



# PROVINCIAL TIES July 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## Archives News *July 2019*

OUR THANKS TO PASTORS AND LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS who have been working with us these last few weeks to get our record-keeping for our churches up-to-date. We had asked that all minutes and reports due annually to the Archives for 2017 and 2018 be sent us by June 30. If you need help getting those materials to us, please contact us for assistance. We want to get a system in place so that it's easier for you and us to collect and submit materials as we go forward.

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**WELCOME AND CELEBRATION.** We welcome to the Archives Commission its tenth and final member, Barry Miller from Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, and thank him for his willingness to serve. We celebrated last month the twentieth anniversary of the hiring of Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe at the Archives. When you see her, thank her for her service!

**ANNOTATIONS ON ITS WAY – AND HOLD THIS DATE.** The latest issue of our Annotations newsletter is being mailed to our financial supporters and friends in early July and will be available online at our website soon ([www.moravianarchives.org](http://www.moravianarchives.org)). In it is an announcement of our second annual Supporters Appreciation Night, to be held Thursday, September 19, from 6:30-8:30pm. Hope to see many of you there!

*Submitted by Eric Elliott*

## Moravian Music Foundation

**July 9 - Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band Summer Concert;** Free. Tues. July 9th- Arbor Acres, 7:00pm

**July 14 - Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band Summer Concert;** Free. Sun. July 14 - Friedberg, 7:00pm

**July 16 - Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band Summer Concert;** Free. Tues. July 16 –Heritage Woods, 7:00pm

**July 18 - Triad Community Band** Concert (formerly, Bethabara Band); 7:00pm, Rural Hall Moravian Church, fellowship hall, 7939 Broad St., Rural Hall, NC. Free. Please bring canned food donation.

**July 21 - Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band Summer Concert;** Free. Sun. July 21- Hopewell, 7:00pm

**July 23 - Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band Summer Concert;** Free. Tues. July 23- Salemtowne, 7:00pm

**July 30 - Salem Band Summer Concert; Play On! program chosen by Salem Band fans;** Tuesday at 7:30 pm in Salem Square. Free. [www.salemband.org](http://www.salemband.org)

*Submitted by Erik Salzwedel*

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## Moravian Ministries Foundation

### *Everything in Common*

Is your church or agency fully invested in the Moravian Common Fund? Many are benefitting from the power of Moravian community – with investment options that would not be available as individual investors, economies of scale that come with size, and long-term strategy. Today, you retain ownership of your assets while gaining a high-quality, low-cost investment solution that provides ongoing management and administration for your funds.

If you have not considered the Common Fund lately, you should look at the many ways it can help your organization.

[https://mmfa.info/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/MMFA\\_CommonFund\\_PREP.pdf](https://mmfa.info/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/MMFA_CommonFund_PREP.pdf)

*Submitted by Vince Holbrook*

### *For Your July Calendar*

4.....Independence Day Holiday, PEC Office Closed  
7-13.....Senior High Camp, LR  
11.....PEC Meeting  
14-20.....MH/SH Mission Camp 3, LR  
21-27.....MH/SH Mission Camp 4, LR  
25.....PEC Meeting  
26-28.....Pre-Junior 2 Camp, LR  
28- Aug 3....Middle High Camp, LR

## Concerns and Celebrations

### *Ordination Anniversaries for July 2019*

Timothy Byerly.....41 years  
Christy Clore.....14 years  
Steve Craver.....42 years  
Anthony Hayworth.....11 years  
Thomas Hensley.....33 years  
Logan Jones.....36 years  
Joseph Nicholas.....37 years  
John Rainey.....31 years  
Tracy Robinson.....13 years  
Adam Spaugh.....11 years  
Heather Vacek.....7 years  
Walter Yarborough.....19 years  
Victoria Lasley.....2 years

## *PEC News for July*

### **PEC News July 2019 Provincial Ties**

The Provincial Elders' Conference met June 6 and June 20. Jeff Coppage joined these meetings via conference call (June 6, 20), Keith Kapp joined by conference call June 20. These meetings began with sharing of news and needs from our congregations, pastors, and church educators and a time of intercessory prayer.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC responded to questions from the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 and 18), arranged for PEC participation, as requested, in the Team's June 11 meeting; and, discussed progress of initiatives of the Resolution 14 Response/Resources team. PEC confirmed March (16) 17-20 for the 2022 Synod and considered alternatives to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly for its location. PEC discussed the June 1 meeting of Concerned Moravians, which two PEC members attended, and continued responding to related matters.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC completed arrangements for quadrennial reviews in seven congregations this fall; discussed potential changes for how interim pastorates are initiated; considered the role and function of congregational acolytes during an interim pastorate; approved assistance grants to two pastors from the Pastoral Assistance Fund; planned for a meeting with one congregation to discuss financial stewardship concerns; and took appropriate steps in call or appointment processes for: Ardmore (interim), Christ (interim), Covenant/Water of Life, Friedland, Fries Memorial (interim), Little Church on the Lane, Mayodan, Prince of Peace, and Rural Hall. Dave Marcus gave a progress report on identifying six or seven pastors to receive training as mentors for the "two by two" initiative of the interprovincial Moravian Clergy Connections program (funded by the Lilly Foundation). PEC approved Margaret Norris as a candidate for ordination, approved Evette Campbell and Illovis Gonzalez for ordination upon receipt of calls, and appointed Safiatu Braima as a Provincial Acolyte to serve under the supervision of the Board of World Mission in the Sierra Leone Mission Area.

### **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS**

PEC met with Tres Fordham, Director, and Victoria Lasley, board chair, to receive and discuss a report from Laurel Ridge, including the status of plans for the Synod-approved capital campaign. PEC received reports from the Archives Commission, and the Moravian Ministries Foundation. PEC approved appointing McDara Folan III to a second term (2019-2023) on the Salem Academy and College Board of Trustees.

### **UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC confirmed Dave Marcus' representation of the Moravian Church in America at the July 11-12 Synodical Conference of the Unity of the Brethren, TX.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC began discussion of parameters for preparation of the 2020 Provincial Budget, which the Provincial Support Services Board will begin in July.

PEC meets July 11 and 25.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

# BCM News for July 2019

## Save the Date: Children's Festival & Lovefeast



**Sunday, August 18, 2019 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | Friedland Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC**

An event for all children and their families commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut. All are invited to this interactive event where families can go at their own pace and learn about Moravian history. Activities include storytelling, sugar cake and putz making, mission projects, plus much more! A lovefeast will conclude the event at 4:00pm.

This year, we are making goody bags for the City with Dwellings: Community First Center! The center provides a place for the homeless to go during the spring and summer when the shelters are closed. We are asking congregations during the months of July and August to collect items to go in the bags. Simply bring the items by the BCM Office before August 15 or let us know by then what you are collecting and bring the day of the festival.

Suggested items: travel size personal care items, socks, water bottles, snacks (such as packages of crackers), pens, notebooks, and coupons to fast food restaurants  
**For more information and publicity materials, visit [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org).**

## Closing Soon: Curriculum Ordering Online

Beginning in May of each year, churches can place a standing order with us for Sunday School or small group curriculum for the upcoming church year!

A standing order is the easiest and most cost-effective way for congregations to order curriculum. **Simply place an annual order for each quarter by mid-July.** Should your needs change during the year, simply note quantity changes according to our curriculum calendar.

A standing order is:

**Convenient.** Only one order needs to be placed each year.

**Timely.** Resources are available in plenty of time for teacher planning.

**Personalized.** The Resource Center staff personally handles the needs of all standing order customers.

**Flexible.** You can change quantities as attendance fluctuates throughout the church year.

Our curriculum overview highlights some of our most popular and high-quality selections. While we have some featured recommendations, we are also glad to order material from any publishing house for you! If you decide to simply place a periodic or on-demand order rather than a standing order, we ask only that you observe the curriculum calendar deadlines to avoid additional charges. These orders may also be subject to additional shipping and handling fees.

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Just follow these step-by-step instructions to place your order!

1. Review our [curriculum policies and deadlines](#).
2. Review the various curriculum options! Choose from classroom, lectionary, and rotational models. Our featured curricula appear on our brand new [Moravian Curriculum website](#).
3. Consider the needs of your congregation or small group. [This handy guide](#) will help.
4. Place your order! [Our new curriculum ordering website](#) makes it easy for you to [place your standing order](#). If you don't see what you need, just give us a call at 336-722-8126 and we'll be glad to help!

We encourage you to order online! If you have problems, send an email to [bhayes@mcsp.org](mailto:bhayes@mcsp.org) with the specific curriculum publisher, title of piece, and quantity. We discourage phone-in orders as we would prefer to have them in writing (or a digital copy). We will be glad to help you with questions on the phone!

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### Coming Soon: Daily Texts Ordering

First published in 1731 in Herrnhut, Germany, the Daily Texts grew out of a spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) that dates back to Aug. 13, 1727. Today, more than 280 years after its first publication, the Daily Texts continues its promise of “a daily message from God that is new every morning.”

The Moravian Daily Texts offers an inspirational connection to the Holy Scriptures every day. Each entry in this beloved daily devotional includes “watchwords”—Old and New Testament verses to accompany readers throughout the day—combined with beautiful hymn texts and heartfelt prayers selected and written by Moravians across North America.

**Order forms will be emailed to churches soon!**

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### BCM YouTube: Monthly Playlist



#### July 2019: [“John Hus”](#)

Interested in learning more about John Hus and his impact on the Moravian Church? Check out this month's [BCM Featured Playlist](#) showcasing videos about John Hus. Every month watch for our *Featured Playlists*, which highlight a specific collection of videos. You can watch the playlist at your leisure, soaking in all the valuable content! Make sure to check our weekly E-News, social media, and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) to be the first to know about the different videos!

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### Blog Writers Needed: The BCM Spotlight Blog

Interested in being a writer for the BCM Spotlight Blog? A new blog rotation is starting soon and we need writers! Be a part of conversations about living in faith, love, and hope as a Moravian Christian.

We are looking for writers to sign up for deadlines in July, August, and September. Email [Hanna@MoravianBCM.org](mailto:Hanna@MoravianBCM.org) if you are interested!

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