



# PROVINCIAL TIES

February 2020

We love because

He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## Archives News

*February 2020*

**ARCHIVES SUNDAY PACKETS.** The Provincial Elders Conference has approved designating the last Sunday in April “Moravian Archives Sunday” to offer prayers for the Southern Province Archives and to request support for its ongoing mission as its record keeper. Information to aid in the celebration of this day at your congregations will be sent to you in early February. Our Archives Commission is grateful for your support as we celebrate our Church’s commitment to preserving the witness of Brothers and Sisters who have gone before and to gathering the stories of today’s church work. Prayers are also requested for the Archives Commission as it meets in an annual planning retreat on February 8.

**LUNCH LECTURE AND OTHER TALKS.** On February 13 Moravian Music Foundation Research Librarian David Blum will speak from 12:15-1:00pm in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall at our offices in the Archie K. Davis Center on “From Russia, with Love (of Sacred Choral Music)”: composer and organist Johann Wilhelm Haessler.” Archivist Eric Elliott speaks at two outside events this month: Friedberg Church’s Men’s Prayer Breakfast on February 9; at the D.A.R. meeting at Centenary UMC on February 21. If you’d like an Archives presentation at your church or meeting, please contact us. No charge for any church event, and a modest honorarium for other outside events.

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EXHIBITS OPEN AND CONTINUE. “Nurturing the Gardeners of Wachovia,” an exhibit created by the Archives and sponsored by the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and Old Salem Garden Club, opens at the Archives in the second half of this month. “The Botanizers of Salem,” an exhibit on locals who contributed to the early study of plants in America, continues its showing at Historic Bethania’s Alpha Chapel this month.

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](mailto: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*

## ***PEC News for February***

The PEC held an extended offsite meeting Jan. 9-10 and a regular meeting Jan 23. Jeff Coppage was absent from the Jan. 9-10 meeting due to his mother’s illness. All members were present on Jan. 23.

### **JAN 9-10**

PEC met at the Winston Salem Foundation. Devotions were provided by bishops Lane Sapp and Graham Rights. Agenda items included conversations with Ruth Burcaw and Michael Terry of the Board of Cooperative Ministries; with Robyn Glance and Joe Harris about Provincial finances and the Provincial Support Services Board; with Betsy Bombick, Zach Dease, and Chris Thore to receive an update and discuss future work of the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 & 18); and with Chaz Snider to review the work and plans of the New and Emerging Ministries Team. Other Agenda items: Reviewing action items from the Oct. 2019 joint meeting of the PECs, Northern and Southern Provinces; updates and discussion of candidates for ordination and our candidacy process; discussing possible changes in our current call system; following up on plans to form an Interprovincial Music and Worship Commission; and the formation of a steering committee focused on Provincial communication and connections.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC continued work on the reactivation of the Resolution 14 Resources and Response Team and revisited the purpose and priorities of this Team.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

PEC met with leaders from one congregation to discuss their request to adjust the 2019 provincial share allocation; received a report from Dave Marcus about three currently approved candidates for ordination and seven others in the inquiry/exploration stage; approved a 2020 budget for distributions from the Spaugh Fund (in support of pastors’ education and continuing education); continued steps in active call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, Friedland, Little Church on the Lane, New Philadelphia and Rural Hall. PEC affirmed our renewed use of a church planter assessment interview process with assistance from the ELCA and received a report from a preliminary interview of one of our pastors; and arranged for Guthrie to meet with the church boards a Prince of Peace and the steering committee at Margate Fellowship to address needs and concerns; and received a report from the quadrennial review conducted at Olivet, and reviewed plans for reviews at Friedberg, Mayodan, Raleigh, Covenant, and First (GA).

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**BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

PEC made plans for participation in workshops at the 2020 Leadership Focus event in February; approved a list of individuals to invite to serve on the Commission on Ministry that is being formed; approved the structure of the Synod Planning and Implementation Working Group and tasked a sub-group of PEC to develop a list of potential members of that Group. Guthrie reported on the Florida-Georgia RCC meeting he attended in FL on Jan. 18.

**INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC approved a joint statement with the Northern Province PEC about how pastors from other denominations serve in our Provinces through the “orderly exchange of clergy” with our full communion partners; prepared an announcement about David Guthrie assuming the duties of Unity Board President until Oct. 2020 due to the departure of Cortroy Jarvis in mid-term. PEC received an update about turmoil in the Moravian Church in Nicaragua and efforts in the Unity toward resolution; and, received clarification that we are invited to have a PEC member as guest at the June 2020 Northern Province Eastern District Synod.

**OTHER MATTERS**

PEC approved a resolution stating its position that Salem Congregation and the PEC should preserve its existing underlying property rights to property leased, or undocumented, or deeded with reversionary clauses wherever such rights exist. PEC received a report about the status of the provincial health insurance plan.

PEC will hold its February meeting on the 13th and 27th of the month.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

***For Your February Calendar***

6.....MMA Meeting  
 7-9.....Moravian Songwriters Weekend, LR  
 13.....PEC Meeting  
 22.....Leadership Focus 2020 – Bethania, 9am-2:30 pm  
 27.....PEC Meeting



**2020 Days of Prayer**

**Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 HOME MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Angelica Regalado Cieza  
 9:45 A.M.: Coffee Hour  
 10:45 A.M.: Music-Alex Helsabeck  
 11:00 A.M.: Worship, Nursery Provided

**Sunday, March 1,2020-CHRIST MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Richard Spaugh  
 2:00-Lovefeast, Nursery Provided

**Wednesday March 4, 2020-TRINITY MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Chris Thore  
 11:00 A.M.-Worship  
 Luncheon

**Wednesday March 11, 2020-Ardmore Moravian**

Speaker: Rev. Daniel Dockery  
 9:45 A.M.-Coffee Hour

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10:45 A.M.-Music  
11:00 A. M. Worship, No nursery provided

**Wednesday March 18, 2020-CALVARY MORAVIAN**  
Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich  
9:45 A.M.-Coffee Hour  
11:00 A.M.-Worship, Nursery Provided

**Wednesday March 25, 2020-FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN**  
Speaker: Rev. Zachery Dease  
10:30 A.M. Band Prelude  
11:00A.M. Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided

**Wednesday April 1, 2020 KONNOAK MORAVIAN**  
Speaker: Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz  
11:00 A.M. -Lovefeast

April 5, Palm Sunday  
April 9, Maundy Thursday  
April 12, Easter Sunday

*Submitted by Cindy Lamb*

## Celebrations

### *Ordination Anniversaries for February 2020*

Paul Couch, Jr.....26 years  
Tim Sapp.....14 years  
Craig Troutman.....38 years  
Steve Wilson.....44 years  
Andrew Heil.....7 years  
Fran Saylor.....2 years

### *DCE Anniversary for February 2020*

Joyce Vance.....20 years

*Congratulations and God Bless You!*

## BCM News February 2020

### Registration Open: Leadership Focus 2020



**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.

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**This event is perfect for both clergy and lay leaders, offering insight for those new in their roles and inspiration for the more “seasoned.” Gather your church leadership team, group discounts are available for 4 or more registrants! Call the office at (336) 722-8126 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!](#)

### **Save the Date: VBS Open House**

**Monday-Friday, February 10-28, 2020 | Board of Cooperative Ministries Office, Winston-Salem, NC**

This is your chance to see many of this year's Vacation Bible School options set up to preview! Drop by the BCM Office starting February 10 between 9:00am-5:00pm to view the various VBS options!

For those that are not able to drop by during business hours, we will preview the VBS curriculum on our [YouTube channel!](#) Look for the videos soon!

As in the past, there are lots of kits from previous years that we are willing to give to churches who might be interested in a free resource.

### **Now Available: Southern Province Calendar**

We have compiled a "calendar of calendars" containing information from the different Southern Province agencies. To view the calendar is simple! Visit [MCSP.org](#) and click the "News and Events" tab, from there you will be able to easily find the calendar. Anyone visiting this webpage will be able to click the event for more info and also click on links to register, copy the event to their own calendars, print, etc.

[Check out the provincial calendar 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

### *Moravian Music Events for February*

#### **Feb 7 - 9 - 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](mailto:info@laurelridge.org) Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation [More Info](#)

#### *From Russia, With Love*

**Feb 13 - [Lunchtime Lecture Series](#) - “From Russia with Love (of sacred choral music)”** examines the relationship of composer and organist Johann Wilhelm Hässler with Moravians in Germany and later in Sarepta, Russia. Dave Blum, Research Librarian of the Moravian Music Foundation, lecturer. Moravian Archives & Moravian Music Foundation present [free lectures](#) for the public 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). Free parking available in the Salem College Fine Arts Center lot. The lecture is in the Archie K Davis Center, the brick building at the north end of the parking lot with a cupola on top, next to God's Acre. 336-722-1742 or 336-725-0651  
[DIRECTIONS](#)

## BAND CHORALE FEST

**[BANDFEST](#), A Moravian Chorale Band Event, a day of music and fellowship.**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020, 9:00am — 4:00pm**

**Friedland Moravian Church, 2750 Friedland Church Rd., Winston-Salem, NC.**

*All ages, all levels, all instruments, Moravian or non-Moravian; all are welcome!  
Free, with lunch provided.*

We'll experience the chorales and gain deeper understanding, so that we can rediscover the music and play the words, not just the notes on the page. A musical day for everyone! Free event with lunch provided; we will accept donations.

**RSVP by Tuesday, February 11** to the Moravian Music Foundation: [info@moravianmusic.org](mailto:info@moravianmusic.org) or by phone, 336-725-0651.

Be sure to register each person attending, so we are sure we have enough food!

**Leaders: Hubert Fort, Raleigh Moravian Church; David Teague, New Philadelphia Moravian; Van Krause, Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band; Robbie Alphin, Friedland Moravian Church**  
[moravianmusic.org](http://moravianmusic.org)

**REGISTER NOW FOR [Music on the Mountain](#):**



### ***Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend***

**Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center, Laurel Springs, NC.**

**March 13-15 2020**

***This year's program is a FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENT***

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**John Sinclair and Allen Frank will be leading the choral and band programs on the Mountain;**  
**they will be directors for the 26th Moravian Music Festival in Bethlehem, PA, July 18-24, 2021**  
**Choral and band tracks; listeners always welcome! Registration by contacting Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference,**  
**336-359-2951 or (888) 831-5922 or [info@laurelridge.org](mailto:info@laurelridge.org)**  
*Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation [MoravianMusic.org](http://MoravianMusic.org)*

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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## ***Great Sabbath Singers Wanted***

Under the direction of Drake Flynt, with Mary Louise Kapp Peeples as organist, the Great Sabbath Chorus will present a Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship on Saturday, April 11.

Chorus rehearsals begin on Sunday, March 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Home Moravian Church. Sunday afternoon rehearsals will continue on March 8, 15, 22, and 29 and on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 pm.

Singers from all our churches are encouraged to sing. Community singers are also invited. The music this year will feature the Rutter Requiem.

Interested singers should email Ted Leinbach at [tedleinbach@aol.com](mailto:tedleinbach@aol.com).

*Submitted by Ted Leinbach for the Great Sabbath Committee*

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## **Film Screening/Discussion**

The Moravian Team for Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Reconciliation will host a free screening of the feature film *The Best of Enemies*, followed by a small group discussion forum reflecting on how we can bridge the racial divides that are so evident today. Based on the book by the same name, it is the true story of how a black activist and a KKK leader became firm friends and transformed school desegregation in Durham, NC. Interviews with the real-life Ann Atwater and C. P. Ellis were featured in a 2002 documentary called *An Unlikely Friendship*, where the two told their story of how their lives were changed through working together. The story models how a process that brings divided people to the same table can build relationships that overcome the barriers of hate and fear.

Starring Taraji P. Henson as Ann Atwater, (a civil rights activist in Durham) and Sam Rockwell as C. P. Ellis (Grand Wizard of the Durham KKK).

Special thanks to STX Films for special permission to hold and promote the screening.

Movie Trailer:

<https://youtu.be/zxfWbmdz9A>

A free will offering will be taken to cover costs of the event; admission is free.

February 16, 2020 – 2:00 pm, Reich Fellowship Hall, Trinity Moravian Church, 220 East Sprague Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27127

*Submitted by John Jackman*

## Moravian Ministries Foundation

### What's the deal with IRA changes?

By Chris Spaugh

2019 closed out with a flurry of new laws being signed into existence. Many people were not paying attention as the excitement of Christmas approached and our elected officials largely led us to believe everything was being done to approve a spending bill and keep our government running. At 2,300 plus pages I doubt seriously that many of our elected officials looked at it, much less read the legislation in the 24 hours they had before voting.

Part of the year end flurry included legislation called the Secure Act (**S**etting **E**very **C**ommunity **U**p for **R**etirement **E**nhancement). This Act had several changes for IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts) that should cause owners of these accounts to review estate plans and/or generally be aware of the changes.



#### Required Minimum Distribution

The Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age moved up from 70 ½ to 72. In 2020 or later you will not be forced to withdraw money from your IRA until after your 72nd birthday. You can still make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA at 70 ½ since the law did not change the age for a QCD (of course, doing the QCD before age 72 will not count toward a required minimum distribution since those don't start until age 72 going forward).

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