



PROVINCIAL TIES

October 2021



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Announcement from the Provincial Elders' Conference

*We give thanks for The Rev. David Guthrie's 11+ years of service as
PEC President*



The Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC) reports to the province that it has approved a retirement request from President David Guthrie, effective Sept. 30, 2021. It also announces that continuing PEC members have appointed The Rev. Chris Thore to fill the vacancy on the Conference as well as to become its new president, effective Oct. 1, 2021. With the approval of his boards, Chris will continue as pastor of Clemmons Moravian Church while serving the province. He will serve as PEC president through transition after provincial elections at the next Synod, which convenes June 1, 2022.

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We welcome The Rev. Chris Thore as our new PEC President

Chris returns to the PEC after serving two terms from 2010 – 2018, when he was vice president. After a management career in music, Chris earned a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell University and a certificate in theology from Moravian Seminary. Ordained in 1998, Chris's first call was to Trinity Moravian Church. In 2001, he accepted a call to become the founding pastor of a new church plant in Huntersville, N.C., New Beginnings Moravian Church. Consecrated as a Presbyterian in 2004, Chris led the growth of the congregation and expansion of facilities at New Beginnings until called to Clemmons Moravian in March 2018.

On behalf of the Province, the PEC extends great gratitude to David for his 11 years' service as president and his dedicated service to the Moravian Church. David left a construction career to pursue ministry in 1983. A 1986 graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary, he was ordained that year and consecrated as a Presbyterian in 1991. After graduation, David accepted a call to Prince of Peace Moravian Church and later Rolling Hills Moravian Church, both in Florida, where he served until 2003. He returned to Winston-Salem to serve as executive director of the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions for seven years before being elected PEC president in 2010. In 2018, David was elected vice president of the Unity Board of the Worldwide Moravian Church and in January 2020 he became its president. He has also served on the Moravian Seminary Board of Trustees as well as in numerous ecumenical positions on behalf of the Moravian Church.



The Provincial Elders' Conference invites your prayers for Chris and his family as he assumes leadership of our Province and for David and his family as he steps into well-deserved rest.

Moravian Music Foundation News *October 2021*

The Moravian Music Foundation held its fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, Sept. 24 and 25, on Zoom, due to concerns about gathering. While discussion and business was successful, additional Trustee meetings are being planned for Oct. 29 and 30 in-person in Winston-Salem.



Salem College is celebrating its 250th anniversary this academic year!
Of course, they kicked off the celebration with a lovely program of music!
The Moravian Music Foundation is proud to have been a part of the concert planning.
An Evening for Salem on Saturday, Sept. 25, wherein the College collaborated with the Winston-Salem Symphony (celebrating its 75th anniversary), featured new music

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by Margaret Vardell Sandresky (celebrating her 100th birthday!), Margaret's father, Charles Vardell, and by the **Rev. Francis Florentine Hagen - Overture in F Major** (written in Salem in 1836) the first orchestral overture written in America! Incidentally, the Vardell piece, *Joe Clark Steps Out* was the first American composition played by the National Symphony.

The Evening for Salem Concert may be viewed at <https://250.salem.edu/eveningforsalem> (the first 18:00 minutes is empty)

All Salem events are at [250.Salem.ed](https://250.salem.edu)

David Blum's Video Presentation on
The Music of the Bach Family in the Collections of the Moravian Music Foundation

Is available to view on the MMF YouTube Channel
<https://youtu.be/eDFP-AwWcI4>

Erik Salzwedel and David Blum will present a program for the Winston-Salem Torch Club on Oct. 14 over Zoom.

It Is a Precious Thing; The Moravian Music Foundation and Hidden Treasures in the City of the Arts

The program will share unexpected discoveries in the collections of MMF; tell stories of Moravian composers, collectors, and copyists; and demonstrate the wide reach of Moravian music and its relevance in our time.

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

PEC News October 2021

PEC News October 2021 Provincial Ties

The Provincial Elders' Conference met September 9 and 23. Nola Knouse and David Guthrie were away Sept. 9. All members participated September 23. Incoming President, Chris Thore, joined both meetings. News and needs from across the Province were shared, with time set aside for intercessory prayer.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received an update from the Provincial Organization Core Team (2018 Resolutions 17 and 18), and made plans to meet with the Team to answer questions; received updates from the Synod Planning Committee, approved the Synod Committee structure and descriptions; and determined that the February 2022 Synod Delegate Gathering would take place via video conferencing rather than in-person.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC confirmed arrangements for the ordination of Scott Rainey, Reed Lawson and Adriana Craver, and details for Angelica Reglado to continue serving at Estamo Unidos, and also as Director of Mission Outreach with the Board of World Mission; granted permission for one pastor to pursue placement opportunities with the NC

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Synod of the ELCA; and received a report from Fran Saylor on explorations for a new effort, known as “the Table,” in the Triangle region of NC. PEC took appropriate steps in call processes for: Ardmore, Bethabara, First Greensboro, Hope, Hopewell, and Union Cross; discussed needs for interim pastors for Hope, Hopewell, Leaksville and Union Cross; approved changes in the Rules and Regulations for the Konnoak Hills congregation; and discussed a request from one congregation wanting to sell their parsonage. PEC received an update from the Commission on Ministry on the status and progress of five approved candidates for ordination; and made assignments for PEC participation in upcoming services of ordination and installation in October. Due to schedules and pandemic restrictions, PEC decided not to have a ‘PEC night’ at the Moravian Ministry Association retreat, but to offer a conversation time at a regular MMA meeting in the future.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC met with Rebecca Craver, Director of Congregational Development for an update on the beginning of her ministry and plans to form the Commission on Congregational Development; approved a request from Sunnyside Ministry to distribute a bulletin insert to congregations in November; and appointed, at the Board’s request Joan Burri (Raleigh) and Evette Campbell (Rolling Hills) to four year terms on the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Music Foundation. PEC received a report from the Archives Commission about a part-time archives staff person, and progress in the search for a professional archivist.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC received news that the Northern Province has decided to postpone its 2022 Synod, with current PEC members extending their terms by one year; and confirmed plans for an abbreviated annual joint meeting of the PECs to be conducted online in early December. Guthrie provided a brief report of the Sept. 8-9 meeting of the Unity Executive Committee, in Switzerland, as well as an update from Christian Churches Together in the USA.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC approved Dave Marcus, Assistant to the President, pursuing membership in and certification by the Society of Human Resource Managers; and discussed the annual operating budgets of the PEC and the HR Office for 2022. PEC reviewed an edited and expanded video presentation about the Moravian understanding of scripture, which will be commended to congregations for their use. PEC discussed the Oct. 1 beginning of Chris Thore’s service as PEC President, with David Guthrie working two days per week until Thanksgiving to support this leadership transition.

PEC will meet October 7 and 21.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President



Concerns and Celebrations

Rev. **Christy Clore** was consecrated a Presbyterian on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at **Kernersville Moravian Church**, Kernersville, NC with The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights officiating. Christy was ordained July 3, 2005 at **Mayodan Moravian Church** with bishop Graham Rights officiating.

Rev. **Joe Moore** has accepted a call to **Bethania Moravian Church**, Bethania, NC to serve as pastor. Joe will begin his service at Bethania on October 4th and be installed on October 10, 2021. Prior to his call to Bethania, Joe served as associate pastor at **New Philadelphia Moravian Church**, Winston-Salem, NC and had recently completed an interim ministry at **Unity Moravian Church**.

Sister **Adriana Bliss Craver**, an approved candidate for ordination, has accepted a call to specialized ministry with **Jackson Health** in Miami, FL serving as a chaplain resident. A service of ordination will be held on October 10, 2021 at **Konnoak Hills Moravian Church**, Winston-Salem, NC at 3 p.m. with Bishop Carol Foltz officiating.

Brother **Jeffrey Reed Lawson**, an approved candidate for ordination, has accepted a call to become pastor of **Christ Moravian Church**, Winston-Salem, NC. A service of ordination will be held on October 3, 2021 at **Bethania Moravian Church**, Bethania, NC at 3 p.m. with Bishop Graham Rights officiating. Reed will begin his service at **Christ Moravian** on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Ordination Anniversaries for October 2021

Jeffrey Carter.....23 years
James Demby.....12 years
Betty Helms.....9 years
Judy Knopf.....16 years
Tripp May.....45 years
Daniel Nelson.....34 years
Robert Peterson.....45 years
John G. Rights.....25 years
Aaron Linville.....7 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



For Your October Calendar

- 4-8 Celebrate Stewardship 2021 –virtual conference
- 7 PEC Meeting
- 9 Golf Tournament, Reynolds Park Golf Course, October 9th, shotgun start 8AM – to benefit LR
- 10 60+1 LR Lovefeast on the lawn at Friedland Moravian Church, October 10th, 4:30PM
- 21 PEC Meeting



Board of World Mission Announcement

The Board of World Mission is pleased to announce that the Rev. **Angelica Regalado Cieza** will be joining our staff as the Director of Mission Outreach. Angelica lives with her husband Ruben and their two daughters in Winston-Salem, NC. Angelica graduated from Wake Forest University School of Divinity with her Masters in Divinity and obtained her certificate of Moravian Studies from the Moravian Theological Seminary.

A native of Chiclayo, Perú, Angelica came to North Carolina in 2006, following her parents and 5 brothers, who had immigrated years earlier. Her immigration experience has informed much of her work in the Moravian Church. After her ordination in 2017, Angelica was called to develop a new and emerging ministry serving Hispanic immigrants in Forsyth County, NC. Now the founder and pastor of this ministry called *Estamos Unidos*, she will continue this outstanding work alongside her new position with the BWM.

As Director of Mission Outreach, Angelica will lead mission efforts with partners outside of the BWM constituent congregations and will be responsible for guiding global partners through the stages of development in the Moravian Worldwide Unity

Angelica is excited about building relationships locally, nationally, and internationally in her work with the BWM. Please feel free to contact her at angelica@moravianmission.org.

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America *October 2021*

A conversation with The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward will join us for our Steward Sparks session on October 26; Bishop Ward is a writer, former director of continuing education at Moravian Theological Seminary, and retired pastor. She has selected Ezekiel 47:1-12 for our discussion.



Click link to get to know Kay a little before we meet in October and to register.
<https://mmfa.info/blog/steward-sparks-2/>



[October 4 - 8. Click here to learn more and register.](#)

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