



PROVINCIAL TIES

January 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

PEC News for January

The PEC met Dec. 5 with all members present, and Dec. 19, with Tommy Cole absent due to vacation travels. The meetings included intercessory prayer for needs and concerns across the Province.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received a report from the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 & 18) and discussed how the schedule of this Teams' work may fit with the preparations for the 2020 Synod; and discussed PEC priorities for the Resolution 14 Response and Resources Team.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC met with a pastor from another denomination who has been supply preacher in one congregation; reviewed and discussed the status of pastors currently without call; reviewed the list of active pastors and projected retirements during the intersynodal period; received a report from a preliminary assessment interview one of our pastors completed for prospective new church planters (partnering with the ELCA for this assessment); met with two individuals considering candidacy for ordination and affirmed their continuing the process; and, continued work and meetings related to various call processes including: Bethania, Fairview, Friedland, New Philadelphia, and Rural Hall. PEC received materials from one congregation and their request to review a prior decision concerning the assigned provincial share allocation; discussed a request from three congregations to include live-streaming attendance in Sunday morning worship attendance reports; began preparation for receiving and reviewing the 2019 ministry reports from pastors and church educators; and discussed arrangements for quadrennial reviews in the spring of 2020 at: Olivet, Friedberg, Mayodan, Raleigh, Covenant, First (GA), and with the BCM.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC appointed David Bagby and David Piner to the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Music Foundation; agreed to ask the Provincial Support Services Board to analyze projected income from congregations for the 2020 Provincial budget; received meeting notes from the monthly meeting of the Moravian Team for Reconciliation; noted the resignation of Zach Dease from the Moravian Theological Seminary Board of Trustees; and reviewed a list of PEC appointments to various boards, commissions, agencies and task groups; and responded to a request from the BCM about PEC member participation in the February 22 Leadership Focus event to be held at Bethania.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC approved a request from the bishops of both Provinces to hold the interprovincial bishops' conference every two years, rather than every four; approved a draft update to the "orderly exchange of ordained clergy" statement, which we use in our relationships with full communion partners; approved Guthrie's participation, along with representatives from the Unity Board, and Board of World Mission, in a February 2020 delegation to the Sierra Leone Mission Area;

OTHER MATTERS

PEC continued development of a "delegate with oversight" model for organizing our work in 2020, including implementation of a Commission on Ministry, a Synod Planning and Implementation Team, and discussion of specific tasking of the BCM and the PSSB; approved a resolution regarding 2020 housing allowances for Guthrie and Marcus; approved the installation of a video conferencing system in the Cedarhyrst conference room (funded by a donor); and made plans for a January 9-10 offsite retreat/meeting.

PEC holds an offsite retreat/meeting Jan. 9-10, and a regular meeting Jan. 23.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Archives News

January 2020

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS NOW REQUESTED MORNINGS, REQUIRED AFTERNOONS. In the new year, we are requesting that all our guests contact us in advance before a research visit, if possible, so that we can match limited staff and volunteer time to your needs. We will be open to the public Mondays through Thursdays: from 9:30am-noon, appointments requested but not required; and 1:30-4:30pm, with appointments required, so that we are free to work on processing and other matters when we have no scheduled guests. Pastors who call us requesting daily texts or other info in the afternoons may need to leave us a voice mail when we are processing in the vault. We will return your call with information when we check phones after 4pm.

LUNCH LECTURE on January 9 will be by Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse from 12:15-1:00pm in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall in our offices at the Archie K. Davis Center. Her topic will be a time-line history of Moravian music. We will reschedule speaker Richard Starbuck on volume 9 *Records Cherokees* until the fall.

“BOTANIZERS OF SALEM” EXHIBIT AT BETHANIA. The four-panel exhibit on five Moravian men and one Moravian woman who contributed to the early study of plants in America is open at Historic Bethania’s Alpha Chapel now through February 2020. A third horticultural exhibit sponsored by the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and Old Salem Garden Club, on the gardeners of Wachovia, opens at the Archives in February.

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY DOCENT TRAINING MARCH 3. Our fifth 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.

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Three New Year’s Resolutions you can’t break

By Vince Holbrook

At the beginning of a new year, thoughts often turn toward resolutions, fresh starts, and new commitments. Many of us vow year-after-year to lose weight, stop smoking, or change other behaviors. But discipline is hard.

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Sadly, studies show most New Year's resolutions are broken in about 21 days – only about one third of the time (66 days) it takes to establish a new pattern. And Lent is just around the corner too. So why not make a resolution you can actually keep! We can help.

Become a “First Fruits” Giver.

Find your church or ministry on the [Moravian Giving Portal](#) and schedule a MONTHLY gift the day after your payday. This way your gift is automatic. It's the first thing you do with your money. You won't have to remember it. It will happen if you are traveling, sick, or playing hooky from church. If your circumstances change, you can always go in and change the amount of your monthly gift, or the date.

Invest in the church.

If you have investments, you're probably paying investment fees. But what happens to those fees? When you invest in the [Moravian Common Fund](#), managed by the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, the fees remain in the Moravian Church and continue to do God's work. Those fees enable us provide Stewardship Services at no charge to congregations, distribute money globally to support mission work, issue grants and more. Your investment fees continue to do God's work when they remain in the church. By spending a few minutes to move your investments from secular managers to MMFA, your investment fees will keep your resolution to support God's work all year.

Name your church or Moravian Ministry in your estate plan.

The beginning of a new year is a great time create or reassess your will. If you don't have one, let 2020 be the year you create one. We can help you organize your thoughts, clarify your passions, and use the tools of philanthropy to make your perfect planned gift. If you already have a will, the beginning of a new decade is a great time to reassess whether it reflects your current priorities and wishes.

[Click here to schedule your monthly gift on the Moravian Giving Portal](#)

[Click here to see and print our Estate Planning Guide & Organizer.](#)

[Click here to find your perfect gift.](#)

[Click here to see bequest language.](#)

So, say “yes” to a resolution that will last longer than 21 days, take only a few minutes to complete, and you won't forget.

Fun Fact: the word “discipline” and “disciple” have the same Latin root word, “discipulus.”

For Your January Calendar

1	New Year Holiday, PEC Office Closed
9	Lunchtime Lectures, Archie K. Davis Center
9-10	PEC Retreat/Meeting
20	MLK Holiday, PEC Office Closed
23	PEC Meeting
23	Bishops Meeting, Cedarhyrst

2019 YEAR END REPORTS

A reminder that annual year-end reports are due in the PEC office by January 31. The reports were provided via e-mail in November to pastors, church educators and secretaries. Please contact the PEC office should you have questions or concerns. 336.725.5811

Celebrations

Ordination Anniversaries for January 2020

Ray Burke.....	43
James Doss.....	45
Truman Dunn.....	46
R. Burke Johnson.....	53
Ofreciano Julias.....	35
Roy Ledbetter.....	46
Russell May.....	14
Virginia Tobiassen.....	7

Congratulations and God Bless You!

BCM News January 2020

Happening Soon: Facilities Stewardship: Standing the Test of Time
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 | 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. | Calvary Moravian Church

How can we better use our church building? What do we do with our aging building but shrinking budget? Interested in hearing how other Moravian churches have re-imagined the use of their church facility? Hear from members of Union Cross, Calvary, and Peace Moravian as they share their experiences and tools for effective facilities stewardship.

This event is perfect for members of the Trustees or unified board, Treasurers, Facilities Managers, Building and Grounds Teams, and others interested in learning about facilities stewardship.

Event is free, but registration is required if joining for dinner. Dinner served at 6:00p.m. followed by meeting and Q&A at 6:30p.m.

[Register here!](#)

Event sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Ministries and Moravian Ministries Foundation.

Registration Open: Leadership Focus 2020

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Bloom! Using Our Gifts to Grow the Kingdom

Saturday, February 22, 2020 | 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. | Bethania Moravian Church

This year, we'll explore how we as Moravian Christians can use our gifts to grow in new directions, deepen our congregational engagement, and meet people where they are in this changing, uncertain world. What is God calling us to do or be in the 21st century? A day of learning and fellowship, Leadership Focus provides education, training, and discussion opportunities for Southern Province Moravians.

Gather your church leadership team, group discounts are available for 4 or more registrants! Call the office at [\(336\) 722-8126](tel:3367228126) for more information.
Congregational Conversation

The Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Seminary Chaplain at Moravian Theological Seminary, will moderate a conversation with representatives from several Moravian congregations that are "living the essentials" and using their gifts of ministry to make a difference in today's world. What life-giving ministries and actions are they engaging in? What lessons have they learned? What are these faith communities doing to ensure that they are growing in faith, love, and hope, while following Jesus in serving the world?

Workshop Topics

Church/Agency Boards • College and Young Adult Ministry • Generational Living & Giving • Giftedness • Jumpstart! Your New Ministry Idea • Solving the Puzzle of the Province • Strengthening your Church's Communication Core • & More

[Click here to register today!](#)

Sign up for *Weekly Family Devotionals*

At the 2018 Southern Province Synod, it was decided that content from [Loving Hearts United](#) would be shared weekly with families through the Moravian BCM. The result: *Weekly Family Devotionals* delivered directly to your email inbox! We're excited to be bringing this resource to Moravian families in an easily accessible and bite-sized format. [Sign up at today](#) and start benefiting from our *Weekly Family Devotionals*.

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Moravian Music Foundation

Calendar:

Jan 9 Lunchtime Lecture Series – A Moravian Music Timeline; Nola R. Knouse, lecturer.

Moravian Archives & Moravian Music Foundation present free lectures for the public, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12:15 p.m. at the Archie K. Davis Center, 457 S. Church St. (behind the PEC offices (Cedarhyrst); parking available in Salem College Fine Arts lot. <https://moravianmusic.org/news-and-events/lunchtime-lectures/> 336-722-1742 or 336-725-0651; Free.

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Jan 19 A Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Jarae Payton, soprano, and Myron Brown, pianist; Sunday, January 19, 2020, 3:00 pm, St. Philips Moravian Church, Main Street in Old Salem, Winston-Salem, NC. Free.

<https://www.facebook.com/HMCMusicAtHome/>

REGISTER NOW for upcoming weekend events at Laurel Ridge; cozy atmosphere, comfy rooms, delicious meals:

Feb 7 – 9, 2020:

Moravian Songwriters Weekend at Laurel Ridge; We will gather together to brainstorm, talk, share ideas, get feedback, reflect, and write and be with others trying to find just the right word, craft a beautiful melody, or devise rich harmonies. Sacred songs, hymns, anthems, solos, etc. Bring whatever tools you use – instruments, laptop, paper and pencils, rhyming dictionary, thesaurus ... **(whether you write words, music, both, or just want to listen and learn)** Register simply by calling Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference, 124 Pendry Dr., Laurel Springs, NC; 336-359-2951 or (888) 831-5922 or info@laurelridge.org *Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation*
www.MoravianMusic.org

March 13-15 2020:

Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend at Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center, Laurel Springs, NC. **Featuring leaders, John Sinclair, choir, and Allen Frank, band. Sam Gray, devotions.**

Choral and band tracks; listeners always welcome! Registration by contacting Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference, 124 Pendry Dr., Laurel Springs, NC; 336-359-2951 or (888) 831-5922 or info@laurelridge.org Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation www.MoravianMusic.org

CALL for PAPERS

We are now accepting proposals for individual papers, panels, or lecture recitals on any topic related to Moravian history and music. The 2020 conference will explore Moravian history and music from the fifteenth to twenty-first centuries in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Please submit a proposal of 300 words or less, accompanied by CV, by April 1, 2020. The program committee will notify accepted applicants by May 15, 2020. A limited number of grants for housing and travel costs are available. We encourage submissions from undergraduate students for whom there may be special panels and poster sessions.

More Info and to Submit Proposals: www.moravianconferences.org

The conference is sponsored by Moravian Archives, Moravian College, and Center for Moravian Studies, in partnership with Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Theological Seminary, and Moravian Historical Society.

Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber, Chair weberr2@moravian.edu

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

Continuing Education Opportunities

As the New Year gets underway, it's never too early to begin thinking about Continuing Education opportunities. Last year we had 14 pastors submit grant requests for the Spough Fund. Combined these grants totaled \$15,089 and were used in the following ways: Clergy Coaching, DMIN studies, Spiritual Direction, attending the Festival of Homiletics and other ways. If you are looking for some ways to combine your Continuing Education Funds from church along with grant requests from the Spough Fund here are a couple of events to consider:

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (March 23-27, 2020; Fort Mill, SC)

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. Although focused primarily on the church setting, the skills learned are directly transferable to other settings. Thus, managers in business, attorneys, experienced mediators, and others in leadership will be enriched by the training as well. Online link with more information: <https://lmpeacecenter.org/event/mediation-skills-training-institute-for-church-leaders-ft-mill-sc/>

Festival of Homiletics (May 18– May 20, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia)

This year's theme is the following: Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation. Be inspired by God's Word proclaimed by some of the nation's finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds of preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that is dynamic, friendly, nurturing, and prophetic. Come renew, refresh, and recharge your spirit. Sister Nola Knouse is attending and hopes to recruit others to attend as well. For more information refer to this online link: <https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

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