



# PROVINCIAL

## TIES

September 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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### **UNITY WOMEN'S DESK** *Moravian Day of Service Opportunity*

The Unity Women's Desk will be collecting items for women who stay at the Forsyth County Family Services Women's Shelter (<https://familyservicesforsyth.org/>) We'll kick off collections on Sunday Sept 20 and will continue collecting items until October 25, which is the Interprovincial Day of Awareness of Violence against Women. If your congregation or group would like to partner in this service, please contact Julie Tomberlin for more details: [julie.unitywomen@gmail.com](mailto:julie.unitywomen@gmail.com)  
Follow us on Facebook for updates!

*Submitted by Julie Tomberlin*

# Why We Should Not Sing Together Now

Nola Reed Knouse

Based on multiple scientific sources from medical schools and universities

1. COVID-19 spreads by aerosols. These are the tiny droplets, too small to see, that carry virus particles. They can travel through air for far more than 6 feet, and linger in air for several minutes. Speaking loudly, laughing, and singing produce large quantities of aerosols – think how far you can smell garlic on someone’s breath when they’ve laughed several feet away. And when you are singing with someone else, you are also taking in deeper breaths – with a high probability of ingesting the aerosols they are exuding.

2. COVID-19 can be active in the body, and transmitted by someone, who has no symptoms at all. And the existing tests still show too high a percentage of “false negatives” – negative results from a test of someone who does actually carry the virus. That means, first, that you might actually have COVID-19 and not know it; and you can give it to other people without their knowing it. Again, this is not like the flu or a cold; we’re vividly aware when someone singing near us has a cold or the flu!

3. Because of these two factors – aerosol transmission and asymptomatic transmission – there have been numerous instances of singing together in rehearsals or performance becoming “supertransmitters” – one asymptomatic carrier can infect many people, with tragic results.

4. Even if it doesn’t kill you, the new coronavirus can be devastating to your life for a long time. Recent research is showing a large number of people who have seemingly mild cases, and don’t need to be hospitalized, but suffer ongoing symptoms for months afterwards. Unlike the flu, one doesn’t recover from COVID-19 in two weeks or so. Moreover, scientists still don’t know the long-term effects on the health of the heart and lungs and other organs. Unnecessary risks should not be taken.

5. COVID-19 doesn’t care if you’re best friends or family members. It doesn’t know that. There is no “family dispensation”. *If you are not actively quarantining with someone, you should not be “hanging out” with them without maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask.*

6. If one must sing, these are ways to make it less risky (not without risk).

a. Wear a mask. Yes, it’s uncomfortable; but you can sing in a mask. This helps keep you from spreading your aerosols to someone else.

b. Keep your distance. Stay at least 12-15 feet apart from anyone else. That includes accompanist, pastor, fellow singer, congregation – everyone.

c. If you are outside, make sure no one is downwind from you. If you are inside, make sure the air conditioning isn’t blowing.

7. The best counsel is this:

Consider your not singing as your gift to God and your sacrifice of love for your brothers and sisters.

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Nola R. Knouse*

## ***PEC News for August***

Using video conferencing, the PEC held regular meetings Aug. 13 and 27 with all members participating. These meetings included sharing news from across the Province and intercessory prayer for pastors, church educators, and congregations. PEC also joined the afternoon Pastor to Pastor conversation both days.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC received a report from the Synod Planning Committee, including: a calendar of key dates in preparing for Synod, a draft of a Synod delegate covenant, an update on securing a venue; and possible co-chairs for Synod. PEC determined that, due to COVID-19, there will not be an Intersynodal Conference in 2021. PEC reviewed action items from 2018 Synod Resolution 19 (Continuing the Journey of Reconciliation). PEC received a letter from the Laurel Ridge Board Executive Committee about plans for the 60th anniversary capital campaign, and referred the letter to the Provincial Support Services Board.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

PEC discussed and developed a memo for church boards about annual church councils in 2020. PEC continued appropriate steps in call processes for: Ardmere, Bethania, Fairview, Little Church on the Lane, and Rural Hall; and made plans for introductory conversations with the church boards at First, Greensboro and Hope. PEC received a report from the Commission on Ministry and approved Reed Lawson as a candidate for ordination. The Aug. 13 meeting included conversation with six approved candidates: Adriana Craver, Scott Rainey, Margaret Norris, Josh Follweiler, Noah Smith and Madi White. Aug 27, PEC met with a prospective candidate for ordination. PEC renewed the appointment of Safiatu Braima as Provincial Acolyte serving the Sierra Leone Unity Mission Area; revised the guidelines for Congregational Acolytes about their assisting a pastor in the distribution of Communion; and discussed particular needs and situations of three pastors. PEC began preparing answers to questions from a survey conducted by the Moravian Ministry Association in advance of their Sept. 3 meeting.

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

PEC approved a request from the Moravian Team for Reconciliation to expand its membership; and discussed advice and guidance to Provincial boards and agencies in the preparation of 2021 budgets. PEC received a letter from the Laurel Ridge Board executive committee

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

In the Aug 13 meeting PEC met for one hour via video conferencing with the Northern Province PEC to share how both Provinces are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and other topics. PEC received a brief report about the Aug. 10-11 meetings of the Steering Committee for Christian Churches Together in the USA. PEC received a letter announcing the World Council of Churches Assembly will be moved to 2022. PEC noted that the partnership agreement has been signed with the NC Synod ELCA for The Dwelling, an emerging ministry in downtown Winston-Salem.

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**OTHER MATTERS**

PEC noted the receipt of a contribution of \$5,800 from a retired pastor which has been placed in the Pastoral Assistance Fund; received a status update about the re-opening plans for day care and preschool ministries at fourteen churches; and agreed to produce a brief, video message for congregations and the membership.

The PEC meets Sept. 10 and 24

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

**Celebrations**

***Ordination Anniversaries for September 2020***

- Bert Chin.....30 years
- Patricia Garner.....22 years
- John Jackman..... 38 years
- Nola Knouse.....11 years
- William McElveen..... 62 years
- Will Sibert.....33 years
- Ramona Spencer.....15 years
- Adam Goodrich.....3 years
- Angelica Regalado.....3 years

***Director of Christian Education Anniversaries***

- Beth Hayes.....30 years
- Donna Hurt.....25 years

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

**Continuing Education this fall  
at Moravian Theological Seminary**

Visit our continuing ed page for all the events for links to the EventBrite registration:  
<https://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>

**WISDOM WAY OF KNOWING GATHERINGS**

(3) Fridays, September 18, October 16, & November 20 • 3:00-5:00pm Leader:  
Marcella Kraybill-Greggo, MSW, LSW  
Online via Zoom Video Conference Contact Hours: 6 Price: \$20 per session

**COUILLARD LECTURE PRESENTED BY DAVID CASTAÑEDA**

Friday, September 25 • 10:00am-2:30pm Topic: Spirituality in Networked Spaces.  
Online via Zoom Video Conference. Contact Hours: 3. Price: FREE

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**PROFESSIONAL DAY LECTURE PRESENTED BY REV. CODY J. SANDERS, PH.D**

Friday, November 13 • 3:00-5:00pm Topic: LGBTQ Suicide and Care for the Souls of Queer Folk. Online via Zoom Video Conference. Contact Hours: 3. Price: \$40 (+\$15 for NBCC-approved CEs)

*Submitted by Moravian Theological Seminary*

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***For Your September Calendar***

- 10 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)
- 10 - Lunchtime Lecture, noon, [Online Edition](#)
- 24 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)
- 28 - Oct. 1 - MMA Retreat, Laurel Ridge

**Moravian Ministries Foundation**

***Help us serve you better in 2021***

Brothers and sisters can you spare just 10 minutes of your time to help the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America do an even better job for you next year? It's important that we know what's important to you and what you would like us to do next. Click the link below to take a quick survey about your passions, priorities, and intentions. Or take a picture of this QR code with your phone. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J8YB3DC>



*Submitted by Vince Holbrook*

**Moravian Music Foundation**

***News from Moravian Music Foundation***



***New videos have been posted on the  
MMF YouTube Channel***

***Nothing If Not Consistent : Moravian Ideals, Moravian Music***

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

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Moravian Music Foundation ([www.moravianmusic.org](http://www.moravianmusic.org))

Summer of Learning Moravian Video Series

Is a 6-part series of lectures that explore the themes of

1. Devotion to the Savior
2. Simplicity & Stillness
3. Community & Fellowship
4. Chosen, But Not Exclusive
5. Faith Manifested in Works
6. Life Eternal in the Presence of the Savior

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MoravianMusicFndn/playlists>

***Johannes Herbst, The Man, His Music, and His Manuscripts; Moravian Bishop & Composer***

Part 1 chronicles the life of Rt. Rev. Johannes Herbst 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 (identified by Tim Sharp):

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

For more about Herbst and hymns, see Nola Knouse's video

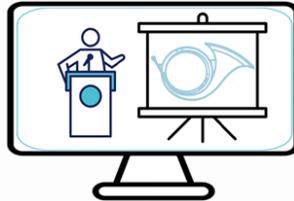
<https://youtu.be/iVPsxMWtv5Y>

Dave Blum with Barbara Strauss, C. Daniel Crews, and Jeffrey Gemmell.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MoravianMusicFndn/playlists>

***Lunchtime Lecture Series begins in September – Online Edition***

Sponsored by Moravian Music Foundation Inc. and the Moravian Archives



**LUNCHTIME LECTURE**

**September 10, 12:00 noon**

**[Moravian Archives YouTube Channel](#)**

Our September talk is by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Southern Province,

***“Becoming American: an online Reynolda Conference, September 23-26.”***

**Conference programs and how you can listen and learn online during the event.**

The Wake Forest University conference, co-convened with the Archives, studies transitions in the relationship of the Moravian community in Wachovia with their European American, Native American and African American neighbors in the years

1772-1822. The Reynolda Conference format features both innovative public programming and research-in-progress discussions with faculty and invited guest

presenters in private sessions. [Conference Website](#)

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The Moravian Music Foundation partnered with the BCM and Archives for a Moravian Trivia Challenge game, using Zoom online

**It was a good balance between fun and challenging. Each person was assigned a group to form a team, with a team leader, and choosing a name. The “Moravian Star” team (8 people) was the winner, with leader, Dana Myers. They have all been sent prizes. Watch for another Challenge Game later this year!**

Participants came from these congregations: Olivet Edgeboro Unity Calvary Raleigh Graceham Konnoak Hills Friedland Covenant NewHope Fries Raleigh LakeMills Home Fulp Nazareth Advent(Bethlehem) Clemmons Trinity JohnHusNY RioTerrace, Bethany, Emmaus, RollingHills, and Millwoods Community Church

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Fairfield, CT - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - Epiphany Lutheran

There was a Tanzania registrant who cancelled but I think we even had a South Africa participant

*Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, plans are in flux, and will likely be changing to an online/onsite hybrid festival – with digital content, remote connectivity, recorded and livestreamed music.*



The Festival Planning Committee and MMF staff are working to reimagine a Festival in July, 2021 with mostly online content: both live-streamed and pre-recorded – concerts, rehearsals, workshops, lectures, lessons, master classes, social events, round tables, collaborations, and content and activities for youth and children! [Festival Updates](#)

Digital music experiences will allow for more equitable access to more activities than ever before!

Plan to join us for a new Festival experience in 2021. - Details forthcoming.

Then make plans to join us in July 2022 in Bethlehem, PA for live performances with online connectivity!

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

## Archives News

“BECOMING AMERICAN” CONFERENCE – From September 23-26, you are invited to join us in the public portions of an online educational conference, “Becoming American: Moravians and their Neighbors, 1772-1822.” The Wake Forest University conference, co-convened with the Archives, studies transitions in the relationship of the Moravian community in Wachovia with their European American, Native American and African American neighbors. The Reynolda Conference format features both innovative public programming and research in progress discussions with faculty and invited guest presenters in private sessions. Public programming includes three keynote lectures, walk and learn online tours, a panel discussion and a cultural performance evening. To register for this free event or for more info, see: [humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/programming/ba](http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/programming/ba)

LUNCHTIME LECTURE – Available beginning at noon on September 10 on the Archives’ YouTube Channel will be our September talk, “Becoming American”: An online Reynolda Conference, September 23-26.” Archivist Eric Elliott describes the program and how you can listen and learn online during the event.

ZOOM PRESENTATIONS AT YOUR CHURCH – The Archives remains closed to public visitors, but please include us in your plans as you create distance programming for your congregation. We will be glad to lead a thirty-minute online Zoom program about the Archives and your church, or about other topics of interest to your group. Archivist Elliott speaks about the upcoming “Becoming American” conference to Home Moravian on Wednesday, September 16, from 6:45-7:45pm as part of their regular Wednesday night program. And don’t forget to reach out to us for Daily Texts and info requests as needed at [moravianarchives@mcsp.org](mailto:moravianarchives@mcsp.org) or at 336-722-1742,

MORAVIAN TRIVIA WNNERS; Co –sponsored with the Moravian Music Foundation and the Board of Cooperative Ministries, our first online inter-provincial trivia match on August 20 was a lot of fun and well-received. With three dozen players joining in, we will try doing it again later this year. Congrats to winning team “Moravian Stars”: Dana Myers (Unity); John Foltz (Trinity); Graham Rights (Home); Tom Schultz (New Hope); Jim & Sarah Salzwedel (Home); Donna (Advent - Bethlehem); Jane and Catherine Lyerly (Old Salem via ELCA); and Eric and Jen Durham (G’boro, Home).

*Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives*

## *BCM News for September 2020*

### **Save the Date | Sheila Beaman's Retirement Drive-Thru Sunday, September 27, 2020 | Time & Place TBD**

After 31 years of service to the Moravian Church SP, working for both the Board of World Mission and Mission Society, Sheila Beaman retired on September 1st. While the pandemic is preventing us from hosting a gathering, we would like to show our love and appreciation in a different way. On Sunday, September 27, we will host a drive-thru reception for Sheila. We invite you to drive by to thank her for her service and wish her well in this next chapter of her life. More information will be sent out later this month with location and time.

### **Virtual Office Hours**



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

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

#### **Upcoming Topics for September**

- A Cozy COVID Christmas?
- Leading Effectively in Volatile Times (special guest Mark Tidsworth)
- Easy Video Editing

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

### **#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. Throughout the summer, we have recognized several shining stars in our community! We are excited to continue to showcase the good deeds of our fellow brother and sisters!

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!

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## BCM CONNECT Small Group Opportunities



BCM is excited to offer 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 September, [register today!](#)**

What would you like to learn or discuss? Would you be interested in leading a CONNECT group for the BCM. **Please take a moment to [complete this form](#) to share your preferences and ideas with us!**

## The Moravian Experience: A Spiritual Journey for Right Now



Our lives have been transformed during this global pandemic. There is no road map for our journey as we adapt and discern new ways forward together in these uncertain times. But we do have some tools at our disposal, which are steeped in our Moravian heritage. Our early

Moravian brothers and sisters found opportunity in challenge. These bold followers of Jesus blazed forward as they grew in relationship with Christ, expressed spirituality in community, and sacrificed nearly everything for their mission.

Likewise, our current challenge provides modern-day Moravians opportunities to share faith, love, and hope with the world in new and different ways. Amid an overwhelming amount of online content, this collection of resources provides inspiration and challenge for our journey *as Moravian Christians*. We hope these resources will guide you on your inward journey to deepen your relationship with Christ as well as our outward journey to live with each other like Christ – being relational and loving as we reach out to the world.

**[Click here](#) to view *The Moravian Experience!***

## Watch Today | Virtual Children's Festival & Lovefeast

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, organizers, and attendees, the 7th Annual Moravian Children's Festival was a huge success!

Families from all over gathered virtually to celebrate and interact with one of our favorite Moravian tradition: our lovefeast! If you missed viewing the virtual festival, you can still watch it at any time on [YouTube](#).



To help us remember this special event, make sure to print and color our commemorative coloring pages! We will compile all the wonderful artwork into a scrapbook to be saved in the Archives. Coloring pages are due to Beth Hayes by the end of August. [Click here](#) to learn more about the commemorative piece.

**For more information and to view the virtual festival visit [MoravianBCM.org](#).**

*Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackso*

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