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June 2021



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

From the Provincial Financial Office June 2021

2020 Church Audits— Church Audits were due April 15th. We have started working on the 2022 Provincial Budget and these are needed to calculate the 2022 Provincial Share. Please contact Robyn Glance if you have not submitted your church audit with a date she can expect to receive yours. Instructions for performing the 2020 “audits” of churches have been emailed to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. The form and instructions are also on the MCSP.org website. Please be sure these instructions are given to your Church’s Audit Committee.

2021 Church Budgets – I am still missing 2021 Church Budgets for 18 churches. These were due December 15, 2020. Please submit them as soon as possible if your church is one of the 18.

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COVID Relief-Employee Retention Credit- The Provincial Financial Office has applied for the Employee Retention Credit on all of the Churches' and Agencies' "non-ordained" staff wages for February and March 2021. Wages for the ERC are FICA wages, clergy compensation is not considered FICA wages. The tax credit allows a qualified employer to receive 70% federal tax credit on up to \$10,000 in qualified wages paid to an employee. We are waiting on a tax refund from our 1st quarter 941 for the funds to disburse to the churches and agencies. **Paycheck Protection Loans (PPP1 and PPP2)** – The Provincial Financial Office also applied for a PPP1 loan in 2020 for the agencies. We received \$306,326. We have been granted forgiveness and do not have to pay back this loan. We also applied for a PPP2 loan for 2021. We were denied funds but have appealed the denial and are waiting on a decision from our appeal.

Herbert W. and Maye S. Aldridge Fund - The Advisory Board of the Herbert W. and Maye S. Aldridge Fund welcomes your requests for support. The Fund was created "to encourage world peace and alleviate hunger, to give financial assistance to a student to attend Moravian Seminary, to give financial assistance to someone to enter or reside at Salemtowne, to give financial assistance to someone in need or to support any other worthwhile cause recommended by the Advisory Board." Individual awards of up to \$500 are available and an application form can be obtained from the Provincial Financial Office.

Job Opening – The Provincial Financial Office is looking to hire a Payroll/Accounts Receivable Administrator. Please contact Robyn Glance for details.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer

PEC News June 2021

The Provincial Elders' Conference met May 13 and 27 via video conferencing, with all members participating, except on May 13 when Tommy Cole was on vacation. These meetings included a time of sharing news and concerns from across the Province and prayer for our pastors, church educators, church boards, and Provincial ministry leaders.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC made decisions related to the structure and organization of Synod committees and program; acted on recommendations from the Planning Committee regarding Synod Co-chairs; finalized guidance for the Nominations Committee; agreed to convene a meeting of pastors prior to the election of delegates to discuss plans for Synod; discussed advisory delegates to Synod; and reviewed a preliminary count of Synod delegates, based on the formula in the Constitution.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC met with Fran Saylor who provided a update on explorations for a new/emerging ministry in the Triangle area; approved one pastors' request for a sabbatical in 2022; and made decisions in call processes: First, Greensboro, Christ, Hope, Unity, Ardmore, and Union Cross. PEC completed a schedule of fall quadrennial reviews

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for: Covenant, Crooked Oak, Macedonia, Bethabara, Enterprise, and Mt. Bethel, and discussed how to manage reviews for congregations in Florida. PEC discussed the annual Congregational Ministry Report format and content, and how this information could be used; and received updates from the Commission on Ministry about candidates and two individuals considering candidacy. David Marcus and Guthrie met with the bishops to provide them an overview of the candidacy process, and assigned bishops to work with six current candidates. PEC approved a request for partial relief from the Provincial Share allocation for one congregation; and made plans for the recognition of Jami Vandock's certification as a Church Educator, which had been delayed due to the pandemic.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC received a request from the Laurel Ridge Board of Directors regarding its plans to launch the Synod-approved capital campaign; and received a brief report from Nola Knouse about the work of the Music Foundation.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC noted the interprovincial bishops' conference dates have moved from 2021 to August 23-27, 2022. Judy Knopf will be an invited advisory delegate at the June 24-26 Synod of the Eastern District, Northern Province. PEC began plans to host a joint retreat meeting for the Northern and Southern Province PECs; received an update on conversations between Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary; and asked for information from the Northern Province about their exploration of a possible "virtual membership" category. PEC discussed continued positive developments and opportunities in the shared ministry with the ELCA in downtown Winston Salem, the Dwelling.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC met briefly with an attorney regarding a bequest from an estate; and had an extensive discussion of provincial finances, and likely budget reductions in advance of beginning the budget planning cycle for 2022.

PEC meetings in June are scheduled for June 10 and 24.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

BCM News for June 2021

Virtual Office Hours: Special Edition

NO More Hard Copies and REPLY-ALL Emails: Leading and Learning Collaboratively Wednesday, June 23, 2021 | 1:00- 2:00 PM ET

If you're looking for more effective ways to get ministry done in your church, then pay close attention to the tips we'll reveal in June's special edition office hours! Especially in this post-pandemic world, collaboration is now easier than ever. We'll share tips and tools that will result in better communication and collaboration for your team of volunteers, staff, and clergy. If you're ready to really get organized and eliminate the

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struggles related to communication in your faith community, join us on June 23 [Click here](#) to learn more!

Save the Date: Children's Festival and Lovefeast 2021



Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 4:00 PM ET

Save the date for our 2021 Children's Festival and Lovefeast highlighting St. Philips Moravian Church. **Beginning on August 1, 2021, children and adults alike will be able to immerse themselves in an interactive online experience of St. Philips rich history.** Using this platform, families can go at their own pace to learn about St. Philips, the oldest African American Moravian congregation in the United States, originally located within Salem.

In addition to the online experience, the Children & Family Task Force of the BCM will distribute "grab bags" to each church to give out to families that will enable all to more fully participate in the festival activities. **We need your help to ensure enough bags for all – please let us know how many bags you will need for your congregation's children by completing [this short survey](#).**

A livestreamed lovefeast will conclude the unique event on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 4:00- 5:00 PM ET from St. Philips Moravian Church. (Link will be posted on MoravianBCM.org in August.) Gather the lovefeast supplies from your grab bag and watch the service with children from across the Southern Province and beyond!

More information will be available soon! If you have any questions, contact Beth Hayes.

The Resource Center | 2021-2022 Curriculum Sales

Faith formation is still essential and evolving like many other aspects of church and society as we slowly move out of the pandemic. When we rethink how best to serve congregations and members, whether it's toddlers, children, youth, or adults, we know faith formation will likely be "hybrid" or blended (online and offline) in some way. Many of you are now choosing a combination of print and digital resources, and we are here to help you in any way possible!



Our 2021-2022 curriculum ordering season begins June 7 and runs through July 15. Visit MoravianCurriculum.org to order the most popular and high-quality print materials consistent with Moravian theology: *Celebrate Wonder, Adult Bible Series, One Room School, Present Word, Feasting on the Word, Growing in Grace and Gratitude, Growing in God's Love, Follow Me, Faith Questions, and Shine.*

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The BCM is here to help with all your faith formation initiatives and resource needs! Beth Hayes is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and is otherwise available via email to answer any of your questions.

#BeMoravianStars Nomination Form

The BCM is thrilled to be honoring those who are making a difference in their community through both small and big acts of kindness through our #BeMoravianStars campaign!



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 a person, organization, or church that is doing good in the world!

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Moravian Music News

June 2021



July 18-24, 2021

The 26th Moravian Music Festival is now in two parts. We will be online this summer and then in-person in Bethlehem, PA in July of 2022.

If you register for part 1 (only \$50), you will receive a code for \$25 off registration for part 2!

moravianmusicfestival.org

This year’s Festival will capitalize on technology to focus on education, with webinars, panels, and roundtables.

There will be social time to connect with friends and colleagues and even some fun and games.

See the calendar and daily schedule at **moravianmusicfestival.org**

Registering soon allows you to join the virtual chorus and/or virtual band; you may record yourself singing/playing along with the foundation tracks and we will edit all the submissions together into one performance.

Register Now! We need all submissions by the end of June!!

The music we learn this year, we will present live next year.

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Free public concerts will be presented online each evening during Festival week.
www.moravianmusicfestival.org

The children's program is built upon a youth musical theater production called ACTS. This year will be learning the words and music and sharing some fun activities online. Next year will be the full live production in Bethlehem! Children and youth are free; simply fill out the form at moravianmusicfestival.org

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

Mission Awareness Festival

Sunday, July 25, 4-6 PM

Olivet Moravian



The Mission Society of the Moravian Church is hosting a festival to spotlight and share about the many Moravian missionaries and missions we support along with other ministries that support mission work.

You can learn about various missions all over the world while enjoying entertainment from Moravian musicians and a hot dog provided by Olivet Moravian.

In accordance with the CDC and the NC governor's recommendations masks are optional at this event.

If you have any questions call the Mission Society office at 336-773-1732.

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

June 2021

A call for 2021 grant applications

By Vince Holbrook

Thanks to the generosity of donors, your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) is proud to offer grants from the following Moravian Field of Interest Funds and Designated Funds:

1. Clothing
2. Housing & Shelter
3. Healing & Health
4. Hunger & Thirst
5. Prison Ministry
6. Environmental Stewardship



Application & Timing

“We encourage US Moravian congregations, agencies, fellowships, and ministries to apply for grants to support their important work,” said MMFA President & CEO Chris Spaugh.

The first step in making an application is to schedule a consultation with Zach Spaugh. His email address is zspaugh@mmfa.info. If your project meets the basic criteria, Zach will provide you with an application. The consultation should assist you in making the strongest application to the most relevant fund for your project. We recognize that some ministries might fulfill the needs of more than one grant category. The consultation with Zach will help identify the best match and optimize the odds that a grant will be made.

The deadline to submit a completed grant application is 5:00 p.m. EDT, Thursday, July 15, 2021. The Grant Advisory Team will review the applications, along with any supporting materials, and make recommendations. MMFA will announce grant awards on Friday, August 13, 2021. The funds will also be provided to the recipients at that time. Current members of the Grant Advisory Team include: Sue Dreydoppel, Tres Fordham, Vince Holbrook, William Matz, The Rev. Jennifer Moran, Emily Rector, The Rev. Beth Rohn-Habegger, and Zach Routh.

Criteria

The Grant Advisory Team bases its recommendations on a number of considerations. These include the locations of the communities served, the percentage of the project budget the requested funds would represent, the long-term sustainability of the effort, and the clarity with which the results could be measured. The team also considers how closely the work of the applicant’s project matches the spirit and purpose of the

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specific Field of Interest Fund from which a grant is sought. Those who were awarded grants in 2020 may apply for a grant from a different fund in 2021 (but not the same fund as the previous award).

We recognize that some ministries may appropriately apply for grants from more than one fund. However, considering the number of worthy applications, the Grant Advisory Team is inclined to consider how recently the applicant has received a grant through MMFA.

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

The Rev. **Robert M. Peek**, age 77, joined the heavenly Church Triumphant Friday, May 21, 2021. Bob served pastorates at: Morning Star (Asheville), Immanuel, New Eden (and the merged Immanuel-New Eden congregation); and, in retirement, Providence. He was preceded in death by his wife, Earlette, in October 2020. A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Fairview Moravian Church, with burial following in God's Acre, in Salem. Please continue in prayer for his son, Robert Peek, Jr. and the family.

Ordination Anniversaries for June 2021

Bradley Bennett.....	37 yrs.
Walter Bishop.....	16 yrs.
David Burkette.....	64 yrs.
Wayne Burkette.....	52 yrs.
Robert Wolfe.....	31 yrs.
Rebecca Craver.....	14 yrs.
Frank Crouch.....	41 yrs.
Charles Fishel.....	58 yrs.
Billy Flippin.....	24 yrs.
Carol Foltz.....	43 yrs.
Chris Giesler.....	24 yrs.
Tom Shelton.....	43 yrs.
David Guthrie.....	35 yrs.
Thomas Haupt.....	41 yrs.
Wilma Israel.....	17 yrs.
Judith Justice.....	26 yrs.
David Marcus.....	25 yrs.
Tom Minor.....	55 yrs.
Joseph Moore.....	23 yrs.
Kelly Moore.....	23 yrs.
James Newsome.....	34 yrs.
Douglas Rights.....	38 yrs.
Graham Rights.....	61 yrs.
John D. Rights.....	36 yrs.

Neil Routh..... 31 yrs.
Lane Sapp..... 34 yrs.
Barry Vernon..... 45 yrs.
Jack Vaiden..... 49 yrs.

Congratulations and God Bless You!

For Your June Calendar

10 - PEC Meeting (video conference call)
14 - PEC Meeting (video conference call)
17 - Tour of UWD programs and partnerships, 12 pm EDT – 1:30 pm EDT – (Zoom conference)

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