



PROVINCIAL TIES December 2021



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### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Moravian Music Foundation

The Executive Director of the Moravian Music Foundation (MMF) provides leadership, financial oversight, and staff supervision of the MMF. *continued on page 2*

The Executive Director is based at the main offices of the MMF, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and oversees all collections and operations of the Foundation, including in the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania office.

To apply, please submit a cover letter with current *curriculum vitae* or résumé, including 3 – 5 professional references to: Barbara Howard, Chair of Search Committee <mailto:mMMFexecdirectorsearch@gmail.com>

Full Announcement and Job Description at

[moravianmusic.org/position-executive-director/](http://moravianmusic.org/position-executive-director/)

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MMF Trustee News

We thank the following trustees who have had to step away from serving on the MMF Board during the past year in order to fulfill other commitments :

Jeffrey Jones, Becky Lepore, and David Piner

We will soon welcome **Laura Kemmerer, Rev. Evette Campbell, Joan Burri,** and **Nancy Meckstroth** to the MMF Board, as of Jan. 1, 2022. See [governance](#) for more info.

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### Advent Hopewell Moravian Band Christmas Concerts

All start at 7:00pm and last one hour. Free.

- \* Tuesday Nov. 30th in the Advent Moravian Fellowship Center (lots of space)
- \* Sunday Dec. 5th in the Friedberg Moravian Family Life Center (lots of space)
- \* Tuesday Dec. 7th at Heritage Woods Retirement Community (space limited)
- \* Tuesday Dec. 14th at Salemtowne in the Saal. (requires masks to be worn)

### Music@Home Concert

UNCSA Cantata Singers with orchestra in the Home Moravian Church sanctuary Dec. 12, 3:00pm under COVID protocols used by UNCSA and the Winston-Salem Symphony. Mask/vaccinations/testing. Free. Donations accepted.

### Salem Band Holiday Concerts

- \* DECEMBER 19, Sunday, 3:00 pm, Hanes Auditorium, Featuring guest vocal soloists Dr. Cristy Brown and Rev. Gus Chrysson
- \* DECEMBER 21, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, New Philadelphia Moravian Church. Accepting donations for Sunnyside Ministry

*Submitted by Erik Salzwedel, Business Manager, MMF*



## PEC News December 2021

PEC met on November 3 and 17 with all members present, and began each meeting in prayer for the province, our congregations, and pastors, and other concerns. Topics discussed included these:

**Commission on Ministry:** reviewed the progress of two potential candidates for ministry; reviewed the weekly Pastor to Pastor zoom meetings; discussed the pastors' year-end reports; planned a reception for David Guthrie's retirement; discussed the formation of a new First Call pastors' cohort to begin in the new year

**Congregational Development:** rejoiced in the issuance and acceptance of an appointment to Sister Barbara Styers to serve as pastor of the First Moravian Church of Greensboro; reviewed the final round of quadrennial reviews for 2021 and looked towards the 2022 spring schedule, which will be coordinated by the Director of Congregational Development; met with Sister Fran Saylor to receive updates on The Table, the outreach ministry she is coordinating in the Triangle area; expressed interest in meeting with the Servant Leaders of Come and Worship to explore the relationship between this ministry and the province; discussed call processes at Ardmore, Hope, Hopewell, Bethabara; celebrated the installation of Brother Jeff Coppage as interim pastor at Union Cross; reported on meetings with the leadership at The Dwelling; prepared a memo for congregations regarding Christmas celebrations and COVID-19; discussed potential membership on the Commission on Congregational Development.

**Synod Planning and Implementation:** reviewed a letter to be sent from the Provincial Finance Office to congregations who are not currently up to date with provincial share payments, regarding seating of delegates at Synod; reviewed further Synod planning materials.

**Interprovincial, Unity, and Ecumenical:** continued plans for the PEC retreat December 1-3 and meeting with the Northern PEC and MMFA to take place via Zoom on December 2; approved coordinating with the Northern Province in support and utilization of an Emerging Ministries consultant.

**Administration & Finance:** discussed how to handle attendance records with hybrid or online services and agreed to work on guidance for 2022 reporting; approved the 2022 provincial budget; discussed plans for the Commission on Congregational Development and Provincial Women's Board offices into Cedarhyrst and the preparatory work needed; discussed several property matters, the 2022 use of PEC designated funds, and provincial health insurance matters.

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse, Vice President, PEC*

## *For Your December Calendar*

1-3 - PEC Joint Board Meeting, LR  
24-27 Christmas Holiday – PEC Office Closed

### *Malachi 3:1*

**“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we enter into the second month of transition here at Cedarhyrst, learning in the midst of change continues be the order of the day. Synod planning has moved into full tilt and year end activities abound. The PEC continues to meet twice a month with great optimism for the months ahead.

Likewise, Covid 19 continues to challenge our operations, however, like many sectors of society our churches endure to find their way into a new normal. Collaboration between pastors, administrators, and members during this time has renewed a sense of community as we rediscover best practices during challenging circumstances.

Needless to say, Advent and Christmas will be different again this year for our faith communities, yet through the strengthening of all of our relationships and all of us working together, God’s good intentions can be realized in and among his people as we reflect the love of the Christ child and the dedication of the incarnation!

May this Advent and Christmas be blessed through you and those you serve.

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

*Submitted by Rev. Christopher Thore, PEC President*

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## Concerns and Celebrations

### Pastoral Changes:

The **Rev. Barbara M. Styers** has accepted an appointment as pastor of the First Moravian congregation, Greensboro, NC and will be installed on January 9, 2022. Prior to accepting this appointment, Rev. Styers served five years as Pastoral Assistant at Raleigh Moravian Church, which was the home congregation for her and her family after she and her husband Gray moved to Raleigh in 1990. Rev. Styers also served in internships for the Presbyterian Church (USA), as well as the United Methodist Church, both denominations that are in full communion with the Moravian Church. Please pray for Barbara and Gray as she begins her ministry.

### *Ordination Anniversaries for December 2021*

Gerald Harris.....44 years  
Chris Thore.....23 years  
John Wilson.....61 years  
Jeff Jones.....9 years

### *Congratulations and God Bless You!*



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## Nominations for Synod Elections

Provincial synod is obviously a very important time in the life of our church. Of the many significant decisions that are made by the delegates, electing gifted leadership in our province for the next four years ranks near the top. From June 1st - 4th, voting will take place to fill 39 positions.

The Nominations Committee has set aside a two-month window (**October 18 to December 20**) for receiving the names of church members who might be especially qualified to be placed on the synod ballot. Anyone may submit their own name or another person's name by using one of the Nomination forms on the Southern Province website (or requesting a form from their church office). Forms may be mailed to the PEC office or submitted on the website using survey monkey.

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Elections will include the following:

- 3 laypersons and 3 clergy to serve on PEC (the PEC president is chosen differently, by ecclesiastical ballot without nomination)
- 12 board members of the Mission Society
- 2 board members for Moravian Theological Seminary
- 4 board members for Salemtowne
- 2 board members for the Board of World Mission
- 10 board members for the Provincial Women's Board
- 2 delegates for Unity Synod in 2023 (at least 1 must be female as determined at the last Unity Synod)

The responsibilities and expectations for these positions can be found on the Southern Province website ([www.mcsp.org](http://www.mcsp.org)) by following the “Nominations Information” link under “Synod 2022.”

All are invited and encouraged to help the Nominations Committee assemble a strong ballot by submitting the best names possible before DECEMBER 20. Please direct any questions to committee co-chairs, Donna Hurt ([donnahurt348@gmail.com](mailto:donnahurt348@gmail.com)) or Jeff Jones ([moravian\\_dude@yahoo.com](mailto:moravian_dude@yahoo.com)).

*Submitted by Donna Hurt, co-chair, Synod Nominations Committee*

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