



PROVINCIAL TIES

August 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Moravian Day of Service Resources

An email containing resources for the upcoming Moravian Day of Service was recently sent to all congregations with suggestions for service opportunities, worship resources, and an invitation to share your stories. These resources are all available online at www.moravian.org/dayofservice. Please keep in mind that while September 15, 2019 has been designated as the Day of Service we realize that not all congregations can plan a service opportunity for that weekend, or use the worship service on that Sunday to celebrate service to others. So please feel free to use dates and times that are most suitable for your context. If you have any questions about the day of service please contact Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Giesler

Churches for Middle East Peace events at Home Church September 25, 2019

For many years the Moravian Church in America (Northern and Southern Provinces) has been a member of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP). CMEP is a coalition of 27 national church denominations and faith organizations from Protestant, Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical traditions. It works for a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East and advocates for equality, human rights, security and justice for all people of the Middle East.

Twice each year CMEP brings to congregations across the country a “Pilgrimage to Peace Tour” team composed of multiple voices from the Middle East who help inform and educate people of faith on the work being done to achieve peace and justice in the Holy Land. On Wednesday, September 25, 2019 Home Moravian Church will host the Pilgrimage to Peace Tour team that will be in Winston-Salem for the day. Members of the team include: The Rev. Mae Cannon, Executive Director of CMEP, Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth, director of the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution in Jerusalem, and Aziz Abu Sarah, a Muslim speaker, author, entrepreneur and peace advocate from Jerusalem who is the recipient of the Eisenhower Medallion as well as the Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East given by the Institute of International Education.

There will be two events hosted by Home Church on September 25: a Pastors/Educators Lunch with the Pilgrimage to Peace team in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. (reservation needed), and an evening program open to our wider Moravian community and others at 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the Home Church sanctuary. Moravian ministers and educators can make a reservation for the luncheon provided on September 25 by calling the church office (336-722-6171). We hope that many of our congregational members will participate in the Wednesday evening event, and we look forward to this exciting and important opportunity for our church as together we seek to follow our Chief Elder and Prince of Peace in the world of today.

Submitted by Rick Sides

600 Years of Moravian History in 3 Days A Seminary in the South Learning Intensive at Higgins Lodge with Craig Atwood November 3-6

Moravian Theological Seminary and Laurel Ridge are co-sponsoring *600 Years of Moravian History in 3 Days*, a Seminary in the South learning retreat for laity and clergy. All life-long learners are invited to share this new event on the Higgins Lodge calendar welcoming Dr. Craig Atwood. For about ten years, Craig has inspired many students through his courses in Moravian theology and history at Moravian Theological Seminary.

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This concentrated overview is for anyone desiring a greater understanding of the history and heritage in which our Moravian theology and tradition are grounded. The Provincial Elders' Conference is endorsing this event with generous financial support from the Bishop W. Herbert Spaugh Ministerial Education Fund. Southern Province Pastors are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarship support.

Bishop Sam Gray will serve as the retreat's worship leader. In the fall of 2018, Craig and Sam offered a similar event to Moravian sisters and brothers in Peru. The retreat begins with a Sunday night supper and ends with lunch on Wednesday.

Cost for room and meals for the entire retreat:

Single Occupancy \$205

Double Occupancy \$150

Salem Wing rooms will be assigned to participants registering first, except for those requesting the Bishops Wing.

Southern Province Pastors are encouraged to contact the Provincial Elders' Conference for a generous partial scholarship. Contact Dave Marcus at (336) 725-5811 or dmarcus@mcsp.org.

Submitted by John D. Rights

Archives News

August 2019

IN REMEMBRANCE Grace Snively Robinson, 95, passed July 9, 2019. With husband Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson, she was a long-time servant of the Church in congregations in both the Northern and Southern Provinces and a resident of Winston-Salem since 1954. Grace worked for much of the last forty years at our Archives until her final retirement in 2018. Her work is in most every project the Archives prepared in that period. Sabrina Ireland Pardue, 53, passed away unexpectedly on July 1, 2019. She had served as the housekeeper for our facility since 2004. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of those two fine persons. Our place was blessed to have had them both.

SUPPORTERS APPRECIATION EVENT SEPTEMBER 19. Invitations will be sent out to recent financial supporters of our Archives later in August to this RSVP event featuring performances, food, drink, and programming about the Archives.

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY DOCENT TRAINING SEPTEMBER 10. Our fourth training of Family History Docents will be offered on that Tuesday morning from 9am until noon. Docents are given special training and access to our genealogical materials in exchange for a 30-hour commitment to help us with family history researchers and the preparation of materials to aid those researchers. Docents also are invited to special programming and educational events as a help to that work. Class size is limited to five – please contact us at moravianarchives@mcsp.org to get more information or to reserve a spot in class. \$10 material costs refundable upon completion of service commitment.

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LAST CHANCE TO SEE “FLOWERS” EXHIBIT AT BETHANIA. The Archives’ traveling exhibit “The Language of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia” is viewable at Alpha Chapel until this last week of the month of August, during which time it will move to the North Carolina Room at the main branch of the Forsyth County Public Library for September and part of October. Our next exhibit on Moravian botanists has a soft roll-out at the Archives later in August.

Submitted by Eric Elliott

Moravian Clergy Connections Update

The Lily Grant funded program entitled, *The Moravian Clergy Connections Project* is set to begin this fall. We are still seeking clergy who might be interested in being part of our pilot group this fall. In addition we are beginning to recruit pastors to become part of the second group for the spring of 2020. This program is entitled the, “*Two by Two*” program. This program will be exploring ways that we can continue to improve Deacon Supervision and Clergy Mentor Training. The training will enhance skills, practices and attributes necessary to serve as a mentor for those recently ordained as deacons or those individuals who have yet to be consecrated Presbyters that could benefit from an ongoing mentoring relationship. Audrey West (adjunct professor at Moravian Theological Seminary) is serving as coordinator for the Moravian Clergy Connections Project. The initial training session will be in the Northern Province with the spring of 2020 training taking place in the Southern Province.

If you have an interest in becoming a part of these groups, please contact David Marcus by email (dmarcus@mensp.org) or contact him by phone in the PEC office (336-725-5811) to learn more.

Submitted by David Marcus

Moravian Music Foundation

New MMF Trustees

The Moravian Music Foundation board thanks two retiring trustees, Donna Ambler, an appointee of Bethlehem Area Moravians, and Hal Garrison, an appointee of the Salem Congregation, for 8 years of service. And, we welcome 5 new members to the board for 2019!

Amanda Moody-Schumpert, appointee of Salem Congregation, Director of Music and Christian Education at Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem; chair of the 2017 Moravian Music Festival planning committee;

Rebecca Lepore, appointee of Bethlehem Area Moravians, Director of Music at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, and chair of the 2013 Moravian Music Festival planning committee;

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Ben Wallace, appointee of the Northern Provincial Elders Conference, music teacher at Moravian Academy in Bethlehem and member of the choir (and assistant to the director of music) at College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

Paula Locklair, elected at-large member, former Vice President for Education at Old Salem Museums and Gardens, who brings extensive expertise in historic interpretation and Moravian cultural history;

Dr. Stewart Carter, elected at-large member, Professor of Music, Wake Forest University, scholar and performer and frequent contributor to Bethlehem Conferences on Moravian History and Music.

MMF AWARDS

For their dedicated service; joyful sharing of the gift of music in and beyond worship; and contributions to the preservation, sharing, and celebration of Moravian musical culture; the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Music Foundation has presented to the following musicians the **James V. Salzwedel Award for Excellence in Church Music**.

Keith Weatherman began playing trombone in the Hope Moravian Church (Winston-Salem) band at age 9, and played in the Easter Band for many years. He has been band director at Hope since 1977. You have written several hymns and anthems for your congregation, including the *Anniversary Hymn* which Hope sings every year on the Church Anniversary, *Christmas Time is Here*, *The Transfiguration*, *Thanksgiving Hymn*, and many others. Keith has been a member of the choir for over 40 years as tenor, and have been choir director since 2014. For many years you sang with the Mozart Club performing Handel's *Messiah*.

Richard T. Miller II began piano lessons at age 5 and trombone lessons at age 9 and has sung in choirs and rung handbells since childhood. In 1995 he became the Old Chapel Organist at Central Moravian Church (Bethlehem), and in 2004 helped organize the Old Chapel Choir, which now has 20 dedicated singers. He has often written or arranged pieces for solo voice, choir, and organ. He works collaboratively with Director of Music, Becky Lepore, and plays for many services, including Christmas morning, Holy Week, and New Year's Eve. In addition to your service at Central, you have also served as interim organist at College Hill and Midway Manor Moravian churches, and also for seven years as organist and choir director at West Side Moravian Church.

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**The Moramus Award
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MORAVIAN MUSIC
Robert Steelman**

The Moravian Music Foundation launched an extended cataloging project in the 1970's, to discover and organize its archival holdings. The project was supported by national and local foundation grants, which funded the hire of four young musical scholars. Robert worked primarily in Bethlehem with Richard Claypool. Two others worked primarily in Winston-Salem. The team maintained the highest standards, cataloging with accuracy and detail that remains impressive forty years later. From 1973 to 1979, he spent countless hours working with the collections of the Lititz Congregation, Lititz Collegium Musicum, Lititz Bound Volumes Manuscript Books, and contributed many articles to the Moravian Music Foundation *Bulletin*.

The MMF Board of Trustees, with heartfelt appreciation, takes great pleasure in presenting the Moramus Award to Robert Steelman, for his passionate dedication to Moravian music past and present, countless hours of humble service, and the fruits his work has brought in the preservation, sharing, and celebration of Moravian musical culture.

Summer Band Concerts Continue

Sept 8 Winston-Salem Community Band Traditional Summer Concert, Fries Mem. Moravian Church, 251 N. Hawthorne Rd., 5:00pm. Free. www.weplay.ws

Songs of the Worldwide Unity

The Moravian Music Foundation is attempting to collect Moravian songs in all languages and from all provinces and mission areas.

We need your help!

Please send us 1 to 4 of your favorites, especially from other countries and regions!

- Written word or music notation, or both.
- Recordings would be helpful.

Submissions to Nola Knouse at nknouse@mcsp.org or by mail to 457 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or fax to 336-725-4514

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Introducing the new Moravian Giving Portal!

It's easier than ever to organize your gifts, whether to your local congregation or your gifts beyond your church pledge. Online giving is growing, as many prefer charitable giving as a way to remember and honor loved ones or direct their social media friends to birthday fundraisers. In addition, monthly giving online is growing because it's easy to set, along with other monthly financial payments.

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The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America is proud to introduce the new Moravian [Giving Portal](#), which is your one-stop, 24/7, online giving destination. We've established online giving capability where it did not exist before for congregations that

invest in the Moravian Common Fund. Only about 25% of Moravian congregations had online giving capability on their own before the Giving Portal. We also established online giving for Moravian agencies that did not have it before. You can now give online to Salem Congregation, Come & Worship, the Interprovincial Board of Communication, the Board of Cooperative Ministries, the Society for Promoting the Gospel, the Larger Life Foundation and many other worthy causes. In addition, you can give online to your District or Province, existing Donor Advised Funds, Mission and Ministry Funds, Designated Funds, and scholarships. For those agencies and congregations who already have existing online giving tools, the Giving Portal simply directs you to their donation form or site. Give now, any time, from the convenience of your home. Make any gift in loving memory or honor of someone. Your foundation takes care of the proper receipts and acknowledgements. If your Moravian journey has been a blessing to you, then the Moravian Giving Portal is here to help you be a blessing to others.

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[Click Here to Check Out the new Giving Portal](#)

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

For Your August Calendar

- 4-10.....Junior Camp 2, LR
- 8.....PEC Meeting
- 14.....“Creating a Missional Culture” – New and Emerging Ministries event (for pastors)
- 18.....Children’s Lovefeast, Friedland, 2pm
- 22.....PEC Meeting
- 26-30.....Interprovincial Bishop’s Conference, Laurel Ridge

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Change:

The Rev. **Jeff Jones**, pastor at Bethabara Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Covenant congregation in Wilmington, NC. Concurrent with this call, Jeff will also serve as pastor of Water of Life Luthern Church, a congregation of the NC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Jeff concluded his ministry at Bethabara church July 14, 2019. A service of installation at Covenant is planned for August 11.

Death:

Mr. **Dennis Stanfield** passed into the more immediate presence of the Savior, July 18, at Trellis Supportive Care, Winston-Salem, NC, after an extended battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was an active and faithful member of Trinity Moravian Church. Dennis also served as the Treasurer of the Moravian Church, Southern Province 2013-2015. A memorial service was held Sunday, July 21, at 2:00 p.m., at Trinity Moravian Church, Winston-Salem. Please keep the Stanfield family and our sisters and brothers of the Trinity congregation in prayer.

Ordination Anniversaries for August 2019

Worth Green.....	42
Donald Griffin.....	36
Suzanne Miller.....	11
Tracy Pryor.....	20
James Salzwedel.....	58
Arkon Stewart.....	29
Sandra Thigpen.....	27
Scott Venable.....	40
Frank Barker.....	56

Congratulations and God Bless You!



BCM News August 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.

Update on Daily Text orders.

Daily Texts for 2020 are Available for Pre-Order!

Pre-order by August 13, 2019 for a 10% discount!

The 2020 Daily Texts will arrive at the BCM offices this fall. Order yours through us today! If you're a Winston-Salem area individual, church, or agency, save money by coming to pick up your order at our offices.

Access the interactive PDF order form [here](#)!

Moravian Day of Service Worship Materials are Now Available

Sunday, September 15th, 2019

In 2018, the synods of the Northern and Southern Provinces established a Moravian Day of Service. Later both PECs decided that Sunday, September 15, 2019 would be the first Moravian Day of Service! Congregations are invited to participate in local community service projects on or near that day. This can also be an opportunity to join with the other congregations that are part of your Regional Conferences of Churches (RCC).

For more information, including places of service visit Moravian.org. Worship materials are available now. [Click here.](#)

BCM August Featured YouTube Playlist:

From June 20th through the 23rd, Moravian Women from around the world joined together in Winston-Salem for the 13th Moravian Women's Conference. Included in our Featured YouTube Playlist for August are videos from our keynote speakers, author Sarah Bessey, Rev. Kay Ward, and Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons.

Please enjoy! And don't forget to Subscribe to our YouTube channel for other content like this.

August 2019: ["Moravian Women's Conference"](#)

Submitted by Austin Craver

PEC News for August

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The Provincial Elders' Conference met July 11 and 25. Needs and concerns from our pastors, church educators, boards and agencies and congregation were shared for intercessory prayer. Jeff Coppage joined these meetings via conference call. Dave Marcus was absent July 11, attending the Unity of the Brethren, TX biennial conference. July 25 Peggy Carter and Tommy Cole were on vacation. On July 25 we continued our study and discussion of the book, *Discovering God's Will Together*

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received a report from the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 & 18), and discussed an additional list of questions from the Team. PEC discussed communications to pastor regarding the implementation of Resolutions 13 and 14, and potential additional members to serve on the Resolution 14 Response / Resource Team.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC discussed questions related to the proration of benefits for pastors serving three-quarter or half-time; and considered conducting evaluation and exit interviews with pastors serving in an interim or short-term capacity. PEC continued to manage call processes in various stages for: Ardmore (interim), Christ, Friedland, Kernersville (interim), Little Church on the Lane, Prince of Peace, Rolling Hills, Rural Hall, Union Cross, ; made arrangements for services of installation for Russ Willams at New Beginnings, and Jeff Jones at Covenant / Water of Life ELCA; approved a personal leave of absence for Victoria Lasley (Fairview); and approved a request from Logan Jones to retire from active service under call Oct. 31. PEC received a report about those currently in the candidacy process including approved candidates, Adriana Craver, Margaret Norris, Scott Rainey, and those awaiting call, Illovis Gonzalez and Evette Campbell. PEC met with Bill McElveen, interim pastor at St. Philips to receive an update after their move to the brick church in Salem for worship service.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

PEC approved a request of the Archives to have an annual Day of Prayer on the last Sunday of April, to include opportunities for an annual offering from congregations, and listed the Archives among the church causes of the Southern Province. PEC identified two individuals to invite to serve on the Benefits Committee of the William and Lena Petree Retired Ministers Supplemental Benefit Fund. PEC received an update about the work of the New and Emerging Ministries Team, and plans for an Aug. 14 event for pastors and church staff, "Creating a Missional Culture."

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC responded to an appeal in the world-wide church to assist with financial needs of the Teofilo Kisanji University in Tanzania by approving a \$10,000 grant from reserve and designated funds. PEC reviewed a report from Dave Marcus, who represented the Moravian Church at the biennial Conference of the Unity of the Brethren, TX July 11-12. PEC confirmed the dates of Oct. 28-30 to host the annual joint meeting of the

PECs (Southern and Northern Province); and noted the upcoming meeting of the Unity Executive Committee in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC reviewed the June 30 balances of PEC designated, reserve and restricted funds; discussed a list of parameters or factors which will impact the 2020 Provincial budget, and determined that the modified percentages annual operating income from congregations used for the 2019 budget will also be used for 2020. PEC made preliminary plans for our participation in a conversation at the annual Moravian Ministry Association retreat.

PEC meets in August on the 8th and 22nd.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

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