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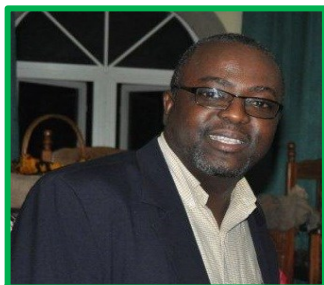
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

It seems as if the norm today in having fun, having a good time, or relaxing and cooling means throwing caution to the wind, "g'wain bad", living on the edge, "don't think just do".

Recently as I was scrolling through the popular social media Facebook, I saw a page entitled "Buddha Bar St Kitts". At first, I did not pay any attention to it but then I realized that it was becoming extremely popular and so I took a peek. I was presented with images of the Buddha god that were on the signs and logos, and the drink bottles were shaped as the Buddha god or one would say there was a variety of

paraphernalia.

It was a wow experience where I exclaimed "Is this for real?" Now I know many would say why the alarm; it's just a bar, there is nothing immoral about it, no need for concern. Yes, the reality is that bars are a part of the social and recreational ambience of our nation; they are places where persons "chill". However, I would want through this forum to say to all, "Be careful where you lime, be aware of your surroundings, be mindful of the subliminal messages and ideologies that are being evoked".



Do we know what is a Buddha and what does it mean? Yes, entertainment is necessary but we have to be aware that there are some entertainment that have been set up to lure us away from

the sacred and are numbing our sense of decency and proper living, moreso to idol worship and worshipping other gods.

This for me immediately brought to mind Exodus 20: 3-4: "No other gods, only me."

Exodus 20: 4-6 *No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because I am God, your God, and I'm a most jealous God, punishing the children for any sins their parents pass on to them to the third, and yes, even to the fourth generation of those who hate me.*

Leviticus 26:126 "Don't make idols for yourselves; don't set up an image or a sacred pillar for yourselves, and don't place a carved stone in your land that you can bow down to in worship. I am God, your God."

We are still a nation that is guided by Christian discipline and has and continues to surrender to the Sovereignty of

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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the Highest God and therefore this imposition, however innocent and packaged it appears, is a cause for concern. Clearly the Word of God says in **Deuteronomy 28**:-



other image of god in your land.

We must endeavour to realize that for every action there is a reaction and this is outlined from verse 15 of Deuteronomy 28: -

“However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:”

• *“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.*

• *All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:*

• *You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.*

• *The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.*

• *Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.*

• *You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.*

• *The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.*

• *The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.*

• You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

• Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.

• The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

• You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.



• The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.

• The Lord will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess.

• The Lord will strike you with

wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish.

• The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron.

• The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed.

• The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth.

• Your carcasses will be food for all the birds and the wild animals, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

• The Lord will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumours, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured.

• The Lord will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind.

• At midday, you will grope about like a blind person in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.

• You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and rape her. You will build a house, but you will not live in it ...

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Thou shalt not worship another god, you must not build up any





HOME GOING SERVICE OF SISTER TELCA FRANCIS



On Monday 31 July 2017, the Zion Moravian Church and the St Kitts Conference in general said farewell to one of its stalwarts, Sis Sybil Telca Francis, at a funeral service which was well attended by relatives, friends and members of the St. Kitts Moravian Conference. Two of the ministers who served at Zion during the period when Sis Telca served as organist, sent tributes which were read during the service.

In August 1980, when Lady Evelyn Arrindell (now deceased) resigned as organist, Sis Telca who was very passionate about music, willingly took up the challenge of being the church's organist, a position which she relinquished in 2012 due to illness. She served Zion in the capacity of organist for over thirty years.

It is also no secret that Sis Telca loved plants; many of her homegrown palm trees were utilized to decorate the church during the Palm Sunday services at Zion. The palms were very much in evidence in the church at her funeral service.

The Leadership and members of Zion wish to thank Sis Telca's immediate family – Benjamin Francis (husband), Regiwell Francis (son) and Khalid Francis (grandson) for supporting her over the years, while she provided this faithful service in music at the Zion Moravian Church and the St Kitts Moravian Conference.





PEC REPORTS

Bethlehem Moravians Celebrates 275th Anniversary with Lovefeast



Congregants sang hymns while sacristans fanned out among them passing out sugar cake, mugs of decaffeinated coffee and juice boxes for children as the Central Moravian Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania celebrated a very special “love feast” on Sunday 25 June 2017. The worship service of prayer, songs and food marked the 275th Anniversary — to the very day — that the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem was formally organized.

While famously true that Bethlehem was founded by a small group of Moravian missionaries led by Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf on Christmas Eve 1741, there was no formally organized congregation there for another six months.

As anniversary celebration Chairman, Dr Paul Peucker explained, there were only two buildings at the settlement in June 1742, the First House, on a bluff overlooking the Monocacy Creek at the current site of the Hotel Bethlehem, and the Gemeinhaus, which had just been completed to house new arrivals. “Months earlier, a group of people had been selected from the German and English congregations to populate Bethlehem, setting sail to Pennsylvania at the end of February,” said Peucker, the director and lead archivist of the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem and one of three anniversary speakers at the service.

Moravians from the Lehigh Valley and elsewhere came together on Sunday for a love feast marking the 275th Anniversary of the city of Bethlehem at Moravian College in Bethlehem.

“After a sea journey of three months, this first so-called sea congregation arrived in Philadelphia and walked in four days to Bethlehem, where they were welcomed by Zinzendorf on 20 June”.

Five days later, they were organized into a “pilgrim’s congregation,” to go out into the Pennsylvania wilderness and spread the gospel, and a ‘house congregation,’ to provide material support for the pilgrims’ work.

“They believed the New World was the place they would be able to realize their goal to unite the divided Christian denominations,” Peucker said. “Bethlehem was not to be the center of a new church, but it was supposed to be a hope for Christians from all denominations based on their common love of Christ.

“No one was to be left out, but everyone was to be included, also those who lived on the fringes of society: African slaves and American Indians.” The love feast was the conclusion of the city’s 275th anniversary festivities that began with Deed Day on 2 April 2016, when the original deed for the 500-acre tract of Bethlehem was displayed at the Moravian Archives.

During the anniversary year, Bethlehem has organized many events for the community. Bethlehem Area Moravians has sponsored many activities, including a colouring book that was given to all third-graders in Bethlehem as an anniversary present.

The Rt Rev M. Blair Couch, a bishop in the Moravian Church and a direct descendant of Zinzendorf, told the 300 or so congregants in attendance that the community still bears a “spiritual resemblance” to its founder.

“It’s no surprise to me that looking back over two hundred and seventy-five (275) years, this spiritual resemblance has manifested itself in the Moravian Academy and the Moravian College & Seminary, the successful oldest bookstore in America, numerous choirs both vocal and instrumental, wonderful museums, archives, historical societies, numerous mission projects,” she said. “More recently, the roots of this spiritual resemblance have, I believe, spawned other ventures, which flourish in the secular realm: Musikfest, the Banana Factory and Arts Quest, to name a few,” Couch continued: “I believe it’s those spiritual roots of Bethlehem that make for fertile soil.”

While the community continues to flourish, the Moravian Church continues to grow worldwide, according to the Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis of Antigua, the President of the Worldwide Moravian Unity.

Board. “Just over four weeks ago, we got an invitation from someone deep in the jungles of Brazil for the first time,” he said. “And so, we have started to explore because they have invited the Moravian Church to come to minister to them.”

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INDEPENDENCE 2017



"Youth, Vision, Integrity - Securing Our Nation's Prosperity"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS *September 01-30*

Friday, 01st September
Independence Fiesta - 7:00pm

Sunday, 03rd September
East Basseterre Fishnet Festival Five-a-Side
Football/Basketball/ Netball
Tournament - 6:00pm

Friday, 08th September
Re-naming Ceremony for Mental Health
Day Treatment Centre - 10am

Sunday, 10th September
Appreciation Service for Sanitation Workers
(Apostolic Faith Church)

10 K Run in St. Kitts - 4 pm

Monday, 11th September
**Beginning of School Visits by Cabinet
Ministers**

Tuesday, 12th September
National Fruit Day*

St. Kitts Music Lovers' Song Competition
(ECCB) - 7 pm

Zonal Prayer Service - 7 pm

Wednesday, 13th September
**Prime Minister's Independence Lecture
Series (ECCB) - 7 pm**

Thursday, 14th September
Health Fair in Nevis* - 10 am-4 pm

Night of Choirs (ECCB) - 7 pm

Friday, 15th September
National Sneaker Day*
Re-opening of the ICT Centre - 10 am
Nevis 10 K Run - 4 pm
Night of Drama (ECCB) - 7 pm

Saturday, 16th September
East Basseterre Fishnet Festival - J'ouvert
- 5 am

National Heroes' Day Observance - 8 am

SKNDF Flag Raising Ceremony - 8 am

Block Party-Constituency #4 (Green Tree
Housing, Old Road) - 11 am - midnight

Bethesda Moravian Church (Nyam Local
Food Fair) - 12 noon - 4 pm

Festival of Praise, St. Kitts - 6 pm

"Shades of Pink" Breast Cancer Fundraiser
at OTI - 6 pm

Sunday, 17th September
**Independence State Service
Charlestown (Methodist Church) -5 pm**

East Basseterre Fishnet Festival - Swimsuit
Competition - 8 pm

Monday, 18th September
Schools' Patriotic Programme & Treat

Fashion & Music Expo (FAME) in Nevis
-7:30 pm

East Basseterre Fishnet Festival
International Night - 8 pm

Tuesday, 19th September
Independence Day Parade - 8 am
Toast at Camp Springfield

East Basseterre Wet Fête - 12 noon

Independence Cocktail Reception - 7pm

Friday, 22nd September
Cook-off and Food Fair - 10am

**National Archives & National Trust
Reading: "Basseterre Burning 1867"
- 7 pm**

Saturday 23rd September
East Basseterre Fishnet Festival - Parade of
Troupes - 12 noon

SKB 70's Musical Reunion - 7 pm

Sunday, 24th September
Youth Drills Competition - Bay Front - 5pm

**IndePRIDE Flag Fest "For Youth by Youth"
Concert - Frigate Bay Greens - 6 pm**

Thursday, 28th September
**Night of Elocution (Calvary Baptist
Tabernacle, Sandy Point) - 7 pm**

Friday, 29th September
Adult Drills Competition - 5 pm

"A Taste of Africa" Mini Festival
7pm - 10 pm

Saturday, 30th September
Brimstone Hill Run for the Fit &
Fearless - 7 am

Night of Dance (ECCB) - 7 pm



*= Caribbean Wellness Week event (September 9-15, 2017)

Official Independence Activities are in **BOLD**.





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 Rahmona Casey, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas and Beverly James; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Basil Byron 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, Eileen Robinson and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor, Basil Byron, St. Clair Byron and James Phipps.



CELEBRATION CORNER



September Birthday Celebrants

6th - Sis Beulah Morris, Sis Ayanda and Sis Ayanna Matthew; 8th - Sis Louvina Maynard & Sis Sharon Huggins; 9th - Sis Oretha Charles, Bro Jermaine James; 10th - Bro Zaavan Hobson, Sis Kadajah Warner; 11th - Sis Makaila Abbott & Sis Joycelyn Clarke; 13th - Sis Yvonne Taylor-Hanley, Sis Muriel Warner-Browne, Sis Kathleen Tait; 16th - Sis Janice Wattlely, 19th - Sis Nizhoni Henry, Sis Tahmaju Welcome, Bro Juslyn Daniel; 20th - Sis Kimaru Byron, 22nd - Sis Asha DeSuza, Sis Dahneira Sutton-Hodge & Sis Viola Stevens; 23rd - Sis Eileen Mills; 24th - Sis Tiffany Paul (Trinidad), 25th - Sis Akilah Byron-Nisbett, Bro Antonio Laws; 28th - Sis Mercy Francis; 30th - Sis Vida Casey, Sis Greta Godwin-Williams



September Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

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

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
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tarhia Slack

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





EMANCIPATION WEEKEND AT ZION



Sis Binta all dressed in her African Moravian Apparel

The Emancipation weekend came off in style. The Folklore venture, a first-time effort, held on 05 August, went surprisingly well. Although there was not a large crowd in attendance at any given time, the music heard over a vast area, attracted folks from a good distance away. Many persons trickled in, purchased food and other delicacies, and at some point, enjoyed the masquerades as they performed their indigenous dances.

The exhibition labeled, 'A Blast from the Past', was also an 'attention getter', as the attendees were given a chance to see how the generations before this one lived; there were displays of Local and African artifacts – Africa being the Mother Land.

The Sunday morning service of 6 August, featured a son of the soil, the Reverend Dr Errol Connor, who was especially invited for the occasion and whose message was in keeping with the weekend's theme, 'Proud to be Moravian'. The Rev Dr Connor is the pastor of the Nisky Moravian Church in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

Sunday evening's exercise, the Emancipation concert, had a life of its own. This annual event has been held over the past sixteen years. However, this year 2017, being the 240th year since Moravians landed in St Kitts, the programme included several narrations of how Moravians settled in various areas on St Kitts.

The concert was scheduled to start at 6.00pm, an hour earlier than in prior years, and maybe that did the trick, because the attendance was much greater than in previous years. By 5.30pm the church started filling up; the idea was to start and end early, so that attendees could spend a great evening out and still get home in time to enjoy their favourite television shows or enjoy any other activity of their choice.

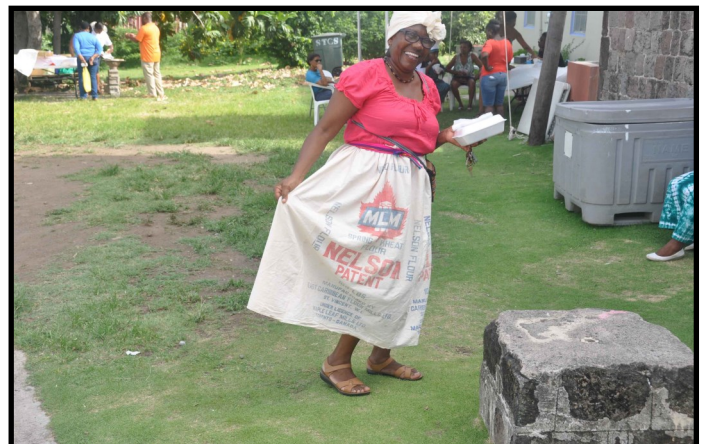
It was a well-planned programme, consisting of singing (mostly negro spirituals), liturgical dancing, drumming, acting; there was a little of everything. Who was it who sang the song entitled 'save the best for last', was it Vanessa Williams? Well that's exactly what happened; Sis Sandra Morton from the Bethesda congregation set the pace with her presentation for Sis Belinda Bart from the New Dawn congregation, to step into the 'grand finale'. This item had everyone on their feet singing, dancing and having a real good time.

Another year, another Emancipation, the Moravians have done it again. Let us give God thanks for our Pastor and congregation, who together make it possible each year to stage such a Concert; remembering our past, as we prepare ourselves for the future.

Let us give God thanks for the hard of the committees over the years who make it possible each year to stage this event.



A typical house of an era gone by



Sis Emma in market wear



EMANCIPATION WEEKEND AT ZION



Cassava cakes done the old way by Sis Anne Chumney



The finished product



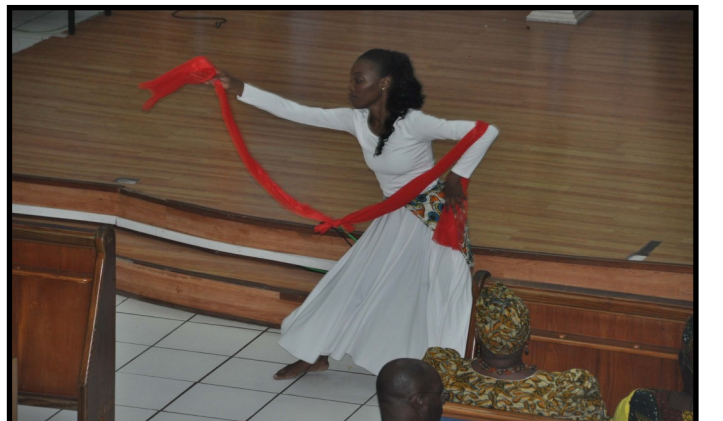
Utensils of the past



Moravians we be—Srs adorned in Moravian fabric apparels



Drummers at the Emancipation Concert



Item in Dance—Sis Latoya Somersall





FOR YOUR CALENDAR ~ SEPTEMBER 2017

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on Tuesday 12 September 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** were responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of September. The dates will be given the Sunday morning notices. Members were asked to assist wherever possible.

Church Ministries

Confirmation Class resumes Monday 11 September at 4:00pm.

Oasis Moment resumes on Wednesday 13 September 12:00 noon

Youth Fellowship resumes Friday 15 September at 7:00pm.

Bible Study resumes on Tuesday 26 September at 7:00pm

Back to School Sunday

Sunday 10 September will be Back-to-School Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. All Students are invited to wear their uniforms to Church. Adults are encouraged to wear the uniform of their alma mater. This is an initiative to encourage students, teachers and parents.

Mission Festival 2017 Update

The Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference came into being because of the burning passion of the early missionaries to share the good news of the gospel in the West Indies.

Through the missionaries, the slaves were educated and the early church continued the education process, helping to transform the minds of a people. The mission of the early church was a collective approach. Many speak of their early education process being in the Moravian Church.

Today, the Moravian Church continues its missionary walk throughout the world. Although times have changed, we are mindful of the command from our Lord to go into the world and share the gospel.

We can see our Missionary thirst today as one to build the people of God. Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 4:11-13 that the gifts were given to the church to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. The emphasis is to build up the people so that they can function in their capacity in the earth to advance the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, the funds we collect as a congregation will affect the educational and humanitarian needs of persons in the Federation and across the world. The leadership has set a target of **\$35,000.00**. At the end of our Missionary Festival, scheduled for 26 November 2017, the funds will be disbursed as follows:

- Zion Moravian Scholarship Fund - \$5,000.00
- Zion Dorcas Ministry - \$6,000.00
- Provincial & Conference Projects - \$9,450.00
- New Dawn Moravian Church Building Fund - \$3,637.50
- Grenada Mission - \$3,637.50
- Tortola Mission - \$3,637.50
- Trinidad Moravian: Memorial Moravian - \$3,637.50

We can do it Zion. Let us give generously. We can affect change through our giving.

Harvest Festival

Coming Soon - Harvest Festival 22 October 2017.

Conference Christian Education Department

Please note the following notices from the **Moravian Church Conference Christian Education Department**:-

Sunday School Teacher's Conference

The Annual Sunday School Teachers' Conference will be held during the period **07 to 10 September** under the theme: ***Our partnership: Encouraging Christian fellowship and living out covenantal relationship.*** Activities are as follows:-

- 07 & 08 – Personal Development session
- 09 – Sunday School Teachers' trip to Nevis
- 10 – Sunday School Teachers' Appreciation Service & Cocktail at the Bethesda Moravian Church.

All are invited!

Youth Mission Festival

Youth Mission Festival during the period **22 to 24 September 2017**, under the theme: **YES!!!!**

Activities are as follows:-

- 22 September - Youth Empowered to Stand at **Zion Moravian at 7:15 pm**. Youth aged **12 to 19 years** will be engaged in a Bible Study competition on Mark 5 and Luke 7:1-17, 36-50 (NRSV). Two representatives per congregation (**11 years and older**) will present a monologue on an assigned or designated disciple of Jesus.
- 23 September - Youth Engaging Seniors...Variety Concert at Estridge Moravian at 5:00 pm.
- 24 September - Youth Encouraged to Serve. Youths will be encouraged to take an active part in the morning service. 4:30 pm – Youth Evangelistic Service. Youth will be going out to serve by sharing the good news with the shut-in members of the Bethel community.

Shirts will be on sale at **ECD 35.00**.

VBS Package for 2018

A call is being echoed across the Conference to persons who are into creative writing and planning to be a part of an initiative to develop a local **VBS package for 2018**. Interested persons are kindly asked to speak to their pastor by **27 August 2017**.

Spirit Camp 2018

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

Youth Convention

The Conference Youth Convention will be held over the period 10 to 13 November 2017 under the theme: **The Process**. The cost will be **XCD 135.00** or **USD 55.00**. Further details will be provided subsequently.





YOUTH CONNECTION - PORTRAITS OF VBS





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Greetings my Family!



Happy Independence in advance!



The **2017 Independence Theme is: “Youth, Vision, Integrity: Securing our Nation’s Prosperity”**. We pray that God would continue to guide our Federation's leaders as they ensure that our country is managed properly through these challenging economic times. It is also our prayer that our Youth throughout this land would have an awakening about God's love and His mighty power to fight all forms of social confusion; gang violence, criminal activities, social media/physical bullying etc.

Let this be our prayer:

Heavenly Father and Father of all nations, bless and keep our beautiful paradise under Your watch. Lord God, we humbly ask for Your protection on all of our citizens and visitors alike. Keep us safe from harm, natural disasters and social injustices. Bless our Youth in a special way--show them that a life doing good and positive things will always be better than a life of anger, violence and other criminal activity. Father God, be a shining light for them to follow in their daily lives. O God, help their visions to become clearer, so that they may be able to work towards their respective lifelong goals. As they progress through the various educational levels, let them develop into outstanding role models for the younger generation.

We pray for our Government officials and their support staff. Bless them with knowledge and skills, thereby enabling them to make informed decisions to advance our country's economic agenda. Open new avenues of income-generating projects for our country. We look forward for new investors to come to our shores. Let us stand united as we move forward to make our Federation more prosperous socially and financially.

- Lord, where there is hatred, let us promote love.*
- Lord, where there is chaos, let us promote peace.*
- Lord, where there is confusion, let us promote unity.*
- Lord, where there are misguided thoughts, let us promote clarity.*
- Lord, where there is violence, let us promote God's love for each other.*

Son of God, continue to be our beacon in this dark world of chaos. We pray that our nation would continue to make great strides. As men and women rise up and take on new challenges, we ask for Your blessings and guidance. All of these things we present to you and ask for Your understanding, faithfulness and mercy. Amen.

This month's featured song is: **This Is My Song**. The tune was composed by Jean Sibelius and is also known as the Finlandia

Hymn. Other hymns which are commonly sung to this tune are: Be Still, My Soul, I Sought The Lord, We Rest on Thee, A Christian Home and I Then Shall Live. Be blessed!

- 1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*
- 2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*
- 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee, let thy will be done.*

**Text: vv. 1-2 Lloyd Stone (1912-1993), v.3
Georgia Harkness (1939)**

Tune: FINLANDIA 11 10. 11 10. 11 10, by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

~Contributed by a VOZ Member



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

Sis Tessa Isaac, Bro Tracy Thompson, Sis Irma Bailey, Sis Orita Bailey, Bro Russell Williams and the Thompson Family on the passing of:

Bro Arthur Thompson
(Father, Brother, Uncle)

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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The Moravians also have growing mission areas in Haiti, French Guyana, Peru, Belize and the African countries of Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and Burundi, Jarvis said.

“The church must continue to be a refuge for the sick, the suffering, the dispossessed, the homeless, the lost and those who feel helpless and hopeless,” he said. “The Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches are challenged to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. You must be the churches that impact the community for good.”

The ideals held up by the original Bethlehem Moravian community are “countercultural, as much so today as back then in 1742,” Peucker said.

“In a world of individual colonists pursuing individual goals and competing with one another to succeed, this Moravian family of love stood out as a model of compassion,” he said.

“The expectations were high on this date two hundred and seventy-five (275) years ago, and the Moravians realized this. Every year since then, the Moravians have looked back and reflected on their origins, considered their shortcomings, and reaffirmed that continued pursuit of a better future, a world of compassion for one another.”



Sunday 03rd September 2017 (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

Pastor & Celebrant: Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph

Worship Leader: Sis Delyth Christmas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me”.

Mathew 16:24



Call to Worship

Prayer Service

Blessing of School Bags

Worship in Giving

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

Prayer of Dedication

Birthdays & Anniversary & Notices

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Preparation # 211 *Just As I Am*

The Invitation

The Sharing of Peace #597 *We Are One In The Spirit*

Words of Consecration for Bread

Hymn # 575 *Jesus Make My Heart Rejoice*

Hymn # 578 *According to They Given Word*

Hymn # 580 *My Heart Is Resting O My God*

Words of Consecration for Wine

Hymn # 228 *I Was Sinking Deep In Sin*

Hymn # 259 *Oh What A Wonderful Day*

Hymn # 191 *I Have Found A Friend*

Covenant Hymn *The Lord's Prayer*

The Blessing

