



# PROVINCIAL TIES

August 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## Board of World Mission News

Greetings to the members and congregations of the Southern Province, This message is to inform congregations of a joint decision by the Board of World Mission and Southern Province Mission Society to close the physical mission office in Old Salem, effective December 31, 2020.

The decision reflects the current reality that following September 1st, no staff are currently in place to be present in the office. The COVID-19 situation has delayed any plans for hiring a new Director of Mission Outreach by the Board of World Mission, as this person would not be able to travel to visit our global partners, which certainly would be a large part of their role.

Additionally, COVID-19 may require our offices to not allow visitors for the foreseeable future, which would limit our ability to connect with individuals as has been the case from this physical office space.

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It is important to state that the BWM and SP Mission Society value our partnership in mission ministry. The closure of the office does not indicate any desire to weaken our partnership. We have remained in close contact throughout this process to ensure a shared process. Even without the shared physical office, BWM and the SP Mission Society will continue our strong partnership. It is helpful to have three board members who sit on both the Mission Society Board and BWM. This allows for regular communication between our organizations as we do our work.

The BWM and SP Mission Society remain fully committed to its work in the Southern Province, and all of the partnerships developed with ministries facilitated from the Southern Province as well.

From a physical office standpoint, the BWM hopes to model the work of other interprovincial agencies that also only have one physical office while serving the NP and the SP, like the IBOC (Bethlehem) and MMFA (Winston-Salem).

From a staffing standpoint, the BWM will be hiring to fill out our staff. The timing of this hire is being discerned, but will occur. Similarly, the SP Mission Society is exploring the best options for fulfilling its staffing and administrative office needs.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared mission work, and we welcome opportunities to continue to work closely with you all, and look forward to any conversations or invitations to move ahead on mission initiatives.

Blessings,

Justin Rabbach  
Executive Director  
Board of World Mission

Rev. Bob Peterson  
President  
Southern Province Mission Society

## **PEC Membership Change**

Jeff Coppage, who was elected to the PEC at the 2018 Synod, has decided to conclude service as a PEC member due to health needs and has applied for long term disability. Jeff shares that having the opportunity to serve the Province in this way has been a source of joy and fulfillment for which he is thankful. The PEC accepted this decision with appreciation for the many ways Jeff's gifts, energy and insights contributed to our work. We pray that stepping away from this role will provide time and space to focus on continued recovery, and for new ways of continued ministry in days to come. Jeff is happy to be involved in the life and witness of his home congregation, Konnoak Hills.

According to the Constitution, the PEC appoints a pastor to fill this clergy position for the remainder of the current term (until the 2022 Synod). We are pleased to announce that Matthew Allen, pastor of Olivet Moravian Church, has accepted appointment and begins this new avenue of service effective July 23.

We invite your prayers for Jeff and his wife, Ann, for Matthew, and for the ministry of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

## *PEC News for August*

Using video conferencing, the PEC held regular meetings July 9 and 23. Jeff Coppage joined part of the July 9 meeting for conversation. July 23 we welcomed Matthew Allen who accepted appointment to complete the unexpired term of Jeff Coppage. Bishop Lane Sapp briefly joined the July 23 meeting to lead a Liturgy of Installation and Reaffirmation adapted from the liturgy used at the 2018 Synod. Both meetings included prayer for needs and concerns among our congregations and church leaders. PEC also joined the “Pastor to Pastor” video conference meetings occurring on Thursday afternoons.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

The Synod Planning Committee met for the first time July 21. PEC reviewed a brief report of this meeting and received a draft delegate covenant the Committee is developing. At the request of the Laurel Ridge Board Executive Committee, PEC approved an adjustment in the allocation of funds which will be received for the Laurel Ridge 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign. (2018 Synod Resolution 8)

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

PEC reviewed the schedule of quadrennial reviews for: Fries Memorial, Advent, First (GA), New Beginnings, Mt. Bethel, Friedland, and the Board of Cooperative Ministries, and noted some of these will likely be via video conference. PEC continued work in call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, Little Church on the Lane, and Rural Hall. After discussing and setting guidelines for half time service, PEC issued a call to half-time service to Illovis Gonzalez (Nueva Esperanza Fellowship, Miami.) PEC discussed and agreed to develop guidance for congregations regarding annual congregation councils, elections, and 2021 budget preparation and approval.

### **BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

PEC received a report from the Commission on Ministry and agreed to have the 6 approved candidates (Adriana Craver, Scott Rainey, Margaret Norris, Josh Follweiler, Noah Smith, Madi White) join in part of our Aug. 13 meeting. The Commission reported working with 4 prospective candidates. PEC asked the Commission to meet with pastors from other denominations expressing interest in serving in our Province. PEC discussed a report from the Moravian Team for Reconciliation and its plans to expand membership. PEC received a report from the Provincial Support Services Board about its review of insurance and benefits programs and providers; accepted its recommendation regarding one congregation’s request for an adjustment in its provincial share allocation; and asked the PSSB to coordinate a discussion about office space use among board and agencies with offices in Salem. PEC continued a conversation about the needs for congregational development and support, especially as activities can resume “post-COVID-19”, and the role of the Board of Cooperative Ministries in this area.

### **INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC discussed: the Sept. 20, 2020 Moravian Day of Service coordinated by the Board of World Mission; communication with the Northern Province and its Districts when calls are issued; and an update on matters in the world-wide Unity, particularly, Nicaragua. The Unity Board Administrator is gathering reports from the Provinces about the impact of COVID-19, and the response. PEC reviewed and approved a draft “federated ministry agreement” with the

NC Synod of the ELCA for our partnership in The Dwelling, an emerging ministry in downtown Winston-Salem led by the Rev. Emily Norris (ELCA).

### **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC continued work on various decisions and communications related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including: church day cares and preschools, and the extension in NC of Phase 2 of the reopening process. PEC acted to adjust the 2020 Provincial Budget to reflect an expected receipt of 85% of the income from congregations originally budgeted.

The PEC meets August 13 and 27.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

## **Concerns and Celebrations**

### **Birth:**

Congratulations to **Zach and Jamie Dease** who have welcomed their first child. Their daughter, Hattie Rose, was born Monday evening on July 27, 2020. Hattie Rose weighed 7 lbs. 01 oz. Continue to keep Zach, Jamie and Hattie Rose in your prayers in the days to come.

### **Deaths:**

**Rosemary Stewart**, wife of the **Rev. Arkon Stewart**, interim pastor at Enterprise Moravian Church, entered the more immediate presence of the Lord on July 15 at the age of 83. She was a full partner in Arkon's ministry as together they served the Enterprise, Providence and Ardmore congregations. She was known for her chicken pies, strawberry pies and sourdough rolls. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Arkon; their three children, six grandchildren, a step-granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Your prayers are invited for Arkon and the extended family.

July 9, **Gregorio Moody's** father, Apolinario Moody, age 90, joined the heavenly church triumphant after a long period of illness. A memorial service was held at King of Kings Moravian Church, Miami, FL July 20. His body was transported to Nicaragua for burial in his home town, Waspam. Please remember Gregorio and the Moody family in prayer.

Please continue to pray for **Don Griffin** and family. Don's mother-in-law, Edna May Teague, age 94, passed away June 27 at the Oaks of Forsyth County. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn Griffin, her husband, three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by a son, a daughter, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held June 30 at Parklawn Memorial Park with Don Griffin and Bro. Frank Shumate officiating.

**Chaz Snider's** father-in law, Steve Walker, of Wilmington, NC passed away June 14 after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Chaz' wife, Michaleah and their children Sara, Christopher and Abbey in your prayers. A time of remembrance will be planned for a later date.

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**Illnesses:**

Randy Fulton, director of Christian Education at Clemmons Moravian, fell breaking both legs. He was hospitalized and then transferred to a rehab facility to begin therapy. Please remember Randy and his family in prayer over the days and weeks to come.

Please remember those who have been recently hospitalized or facing health challenges: Earlette Peek (and husband, Bob); Bob Rierson (and wife, Annalise).

***Ordination Anniversaries for August 2020***

Worth Green.....	43
Donald Griffin.....	37
Suzanne Miller.....	12
Tracy Pryor.....	21
James Salzwedel.....	59
Arkon Stewart.....	30
Sandra Thigpen.....	28
Scott Venable.....	41
Frank Barker.....	57

***Congratulations and God Bless You!***

***For Your August Calendar***

- 13 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)
- 27 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)

***Moravian Clergy Connections***

The Moravian Clergy Connections program, funded by the Lilly Foundation, provides continuing education opportunities for pastors who are currently serving in congregations under call or appointment. Audrey West, at Moravian Theological Seminary, is the program coordinator and shares the following. Note the application deadline is August 16.

Clergy, are you interested in taking a deep dive into the Bible and Politics? Or maybe you'd like to focus your attention on Prayer, or take a refresher in Moravian Theology or Biblical Greek? Thanks to the *Thriving in Ministry* Lilly grant, tuition scholarships are available for Moravian pastors who enroll in courses for credit – first come, first served! If you prefer to take a course by audit or for Continuing Ed, Moravian Seminary offers special rates. Check out the online courses available this Fall at [Moravian Theological Seminary](http://Moravian Theological Seminary) For information about the scholarship grants, contact Dr. Audrey West, [westa@moravian.edu](mailto:westa@moravian.edu) For registration information, contact Rev. Randy D'Angelo, MTS Director of Enrollment, [dangelor@moravian.edu](mailto:dangelor@moravian.edu). **Application deadline: August 16, 2020.** Classes start the week of August 24.

## Moravian Ministries Foundation



### You're invited!

Interested in hearing StewardTips for your community of faith? Join Moravian Ministries Foundation in America's Chris Spaugh and Laura Watson for a webinar on Thursday, August 13, at 2 pm. We'll be sharing ingredients for a successful stewardship ministry, with a focus on specific steps for a 2020 financial appeal and securing future funding for your community of faith. **It's a great opportunity for your trustees and stewardship leaders too.**

[Click here to register now](#)

[Click here to read article](#)

*Submitted by Vince Holbrook*

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### *For Your Address Book*

#### *New Addresses and Phone Numbers:*

**Carol Foltz:**

discontinued phone number 336-784-6966. Her cell phone, 336-926-0381, is now her primary phone number.

**Tony Hayworth:**

new mailing address is P.O. Box 469, Wallburg, NC 27373

physical address is 1407 Georgetown Road, Kernersville, NC 27284

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## Moravian Music Foundation

*New Videos, Photo Galleries, and a Trivia Contest!*



**Nothing, If Not Consistent  
Moravian Ideals; Moravian Music**  
A New [video](#) series in 6 chapters  
1. Devotion to the Savior

2. Simplicity & Stillness

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3. Community & Fellowship
4. Chosen, But Not Exclusive
5. Faith Manifested in Works
6. Life Eternal in the Presence of the Savior

Rev. Nola R. Knouse and Rev. C. Daniel Crews, speakers

### Johannes Herbst

#### The Man, His Music, and His Manuscripts

2-Part [video](#) chronicling the life of Rt. Rev. Johannes Herbst, Moravian composer, and his service to the Lord and to the Moravian Church. In terms of music, we follow the interconnecting themes of the musical dimension of his life:

1. Pedagogy (in part 1)
2. Music Collecting (and Copying) (in part 2)
3. Choral and vocal music composition (in part 2)

Dave Blum, Research Librarian, Writer and Narrator, with Barbara Strauss, C. Daniel Crews, and Jeffrey Gemmell.



*Everyone is invited to join the Moravian Trivia Challenge!*

#### Moravian Trivia Challenge

Join the Game On Zoom! [more info](#)

Thursday evening at 7:30pm EDT (6:30pm Central) August 20, 2020

A project of MMF, Moravian Archives, and Board of Cooperative Ministries. Open to all. Give up your Jeopardy re-runs for one evening and join Moravians from all over the country. Fun trivia about music, history, names and places, and the bible. Test your skills. Share your Moravian pride. Show your inner “Zinzendork!”

All participants are asked to register ahead and will be divided into groups upon joining the Zoom meeting. **Please register ahead of time at by visiting <https://moravianmusic.org/moravian-trivia-challenge/>**  
There will be prizes. [www.moravianmusic.org](http://www.moravianmusic.org)

#### *New Photo Galleries posted online!*

New photo galleries

- [Songwriters Weekend 2020](#)
- [Music on the Mountain 2020](#)
- [BANDFEST 2020](#)



*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

## BCM News for August 2020

### Virtual Office Hours



**Tuesdays | 1:00PM-2:00PM**

Connect virtually in this space to ask questions, explore ideas, hear responses, and share resources.

[Click here](#) to view our virtual office hours topics and join us on Tuesdays!

### Coming Soon | Virtual Children's Festival & Lovefeast Sunday, August 16, 2020

Gather your little ones and those young at heart for a virtual Children's Festival and Lovefeast! We are excited to be offering this event for the 7th year, especially during this uncertain time!

Together, we will learn the history of a Moravian tradition that we all hold dear to our hearts: our lovefeast! We will participate in a unique litany, sing songs with some special guests, and get our bodies moving with a Story and Stretch!



In mid-August, we will release a special Children's Festival and Lovefeast YouTube link. We ask that you gather supplies for a lovefeast at home (juice box, milk, cookies, or bun) and watch the video with us on Sunday, August 16th, 2020 at 2:00 PM ET. While the video could be watched at any time, we encourage you to view it at this day and time so we can all gather (virtually) in the Spirit together.

To help publicize the event info, we have asked all congregations to send Beth Hayes ([BHayes@MCSP.org](mailto:BHayes@MCSP.org)) your church's children programming representative contact information. A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Children's Festival activities with these representatives.

**More information to come on our e-news, social media, and website!**

### The Resource Center | Modified Curriculum Sales



Curriculum orders for 2020-2021 are due! For this curriculum year, we have simplified our options to make it easier to order the best educational program for your members. Churches can visit [MoravianCurriculum.org](http://MoravianCurriculum.org) to view our full catalog and informational video about the ordering process. At this time, we are not allowing visitors into the Resource Center, if you are interested in seeing samples of products contact Beth Hayes to arrange curbside pickup.

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As many congregations continue to do faith formation virtually, we will be sharing faith formation tips during the month of August! These tips will start on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM with the Children's Festival informational Zoom meeting. Make sure to contact Beth Hayes with your church's children programming representative contact information.

Contact Beth Hayes at [BHayes@MCSP.org](mailto:BHayes@MCSP.org) with any questions regarding curriculum orders.

## #BeMoravianStars Nomination Form



Be the light. Be a Moravian Star.

In a time when light can be hard to find, there are still plenty of our fellow humans out there shining light into dark places and fulfilling the scriptural command to love your neighbor as yourself. Let's transform the world with love and be the light...

BCM is thrilled to honor those who are making a difference in their community through both small and big acts of kindness. In July, we announced our first few honorees for this recognition and plan honoring more "Moravian Stars" throughout the year!

Do you know someone who is shining a light during this difficult time? Nominate the "Moravian Stars" in your life and we will "star" their yards to honor them for their generosity and love. Then, we will feature their good deeds on our social media and website.

[Click here](#) to nominate someone and view past honorees!

## BCM CONNECT Small Group Opportunities

BCM has offered a variety of online small group experiences to examine topics of interest to Moravian Christians. By spending time with a small group, you can build relationships, connect with others, and mobilize to grow in faith, love, and hope, following Jesus in serving the world. We have several more CONNECT Small Group opportunities starting in August, so [register today!](#)

[Click here](#) to learn more about our upcoming CONNECT Group studies!

## COVID-19 Resource Re-Cap

The Board of Cooperative Ministries has been busy since mid-March working on providing the most up-to-date information and resources as gathering restrictions limit churches' ability to meet in person. If you missed any of our virtual events or resources, check out our [COVID-19 Resource Re-Cap](#) page. This page includes recordings of our Zoom webinars, Virtual Office Hours, and other relevant resources.

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*Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson*

## Archives News

*August 2020*

THE ARCHIVES WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO VISITORS at least through mid-month. If Phase Two restrictions are eased after August 7, we will first allow scheduled volunteer workers in the building, and then begin scheduling limited research appointments during mornings from 9:30am – noon. Direct inquiries to our personal e-mails or the office e-mail [moravianarchives@mcsp.org](mailto:moravianarchives@mcsp.org), or find Archivist J. Eric Elliott by cell at 980-267-2752.

ONLINE MORAVIAN TRIVIA CHALLENGE ON AUGUST 20. A project of Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Archives, and the Board of Cooperative Ministries, this contest is open to all but staff of the agencies. Join the online Zoom game at 7:30pm, and share fun trivia about Moravian music, history, names and places, and the Bible. Prizes will be awarded, but the goal is fun collaboration, not competition. Advanced registration required at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeihqjluGtM9c5X9oSBqsHXzOVzRwaPL>

MORAVIAN STUDIES COLLABORATIVE MEETS IN AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING on fourth Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM. August 27's topic will be the upcoming release of volume 10 of the Archives' book series *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees*, as well as an update on September's Mellon Foundation-sponsored Reynolda Conference, "Becoming American."

*Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives*

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