



PROVINCIAL TIES July 2021



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Archives News July 2021

The Archives officially reopened to the public June 1 with the following requirements in place until further notice:

- Researchers must call or email to make an appointment
- Walk-in researchers will not be admitted.
- There will be a limit of 3 persons in the research room at a time (including MMF researchers)
- Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.
- Masks required for ALL when there are other researchers.
- Researchers are required to bring their own writing materials (pencils & paper).

We are happy to have researchers in again, and thank you for your patience and support during our closure.

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To make an appointment, please email or call 336-722-1742. Our research hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30-noon & Monday-Friday 1:30-4:30.

Submitted by Nicole Crabbe

PEC News July 2021

The Provincial Elders' Conference had its regular meetings June 10 and 24, and a called meeting June 22, with all members present, except for June 24 when Matthew Allen was at Laurel Ridge, and Judy Knopf was attending the Northern Province, Eastern District virtual Synod. PEC continued its practice of investing time in intercessory prayers for pastors, church leaders, congregations and Provincial boards.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC met with members of the Leadership and Program teams of the Synod Planning Committee to discuss a proposal about the Synod program; received updates from the Synod Planning Committee; and, continued discussion about advisory delegates, a meeting with pastors to discuss Synod preparation, and Committee plans for Synod organization and processes. PEC reviewed a preliminary Report on 2018 Synod Resolutions and the format of the PEC Report to Synod for 2022.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC received reports from the Commission on Ministry, approved Reed Lawson as a candidate for ordination, met with another person exploring candidacy, reviewed likely ministerial student aid costs for 2022, arranged to recognize Jami Vandock's certification as a Director of Christian Education at Raleigh, Sept. 13, approved plans for a service of consecration as Presbyterian for Christy Clore on Sept. 19, and contacted the Presbytery of New Hope (PCUSA) about the availability of pastors to serve in our Province. After learning from Ruth Burcaw of her acceptance of a new position as executive director for City with Dwellings, PEC discussed plans for working with the BCM and staff, and possible reorganization of this ministry, motivated in part by financial considerations. PEC met with Christy Clore and Victoria Lasley for an update on the transitional work at Kernersville; and continued discussion and steps in call processes for: Ardmore, Christ, First (Greensboro), Hope, Hopewell, Union Cross and Unity.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC discussed updates from the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation, including plans for Southern Province participants to join a Racial Justice Pilgrimage for pastors being planned by the Northern Province. PEC reviewed a report and recommendations from a consultation arranged by the Archives Commission with Paul Peucker (Northern Province Archivist).

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC set dates to host the annual joint meeting of the PECs, Northern and Southern, at Laurel Ridge in December; received further updates on conversations between Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary; reviewed some materials from the Northern Province's discussion of "virtual" church membership; and, Guthrie provided a brief video greeting to the (virtual) Unity Women's Desk Caribbean and Latin America Regional Consultation. *cont. on page 3*

OTHER MATTERS

PEC reviewed available resources about our Moravian identity and theological heritage and made plans to distribute and highlight these resources for pastors and congregations. PEC discussed designated funds, including the Church Aid and Extension, and the Emerging Ministries Funds; and continued conversation about the 2022 Provincial Budget and possible reductions needed.

PEC meetings in June are scheduled for July 15 and 29.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

Sister Allyson Atwood Wooten, daughter of Craig Atwood, was called to the more immediate presence of the Savior early in the morning on Sunday, June 13, following a long illness. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, June 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Hope Moravian Church with the Rev. David Merritt presiding. We pray Christ's comfort for her husband Alan Wooten and her children Jacob and Zoe, her mother Celia Colvard Powers, and her father Craig Atwood, and all the extended family.

Ordination Anniversaries for July 2021

- Christy Clore..... 16 years
- Steve Craver..... 44 years
- Anthony Hayworth..... 13 years
- Thomas Hensley..... 35 years
- Logan Jones..... 38 years
- John Rainey..... 33 years
- Tracy Robinson..... 15 years
- Adam Spaugh..... 13 years
- Heather Vacek..... 9 years
- Walter Yarborough..... 21 years
- Victoria Lasley..... 4 years
- Tim Byerly..... 43 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



HIGHLIGHTING MORAVIAN RESOURCES

Over the next months the PEC will be highlighting several resources about our Moravian beliefs and heritage. Here is a link to a booklet, [Guiding Principles of Biblical Interpretation](#). It includes the 2012 guiding principles developed by the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission; and, a shorter statement of guiding principles prepared in 2017 by the Unity Committee on Theology of our world-wide Moravian Church.

This resource is formatted in four sections with discussion and reflection questions, suitable for a Sunday school class or a series of small group meetings.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your July Calendar

2 - Independence Day, PEC Office closed
15 - PEC Meeting (video conference call)
18-24 - 26th Moravian Music Festival, Central Moravian Church and Moravian College- all virtual
24 – 1 p.m.-8 p.m., Kickoff for the public phase of the Laurel Ridge Capital Campaign
25 – Mission Awareness Festival, 4-6 p.m., Olivet Moravian
29 - PEC Meeting (video conference call)



PROVINCIAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The pandemic prevented our having the usual Provincial stewardship presentation last fall. The PEC has prepared a [PowerPoint resource](#) and a 15 minute [video presentation](#). The focus is on finances and budgets: how we made it through 2020; information about the 2021 budget and finances; and a look toward 2022.

Pastors, church boards and anyone interested may find these on the Resources page of the Provincial website.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

July 2021



Giving Portal transaction fees are on us

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America will begin paying the processing fees for online gifts made through the [Moravian Giving Portal](#), beginning July 1. The Foundation itself has never charged any kind of fee. But, the backend processor, Blackbaud Merchant Services, charges a financial, processing fee similar to others who perform this service. This fee has been deducted from the gift, so the receiving congregation or agency got the net balance of the gift after the fee.

While Blackbaud Merchant Services continues to charge the fee, MMFA will pay it beginning July 1. The receiving congregations, agencies, and ministries will now receive the full amount of the donor's gift.

“Many congregations and agencies may now find the fee-free online giving service provided and maintained by MMFA more attractive than their own third party provider. This removes the last roadblock for online gifts through our portal and we are extremely thankful to our donors and investors who make this possible,” said MMFA president and CEO Chris Spagh.

Given that fees still get charged, we encourage donors to consider direct debits (of a checking or savings account) vs. credit card transactions whenever possible. MMFA only absorbs a 75-cent fee for direct debits while card transactions are 2.79% of the donation amount.

Concurrent with its decision to cover the transaction fees, MMFA will also make some other changes to Giving Portal service to the Moravian Church in America:

- MMFA will provide reports and payments to the recipients on a monthly basis, the Foundation was doing this twice monthly, during the past year.
- MMFA will establish accounts for all the Moravian agencies, including those who have their own pre-existing online giving tools on their websites. During its first two years, the Giving Portal simply redirected visitors from the Portal to the agency's page to make the gift there. Maintaining the redirection links has been challenging, so MMFA will now enable all gifts directly through the Portal (as it has been doing for the congregations).

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

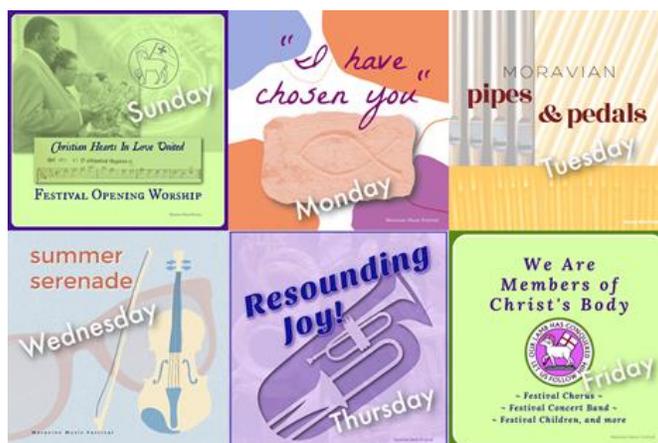
Moravian Music News

July 2021



July 18-24, 2021

FREE PUBLIC CONCERTS



Tune in during Festival week to enjoy music each evening, beginning with a prelude and/or devotions.

Free and open to the public.

Please visit moravianmusicfestival.org and click on "For Audience" or "Public Concert Info"

Sunday – July 18 - Festival Opening Worship
Christian Hearts In Love United

CONCERTS

Monday, July 19 – *I Have Chosen You*

Tuesday, July 20 - Pipes & Pedals

Wednesday, July 21 - Summer Serenade

Thursday, July 22 - Resounding Brass

Friday – July 23

Service of Word and Music

We Are Members of Christ's Body

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There is still time to register for Festival if you would like to participate fully in all the sessions, social gatherings, games, virtual music projects, and receive the materials and Festival swag! Only \$50 this year, and you get \$25 off of next summer's live in-person registration for Part II of the Festival in Bethlehem, PA!
Children and Youth are free, and will participate in a musical youth theatre production, ACTS!

A project of the Moravian Music Foundation [moravianmusic.org]
www.moravianmusicfestival.org
www.moravianmusic.org

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

BCM News for July 2021

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.

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 and watch the service with children from across the Southern Province and beyond!

We have a limited supply of grab-bags that are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Beth Hayes to arrange pick up.

For more information, visit MoravianBCM.org! 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

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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.*

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.

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

For Your Address Book

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