



PROVINCIAL TIES

September 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

News from the Provincial Women's Board

All Women of the Southern Province are invited to attend the Fall Celebration and Bible Study Work Shop.

Saturday, September 21, Coffee at 9AM, Programing at 9:30AM at Clemmons Moravian. Lunch is available, (\$10 per person).

The Reverend John D. Rights will be reviewing his Bible Study Book Sitting at Table in the Kingdom of God. Through the nine sessions we will travel to Capernaum, Syria, Emmaus, Simon's House, John and Marks Upper room, and a Wedding Banquet. We will experience: Overturned Tables and Share a table with Glad and Generous Hearts. Luke 13:29 says "Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God." Please join with Moravian sisters across the Province to experience and learn about the Kingdom of God.

The Reverend Angelica Regalado Cieza will be reviewing the continuation of The Great Co-Mission Sharing Together in Our Communities, a second look at some "emerging ministries" around the North American Province.

Contact the PWB office at 336-7224911 or pwbmcsp@gmail.com

From The Provincial Financial Office

2020 Provincial Budget Presentation –Please mark your calendars for Thursday night, October 10, 2019. This is the date for this year’s Provincial Budget Presentation. There will not be a dinner this year due to budget reductions. The 2020 budget presentation will start at **7:00 p.m.** Konnoak Hills Moravian Church has graciously agreed to host us this year.

Provincial Property Insurance change- We have changed carriers for some of our insurance. We are now contracted with Church Mutual for property, liability, inland marine and auto coverages. Our agents our still McGriff (formerly called BB&T).

Payroll Fees for Daycares and Preschools – Due to an increase in the fees we pay for payroll processing, we have to increase the current fees we charge to daycares and preschools. New hire fees will go from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per employee. Monthly processing fees will go from \$5.00 to \$6.25 per employee. This change goes into effect with the September payroll.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer

Archives News *September 2019*

FOURTH FAMILY HISTORY DOCENT TRAINING, SEPTEMBER 10, 9am-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.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 12:15-1:00PM. Archivist Eric Elliott’s topic will parallel the latest Archives traveling exhibit opening mid-September – “Know Them By Their Name: Moravians Cataloging the Botanical Landscape, 1785-1835.” The Archives’ first traveling exhibit, “The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia,” is this month at the North Carolina Room at the main branch of the Forsyth County Public Library on West Fifth Street in Winston-Salem.

SUPPORTERS APPRECIATION EVENT, 6:30-8:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. Catch up with fellow Archives Friends over hors d’oerves and soft beverages. With welcomes from Church and Archives Leaders, an annual report and opportunities news, music by Max Brady and the Lower Ensemble Band, and Guest Speaker C. Daniel Crews sharing “Celebrating Our Past, Envisioning Our Future.” RSVP to the event by September 12 at moravianarchives@mcsp.org or by calling the Archives at 336-722-1742.

Submitted by Eric Elliott

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Have you registered for this FREE Moravian Stewardship Conference?

Your Moravian Ministries Foundation invites you to Celebrate Stewardship at our upcoming daylong stewardship conferences this fall. Participants will:

- explore the popular “3 T’s” of stewardship (time, talent, treasure) and discover a 4th “T”
- examine what a “stewardship church” looks like
- learn how to weave planned giving into the church’s stewardship ministry

There's no cost to attend and lunch will be provided.

When: Friday, September 27 or Saturday, September 28, 9 am until 4 pm

Where: Konnoak Hills Moravian Church

Who: pastors, stewardship leaders, elders, trustees, anyone who is passionate about stewardship!

[Click here](#) to register today.

Please contact Laura Watson, Director of Stewardship Services, for more information or if you have any questions (lwatson@mmfa.info; 336-725-2589). We look forward to the chance to Celebrate Stewardship with you!

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

Moravian Music Foundation

Moravian Music Foundation's Moramus Chorale

to lead a Singstunde at each of four worship spaces over the next three months.

Please join us for hymns and anthems in the Moravian traditional Singstunde (hour of singing), celebrating our love for Christ and sharing our Moravian musical heritage.

Free and open to the public.

September 14 (Saturday), 3:00 p.m., Salemtowne, 90 Moravian Way Dr., Winston-Salem, NC.

September 24 (Tuesday), 7:00 p.m., Fairview Moravian Church, 6550 Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem, NC

October 20 (Sunday), 4:00 p.m., Fries Moravian Church, 251 Hawthorne Rd NW, Winston-Salem, NC

November 10 (Sunday), 4:00 p.m., Unity Moravian Church, 8300 Concord Church Rd, Lewisville, NC

Keith Weatherman Honored at Hope Moravian

Keith has been a member of the choir for over 40 years as tenor, and has been choir director since 2014. He has also served as band director of Hope since 1977 and has written several hymns and anthems for the congregation. For his dedicated service;

joyful sharing of the gift of music in and beyond worship; and contributions to the preservation, sharing, and celebration of the musical life of the Moravians; the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Music Foundation takes great delight in presenting the JAMES V. SALZWEDEL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHURCH MUSIC on Moravian Music Sunday, May 19, 2019 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Other Concerts of Interest:

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

Sept 19 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.

Sept 22 Salem Band at the Movies — Fall Concert, Sunday, September 22, 2019, 3:00 p.m. — Elberson Fine Arts Center, Salem College. Free; donations accepted. www.salemband.org

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

For Your September Calendar

- 5.....PEC Meeting
- 15.....Moravian Day of Service
- 19.....PEC Meeting
- 20-22.....Fall Family Camp, LR
- 21.....Reading the Bible Together Event, 9:30-noon, Fries Memorial
- 25.....Middle East Peace Event, Home
- 27 – 28.....MMFA Stewardship Event, TBD
- 29.....15th Annual Friends of Laurel Ridge Dinner
- 30-Oct.3.....MMA Retreat, LR

Concerns and Celebrations

Ordination:

Leslie Cox, a candidate for ordination, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Mayodan Moravian Church. She will be ordained by bishop Carol Foltz in a 3:00 p.m. service at Fulp Moravian Church, Sunday Sept. 8. A service of installation is planned September 15 at Mayodan.

Ordination Anniversaries for September 2019

- Patricia Garner.....21 years
- John Jackman..... 37 years
- Nola Knouse.....10 years
- William McElveen..... 61 years

Will Sibert.....32 years
Ramona Spencer.....14 years
Adam Goodrich.....2 years
Angelica Regalado.....2 years

Director of Christian Education Anniversaries

Beth Hayes.....29 years
Donna Hurt.....24 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Mission Society Lovefeast

Michael Tesh will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Mission Society Lovefeast on November 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. He will share the latest news from his and Ceci's ministry to children at the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya. Look for the location to be announced soon in newsletters and e-mails.

BCM News September 2019

For older adults & friends: Aging Well Fall Rally 2019

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 12:30 p.m. | Advent Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC | Registration is \$10 (which includes a meal)

Join Moravians from across the province to enjoy a fellowship meal, a guest speaker, and to hear updates on various provincial outreach efforts.

Guest speaker J. Eric Elliot, archivist of the Moravian Church, will lead the event. Eric will be speaking on "Keeping Joy in Your Landscape." Moravians have long drawn comfort, inspiration and happiness from a planted landscape. What can you intentionally plant to keep joy in your view of the world?

Register through the BCM or through your Aging Well liaison by October 7. Please note there are NO physical tickets to redeem this year. Your name will be included on a list of attendees and checked at the door on October 15th at Advent. You are, of course, welcome to print the confirmation email you will receive and bring that with you, but it is not required. If you have questions, please call or email the BCM offices at **(336) 722-8126** or BCM@mesp.org.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Sunnyside Ministry.
Click [here](#) to register.

**Creating a Resilient World . . . One Church at a Time: Trauma Workshop
Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Trinity Moravian
Church**

The impacts of trauma are far-reaching and affect every community throughout our world today. Studies indicate that up to 40% of American adults, many of whom are sitting in our pews, have experienced at least two adverse or traumatic experiences during their childhood. Sometimes, congregations also encounter collective traumas as a group or within their community.

Whether with individuals, families, or groups, pastors and ministry leaders regularly find themselves at the crossroads of tragedy and healing. How might the church minister to individuals experiencing distress and suffering in our churches and communities? One answer is to become trauma-informed.

Join us as the [Center for Trauma Resilient Communities](#) helps us explore the connection between toxic stress, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma, and community resilience. Participants will leave with a better understanding of:

- * how trauma affects brain development and controls reactions;
- * how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress impact our lives, our work, and our congregations; and
- * how mandatory reporting laws work in North Carolina.

Representatives from the provincial mental health team will be present to offer local and national resources.

Registration will open on September 1st. The link to the registration form will be [here](#).

---- Moravian Faith Communities, Past and Future: Comenius Learning Series 2019
Saturday, November 9th, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Venue TBA

Mark your calendars! This year's Comenius Learning Series event focuses on how Moravians of the past were innovators in ways of "doing church" in their own time and how Moravians today can be innovators of reinventing the church in response to an ever evolving culture. Craig Atwood, Professor of Moravian Theology at MTS, will discuss the past and Andrew Heil, Associate pastor of Home Moravian Church, will discuss the future.

Registration information coming soon. [See last year's CLS event here.](#)

Faith Formation for Back to School Time

As school is back in session, kids and families are entering one of the busiest times of the year! Please take advantage of our Loving Hearts United: Weekly Family Devotionals. LHU provides encouraging devotions and spiritual growth activities that families can participate in together throughout the day and week. Strive faithfully to create new family rituals of togetherness, acceptance, and the sharing of God's blessings.

[Sign up for the weekly devotional guide here.](#)

Submitted by Austin Craver

PEC News for September

The PEC held regular meetings August 8 and 22. All members were present, with the exception of Keith Kapp who joined the Aug. 22 meeting via telephone conference call. These meetings included time for prayer for various needs within the congregations and ministries of the Province, and for church staff and leaders.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC met with members of the Provincial Organization Core Team Aug. 22 to receive an update and discuss answers to questions submitted to the PEC; and, completed plans for the “Reading the Bible Together” event related to the Resolution 14 Response and Resources Team.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC met with one pastor from another denomination who is interested in possible service with the Moravian Church, appointed a congregational acolyte for the King church at the request of the boards, provided advice to one congregation preparing for a congregation council meeting, and met with the church board of St. Philips at their request. PEC began or continued steps in the call process for: Ardmore, Bethabara, Bethania, Christ, Friedland, Prince of Peace, Rolling Hills, and Union Cross; adjusted arrangements for quadrennial reviews at Pine Chapel, New Hope (NC), Immanuel New Eden, Clemmons, Konnoak Hills, and Messiah; and made plans to host local approved candidates for ordination for dinner at our Sept. 5 meeting. PEC reviewed plans for the ordination of Leslie Cox as a deacon on Sept. 8, and her installation as pastor at Mayodan on Sept. 15; and confirmed plans for receiving Safiatu Braima as Provincial Acolyte for the Sierra Leone Mission Area, Sept. 8 (in a service at Little Church on the Lane). PEC completed arrangements for Christy Clore to serve as transitional pastor at Kernersville and Bob Peterson as interim pastor at Union Cross, both beginning in October. PEC discussed plans for the “time with PEC” at the annual Moravian Ministry Retreat at Laurel Ridge, and received an update about the Moravian Clergy Connections initiative (funded by a Lilly Foundation grant).

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC note that the interprovincial bishops’ conference will meet at Laurel Ridge Aug. 26-30. PEC made plans for alternate representation at the Oct. 2-4 meeting of Christian Churches Together in the USA due to David Guthrie attending the annual MMA retreat; and noted Guthrie’s participation in the Unity Executive Committee meeting in Tanzania in September.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC discussed a draft 2020 PEC operating budget, including funding needs, and decided to apply an unrestricted undesignated gift of \$5,000 to support the 2020 budget.

PEC meets Sept. 5 and 19.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

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 Intensiv eat 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.

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. Contact Teresa Cude at Laurel Ridge for reservations. Her number: 336.359.2951.

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@mcspp.org.

Submitted by John D. Rights

Happy Birthday to the Southern Province Widow's Society

In 1919, several Moravian men met and founded the Southern Province's Widow's Society. It was patterned after the Widow's Society of the Northern Province which was founded in the late 1700's.

The purpose of the Society is to give income to the ladies whose husbands were members and have died.

Across the years, hundreds of ladies whose husbands were members and died have receive two checks a year. In 2019, 57 widows will receive a total of \$1,000.00. PLUS, as a bonus this year, the Board of Directors voted recently to give an extra \$100.00 to honor the 100th birthday.

The Widow's Society is open for membership to any married Moravian man who has not yet reached his 61st birthday and is in good health. Or, he may join if his wife is a member of a Moravian Church.

The one - time cost to join is \$250.00, plus \$10.00 for each year over age 50. I.E. a man 57 pays \$320.00. Some funds are available to assist with this fee if needed.

For further information, and an application, please call The Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell at 336.403.3209.

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