



PROVINCIAL TIES

January 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

From the Provincial Financial Office

Provincial Financial Office New Billing Process – Beginning in January the Provincial Financial Office will start billing on a monthly basis for Worker’s Comp, Property and Casualty Insurance premiums. These charges will be combined on the current Insurance Invoice. Separate checks are not necessary. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.

IRS Mileage Rate – The IRS has set the allowable business mileage reimbursement rate for 2022 at 58.5 cents per mile. For moving or medical expense, the new rate for 2022 is 18 cents per mile. The rate for charitable purposes remains at 14 cents per mile.

2022 Church Budgets – The 2022 Budgets were due to the Provincial Financial Office December 15, 2021. There are right many that have not been submitted. Please get those in as soon as possible.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer



During these difficult times, our neighbors are experiencing more need for assistance than ever before. To continue to meet the demand, Sunnyside Ministry is seeking a full-time Food/Clothing Assistant.

This position will be working with both the Food Pantry and Clothing Center. The candidate will assist in completing and distributing food orders. Organizing Clothing Center. The candidate will assist with building maintenance.

The ideal candidate will have a heart for service.

This is a full-time position Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. There may be occasional weekend hours, for food drives and events. Candidate must be able to lift 50-75 pounds regularly and must have a clean driving record to drive the Sunnyside Ministry truck.

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Submitted by David Holston, Director Sunnyside Ministry

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America January 2022

Grants to help you feed the hungry

Your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) is excited to announce a special 2022 grant cycle for our Hunger and Thirst Field of Interest Fund. Thanks to an incredibly generous donation, we have an extraordinary opportunity to award grants from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to Moravian congregations, fellowships, emerging ministries, or agencies who want to create lasting change within the food and water insecurity landscape. For more information on how to apply visit <https://mmfa.info/grant/> or reach out to Laura Watson 336.725-2589 or lwatson@mmfa.info.

[Click here to read the full story](#)

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

Proverbs 23:18

“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.”

As we close the realities of another year and look towards the mysteries of a new one it can be a challenge not to get caught up in what has been...versus what will be. The world in which we serve demands much of everyone and the days of simple choices can be elusive, especially for the church.

The church as a living and breathing expression of Christ in the world can often be preoccupied with where it has been to the detriment of where Christ might be leading it. We must ever be diligent that we protect the “Mission” from this status.

Finding and experiencing purpose and meaning in one’s ministry, or the “call” of a province especially in the year of a synod, requires a collective listening. Therefore, we consider the words of the ancient proverb especially when it points us to new directions and paths.

It can be a journey that begins and ends in looking for and towards something bigger than ourselves. It is a path towards hope and hope always brings us back to a state of awareness that shakes loose the bonds of insecurity and obscurity. Hope, ushers in significance in the smallest things and keeps us looking ahead where eventually vision returns in a new way!

May the eternal blessings of the One we serve together, bless our shared ministries and our province in the coming year!

Blessings & peace

Chris

PEC News January 2022

The Provincial Elders’ Conference met in retreat December 1-3 and for a regular meeting December 20, 2021, with all members participating in both meetings. PEC spent time in devotion and prayer for our congregations, ministers, agencies, bishops, and members, as well as for our sister provinces and interprovincial agencies and the needs of the world. The topics of our meetings included:

Congregational Development: received updates on the formation of the commission; reviewed the schedule of quadrennial reviews for spring 2022; discussed call processes relating to Ardmore, Hopewell, Bethabara, Leaksville, and Hope; planned for the installation of Barbara Styers at First Moravian (Greensboro) in January; heard plans for Rebecca Craver and Judy Knopf’s upcoming visit to the Florida churches; formulated a revised plan for The Table (outreach ministry in the Triangle area).

Commission on Ministry: received updates regarding two potential candidates for ministry; approved a request for continuing-education funding for Amanda Schumpert; made plans to begin a new First Call Cohort in January; discussed relationships between pastors and congregations.

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Interprovincial, Unity, and Ecumenical: appointed Dave Marcus as our representative on the Lutheran-Moravian Coordinating Committee; discussed the Moravian Church in America's representative to Churches for Middle East Peace; met with Mike Riess to receive an update from the Interprovincial Board of Communication; met with the Northern Provincial Elders' Conference as the annual Shareholders Meeting of the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America.

Synod Planning and Implementation: approved a letter which was sent to congregations regarding payment of provincial share and representation at Synod; approved synod officers; scheduled a meeting with the PEC and the Provincial Organization Core Team for January.

Administration and Finance: met with representatives of the Salemtowne Board of Trustees to discuss a change in Salemtowne's constitution; received an update on the financial situation of the Provincial Women's Board; received updates on the office reconfigurations and moves in Cedarhyrst; approved relief of provincial share arrears for one congregation; discussed property matters.

Updates and Plans: heard an update on the Archives search process; met with Tres Fordham and Michael Sawtelle to receive an update on Laurel Ridge's activities and finances in 2020, 2021, and looking forward; discussed the vision for the province and focus between now and Synod.

The Provincial Elders' Conference will meet on January 6 and 20, 2022.

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

For Your January Calendar

- 6** - PEC Meeting
- 20** - PEC Meeting
- 30** - Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, 3:00 PM, Friedberg Moravian Church

Mission Lovefeast

Sunday, January 30, 3:00 PM

Friedberg Moravian Church
2178 Friedberg Church Road, Winston Salem

The Mission Society will host its annual Mission Lovefeast on Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 PM. The service will be both in-person and livestreamed at Friedberg Moravian Church and available online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FriedbergMoravianChurch>. Lovefeast buns and coffee will be picked up by attendees as they enter the sanctuary. The missionaries supported by the Mission Society will share virtual updates,

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the Gray family will provide special music, and worship will be led by Mission Society board members. Please let us know if you plan to attend by email to jboles@mcsp.org. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Boles at 336-773-1732.

Submitted by Jennifer Boles

Concerns and Celebrations

Ordination Anniversaries for January 2022

Ray Burke.....	45
James Doss.....	47
Truman Dunn.....	48
R. Burke Johnson.....	55
Roy Ledbetter.....	48
Russell May.....	16
Virginia Tobiassen.....	9
Evette Campbell.....	2

Congratulations and God Bless You!

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