



Reports to the Board | September 2019

Aging Well Team

Leadership & Members

Joy Cole, Unity, *Co-convener*

Pam Prevatte, New Hope, *Co-convener*

Meredith Cohoon, First Greensboro, *member*

Becky Cook, Clemmons, *member*

Caroline Council, First Greensboro, *member*

Marsha Grubbs, Hopewell, *member*

Julia Horton, Friedland, *member*

Margie Lamb, Fries Memorial, *member*

Gayle Spach, Hopewell, *member*

Kathy Sparks, Macedonia, *member*

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings

We meet the first Tuesday of the month as needed, which is usually 4-5 times/year and usually in the Conference Room in Cedarhurst. In 2019 we met in January, May, August and will meet again after the Fall Rally in October. We had a luncheon meeting in August, which was a first for our team and one which we found most enjoyable. It was good socialization and very helpful in getting to know each other better.

Group Purpose/Mission

To help congregations recognize the need for and then find meaningful ways of providing programming and resources for their members who are older adults, as they age and deal with a variety of challenges.

Goals & Activities

- Annual Aging Well Conference -- Spring
- Annual Fall AW Rally – October
- Congregational Liaisons for communication
- Supporting ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents)
- Support new team for a Tour de Putz in December
- Liaison Appreciation Luncheon was cancelled d/t lack of response

Goals Not Yet Met

- Effectiveness of congregational Liaisons
- Team member Meredith is working on an Aging Well Facebook page which is about ready to be introduced to our Southern Province mailing lists.

Up Next

- The Team feels that all our time and energy is well spent in planning and effectively coordinating the **annual** Aging Well Spring Conference and Aging Well Fall Rally.
- Several members of the Team will be on the Tour de Putz Team

- Pam & Joy will be meeting with several new Adm. Assistants in September to introduce them to the Aging Well events and publications
- Pam & Joy will continue to work individually with the Liaisons or congregations who are not communicating the information we send them.

Recommendation(s)

The one need we have is for more timely flyers and registration forms to go out earlier so they can be included in newsletters before our events.

Respectfully Submitted, Joy Cole, Co-Convener

Creative Arts Ministry Working Group

Leadership and Members:

Nola Knouse

Jeannie May

Beth Hayes, Staff

David Holston

June Edwards

Tripp May

Joyce Carter

Date, Time and Location of Meetings

Planning team met early in 2018 to lay some groundwork plans for the Moravian Fair and *Irene* musical production. The meetings were generally held in the Archives once every 6 weeks.

Group Purpose/Mission

To create a day of creative activity including a ministry fair to be followed by the production of *Irene* musical to introduce what creative drama could do for ministry in the province.

Goals and Activities

- To plan and implement plans for the production of the musical *Irene* to be held at Advent Moravian Church
- To raise money to make this creative venture possible.
- To host a ministry fair prior to the production to give people opportunities to see various agencies and what work is being done.

Goals Not Met

- We failed to raise money for this event leaving it to the BCM, Sunnyside, and Music Foundation to fund.
- We did not have a ministry fair prior to the event due partially to the weather complications around the time of the production.
- Due to weather complications, the production of the play was cancelled. We were fortunate to have a church, Trinity Moravian, to step up and let us host the performance the next week-end. We had 2 performances to sold out crowds. The ministry with the kids that came from the many hours of rehearsal was tremendous. They were committed and showed up for many rehearsals. The communication regarding the cancellation and then rescheduling was less than desirable.

Next Steps

Several creative arts events were part of the 2019 Children's Festival such as interactive storytelling with original stories, a session of bible sharing using yoga, an original song written and performed at the festival, creative drama to tell the story. These ventures met with much interest and success. We envision more emphasis on creative arts at future children's events.

Recommendations

- This group is exploring their future. We recognize the value and the need to incorporate the creative arts into ministry efforts, both at the provincial and local congregation level. We are aware to do these things, especially on the scale of the production of *Irene*, it takes funding.
- One of the dreams of many working on various aspects of this would be to have some kind of creative arts provincial VBS or camp. Again for this to happen, it would take funding. Much can be said for ministry that comes through using creative arts.

Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center

Leadership Team

Linda Seippel, Laurel Ridge Board Member
Member of Calvary Moravian Church
Represents BCM on Laurel Ridge Board

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings/Ministry

The Laurel Ridge Board meets every other month on the last Monday of the month. We meet at different churches. Members are requested to be present at these meetings.

Group Purpose/Mission

The Laurel Ridge Board is board made up of different individuals with different gifts. These individuals have a love of Laurel Ridge and offer their individual gifts and talents to oversee the maintenance of the camp; the financial needs of the camp; the development of programs that are offered, including summer camp programs; to support the staff, and to do what is necessary to continue being a mountain place set apart for forming disciples of Jesus Christ who live and learn in community to serve in the world.

Goals & Activities

- Capital Campaign (still in discussion)
- Strategic Planning
- Seminary in the South (happening this winter)
- Winter Journey
- Christmas on the Mountain including local schools who will visit the camp for a Candle Tea day before Christmas on the Mountain begins. (Outreach)

Goals Not Yet Met

- Still would like for Higgins to be used more during the week.

Informal Recommendation(s)

- Need a marketing expert to help get the word out about this wonderful mountain retreat.
- It would be helpful to have more volunteers willing to help with maintenance. Laurel Ridge offers great mission opportunities for us that would like to give back to a mountain that has meant so much to us, our children and grandchildren and continues to provide a ministry that is beyond compare.
- We are in need of counselors and pastors willing to share of their time with young people.
- I (Linda) served on the Program Committee and it seems as though families enjoy playing together. Fishing, canoeing, hiking, or just sitting down and taking a breather from the stresses of the world. Moravians should also be encouraged to use their mountain retreat.

Environmental Stewardship Task Force

Leadership: Greg Keener, Convener

Goals & Activities:

- The reality is we've not had much traction over the years. Some interest, no opposition as it where, but my personal belief is there are just other priorities for lots of folks--which is completely understandable.
- We put our focus on Eco Mission Camp and Eco Mission Weekend over the past few years, both of those have died down and failed to attract enough kids to be viable this past year.
- Our core group has been pulled in lots of directions, me included, and we are kind of at a stand-still at this point.

This sounds possibly more pessimistic than I intend. It may be as simple as finding new folks to get excited about this. I took this mantle from Rick about 7 years ago.

ACAP Winston-Salem

Leadership: Pam Prevatte, Liaison from Aging Well Team to ACAP Steering Committee

Group Purpose/Mission

ACAP Winston-Salem has begun offering free, ongoing, monthly educational programs for adult-children caring for aging parents, other informal and professional caregivers, and all who are interested in learning more about aging and family caregiving. The programs are offered the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7:00 pm, at Knollwood Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, Building B, 330 Knollwood Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. (BCM brought the initial planning team together and provides limited financial support as a core sponsor.) <http://acapwinston-salem.org/>

Goals & Activities

ACAP Winston-Salem continues to grow in numbers having new people attend each month and, the chapter continues to provide valuable information and resources to caregivers.

Children and Family Working Group

Leadership and Members

- Paula Hall, convener
- Tammy Bass
- Peggy Dodson
- June Edwards
- Heidi Everhart
- Julie Guffey
- Phyllis Weatherly-Rosner
- Jami Vandock
- Beth Hayes, Staff

Date, time and Location of Meetings: Meet quarterly in Resource Center; during Children's Festival time, meet monthly when convened

Mission

To celebrate and encourage children and youth in the life of our church and support faith communities as we fulfill the promise of baptism for our Moravian families

Goals and Activities

- Work on the ongoing piece of the Loving Hearts United weekly email devotion
- Re-release of Moravian Stars and Milestones
- Coordinate children's festival and lovefeast each year
- Post articles on Roots and Wings website to help families

Goals Not Yet Met

- Significance of trend toward intergenerational activities in churches

Next Steps

- Encourage congregations to use Moravian Milestones and Stars, perhaps highlighting how some of the congregations have done this.
- Intergenerational faith formation
- Convene team to work on children's festival and lovefeast for 2020 to be held in Old Salem and highlighting St. Philips founding

Formal Motion

The Children and Family Working Group moves that the Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries recognize and fund the Moravian Children's Festival and Lovefeast as an annual event, hosted by congregations in order of their founding, with planning assistance provided by the Children and Family Working Group and their designated RCC.

Supporting Information

In 2019 the festival attracted approximately 250 people from families of 28 congregations in the Southern Province, including groups from Raleigh and First Moravian Georgia. This is the sixth year with similar results every year. This recommendation comes to make this an ongoing event. Since its beginning, it has been a successful and meaningful event for many Moravian families. Looking to

the future after 2020, the recommendation is that the Board of Cooperative Ministries communicate with host church that it is their year to host the event. The order of churches is as follows:

2021	New Philadelphia
2022	Olivet
2023	Mount Bethel
2024	Macedonia
2025	Kernersville

This will formalize that it is an annual event. The BCM will initiate convening the first meeting of the planning team which would include at least two representatives of the host church, the RCC representative, a representative from the host church for the next year, and the Children and Family Working Group. The publicity and funding of this event resides with the BCM.

Moravian Resource Team for Brain and Mental Health

Leadership & Members

Co-conveners: Sue Bennett, Peggy Dodson, Judy Johnson

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings

2019 Meetings: April 24, June 25, July 23, August 23; next meeting – September 22 (Local mental health professional is meeting with team.)

Group Purpose/Mission

To offer education and resources for Moravian congregations and their pastors on brain and mental health, working toward issues and needs being addressed openly and comfortably

Goals & Activities

- Focus on reconvening and reorganizing the former Mental Health Team
- Progress on clarifying mission, creating mission statement, creating logo
- Researching and establishing contact with community resources
- Creating list of local, national and web-based resources
- Compiling information for a survey of pastors and DCE's
- Securing date in early 2020 to present to Moravian Ministers Association

Goals Not Yet Met

- Completion of list of print and web resources
- Plans for on-going activities/workshops, including Mental Health First Aid course
- Establish personal contact with additional local mental health agencies

Up Next

- Support of Trauma Education event already scheduled for October 30
- Secure the tentative date for a presentation to MMA

Success will translate into acceptance of need for resources, participation in activities and events and affirmation of working group as a resource.

Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry

Leadership Team

Margie Lamb, Fries Memorial Moravian, Chair; Rodney Stilwell, Senior Chaplain, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry (FJPM), Jone Reid, FJPM Church and Community Relations Coordinator Jeff Carter, FJPM Moravian Chaplain; Lisa Kirkman, Clemmons; Mark Hampton, Grace; Robert Wolfe, Grace; John Dewees, Home Moravian; Bill McElveen, St. Phillips; Betsy Hine, Home; Ted Leinbach, Home; Christina Smith, Friedberg. We also receive professional assistance from Heather Stevenson at BCM with our deposits and spreadsheet and from Robyn Glance, CFO of MCSP.

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings/Ministry: We meet the third Monday of each month (December and January which may change to a different date) in the library at Fries Memorial.

Group Purpose/Mission

Our mission is to raise awareness of the redemptive, restorative, and reconciliatory work being done in our jail and prison because we have the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry there, and our purpose is to continue the financial and prayer support of the position of a full time Moravian Chaplain at the FJPM. God is doing great things in the lives of men and women in the jail and prison here and it is only because of God's blessings that any of this work occurs.

Goals & Activities

- We introduced our new Chaplain, Jeff Carter, serving under call to specialized ministry to the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry
- Friedberg Moravian musicians held a wonderful No Talent Talent Show to raise funds for the Chaplain's package, successfully.
- We had a successful fundraising dinner at Clemmons Moravian,
- We had a great gala event with Raku pottery firing in September at the Hampton House Gallery.
- We publish newsletters, mailing them to an increasing number of Friends, as well as postcards
- We talk to anyone who shows any interest in the wonderful things that are happening at the prison and jail because we have a Moravian Chaplain there.
- We have requested and received approval from the PEC for Prayer Day for Prison Ministry on the third Sunday of October. The Steering Committee of Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry can supply congregations with a liturgy for use on this Sunday. A Prayer for Ministry among the Imprisoned was written by Rev. William McElveen and approved by the committee for use in raising awareness.
- This year, for the first time, we have a healthy reserve fund, to insure we can pay our Chaplain for a year.

Goals Not Yet Met

- Sustainability in funding this position (this may never happen)
- We have not reached the level of awareness in MCSP that we hope for, but we continue trusting in God's good time.

Up Next

- We recently recruited a former MCSP CFO to assist in setting financial goals

- As we did when we set out in 2012, we will be seeking invitations to congregations to present our story of how God blesses our churches and our incarcerated neighbors with this opportunity to work together.

Informal Recommendation

When this group first started, I was daunted, but hopeful, that we would raise the Chaplain's package for one year. It was with a lot, and I mean a lot, of help, especially from the Executive Director and Admin Assistant of the BCM that we did. It became apparent that this was an opportunity for grassroots, up to your elbow involvement in ministry to people we could touch, hear, sit beside of and encourage. I would like to see this method of ministry developed by the Reverends Phillips and Hedgeley grow and spread over our state and our nation, because lives and souls are being saved and men are returning to their homes and communities with a strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

College/Young Adult Ministry

Leadership

Chaz Snider, Amanda Moody Schumpert, Cat Long, Justin Rabbach, Zach Routh. Victoria Lasley, Hanna Jackson, Staff.

Goals & Ongoing Activities

- *Program development of mentoring program for college age Moravians
- *Congregational toolkit development and support
- *Ongoing research re: millennials & generation Z
- Event coordination/Database development
- *Satellite college ministry program development
- Development of "Garden Club" peer support groups
- Ongoing efforts to organize Bible or book studies on a short-term basis

Up Next

Victoria is working a short-term contract for BCM to develop several college ministry initiatives*.