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MUSINGS FROM THE MISSION SOCIETY— 2019 MISSION AWARENESS DINNER



On Sunday, June 2, 2019, the Mission Society Board sponsored the annual Mission Awareness Dinner at Hope Moravian Church. Pastor David Merritt and a group of willing workers from Hope Moravian helped Society Board Members cook and serve an authentic Cuban feast for the souls and bodies of approximately 120 folks who were present to enjoy the meal.

The evening was spent being inspired by Brother Joe Jarvis of the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation with his report of the most recent trip to Cuba. The work that is going on in our sister churches in Cuba is moving rapidly to help our brothers and sisters in those communities become more self-sustaining as they spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ministry with and to children in those churches is just exploding with kids and their families being led to the Lord.

As an additional treat for the evening, the Rt. Rev. Armand Rusindo, the first native-born Cuban Bishop of the Moravian Church was able to travel from Cuba to be with us! Bishop Rusindo further inspired us by sharing some of the Cuban church's struggles, as well as the exciting and growing ministry in which they are engaged.

Marcia Philips, Armando Rusindo

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2019 MISSION AWARENESS DINNER



We closed the evening by commissioning the various mission teams from the Southern Province. Bishop Gray invited Bishop Rusindo to pray for our teams' successful missions. Bishop Rusindo prayed in Spanish, and even though many of us were unable to understand his language, we know and trust that God heard all our prayers for the extended mission and ministry of brothers and sisters in the Southern Province.

After the commissioning, Bishop Sam Gray and Bishop Rusindo taught us to sing some of our more familiar hymns in Spanish as well as other languages spoken throughout our Unity.

Bishop Graham Rights led us in the Benediction. Folks departed having been fed both physically and spiritually.

(Save the date on your church's calendar for the next Mission Awareness Dinner—June 7, 2020!!!)

By the Rt. Rev. Cindy W. Campbell



Teams from Clemmons and Unity Moravian Churches worked on the roof at the Moravian House in Lumberton on June 28.

Progress is being made!

Rev. Barry Foster

LUMBERTON HOUSE BUILD PROGRESSING

The Yadkin View Regional Conference of Churches (RCC) teamed up with the United Methodist Church and adopted a house in Lumberton, NC for a rebuild of a home for a gentleman who lost his home as a result of Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. The RCC sees this project as a wonderful opportunity to use our skills, meet and work with people from other congregations, and offer support and service to this gentleman.



church members from New Philadelphia and the framing for the home began.

On Saturday, a team from Clemmons Moravian brought chain saws. Large trees had been cut on the property and just left. The team went to the work site and cut up the trees for the homeowner.



volunteers are some of the skilled workers needed. Other jobs are getting supplies from Lowe's or the warehouse, running errands, picking up lunches for the volunteers, tossing cold water bottles to the workers, picking up trash, painters, and cutting trees.

By Susan Parker (Macedonia)

Our RCC churches are: *Clemmons, New Philadelphia, Macedonia, New Hope, and Unity*. On June 12th, Pastor Chris Thore of Clemmons drove the Moravian Disaster Relief Trailer to Lumberton where he was met by a team of volunteers from Macedonia led by Pastor Zach Dease. With the foundation already poured and the floor joists in place, the Macedonia team installed the subflooring. The Macedonia team spent the night at Chestnut Street Methodist Church which provides temporary housing for volunteers. The next day Macedonia was joined by two



Teams from Macedonia and Clemmons were able to complete the framing the following week. With the framing now complete, the roof trusses are scheduled to be placed on June 28 with the help of volunteers from Clemmons. Our goal is to have the house under roof by mid July with additional teams going to complete the house.

You might ask how can I help? Many jobs and hands are needed. Carpenters, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SUPPORTS CUBA MORAVIANS



Update on the water system in Santayana, Camaguey. Two holding tanks have been installed over the past couple days to bring this project to completion. Everyone is so excited that they will soon be providing clean, drinkable water to a town of some 3,000 people. As Barbara Gonzalas Escalona (the pastor's daughter) stated "thanks be to God, no more dirty water." Thanks to our donors for making this dream become a reality. Also, many thanks to United Servants Abroad for their help with the system.

On another note: Over this past weekend some 450 women from all over the Moravian world participated in the annual Moravian Women's Conference here in Winston-Salem. At the

closing lovefeast on Saturday evening, a love offering was taken up "in support of women's work in the Moravian Church in Cuba".

HOW WONDERFULL!! ARMF has been entrusted to administer this fund and distribute to the women of the Moravian Church in Cuba as needed. I am sure that many projects in Cuba will benefit from this amazing gift. Thanks to all.

We are closing in on the matching gift of 10,000.00 but still need your help. So remember that each dollar you give will be worth two. We hope that you will help us obtain this goal to support our brothers and sister in Cuba. If you would like to contribute to the women's fund please earmark.

Make checks to ARMF, 2121 Harper Rd., Clemmons NC 27012. Again, many thanks to you for your prayers and gifts.

GOD IS WORKING IN CUBA !!!!!



By Joe Jarvis

Moravian Women's Conference

2019 MORAVIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

June 2019 marked the 13th Moravian Women's Conference and the 48th year since the first conference. Certainly, conferences are a tradition but more importantly, they are a movement! Sisters form vibrant relationships that connect them and ministries across churches, provinces, and the world. Sisters were inspired as individuals to know and to live God's plan for them. Sisters departed the conferences equipped for Living the Essentials.

The 2019 conference theme was "Unleash Your Power!" based on Ephesians 3:20, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." The conference committee prayerfully sought guidance for a theme that speaks to the potential and strength of Moravian women in 2019. The Ephesians passage almost leapt onto the table after a day and a half of discernment. Past conference attendees experienced great Joy on the Mountain in 2007, bravely committed to Stepping Out of the Boat in 2011 and learned what it means to Walk in the Light in 2015.

Our Keynote Speakers were:

- * Sarah Bessey—from British Columbia, Canada, author of "Jesus Feminist" and other encouraging books.
- * The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward—retired from Moravian Theological Seminary, author, and Bishop of the Worldwide Unity.
- * The Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons—Ex. Dir. of Tricklebee Café, artist, ordained Moravian minister.
- * The Rev. Dr. Heather Hartung Vacek—Vice President and Dean of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, author of "Madness: American Protestant Responses to Mental Illness," ordained Moravian minister.
- * Dena Grillo Fortuzi—born in Tirana, Albania, church leader in the Moravian Church, Albania, published 5 books of poetry and short prose.



In 2019, we discovered together how to seek and know God's plans for each of us, how to be his face in the world today; and how to unleash our power by accessing his power at work within us. The 2019 Moravian Women's Conference was held at the Embassy Suites Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem, N.C. The vibrancy of downtown Winston-Salem and the city's Moravian legacy provide an ideal setting for a dynamic conference for Moravian women.

Over 430 women from throughout The Unity attended the conference with 95 sisters outside the North American provinces joining their sisters for this 13th conference. On Saturday evening at the closing lovefeast at Home Moravian Church, an offering was received in support of women's work in Cuba. The funds will be administered by the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation.

By Peggy Dodson, Chair
of the 2019 Moravian
Women's Conference.





We're Moving!

**CWD COMMUNITY FIRST CENTER
NEW LOCATION! 657 W. 5TH STREET**

633 W. 4th St. Location Closing Week of June 24

**Starting July 16th
Open Hours 9:30 - 11:30am
Tuesdays and Thursdays
657 W. 5th Street**

**657 W. 5TH STREET LOCATION
OPEN FOR MAIL DISTRIBUTION
9:30 - 10:30AM
JULY 2, 4, 9, 11**

STAY CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY

The City With Dwellings Community First Center (located at 657 W. 5th St., Winston-Salem) is an inviting and hospitable place to stay in touch with our guests. Our doors open to guests each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 am. Our volunteers work to build community with our guests by providing hospitality, engaging in conversation with our guests, and getting to know them, and through supporting therapeutic programming. Come check out this evolving, innovative approach to solving the crisis of homelessness. Must be 18 years old to volunteer.

Contact www.citywithdwellings.org

to serve

1. Show by your life that your good works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath (Campus Outreach Global).
2. Lord, do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil. Pray for Louis and Susan Sutton (WEC, Int).
3. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Pray for Charlie & Vicki Brent (Bridges, Int).
4. Restore us, Lord of hosts, that we may be saved. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent (Campus Crusade).
5. In Him we live and move and have our being. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison (Greek InterVarsity).
6. Freely you have received, freely give. Pray for Kevin and Charity (Campus Crusade for Christ, Int).
7. Sunday. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (Mission Aviation Fellowship).
8. Who dares despise the day of small things, will rejoice when they see the capstone. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford (Commission to Every Nation).
9. Seek me and live, says the Lord. Pray for Michael and Ceci Tesh (Ray of Hope Orphanage).
10. He is good and his steadfast love endures forever. Pray for Alas de Socorro (Wings of Mercy).
11. Glory to God in the highest, and peace among those whom he favors. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen (Mennonite Brethren Mission).
12. The whole earth is mine, says the lord. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF in CO.
13. Be on guard against all kinds of greed. Pray for Safiatu Braima and church leaders in Sierra Leone.
14. Sunday. Make me to know your ways, oh Lord, teach me your paths. Pray for Cuba Mission Area.
15. Suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. Pray for Rev. Tania Sanchez, Cuba Mission Province.
16. Any of you lacking wisdom, ask God, and He will give generously. Pray for PEC, BWM, and Sierra Leone Committee's plans to visit Sierra Leone.
17. Every good gift and every perfect gift comes from the Father above. Pray for peace in the Middle East.
18. The Lord is slow to anger but great in power. Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
19. I hold my life in my hand, but I do not forget your law. Pray for Unity Women's Board.
20. The earth is full of the knowledge of the fullness of Christ. Pray for Allen and Deedee Iobst in Spain.
21. Sunday. The Lord requires steadfast love, not sacrifices. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
22. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace because they trust in you. Pray for summer mission teams.
23. Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice. Pray for summer camps and youth evangelism.
24. Hope does not disappoint. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
25. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
26. Jesus came to call not the righteous but sinners. Pray for Food Program in Sierra Leone.
27. We will be with the Lord forever. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
28. Sunday. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying. Pray for Moravian Clinic and Church in Honduras.
29. Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
30. To the thirsty, I will give water from the spring of life. Pray for hurricane victims and relief efforts.
31. The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the world keep silent. Pray for the Armando Rusindo Foundation.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT ESTAMOS UNIDOS



Sam Gray teaching music

Come and meet people of different cultures by volunteering at Estamos Unidos meeting at Sunnyside regularly on Wednesday's at 5:30 pm located at 319 Haled St., Winston-Salem 27107

THE PANDA MANIA BIBLE SCHOOL will be held from July 15—19 , 2019 beginning at 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

This is an opportunity for kids (elementary-middle school) to eat dinner in a Christian Community and learn about the Gospel through games, stories, crafts, and snacks.

To help or register someone please contact Rev. Angelica Regalado (336) 575-3530

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