

Full Compilation of Partial Reports
Committee on Healthier Congregations

Committee #6 (pink)

First Partial Report
Healthier Congregations

RE: Acceptance of the report from the Healthy Congregations Task Force

Whereas, the Committee on Healthier Congregations has read and reviewed the report of the Healthy Congregations Task Force; and

Whereas, the Committee on Healthier Congregations continues to see the work of the Healthy Congregations Task Force as a source of vitality and relevance for the Church; be it therefore

RESOLVED: (1) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province shall receive with appreciation the report of the Healthy Congregations Task Force and commends these faithful servants for their faithful work and leadership during the past intersynodal period.

Rebecca Craver, chair
Kerry Krauss, secretary
June 22, 2018

Committee #6 (pink)

Second Partial Report
Healthier Congregations

Re: Formation of a Healthy Congregations Task Force

- Whereas, the 2014 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province directed the PEC to create a Healthy Congregations Task Force to evaluate and recommend to the Provincial Elders' Conference a strategy to foster a culture of health and vitality within our Moravian congregations, fellowships and emerging ministries; and
- Whereas, the Healthy Congregations Task Force (HCTF) was formed in the fall of 2014 with a budget of \$7,500 per year until 2016 and was subsequently extended by the PEC through 2018; and
- Whereas, the HCTF has completed 6 major projects which explored ways to support congregations and share valuable resources, as well as, working to maintain the Healthymoraviancongregations.wordpress.com resource website; and
- Whereas, the HCTF has continued to find inspiration through the work of the taskforce for new ideas and opportunities to encourage greater sharing of resources between and among congregations; and
- Whereas, there is a continuing opportunity for our congregations to grow ever healthier in purpose, worship, community, mission and service, leadership, stewardship and spiritual formation; and
- Whereas, the Healthy Congregations committee is passionate about the significance and value of the seven characteristics of healthy congregations and believe it is of the utmost importance for the future of our church that conversations about these characteristics occur among all of the members of our congregations; be it therefore
- RESOLVED: (2) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province continue to support the work of a Healthier Congregations Task Force for the intersynodal period; and be it further
- RESOLVED: (3) The Healthier Congregations Task Force will be appointed by the PEC to continue and expand the work of the Healthy Congregations Task Force at the guidance of the PEC; and be it further
- RESOLVED: (4) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province shall fund the Healthier Congregations Task Force at US \$7500 per year; and be it further
- RESOLVED: (5) The Healthier Congregations Task Force shall report annually to the PEC during the intersynodal period.

The Rev. Rebecca Craver, Chairperson
The Rev. Kerry D. Krauss, Secretary
June 22, 2018

Committee #6 (pink)

Third and Final Report
Healthier Congregations Committee

Re: The Role of the Internet in Raising the Profile of Our
Congregations

Whereas, one way of promoting the church and providing relevant and timely information to the public is effectively done via the internet and through congregational websites; and

Whereas, many people looking for a new church will do so by checking the websites of local churches; and

Whereas, members of churches often look at websites for updated information on church events and functions; and

Whereas, many of our churches do not have the resources to create relevant and current websites; and

Whereas, our churches need functional and user-friendly websites to do meaningful ministry in our communities and beyond; and

Whereas, local congregations often feel resourceless and underequipped to the task of website design ie: links, graphics, photographs and other useful information; be it therefore

RESOLVED: (6) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province encourages congregations to take the initiative to set up and maintain relevant and current websites to inform people of the opportunities and ministries offered through the congregation; and be it further

RESOLVED: (7) The 2018 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Healthier Congregations Task Force to add and develop resources to the Healthier Congregations Task Force website to assist congregations regarding the set up and design of relevant and current congregational websites and best practices for social media.

Faithfully and Joyfully Submitted,
The Rev. Rebecca Craver, Chairperson
The Rev. Kerry D. Krauss, Secretary
June 23, 2018