

Emerging Ministry #4 (Gray)

First Partial Report
of the Emerging Ministry

RE: The Emerging Ministry Committee Report

Whereas, we have received and reviewed the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Emerging Ministry Committee, and

Whereas, the Emerging Ministry Committee developed and implemented models of sustainability that help build a foundation for emerging ministries to build longevity and a path for sharing Christ's love in new ways, and

Whereas, new emerging ministries such as You Belong and Essentials Café have provided a new expression of the Moravian Church that has created new ways to love their communities, be it therefore

Resolved: (1) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall accept with gratitude the Report to the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province from the Emerging Ministry Committee, and be it further

Resolved: (2) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province wishes to express our thanks to Ben Ingebretson for his leadership, and be it further

Resolved: (3) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province wishes to express our thanks to the Emerging Ministry Committee members for their work and commitment to generating and supporting new emerging ministries and faith community develop.

Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Chair
Terri Boyd, Secretary
June 23, 2023

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Second Partial Report
of the Emerging Ministries

Re: Position of Coordinator of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities

Whereas, the position of Director of Church Planting and Emerging Ministries of the Moravian Church Northern Province has been vacant since April 1, 2023, and

Whereas, the work of developing Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities is important to the Moravian Church Northern Province, and

Whereas, the Moravian Church is seeking to be contextually responsive and relevant, and

Whereas, the education, development of systems, and leadership offered by the Director of Church Planting and Emerging Ministries has been important to the cultivation of new, creative, and sustainable models of ministries in the Moravian Church Northern Province, and

Whereas, the person in this role will coordinate between the Emerging Ministries Committee and those seeking to develop Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities, therefore be it

RESOLVED: (4) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Provincial Elders' Conference to ensure the continuation of the Emerging Ministries Committee during the next intersynodal period; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED: (5) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Provincial Elders' Conference to replace the position of Director of Church Planting and Emerging Ministries with that of Coordinator of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED: (6) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province directs the Provincial Elders' Conference, in accord with the Emerging Ministries Committee, to hire a qualified candidate for the position of Coordinator of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities who collaborates with the Emerging Ministries Committee, discerns the Spirit's work, is contextually responsive and relevant, and is able to bring the Moravian ethos into the development of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities. This position would have an annual compensation of up to \$50,000 commensurate with experience and education for the intersynodal period.

Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Chair

Terri Boyd, Secretary

June 23, 2023

In concurrence with the Finance Committee

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Third Partial Report
of the Emerging Ministries

RE: Try Emerging Ministries Program

Whereas: The Western District of the Moravian Church, Northern Province has utilized a Try Ministry Program to offer meaningful internship experiences for people considering pastoral ministry, enabling participants to discern whether or not they have a call to ordained ministry, and

Whereas: The Interprovincial Board of World Mission has utilized interns to expose people to the wider work of the Board, and

Whereas: The work of Emerging Ministries is a flourishing aspect of our local and Provincial witness to the gospel of Christ, therefore be it

RESOLVED: (7) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province, through the Emerging Ministries Committee, develop a program to connect interested people with existing Emerging Ministries for short-term, paid internships enabling participants to discern whether or not they have a call to Emerging Ministries work; and be it further resolved

RESOLVED: (8) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province shall request Provincial Elders Conference to fund these internships from the source they determine in the amount of at least \$9,000 per year and more if needed, possibly relying on the District Boards for additional funding; and be it further

RESOLVED: (9) The Emerging Ministries Committee will report annually to the PEC during the intersynodal period concerning candidates and their experiences.

Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Chair
Terri Boyd, Secretary
June 23, 2023

In concurrence with the Finance Committee

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Fourth Partial and Final Report
of the Emerging Ministries

RE: New Expressions of Faith Annual Assessment Center Events

Whereas, the Moravian Church Northern Province is committed to developing Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities, and

Whereas, lay and clergy leaders across the province have received a call to develop Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities, the Spirit birthing creative and impactful ideas, and

Whereas, a Coordinator of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities has been charged with developing leaders for such ministries, be it therefore

RESOLVED: (10) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province encourages The Emerging Ministry Committee to host one Assessment Center event in 2025 or 2026 to discern the calling of the potential leaders and assess the readiness and feasibility of ministry proposals. The funding for this event and funding sources will be determined by the Provincial Elders Conference, and be it further

RESOLVED: (11) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province urges the Emerging Ministries Committee, in accord with the Coordinator of Emerging Ministries and New Faith Communities, to utilize the Assessment Center's recommendations regarding the potential leaders' calling and readiness, and the viability of their ministry proposals.

Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Chair

Terri Boyd, Secretary

June 23, 2023

In concurrence with the Finance Committee