



PROVINCIAL TIES

October 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

PEC News for October

The PEC met via video conference Sept. 10 and 24. Judy Knopf and Nola Knouse were on vacation Sept. 10. All members participated Sept. 24. These meetings included time invested in prayer for various needs and concerns among our congregations, fellowships, pastors and church educators. PEC continued to join in the Pastor to Pastor conversations via video conferencing on the days our meetings.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received a report from the Synod Planning Committee; and discussed the status of the Resolution 14 Response Team and other working groups from Synod, particularly in light of limitations related to the pandemic. PEC reviewed an “Action Plan toward Racial Justice and Healing” created and shared by the Northern Province Racial Justice Team and passed it along to our Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation (Resolution 19).

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC discussed plans for the ordination of Illovis Gonzalez, who will be the organizing pastor of a new congregation in Miami, FL; reviewed a report from Audrey West coordinator for the Moravian Clergy Connections program (funded by the Lilly Foundation); received news from Lisa Mullen that she has renewed her status as a pastor in Salem Presbytery (PCUSA); received an update on the status of two individuals in the early stages of candidacy for ordination and made plans to meet with another; met with a Presbyterian pastor who is open to transitional (intentional interim) ministry in the Province; and approved a request from Raleigh Moravian to permit Barbara Styers, Pastoral Assistant, to administer the sacraments in the congregation based on her ordination in the Presbyterian Church, USA. PEC made arrangements for fall quadrennial reviews at Advent, First (GA), and New Beginnings; discussed plans for 2021 quadrennial reviews; and dealt with matters related to call processes for: Ardmore, Bethania, Hope, Little Church on the Lane, Fairview, First, Greensboro, and Unity. PEC affirmed a prior decision that membership status is fully available in “fresh expressions” of church (Anthony’s Plot, Come and Worship, Estamos Unidos) with the expectation of appropriate record-keeping.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

At the invitation of the Board of World Mission, PEC reviewed the manner in which members of the BWM are selected. PEC received reports of the Provincial Support Services Board regarding: the 2021 budget preparation process for boards and agencies; changes and adjustments in insurance, payroll and benefits management; and exploration of office space and use by boards and agencies in Salem. At the Board of Director’s request, PEC appointed 3 members to the Salemtowne Board; and, at its Board’s request, made two appointments to the Board of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC confirmed that the Northern Province will host the annual joint meeting of the Northern and Southern PECs Nov. 11-13 using video conferencing; agreed to begin distributing the newsletter of the Unity Board to pastors and congregations; and noted that the Provincial report to the Unity Board (meeting April 2021) is due. PEC received the final draft of a document from the Methodist-Moravian Coordinating Committee dealing with the orderly exchange of clergy.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC received a report on the Emerging Ministries Fund used to underwrite new and emerging ministries of congregations and within the Province; and prepared additional memos to pastors and churches related to COVID-19 and steps taken in the NC Governor’s plan for reopening. PEC approved adjustments in its 2020 operating budget and identified budgeted funds that are not likely to be utilized and could be available to address a shortfall in income to the 2020 Provincial budget. PEC amended a prior, standing resolution which allows pension benefits to be used as housing allowance to also include disability benefits.

The PEC meets October 8 and 22.



Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

BCM News for October 2020

Share Your Moravian Advent & Christmas Reflections

We want your stories, reflections, and Christmas memories to be part of this unique project! A group of Moravian pastors, church musicians, and ministry leaders recently began imagining what a Moravian Christmas might look like in this age of physical distancing, virtual worship, and limited singing options. Their goal? To ensure that Christmas 2020 is a spiritual, memorable, surprising, and still thoroughly Moravian experience.



We invite you to record a short video of yourself answering one or more of the following questions:

- What is Christmas Eve like for you?
- What do the words “Moravian Christmas” mean to you? What Christmas traditions do you hold close to your heart?
- What kind of mission or outreach do you engage in during Advent and Christmas?
- What is your favorite childhood memory of Christmas?
- What hymn or carol sums up what Advent or Christmas means to you?
- What will you be doing a little differently this year as you celebrate Christ’s birth?

Let us know if you are going to submit a reflection (or need help submitting) by completing this [quick form](#).

This interprovincial group is hard at work developing a variety of Advent and Christmas resources and experiences for individuals, families, and congregations in developing their worship and fellowship opportunities. These resources will be shared interprovincially beginning in November; virtual events and other resources will be available throughout Advent and Christmas.

[Click here](#) to learn how you can submit your Advent and Christmas reflection.

Virtual Office Hours

Tuesdays | 1:00PM-2:00PM

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

Upcoming October Topics:

- Clergy Support
- What the heck is ecumenism?
- What are you doing now? Congregational Updates
- Moravians and Civic Duty



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

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#BeMoravianStars Nomination Form



BCM is thrilled to honor those who are making a difference in their community through both small and big acts of kindness. We have recognized several shining stars in our community, and 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!

The Resource Center | Winter Curriculum

For the 2020-2021 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 to view our full catalog and informational video about the ordering process. Winter curriculum runs December through February, with deadline for placing winter orders October 20. Currently, we are not allowing visitors into The Resource Center. **If you are interested in seeing samples of products or have questions email Beth Hayes.**



Need ideas for virtual faith formation? Check out our [Children & Family Ministry Corner](#) on the BCM website. [Each week](#) we will introduce new tips and tricks for faith formation during this time of virtual worshiping and social distancing. Contact Beth Hayes if you have an idea to include or need more faith formation suggestions.

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Celebrations

Ordination Anniversary for September 2020

(omitted from September Ties)

Leslie Cox.....1 year

Ordination Anniversaries for October 2020

Jeffrey Carter.....22 years

James Demby.....11 years

Betty Helms.....8 years

Judy Knopf.....15 years

Tripp May.....44 years

Daniel Nelson.....33 years

Robert Peterson.....44 years

John G. Rights.....24 years

Aaron Linville.....6 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



Archives News

October 2020

AKD CENTER CONTINUES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. Archives staff remain on site to assist with questions and to allow time-sensitive research queries to be researched. Call at 336-722-1742, or email at moravianarchives@mcsp.org.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE – Available beginning on October 8 on the Moravian Music Foundation’s YouTube Channel will be David Blum, Research Librarian at the Foundation, speaking on ‘The Americanization of Moravian Music.’ It’s a topic he recently explored for the “Becoming American” virtual conference last month.

“BECOMING AMERICAN” CONFERENCE – Thanks to the 272 persons who registered online for this interactive conference and others who watched portions of lectures and programming via YouTube. Special thanks to Rev. Ginny Tobiassen for her words of welcome to the conference and to the Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz for her words on racial reconciliation. Discussion on paper topics will continue in future Moravian Studies Collaborative venues, and some materials shown are still accessible on YouTube and through the Archives’ website. Look for further announcements on work towards a book from the

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papers presented here in coming months. Thanks finally to Archives partners at Wake Forest University, Grant McAllister and Ulrike Wiethaus, faculty friends at Salem College and Winston-Salem State University, and the special assistance of the Hon. Jack Baker. Many persons pulled together to make this successful event happen.

MORAVIAN STUDIES COLLABORATIVE MEETING – Joining us online on the fourth Thursday in October, October 22, from 5:30-7:00pm, will be Prof. Scott Paul Gordon of Lehigh University, sharing his research into the letters of Lititz Moravian single sister Mary Penry and his book on the same. Contact the Archives for the Zoom link to the meeting if you'd like to join us.

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

For Your October Calendar

October 8 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)

October 22 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)



Moravian Music Foundation

Monthly Lunchtime Lecture Series – [Online Edition](#)

Sponsored by Moravian Music Foundation Inc. and the Moravian Archives



**LECTURE VIDEO WILL BE AVAILABLE
October 8, 2020**

[Moravian Music Foundation YouTube Channel](#)

Our October talk is by Dave Blum, Research Librarian, MMF

“The Americanization of Moravian Music”

This lecture is based on Dave's paper presented at the **Becoming American Conference** last week - co-convened by Wake Forest University and Moravian Archives.

The Conference studied 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.

[Conference Website](#)

A wealth of videos have been posted on the MMF YouTube Channel

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Nothing If Not Consistent: Moravian Ideals, Moravian Music

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

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

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

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

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

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

MMF is collaborating with the Inter-provincial Board of Communications (IBOC), Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) and Moravian Church Without Walls.

We all need hymns, anthems, audio, video, ideas, other resources.

If you are a worship leader, educator, musician, etc....

1. be assured that there will be lots of content and ideas shared freely and available starting Nov. 1!

2. you are welcome and encouraged to contribute ideas, and items, and content to be shared!

We invite you to share and collaborate on worship resources for Advent and Christmas as we imagine what a Moravian Christmas might look like in this age of physical distancing, virtual worship and limited singing options; to ensure Christmas 2020 is a spiritual, memorable, surprising, and Moravian experience.

HOW TO JOIN A GROUP

If you would like to join a particular collaborative group, please contact Dan Miller, revdanmiller@gmail.com to be added to their distribution list. (The groups are beginning to meet!)

If you would like to see a full listing of the current group rosters, their conveners, and information on when they meet, please use this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12f8GDaopxPCdcHs9JvM5CNcrAYLgIpas6oUZX3_Qva4/edit?usp=sharing

SUBMIT OTHER ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

We also recognize that there are many interesting and creative ideas that have already been developed in our churches. We invite you to share your ideas, best practices and resources to help others to create a memorable – and holy -- Advent and Christmas season. If you have resources directly related to the topics of the collaborative groups, please send them to their respective conveners (which can be found by following the link above).

PHOTOS, VIDEO, MUSIC AUDIO

If you have general Advent & Christmas resources (including high-quality videos or pictures from Christmases past), please send them to Mike Riess, mike@mcnp.org.



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Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, plans are changing to an online 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 an in-person Festival with live performances and online connectivity!

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

Moravian Ministries Foundation

by Laura Watson
Director of Stewardship Services

Are you looking for a new resource to help reframe stewardship practices in your community of faith? Perhaps you're ready to look at your ministry's assets with fresh eyes but aren't sure where to start. Or are you experiencing obstacles when it comes to forming faithful and joyful stewards? Join me each Thursday during October to discuss a different resource. Click the link below to read the details.

<https://mmfa.info/blog/coming-in-october-stewardship-shorts/>



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