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**Provincial Theme**  
*Fulfilling the Mandate*

**The Thematic Focus**  
*Step Out in Faith*

(Developing God's People –  
Relinquishing Fear; Focusing  
on God)

**Foundation Text:**  
*Matthew 14:23-33;*  
*Luke 5:1-11*

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

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK REV HILTON J JOSEPH



*Rev Hilton J Joseph*

abuse, alcoholism, pornography, and violence are on the rise; questionable teachings proliferate; and Churches are finding it difficult to fill the benches on worship days. Worse yet, some believers no longer hold hard convictions about the application of biblical truths. The Bible has been relegated to a reference book and not the book of books in some Christian Churches. In fact, many choose to remain silent, even when Christian values and standards are being ridiculed and challenged.

Craig Attwood\* in his presentation to the Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province Synod 2014, in his attempt to exegete the Moravian Motto (In Essentials, Unity; In Non Essentials, Liberty; In all things Love) had this to say:

“One way to understand the Essentials is to think about what it was like to be a member of the Unitas Fratrum five centuries ago. If the Inquisition imprisoned your bishop, burned your Bibles, closed your church building and prevented you from having baptism or Holy Communion, could you still be Christian? If you were a missionary and shipwrecked in the Caribbean and had no Bible or Communion set, could you still preach the Good News of Christ? If so, then none of those things are essential. However, if the members of a church do not demonstrate faith, love, and hope, can you call that a Christian church? For the Moravians, true Christianity is not based on a certain creed or doctrine; it is grounded in the living experience of faith in Christ, active love for others and joyful hope.

Many of the things that people think are most important in the Christian faith are not really essential. They are helpful and valuable, but not essential. Gregory and his followers called them Ministerial things. These are tools given by Christ and the Holy Spirit to help the church. In other words, they “minister” to what is essential”.

Craig Attwood\* then entered into some dangerous waters when he said, “The old Moravians believed that the Bible is a sacred book that leads us to

My Family in Christ,

This month's issue of **From the Pastor's Desk** features yet another thought-provoking article written by the Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, Provincial Elders Conference (MC EWIP PEC). The article is entitled “Where Are We Heading?” Thus my question to you the members of Zion is “where are you heading in your Christian life?” We live in a region where we are free to worship, free to pray, free to read our Bible without fear of persecution; yet so many take for granted what others have to do in secret; but, continue to do so because of a genuine desire to serve God. So as you read this article, take a firm stand for what you believe and speak God's Word faithfully and courageously in your daily life. But remember you can only do this as you depend on Him and spend time reading His Word and applying it to your life.

Yours in Christ  
**Hilton J Joseph**  
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### We Are We Heading?

All over the world, unbiblical values are taking hold and even being pushed into legislation. The dire effects are felt in society as well as in our churches. Injustice to workers abounds; substance

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faith, love and hope, but whenever the Inquisition or anyone else used the Bible to justify cruelty, abuse, enslavement, oppression, torture and killing, it was no longer sacred. The sacrilege was using the Bible to hurt people rather than to lead them to faith. Holy Communion and baptism are sacred because they lead us to have faith, love and hope, but they cease to be sacred when we use them to harm or devalue people."

The fact that someone or a group tries to use the Bible to justify cruelty, abuse, enslavement, oppression, torture and killing, and the like, in my estimation does not make the Bible less than what it is. While it might appear that the abuses devalue the essential of the Bible, it is for the people who have been called and chosen by God to be His standard bearers to bring light to bear on the darkness so that there would be a clearer understanding of the Word that guides us. There will always be persons who will seek to justify their actions by using the Bible, whether it is morally correct or not. The Bible is too sacred a book to be devalued by the whims and fancy of persons who want to justify their actions. The Bible is the like the Bhagavad-Gita for the Hindus and the Koran for the Muslims. **It contains the very Word of God. The Bible is a critical component of the Christian's faith. In Psalm 119:105, the word declares, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path".**

Christians must stand up in spite of the forces of darkness that are descending upon the world in which we live. There is Boko Haram, the terrorist group in Nigeria that is capturing and forcing hundreds of persons to convert to Islam or be killed. Then there is the terrorist group ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) which is beheading, kidnapping and terrorizing Christians in Iraq and Syria. Thousands of Christians in Iraq and Syria have become refugees in their own land and are running for their lives. In an article written by Chris Mitchell, CBN News Middle East Bureau Chief, chronicles the following:

*Over the past week, the army of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), also known as IS (Islamic State), swallowed up swaths of Iraq like a pervading darkness. In just one day, tens of thousands of Christians fled from towns like Qaraqosh and Bartilla, about 25 miles away. Most came to the town of Erbil with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.*

*They take everything from the house, from the store, everything, and "one refugee told CBN News." "They hate Christian especially. We don't know why." The choice was leave or die. "They say if anyone don't [sic] become like Muslim, we [re] going to kill them, each one, from baby to women to*

*old man," he said. "We don't have anything here", one woman told CBN News.*

*"They bombed the churches and already took our houses", she continued. "We have nothing here. No money. No ID. No travel documents". Dr Sarah Ahmed, with the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, called the attacks "a genocide."*

*"What's happening now to the Christians, to the Yazidis, to the minorities is -- in the last couple of days mostly to the Christians -- is a genocide", she told CBN News. "What's happening is what happened 200 years ago to the Jews [sic]"*

*The Yazidis follow an ancient religion with ties to Zoroastrianism. Dr Ahmed relayed stories she'd heard of the barbarism of ISIS. "That ISIS was shooting the kids and people, and they were laying them on the ground and they bring tractors that they walk [drive] over them in front of their families", she said. "They take women out of their houses so if a family had three daughters, they would take one".*

*In the wake of the ISIS advance, thousands of ethnic Yazidis escaped to a mountain outside the town of Sinjar. Some Christians found shelter at a Catholic compound in Erbil. These families fled a few weeks ago when ISIS ethnically cleansed the city of Mosul. The Islamists gave an ultimatum to the Christians there.*

The prophet Jeremiah lived in a time like ours. Judah had turned away from God to worship idols, and social ills prevailed. In just such a decadent climate, God called Jeremiah to speak to His Word faithfully and courageously.

God commissioned Jeremiah saying, "I have put my words in your mouth" (Jeremiah 1: 9 NIV). He also assured him of His presence: "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you" (Jeremiah 1:8 NIV) and instructed him to take a firm stand, for "Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land, against the Kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land" (Jeremiah 1:18).

Like Jeremiah, we too need to take a firm stand for what we believe and speak God's Word faithfully and courageously in our day. But we can only do this as we depend on Him and spend time reading His word and applying it in our lives.

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**Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis**



## Answering the Call

## Bro Wycliffe Morton



*Brother Wycliffe Morton Jr*

**M**y Name is Wycliffe H. Morton, I was born to Mr H Wycliffe H Morton and Mrs Mary S Morton; I am the younger of their two sons. I was christened at the St. George's Anglican Church, but always attended Zion as my home church. My maternal heritage is Moravian, coming out of Bethel Moravian. At the age of thirteen I walked for confirmation under the tutelage of Rev Culpepper here at Zion. Coming into confirmation classes I already had a significant understanding of the biblical stories, as, in learning to read, my mother always ensured that Christian story books were a part of my active library. These long-lasting series of memories augmented Church services and Boys' Brigade which was a standard of the time. It was in confirmation class however, that my understanding of God's offer of personal salvation really took significant root in my understanding and life. One of the things I always distinctly recalled my mother saying to me regarding my confirmation of my faith, was that the hymn that I choose would be with me for the rest of my life and I should choose one that means something profound and heartfelt to me, that it would be a statement from me to God.

After searching through my favourite hymns, I chose a hymn that I did not even know before, nor the tune for it. The words were however, what I felt in a most profound way. I still say the hymn in preference to singing it. It has been a constant mantra through my years at Basseterre High School (BHS) and University. I have found comfort and feel that it is one thing I can be sure the Lord will hear of me. "I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee, Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free..." Jesus has been marvelously good to me and I still say that hymn with

full assurance of His mercy towards me.

My actual call to ministry first came when I was in college in New York in 1994. I had spent about four years worshipping at an African Hebrew Israelite Temple, named Bereshite (translated meaning - Genesis or Beginning), in Mt. Vernon under the instruction of Rabbi Cohen Natanyah HaLevi and Nasi Yachain HaNasi. During this period I was taught the cultural aspects of the biblical times, Hebrew language and a Judaic perspective of both the Old and New Testaments. That congregation is a Christian congregation which functions as an early Christian church looking at the teachings and Jesus through Hebraic cultural lens. It was in this setting that I received a deeper understanding of God, Jesus and the disciples' teachings in their cultural context, which opened up the Bible to me, not only as a historical and God inspired collection of teachings and culture, but also as a complete way to live.

It was during my final year at the City College of New York, that I got the conviction to read to enter into Christian ministry. It was in college that I understood and saw the trend of God moving in my life. In asking God what He wanted of me, he answered me one day, as I was making my way to the subway walking through Morningside Park in Harlem next to the college. The whisper was that I was to become a minister, I felt wholly unworthy and unrighteous to aspire to and take on such a task. This experience however, stayed with me over the years always very vividly.

Despite doubts and fears, I resolved to serve God in whatever capacity He called me to. I knew that He would take me through whatever He brought me to. Shortly after that day, He sent one of my Jewish professors, who helped to arrange my receiving a scholarship to graduate school even after the application deadline for the graduate programme had long passed, and God put me into the direct care of a committee chair who was a Judaic Cohen.

As I have sought after God and committed my life and ways to Him, I have seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, in my life. About 2000 while I was visiting with a friend and colleague in Nevis, the pastor of his church in Brickiln, where I was staying, whom I had never met before, walked up to me after church and told me I was going to be a minister. My mind flashed back immediately to the afternoon at Morningside Park when I received the first whisper from God to enter into the ministry. I spent the next several weeks re-examining if and how I had tried to live for the Lord and felt ashamed that after all He had done for me in the intervening years, I had not followed through as I had purposed originally. I confessed and repented and set off to be more diligent and purposeful about living for God. Ultimately, about three years ago, I recommitted my life to the Lord and by the Grace of God responded to each opportunity to serve Him when I felt Jesus was leading me to do so.

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## PEC Reports



**Provincial Youth Camp (PYC) 2014**  
Eastern Caribbean Bible Camp  
Ruby House, St. Philip, Barbados  
10 to 17 July 2014

### **Theme: iLaunch: Log In, Upload, Surf, Save As, File Sent**

Exceptional young people from the six (6) Conferences across the Province, Grenada and Canada converged on the shores of beautiful Barbados for what was a powerful seven (7) days of worship, study, fellowship, challenges, fun, food, laughter and love. We were particularly blessed to have shared fellowship with three campers from Grenada and two from Canada.

The theme song was “Jesus, You’re My Firm Foundation”. Facilitators sought to give campers the tools needed to build and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ by exploring specific topics with reference to the Theme Studies such as: Hard Drive Secure, Copy and Paste, Install Updates, Antivirus, Password Protected and Update your Apps.

The Camp Director, Rev Bonnie Williams-Smith and Co-Director, Rev Esther Moore-Roberts, executed their responsibilities with distinction, leading to a very successful camp.

The foundation for the camp was laid under the leadership of the Local Supervisor, Rev Julie Joefield-Parris, along with her dynamic, dedicated and hard-working committee: Bro Stephan Harewood, Sisters Jeaneta Waithe, Crystal Worrell, and Khelia Best.

The camp was highly charged spiritually. With the move of the Holy Spirit, the Chief Counselor, the Rev Eulencine Christopher

along with her team of counselors from the various conferences, had their hands full.

A special word of thanks to Sis Krystal Baynes of Trinidad, Sis Monique Richards of the VI, Bro Chessley Williams, Bro Oneale Whattley and Bro MJ Byron who stepped up to the plate during those charged moments.

I am very grateful for the wise counsel and commitment of Sis. Kerry-Ann Doughty and Sis. Betty Bowen of the Barbados Conference, Sis Holliette Valentine, Sis Launée Richards and Bro Jamal Bright of the Antigua Conference, Bro Allon Williams of the Tobago Conference and Sis Lucy Bishop of Grenada.

Camp Pastor, the Rev Liselle Roberts, attended to the camp family and took care of the flock with due diligence, preaching, visiting of the sick and hospitalized, mentoring, counseling, or being a friend and sister.

The Music Ministry under the leadership of Sis Monique, along with her talented team of musicians was exceptional. Using the Keyboards, percussions, tumba drum, and violin they all played a vital role in the worship experiences.

The chosen generation is deeply spiritual, extremely gifted and are on fire for The Lord. Over the seven (7) days, these ninety-one (91) individuals became a loving family. They have returned to their Conferences with a resolve to impact their families, congregations and communities, and with a determination to shame the devil. We must keep them covered under the blood of Jesus.

A special word of thanks to Superintendent, the Rev Vera Waithe and The Barbados Conference for successfully hosting PYC 2014.

To God Be the Glory.

*~ Rev Eulencine Christopher*  
Provincial Director of Christian Education

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### **Hymn of the Month for August 2014**

For the month of August we continue to give attention to new hymns that are not in the current hymnal. The hymn for the month of August is **Christians hail the King of glory** which was written by Rev Roslyn Hamblin. Sis Hamblin is an ordained Moravian minister now serving in the Barbados Conference. Throughout her years of ministry, Sis Hamblin has served the



## PEC Reports (Continued)

Eastern West Indies Province in the Barbados, Antigua, Tobago and Virgin Islands Conference. She also served on the Provincial Elders' Conference as Chair of the Province.

The tune *All things Bright* has been chosen as the tune of choice for this hymn. In this hymn we are reminded of the blessings that are at our disposal once we heed God's word. There are three promises from God's word that are highlighted in this hymn. The second verse reflects the promise that is recorded in Luke 6: 38, **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."** In the third verse we are reminded of another of the promises of God's Word in Matthew 7: 7 which captures this promise: **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you"**.

The final verse follows in the same trend as the others in that it too mirrors another of the promises of God's Word. This time we are reminded of Psalm 37: 4, 5 which declares: **"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this."** Undoubtedly, the promises that are ours in God's Word are many! However, in this hymn we are encouraged to faithfully pursue God's Word and by so doing we lay hold of the promises that are ours through Jesus Christ. Below are the words for this hymn:

*Christians, hail the King of glory  
Jesus Christ your Lord!  
Now pursue the blessing daily  
Of his promised word.*

*"Give", He said, and 'twill be given  
Greater measure more;  
Those who serve the needs of others  
Will be blessed for sure.*

*Ask – the Lord has said He'll give you;  
Seek – and you'll find rest;  
Knock – the door He'll open to you:  
Enter and be blest.*

*Now your way commit unto Him;  
Trust Him to inspire.  
Those who in the Lord delighteth,  
Find their heart's desire.*

**Roslyn Hamblin**

### Memorial Moravian Church, St. Thomas, Virgin Island 130 Years of Sowing Spiritual Seeds and Reaping Untold Blessings

Many times I observed from the pulpit how people arriving after the beginning of the service stopped at the door, looked around to find a seat and when they did not find one, put their hats back on. They either listened outside or they left and went home. Others who do not belong to our Church told me: Why would I go to the Moravian Church? We won't find any place there anyway and even if we go early, we have to sit closely packed together which is unpleasant in the heat. Therefore we would rather stay at home.

These are the words of Rev Johannes Hastings who, after his call to serve the Charlotte Amalie Congregation in 1877, realized that the Town Church had long outgrown the mission room in Back Street and it was time to move. Under his watch, a new building was constructed at Norre Gade and was dedicated on May 16, 1884. 130 years later the Memorial Moravian Church gives God thanks for bringing us this far by faith.

The following is a summary of the week of celebrations hosted by the congregation.

The anniversary week was launched on Mother's Day during the Sunday morning worship on 11 May 2014. The Rev Dr Errol Connor, Vice-Chairman of the PEC, gave a timely and illustrative message on 1 Corinthians 9:8-16. He challenged the congregation to be vigilant in planting but patient in awaiting the fruit from its labour.

The Rev Dr Paul Peucker, Moravian archivist at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania presented a thorough and insightful lecture on the Monday evening. He traced the story behind the construction of the Sanctuary which enabled the attentive audience to better appreciate its architecture and aesthetics. Dr Peucker also enlightened and reminded us of the vision and the challenges of the Moravian mission in Charlotte Amalie.

The anniversary hosted an appreciation breakfast for the staff of the Moravian School, Memorial Campus on the Tuesday morning. This was well received and appreciated.

On the Tuesday evening the Leona Roberts Fellowship Hall could not fit crowds that attended our Estate Planning presentation. No one could hold back the laughter during the drama presentation of the play *"I leaving everything for my children."* Written by Pastor Winelle, the play depicted the unfortunate scenario of a senior man who informed his children that he will leave everything to them without writing a will.



## Thy Way Not Mine Oh Lord



**Pastor Erwin R. R. Warner**

### The Call

*“The revealed will of God starkly contradicts and in more ways than one, profoundly silences our individual will, as we are called to refute our human inclinations and embrace our personal ‘Clayfetedness’ in order to authentically follow Christ”*

This quote was given by Pastor Erwin Warner as he gave an account of the call of God on his life. He said that it was at Provincial Youth Camp 2004 that he embraced the Christian reality and pledged to faithfully and fervently serve the Lord from the depths of his soul. However, he identified that in his humanness, he erred by following his ‘fleshly’ desires; rejecting, rebelling and resisting the countless private and public prophetic projections and/or apostolic assertions given by God and His representatives. He abandoned his pledge and sought after the things that he desired to accomplish. He became a teacher and taught at the Greenbay Junior Secondary School and the Antigua Grammar School while being actively involved in ministry at his home church (Five Islands Moravian Church) which he felt would be enough to please God.

Following a particularly difficult period in his life, he recommitted himself to the pledge that he had made in 2004 to offer faithful and fervent service to God. Seeking more tangible proof from God that God desired to use him, he was led by the Holy Spirit to Hymn 338 “Thy way not mine Oh Lord”, which led to his conviction that God did indeed call him to full-time ministry.

### The Man

Erwin Randy Recaldo Warner, son of Colette “Sandy” Francis and Sherwin Warner, hails from the lovely island of Antigua. He grew up in the village of Five Islands and attended the Five Islands Primary School and later attended Ottos Comprehensive

Secondary School. His tertiary education began at the Antigua State College and he went on to further studies at the University of the West Indies (UWI) - Mona Campus. Having accepted the call of God to full-time ministry, he applied and with the assistance of the Moravian Church East West Indies Province, was accepted by the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) in 2010. In May of this year he became one of their most recent graduates.

### The Assignment

Pastor Erwin Warner, upon completion of his studies at UTCWI, was assigned to the St. Kitts Conference and began his assignment at the Bethesda and New Dawn congregations on 01 August 2014. He has fully embraced his role and has taken part in many activities and events in his assigned congregations.

On 10 August 2014, at a service of Holy Communion, Pastoral Installation and Welcome, held at the Bethesda Moravian Church, Pastor Warner was duly installed and welcomed by Clergy; The Governor General - Sir Edmund Lawrence; The Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs - Honourable Marcella Liburd, members; friends and well-wishers of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference. He expressed his gratitude to God for allowing him to have come this far and also expressed his willingness to allow God to lead him as he continues this new phase of the journey.

Not unlike his predecessors who have served the Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference, he is cognizant of the fact that what God desires of him will always supersede his own desires. Therefore, he submits to the understanding that *“the uncertainty of life is incomparable to the certainty of God’s presence!”* So, it is with great humility and anticipation that he began his first assignment as Erwin Warner, **Pastor** of The New Dawn and Bethesda Moravian Churches.

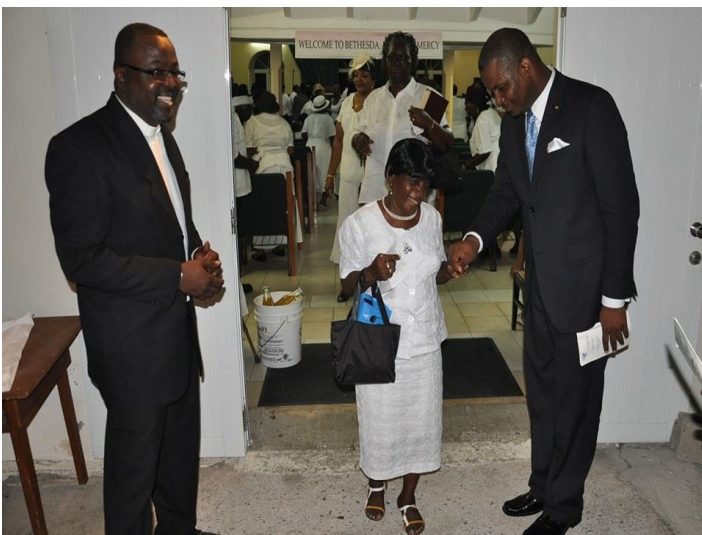
**Sis Lilette L. Lewis**



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## Thy Way Not Mine Oh Lord (cont'd)



## Condolences



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

The Huggins and Fyfield Families on the passing of:

**Sister Violet Huggins**  
(East Street, Basseierre)

To Sisters Carmen Rawlins, Kezia Rawlins, Nadia Rawlins, Helen Woods, Brother Bernard Rawlins & Family on the passing of:

**Mr Claude L Woods OBE**  
(Father, Grandfather, Bother-in-law, Father-in-law)

Families, be comforted by the following words from **Revelation 21:4**: *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

May the soul of your loved ones rest in eternal peace.

## Moravian Daily Text

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Watchword for the Week

*Give me understanding, O God, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Psalm 119:93*

### Sunday 07 September 2014

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

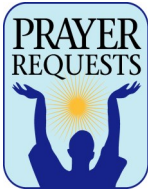
The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? **Psalm 21:1**

Jesus Says, "Do not let your Hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me". **John 14:1**

*Loving God, enter into our lives and illuminate the corners of our hearts that contain our fears and our trials. Let the warmth of your light ease our spirits and sustain us as we go about our day. Amen.*



### Special Prayer Requests



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

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

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James, and Veronica Stevens (USA). Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Desdemona Henry, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Dahlia John, Dorette Rawlins and Pearl Lewis and Brothers Ernest Christopher and Earl Brotherson (St. Kitts).

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

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



**Sisters** Connie Smith, Elaine Osborne, Nora Godwin, Winifred Phipps, Brenda Manners, Mavis Deosaw (Overseas) and Abdelita Glasford (Barbados). **Brothers** Vernon Connor and James Phipps.

### College Prayer Watch



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

#### UNITED STATES

- Sis Shanelle Sargeant
- Sis Lanelle Sargeant
- Bro Withley Williams
- Bro Zaavan Hobson
- Bro Dujon DeSuza
- Bro Glassil DeSilva
- Sis Vicky Liburd
- Sis Tonya Watts
- Sis Akila Moore
- Bro Christin Scarborough
- Sis Y’Cole Boncamper
- Bro Kyle Bradshaw

#### ST THOMAS USVI

- Sis Nadia Francis

#### TAIWAN

- Bro Lindbergh Belle

#### UNITED KINGDOM

- Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

#### CANADA

- Bro Alester Thomas

#### SINT EUSTATIUS

- Bro Mervin Hook Jr



### Celebration Corner



#### September Birthday Celebrants

6<sup>th</sup> - Sis Beulah Morris, Sis Ayanda and Sis Ayanna Matthew, 8<sup>th</sup> - Sis Louvina Maynard & Sis Sharon Huggins, 9<sup>th</sup> - Sis Oretha Charles, Bro Jermaine James, 10<sup>th</sup> - Bro Zaavan Hobson, Sis Kadajah Warner, 11<sup>th</sup> - Sis Makaila Abbott, Sis Joycelyn Clarke, 13<sup>th</sup> - Sis Yvonne Taylor-Hanley, Sis Muriel Warner-Browne, Sis Kathleen Tait, 19<sup>th</sup> - Sis Nizhoni Henry, Sis Tahmaju Welcome, Bro Juslyn Daniel, Sis Janice Wattley, 20<sup>th</sup> - Sis Karimu Byron, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sis Asha DeSuza, Sis Dahneira Sutton-Hodge & Sis Viola Stevens, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sis Eileen Mills, 24<sup>th</sup> - Sis Tiffany Paul, 25<sup>th</sup> - Sis Akilah Byron-Nisbett, Bro Antonio Laws, 28<sup>th</sup> - Sis Mercy Francis, 30<sup>th</sup> - Sis Vida Casey, Sis Greta Godwin-Williams.



#### September Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

12 <sup>th</sup> September .....	Bro & Sis Alex Duggins
15 <sup>th</sup> September .....	Bro Lloyd & Sis Cynthia Matthew
16 <sup>th</sup> September .....	Bro Calvin & Sis Veronica Martin
19 <sup>th</sup> September ....	Bro Stanley Finley & Sis Sonia Daly-Finley
22 <sup>nd</sup> September .....	Bro Osbert & Sis Caroline DeSuza
29 <sup>th</sup> September .....	Bro Alexis & Sis Akilah Nisbett





## For Your Calendar

## September 2014

**Bible Study** continues on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**. All are invited as we continue our study of Ephesians under the theme "Putting first things first".

**Youth Fellowship** continues on **Fridays at 7:00 pm**.

**Girl's Brigade** commences on **Monday 08 September 2014 at 5:00pm**

The **Zion Youth Choir** meets every **Saturday at 3:00pm**. Members are asked to take note and to be punctual.

**Shut-in Communion** will be held on **Wednesday 10 September 2014** at 9:00am.

**Patriotic Youth Sunday** - will be held on **Sunday 14 September 2014**. All Youth Advisors, Sunday School Teacher and Youths are asked to take note and wear your National Wear or colours of the National Flag.

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre from 15 to 19 September 2014**. Members are asked to note and assist wherever possible.

All men are reminded of **Men's Ministry Sunday** on **21 September 2014**.

A special offering for the **Zion Bus Ministry** will be taken on **Sunday 21 September 2014** during the morning's worship. Please give generously to this vital church ministry.

The **Women's Fellowship** will be holding its Annual Prayer Breakfast on **16 September 2014** at 7:00am. Tickets are available from members of the Women's twenty Moravian Dollars (\$20.00). You are invited to join us for a spiritual and physical, bellyful.

**Combined Ministers' Staff Retreat (Antigua & St. Kitts Conferences)** will be held in Antigua from **13 to 17 September 2014**. Please keep the Staff members and the Retreat in your prayers.

**Zion's Annual Missionary Service** will be held on **Sunday 28 September 2014**.

**Feed My Lambs Ministry (Confirmation Class)** will commence on **Monday 06 October at 4:00pm**. Parents/guardians are asked to note that there will be a meeting with the parents/guardians and candidates on **Wednesday 24 September 2014 at 5:30pm**.

**Our Annual Harvest Festival** will be held on **Sunday 26 October 2014** with **Divine Worship** at 9:30am and **Cantata** at 4:30pm

Copies of the **2014 Emancipation Concert Collector's Item DVD** are available at the church office at a cost of EC\$40. However, you are welcome to give a love offering of \$50. Persons purchasing five (5) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each.

The Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference presents: **RISE!! A Young Adult Retreat (for youth ages 17 to 25)** that is scheduled to be held in Nevis from **18 to 20 September 2014** with the **Closing Service** at the **Bethesda Moravian Church, Cayon on 21 September 2014**. Cost is \$100.00. Registration forms are available from the Church's office.

The **Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference** in collaboration with **Gems Eagles Ministry** will be hosting 'School of the Prophets II' at the **St. Kitts Marriott's Hotel** from **05 to 11 October 2014**. The cost is \$100 EC. Contact the Church's office for more information.

### Coming Soon

**The Moravian Church Chief Elder Festival** from **13 to 16 November 2014**. Registration for this Festival is **\$50.00**. More details will be given later.

**The Conference Missionary Ingathering** will be held on **Wednesday 31 December 2014**.

## PEC Reports (Cont'd)

Following the play, Attorney Karl Percell outlined the ways in which we can plan for the future.

There is no Moravian celebration without singing. Hence, on Wednesday evening our anniversary choir, led by Pastor Mikie, presented an evening of *Hymns and Stories*. The familiar hymns and songs which were shared between the choirs and congregational singing lifted the spirit of all who attended. The Sanctuary was filled with God's majesty and glory.

It was an awesome cultural display in the Fellowship Hall on the Thursday evening. Drawing from members of the congregation, we were treated with our cultural dancers, community choirs, gospel bands, poetry and other musical presentations. A display of "Sunday Best" outfits by some Memorial models brought the evening to a fitting climax.

16 May 2014 was the Anniversary Day and the highlight of the week of celebration. An Anniversary Gala honouring long-standing stalwarts was held at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel. The honorees were Bro Allen Canton, Sis Edris Brathwaithe, Sis Jutta Lewis, Sis Emelda Nicholson, and Sis. Doris Industrious. We were graced with the presence of our Chairman the Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis and his wife Sis. Pearlina Jarvis. Bro Jarvis greeted the gathering on behalf of the Province. It was an elegant and celebratory evening. A March of Witness was held on the Saturday morning from the Church to Charlotte Amalie High School. Following this, there were games and activities for the youth and children led by the Christian Education Committee.

The Anniversary Service, held on Sunday morning, 18 May 2014, was spirit-filled and joyful. The Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis used the text from 1Corinthians 3:5-9 to remind us that the Church must continue the task of sowing as there is much work left to be done. He encouraged the congregation to be careful to pass on to the next generation the skills and knowledge that has brought it this far.

The memory of the late Bro Antonio Hodge was held in the afternoon. It was a refreshing evening time as the three Steel Orchestras (Junior, Youth, and Adults) displayed their creative talents. Along with their featured performances, they played along with the Memorial Adult and Junior Handbells, the Ensemble, and the Anniversary Choir.

All in all, we can sincerely say that God has been good to the Moravian Memorial Church in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. The ever-growing congregation, especially among youth and children, continues to be a place where many come to receive from the hands of the Lord. We certainly cannot be comfortable with where we are but look forward to the great things the Lord has in store for us.



## Youth Connection



**Day One of Camp: HIV and AIDS Day**

Our Annual Summer Youth Programme, Zion Youth Fest held over a period of three weeks, under the theme **“Focused, Ready, Determined: I Dare to be Different”**, concluded on 05 August 2014. Youth Fest commenced on 13 July 2014 with the Opening Service at the Zion Moravian Church featuring the talents of our youths. This was followed by a potluck luncheon.

The next five days of Zion Youth Fest continued with Vacation Bible School under the theme **‘Focus, Ready, Determined: Love H. E. L. P. S. Others’**. The acronym **H. E. L. P. S** stands for:

**H = Heal others’ hurts**

*The Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:25-37)

**E = Encourage one another**

*King David and Mephibosheth* (2 Samuel 9:1-11)

**L = Lend a hand to others**

*Friends of the Paralyzed Man* (Mark 2:1-12)

**P = Prayer for others**

*Prayers of Faith* (James 5:13-18)

**S = Share with Others**

*The Boy with the Loaves and the Fishes* (John 6:1-13)

During the five-day programme, the children had the opportunity to respond to the message of the Gospel by asking Jesus to forgive their sin and become their personal Saviour, understand and apply Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan and His command to “love your neighbours”, comprehend that God desires for them to be a part of something much bigger than themselves – where they receive and give help and to discover how they can help others by learning from Bible stories while participating in crafts, snacks, projects and games.

During Week Two (21- 25 July 2014), Youth Fest continued with a series of activities and excursions. On 21 and 22 July 2014, youths 16 years and older were exposed to the world of work as part of the Day in the Workplace experience, while the younger ones enjoyed a day of fun at Kids’ Zone in Frigate Bay. Other activities during this week included the City of Basseterre Treasure Hunt for teens. The Treasure Hunt commenced at Zion and consisted of five teams. The teams were given the first clue and some monies which led them to a series of other clues and ultimately the prize. The objective of the treasure hunt was designed to teach team work, problem solving and the use of limited resources. Team Yellow emerged victorious and all teams joined the kids under the age of 12 at Brimstone Hill for lunch and fun. Other activities included a day at the beach; however, the planned Youth Outreach at Independence Square was postponed due to a number of logistical reasons.

Week Three of Zion Youth Fest was one week of camp. The youths look forward to camp every year as time of fellowship, spiritual teachings and fun. This year camp was held outside of Basseterre for the first time and counsellors included youths who attended this year Provincial Youth Camp in Barbados. Camp was held at the Estridge Primary School in Mansion. The Campers’ day commenced at 6:00am with exercise, shower time, devotions, breakfast, In the Word sessions, educational sessions, lunch, group activities, fun activities, dinner, vespers and lights out at 11:00pm

Monday 28 July was dubbed Zion Youth Fest AIDS Day. Everyone on camp wore red that day and the campers were involved in activities that not only educated them about HIV and AIDS but caused them to remember and pray for the many persons living and affected by this worldwide epidemic. Also on this day, campers enjoyed an afternoon of sports at the Mansion Playing Field. Day Two of camp was all about etiquette and equipping the youth with social grace and manners. After a day of etiquette lessons, the youths were given the opportunity to put into practice what they learnt by means of a banquet held at the Cayon Community Centre. The feature speaker for the evening was Pastor Donna Peets, Youth Minister of the New Birth Tabernacle. The evening was a success as the children enjoyed dressing up, socializing and taking photos and listening to Pastor Donna’s words of encouragement.

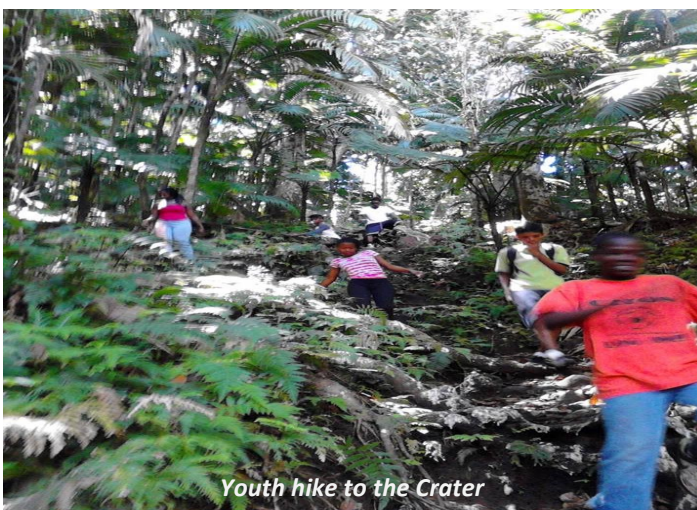
The campers were looking forward to journeying to Nevis and overnighting, enjoying the hospitality of our Nevisian brothers and sisters. This activity had to be cancelled due to the high boat fare. However, the kids got the opportunity to hike to Mount Liamuiga and spend the rest of the day at the beach. Camp closed a day early (Friday 01 August) due to an approaching tropical depression. The Camp Committee felt it was more prudent to operate on the side of safety and caution and closed camp. Nonetheless, a promise was made to the campers to make it up to them. The last night of Camp included a BBQ and Talent Night.

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## Youth Connection Continued

Youth Fest came to a close on Monday 05 August with a Beachnic and Evaluation at Carambola on the South East Peninsula.

Once again Youth Fest was a success; in spite of the glitches and some activities that had to be postponed, the youths grasped the theme and ran with it. The theme was designed to equip them to remain at the feet of God in a world with many distractions; empower them to serve their generation; encourage them to be sexually healthy; and encourage them to face and conquer life's giants. Special thanks to ALL who contributed (money, time & prayers) to making Youth Fest 2014 a success. We could not do it without YOU! Every year, this congregation and other congregations in the Province, rise to the challenge of helping to host Zion Youth Fest and this year was no different. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do to keep our youths **Focused, Ready, Determined and Different**. The Youth Fest Committee intends to personally thank all who contributed in a special way for willingly accepting to make a difference in the lives of our youths... to God be the Glory!



## Instrument of Peace

## Trust in the Lord

The summer vacation is now over and another school year is upon us. I pray for God's blessings on all of our youth as they begin their new adventures. I am sure that there would be some elements of happiness and anxiety, mixed with emotions of sadness and loneliness as they embark on this new journey. All in all, I encourage our parents and guardians to continue supporting our youth. A reassuring word, hug or smile can go a long way to encourage and motivate our young achievers.

In one of my recent readings, I found a beautiful poem which was written by Helen Steiner Rice that can also be used as a prayer. I wish to humbly ask that all parents/guardians recite this poem with their child/ward.

*Teach us to walk humbly and closer in Thy ways,  
And give us faith and courage to put purpose in our days,  
And make each one of us aware that each must do his part,  
For in the individual is where peace must have its start,  
For a better world to live in where all are safe and free  
Must start with faith and hope and love deep in the heart of  
"me".*

In closing, let us reflect on the following song Trust in the Lord.

Trust in the Lord  
In all, all of your ways acknowledge Him  
Trust in the Lord  
In all, all of your ways acknowledge Him  
You'll be my guide for life  
With Your hand in mine

**Chorus**  
*My eyes can only see  
Your dreams are greater, Your ways are higher  
The ground beneath my feet  
O Lord please show me*

Lean not on your own understanding  
He'll make your paths straight  
Lean not on your own understanding  
He'll make your paths straight  
I'll walk by Your side  
I'll go where You lead me

Trust Him and let Him lead through this new school year. Blessings!

*~Contributed by a VOZ Member*



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**Answering the Call (cont'd)**

In the interim I study my Bible, pray frequently, listen to sermons and seek after God and have received His grace and mercy. I am at the point where, whatever He asks of me, that is what I will do. Having done what we were always taught to do when I was a child, study and work hard to be a success in the world, I have come to terms with the concept that while one has to aspire to achieve, the ultimate achievement is indeed living for the Lord and trying to help win souls for His Kingdom. So when I was asked if I was interested in lay-preaching the answer was something I knew many years prior, but it will not stop there by the grace of God.

In witnessing to a young man this week, I said to Him quite boldly in a challenge to finally commit, "you have to be brave to serve the Lord, it is the ultimate challenge for men who have been out in the world, for you will have to risk everything for the Lord, friends, family and your

aspirations outside of God. Are you bold and brave enough to serve the Lord?" This question I choose to answer for myself every day, "yes, today and tomorrow, Jesus." So my answer to the call of ministry is, "yes, Lord yes"; after all He told me His plan for me years ago and I am still trusting Him.

In the love of Christ Jesus.

~ Brother Wycliffe H Morton



**~ Divine Worship & Holy Communion ~**

**Sunday 07th September 2014 (13th Sunday After Pentecost)**

**Pastor & Celebrant: Reverend Hilton J Joseph \* Worship Leader: Sis Althea Byron**

**Watchword for the Week**

*Give me understanding, O God, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Psalm 119:34*

**Order of Service**

Processional Hymn #319 ..... *A Safe Stronghold Our God is Still*  
Introit  
Call to Worship ..... *Psalm 119:33-40*  
Hymn #31 ..... *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
Song ..... *I'll Praise the Lord with All My Heart*  
Prayer of Approach  
Item of Praise ..... *Zion Senior Choir*

**Ministry of the Word**

OT Lesson ..... *Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32* ..... *Sis Michelle Greaux*  
NT Lesson ..... *Matthew 21:33-46* ..... *Sis Jacquelin Benjamin*  
**Sermon** ..... **Rev Hilton J Joseph**  
Altar Encounter  
Hymn #171 ..... *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**Worship in Singing**

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

Worship Text: "Give, and it shall be given unto you" Luke 6:38a

Pastoral Prayer & Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Song ..... *Cover up All My Sins, Let Me Start All Over*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Invitation  
Prayer  
Hymn #201 ..... *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

1st Eucharistic Prayer  
Distribution of Bread  
Hymn # 207 ..... *Now I Have Found the Ground, Wherein*  
Hymn # 209 ..... *And Can It Be*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer  
Distribution of Wine  
Hymn #213 ..... *I Love the Lord, He Lent An Ear*  
Hymn # 221 ..... *Make Me a Captive, Lord*  
Hymn #444 ..... *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Covenant Hymn # 398 ..... *O Jesus, My Lord*  
The Blessing