection, namely:

1. Genetically modified (GM) mosquitoes are the real cause of the birth defects in the babies;
2. A chemical used to kill mosquito larvae (pyriproxyfen) in drinking water caused the birth defects;
3. A vaccine to address rubella in Brazil caused the birth defect.

While the Public Health sector and the related Health Organizations do their part, each individual is required to ensure that the necessary precautions for mosquito eradication are implemented and maintained within the household and neighbouring surroundings.

Dr Dwain Archibald

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



Bro Wilmoth Hodge, Bro Jayson Hodge, Bro Antonio Laws, Sis Dahneira Hodge, Sis Amy Bass, Bro Jayzané Hodge and Family on the passing of:

***Elder Julia Hodge
(Wife, Mother, Grandmother)***

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord be your refuge and strength during your period of grief.



Youth Connection

The Youths Elected A New Executive



New Youth Executive—Sis Chelsea Amory, Sis Chioma Henry, Sis Tahmaju Welcome, Bro Tahjaun Walters, Sis Briana Williams and Sis Midecia Blake.

Based on the set criteria, twenty-seven (27) members were eligible for nomination.

The Supervisor of Election was Youth Advisor, Bro Chessley Williams and Sis Lilette (Rosie) Lewis was the Presiding Officer. Sisters Desiree Williams and Shernel James were the official counters.

The members of the old Executive were appointed as advisors to the New Board.

The Leadership extends congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board and prays that they would continue to strive for a more intimate relationship with God and that through the power of the Holy Spirit they will be led to effectively carry out the mandate to which they were elected.

Moreover, that they will not copy the illicit behaviours and customs of this world, but that they will allow God to continue to transform them into model youths so that others will see the beauty of God within them and exemplify such.

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4:12

On Friday 8 January 2016, the Zion Moravian Youth Fellowship elected a new Executive Body and Sis Chelsea Amory was elected as President to lead the youth arm of the Church. The Executive includes Bro Tahjaun Walters (Vice President), Sis Londre Bass (Secretary), Sis Briana Williams (Treasurer), Sis Tahmaju Welcome (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer) Sis Midecia Blake (Public Relations Officer) and Sis Chioma Henry (Floor Member).

The criteria set forth for nomination included:

- A member over the age of fifteen (15) years,
- A member in good financial standing,
- Regular attendance at church and Youth Fellowship,
- A member of the Sunday School,
- A communicant member or walking for Confirmation Class, and
- Involvement in other Youth Ministry activities.

M.A.D.E. (Cont'd)

embracing us as one of their own and it will definitely not be the last time MADE St. Kitts worships with you.

Remember my fellow Caribbean brothers and sisters to always make the decision to make a difference everywhere!

Yours in Volunteering

Trevis Belle

(MADE Founder and President [MADE St. Kitts])



A representative contingent of MADE St. Kitts members



Instrument of Peace



During the period of Lent, many Christians and non-Christians alike, take time for self-examination. The 40-day period is used to grow closer to God and His promises. Many individuals give up meat, alcohol, smoking, surfing the Internet, using their Facebook accounts and so on. All in all, it is a very reverent period as we fully assess how close we are to God and how we

plan to move forward for the remainder of the year. One of the most important disciplines during this period is a Fast or Fasting. There are many different types of Fasts. Maybe you might want to try a half-day Fast at first (from sunrise to midday) if you are not accustomed to doing so. For those who usually fast, they might want to re-do their 7-day or 21-day Fast. No matter what you give up for this season, please ensure that you take it seriously and spread the joy of doing so with your family and friends. I trust that we would all grow closer to Him as we travel heavenward. Let us all conform to His likeness and be a light in this dark, selfish world. ***Blessings for a peaceful Lenten Season and the upcoming Easter celebrations! God is love! God is awesome!***

Lead Me To Calvary

King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain

*Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.*

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.

Let me like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
Lead me to Calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.

~ *Contributed by a VOZ Committee member*

The Effects of Crime (Cont'd)

felt, loss, anger, hopelessness, and rejection.

The Church – The church gets hit on both sides as they most likely baptized/christened these same children whom they are now being asked to bury or pray over. They are being blamed for dropping the ball and not forcing parents to send their children to Sunday School, Confirmation class, or Church. But the church is still the first institution that is looked to for help in offering up prayers to heal the nation.

The School – Unfortunately, our schools are not very good at arresting the problem of children who are at risk for violent behaviour. The curriculum is designed for the above average child to excel. If your child falls below the average, then the devil finds work for idle hands to do. The child becomes frustrated and begins to seek out company that is like-minded. Each child has a yearning to belong, to feel accepted, and if your child does not fit the mould, then he/she will find a mould that fits him/her.

Our Leaders – They are too busy blaming and comparing to realize that we as a society are extremely afraid. No longer do we leave our doors open; we have become more aware of our surroundings. The entertainment which we formerly used to relax and de-stress, now poses a threat to our very safety.

Overall View

The continuous violence being committed on a month by month basis leaves us as a nation in a state of crisis and deep-rooted stress. We are also in a state of constant mourning with very little comfort. Grieving is a natural process and in time there is healing; however, we as a nation are not given the time to heal and therefore we continue to swim in a pool of pain, anger, depression, sickness, despair, and the current driving force of revenge. Healing comes from continuous dialogue and expression of feelings. It comes from a unification of citizens who put aside their own feelings to help someone who is hurting. Only a genuine outpouring of compassion and love can heal this nation. The question is, are we ready to do what is necessary to heal our nation?

~ *Sis Julie Charles*





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**The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry**

But, one thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is **ahead**, I press on toward the goal to win the **prize** for which **God** has called me heavenward in **Christ Jesus**.

Philippians 3:13-14

Moravian Daily Text

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Watchword for the Week

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14***

Sunday 13 March 2016

Isaiah 43:16 - 21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b - 14, John 12: 1 - 8.

Lord, to you I have committed my cause. **Jeremiah 11:20**

Christ left you an example, so that you should follow, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. **1 Peter 2:21, 23**

Ever-present God, when the urge to retaliate is strong, when bitterness easily rises up from inner places and we hurt as we have been hurt, help us to face down temptation with strength and follow each footstep of Christ. Amen

Sunday 13th March 2015

(Fifth Sunday in Lent) Youth Sunday

Pastor: Rev Hilton J. Joseph * Worship Leaders: Srs Chioma Henry & Chelsea Amory

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14***

Psalmody Summons: Psalm 126.....Sis Kadeema Blanchette

Call to Worship.....Youth Worship Team

Opening Prayer

Youth Prophetic Declaration

Song*Thank You For The Cross Lord*

Welcome

Birthdays/Anniversaries/Fellowship Time

Item of Praise Junior Choir

Ministry of the Word

O.T. Lesson.....Isaiah 43:16-21

N.T. Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14.....Sisters Tahmaju and Londré

Item of Praise Bro MJ Byron

Message Sis Belinda Bart

Altar Encounter/Anointing of Children and Youth

Worship in Giving

Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle, Freewill Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project

Prayer of Dedication

Notices

Youth Prophetic Declaration

Song.....*In Christ Alone*

Prayer & Benediction