



PROVINCIAL TIES June 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Following God

Lately, I have been drawn to the theme of “following God’s leading.” It is amazing how often it is popping up in new writings from various church leaders and theologians seeking to describe next steps for the church and followers of Christ in this post-Covid world. As we seek to forge through a moment in time where so much seems to be in upheaval, what does this mean? Our spiritual heritage is built on the foundation of trusting in the leading of our Savior, while responding with our faith, love and hope. What does this mean for this moment in time?

Many of these new expressions start by describing how pioneers in Christian thinking and witness addressed similar seasons of cultural upheaval over the last 150 years - like economic crisis, armed conflict, political division, and spiritual discord. All of whom discovered a much deeper awareness of God in a season of struggle. And God used them to be beacons of light to the world and messengers of God’s grace in places where suffering and injustice threatened to eclipse the ministry of local churches.

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This theme is found in the hymn, “When We Lift Our Pack and Go” (793, Moravian Book of Worship – 1995). It is echoed in the chorus: “God is in the other place, God is in another’s face, in the faith we travel by, God is in the other place.” This was the theme of the 2022 Synod. Drawn from this hymn written by the Shirley Erena Murray. Born in 1931 in New Zealand, she was raised in the Methodist Church but became Presbyterian after she married John Stewart Murray – who served as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. The hymn captures the bitter sweetness clergy families go through when they are called to a new place of service, and away from close connections and friendship in the former congregation or ministry setting. The Rouths are going through this as I take on my new role within the Provincial Elders Conference and prepare to depart a second time from the Grace congregation in Mt. Airy.

I take comfort in the stories of great hope that emerged from the struggle to find faith during a time of upheaval. And especially in hymn expressions that capture the discovery of faith, love and hope at a deeper level when the journey of following God carried the writer to new discoveries and new understandings of God’s presence. Suddenly all places and all situations become sacred because God is there.

“Following God” is the point of the hymn. Trusting that God is always in the journey and just as much in the new places and new expressions of ministry we are led to as in the places that have nurtured us. I invite you to join me, along with many church leaders and ministry partners who sense God’s Spirit is seeking to call us forth to more ministry with our neighbors and the unchurched – and in some cases using forms of ministry that will be new to us.

I invite you to look for God in the places and faces beyond our comfort zones. To listen carefully for where and with whom God is calling you to minister. I am so grateful for the courage of Synod and the many delegates who gathered to build a vision for our shared ministry – one which our PEC and Provincial staff will now work to develop and communicate back to you in a manner that helps us pool together our collective faith, love and hope in ministry for our Savior and to the world.

Let us remember: “No one has even seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and God’s love is made perfect in us.” 1 John 4:12

Submitted by Neil Routh, President, PEC

From the Provincial Financial Office

Housing Allowances – Now that we are half way through the year, it is a good time to recheck how much of your minister’s compensation is designated as “housing allowance.” If your minister has had a significant increase in housing related costs, such as unexpected repairs, major remodeling, new appliances, loan prepayment, etc., then the amount you have currently designated may be too low. There are limitations on how much a minister can claim as a housing allowance but, if appropriate, increasing the amount designated costs the Church nothing and potentially saves the minister from paying needless federal and state income taxes. There is the common misconception that housing allowances can only be changed at the beginning of the year.

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This is not true. They can be changed at any time during the year. Obviously, any change needs to be approved by your Church Board and properly reflected on the Church's monthly payroll voucher. If you have any questions in this area, please give us a call.

2021 Church Audits: All church audits were due April 15th. I am currently missing 20. Please get these in as soon as possible. I am already working on the 2023 budget.

New Provincial Share Formula – Synod approved a new simplified formula for calculating the Provincial Share. The new formula is solely based on the church's operating revenue. Operating revenue includes all receipts garnered for the general operations of the church congregation. The Table below will be used for the initial 2023 calculation. More information will be available at a later date.

Reference Table for Calculating Provincial Share:

Annual Operating Revenue up to:	Indexed Percentage	Share Dollars
0 - \$50,000	10%	\$0.00 - \$5,000
Above \$50,000 to \$75,000	12%	\$5,000 plus 12% of the amount over \$50,000
Above \$75,000 to \$100,000	14%	\$8,000 plus 14% of the amount over \$75,000
Above \$100,000 to \$125,000	16%	\$11,500 plus 16% of the amount over \$125,000
Above \$125,000	18%	\$15,500 plus 18% of the amount over \$125,000

Commission on Congregational Development

Update



Dear Friend Travelers,

Yesterday at the Ordination of Margaret Norris, Bishop Wayne Burkette reminded us all that our call to ministry is to accompany one another through the labyrinth of the world with support, comfort and hope. I appreciated the reminder that we are on the Way of Jesus together! I hope this update on the work of the Commission on Congregational Development finds you well and that we can all find more ways to walk together in faith, love and hope!

I would like to announce that the Commission on Congregational Development has been appointed!

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Introducing our team,

- Rev. Eulencine Christopher, South Florida Pastorate
- Mark Coleman, Grace Moravian Church
- Rt. Rev. Sam Gray, New Philadelphia
- Michael Terry, Rural Hall
- Evie Blum, New Philadelphia Certified Church Educator
- PEC representative, TBD

The Commission has begun meeting and is focusing on our provincial purpose statement: *to equip Moravian Christians and congregations to be agents of God's transforming love in the world providing resources for spiritual growth, community, and mission.* We are using this time of transition to listen to clergy, congregations and ministries partners for the ways we can best live out our part of this purpose in our province. We are looking forward to building on the energy and direction of Synod through the incoming PEC to support, encourage and resource congregations in the Southern Province for greater healthy, vision and vitality!

Upcoming events for your calendar

****Lending Library Hours Change****

Closed on Fridays

Closed July 4-8 and July 21st

Sunday August 21, 2022, 2-4pm: [Moravian Children's Festival](#)

We are also starting up some new recurring events in an effort to create time and space for networking among leaders in in our province and feedback loops so that the CCD can hear directly from you about what resources are most needed and how we can effectively support you. We hope you will take advantage of these events. Also note that you can reach out to make an appointment at any time for specific ideas, resources or conversation.



Recurring Events for Clergy and Lay Leaders

Pastor to Pastor

- Monthly pastor to pastor meeting [via Zoom](#), on the Second Tuesday of the month from 12p-1p.
- Opportunity to check in with one another
- Pray together for the church
- Share updates or needs with each other and provincial staff

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Drop in and Discover

- Two events each month: one [via Zoom](#) (every 2nd Thursday from 2:30-4:30pm) and one in Cedarhyrst [459 S. Church St, Winston-Salem](every 4th Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm)
- Ask questions about resources, check out the lending library, or just to chat about ideas or plans you are working on and would like a conversation partner to flesh them out.
- Open to laity and clergy

CO-LAB conversations: *Topic for June: Web resources for continuing education for clergy.*

- A monthly [Zoom conversation](#) with a particular topic on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3pm.
- Topics ranging from Best Practices of Board leadership, faith formation planning, and keeping your church register up to date.
- Open to laity and clergy
- These gatherings will be recorded and shared on our [CCD Youtube Channel](#).
- Please share with me topics that would be helpful to your ministry
- Are there topics that you would be willing to lead?
 - We have a tremendous amount of expertise among us and this is a place where we can share what we are doing to support and encourage one another.

All basic information can be found on our website www.moravian.org/ccd

At synod a few other suggestions came up for other times and formats for pastors to connect, share best practices, and crowd source resources from one another. If you have ideas, I would love to hear them! I am also interested in those of us who would be able to help coordinate gatherings as we move along, if that is something you might be interested in helping with let me know.

Submitted by Rebecca Craver, Director, Commission on Congregational Development



Grant applications are due July 15

By Vince Holbrook

The deadline to apply for a grant from the Moravian Ministries Foundation's Field of Interest Funds is July 15. Contact Ainsley Davis at adavis.mmfa.info to schedule a consultation and receive an application. Grants will be awarded on August 13. The following funds will be making grants:

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- Hunger & Thirst
- Clothing
- Prison Ministry
- Healing & Health
- Housing
- Environmental Stewardship
- Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation

How can your Moravian congregation, fellowship, emerging ministry, or agency could benefit from grant funding for ministry? Visit MMFA's **Grant Central Station** <https://mmfa.info/grant/>

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Changes:

Margaret Norris has accepted a call to become pastor of Hope Moravian Church. She concluded her ministry at Home Moravian Church as Director of Christian Education on June 5 where she has served since 2014. Margaret was ordained June 12, 2022 at Home Moravian Church with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette officiating. She will be installed as pastor of Hope Moravian on July 10th during morning worship. Please keep Margaret, her family, and the Home and Hope congregations in prayer through this transition period.

Sister **Cheryl G. Cottingham** retired from active ministry of the Moravian Church effective May 20, 2022. Sister Cottingham was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on April 18, 2010 and consecrated a presbyter November 15, 2015. Prior to entering the ministry sister Cottingham served as a Director of Christian Education for 12 years. After her ordination Cheryl served the congregation of Immanuel New Eden located in Winston-Salem, NC until her retirement. We express deep appreciation to Cheryl for her faithful and dedicated service to the Moravian Church and wish her many blessings in retirement.

Brother **Craig Troutman** retired from active ministry of the Moravian Church effective May 31, 2022. Brother Troutman was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on February 14, 1982 and consecrated a presbyter December 20, 1987. For the first three years of his ministry Brother Troutman served as Associate Pastor of Ardmore Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC and for the following 37 years he served as Pastor of the Raleigh Moravian Church in Raleigh, NC. We express deep appreciation to Craig for his faithful and dedicated service to the Moravian Church and wish him many blessings in retirement.

Ordination Anniversaries for June 2022

Bradley Bennett.....	38 yrs.
Walter Bishop.....	17 yrs.
Wayne Burkette.....	53 yrs.
Robert Wolfe.....	33 yrs.
Dion Christioher.....	31 yrs.
Rebecca Craver.....	15 yrs.
Frank Crouch.....	42 yrs.
Charles Fishel.....	59 yrs.
Billy Flippin.....	25 yrs.
Carol Foltz.....	44 yrs.
Chris Giesler.....	25 yrs.
Tom Shelton.....	44 yrs.
David Guthrie.....	36 yrs.
Thomas Hauptert.....	42 yrs.
Wilma Israel.....	18 yrs.
Judith Justice.....	27 yrs.
David Marcus.....	26 yrs.
Tom Minor.....	56 yrs.
Joseph Moore.....	24 yrs.
Kelly Moore.....	24 yrs.
James Newsome.....	35 yrs.
Douglas Rights.....	39 yrs.
Graham Rights.....	62 yrs.
John D. Rights.....	37 yrs.
Neil Routh.....	32 yrs.
Lane Sapp.....	35 yrs.
Barry Vernon.....	46 yrs.
Jack Vaiden.....	50 yrs.

Congratulations and God Bless You!

For Your June Calendar

12-18 – LR Mission Camp. Week 1, grades completed 6th-12th
12-18 LR Pre Junior Camp, grades 3rd and 5th
19-25 LR Creative Arts Camp, grades completed 3rd-8th
23 - PEC Meeting, Cedarhyrst
24-26 LR Pre Junior Camp, grades completed 1st and 2nd
26-July 2 LR Middle High 1 Camp, grades completed 6th-8th



Daughters in the Kingdom

Faith . Grace . Feet

The 2022 Spiritual Life Retreat, "Daughters of the Kingdom (Faith. Grace. Feet)" will be Friday September 16 – Sunday September 18, 2022 with Retreat Facilitator: Sister Traci Fisher (daughter of Hope Moravian in Winston-Salem, NC) at Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center.

The Spiritual Life Retreat is an opportunity for *all* women in the Province to gather for spiritual renewal and fellowship.

To register please contact the PWB office at 336.722.4911 or pwbmosp@gmail.com

Submitted by Cindy Lamb

PEC Report for June

The Provincial Elders' Conference met on April 5 and 24, and May 3 and 19, for our final meetings before Synod. The Elders spent time in devotion and prayer for our province, congregations, and members, and for the work of the worldwide church. PEC took actions as needed in the many areas of ministry in our province, as well as in regard to financial and legal matters.

Congregational Development: received reports from Director of Congregational Development Rebecca Craver; reviewed recent quadrennial reviews; discussed matters relating to the Florida district and the South Florida Pastorate; discussed interim and supply pastor leadership for Bethabara, Hopewell, Immanuel New Eden, Kernersville, Leaksville, Mizpah, and Raleigh; issued the call to Sister Margaret Norris to serve as pastor at Hope Moravian, and rejoiced with the acceptance of that call; and reviewed call processes in several congregations.

Commission on Ministry: acknowledged, with gratitude for their service, the retirements of Cheryl Cottingham and Craig Troutman; received a report on the consecration of Heather Vacek as a presbyter; discussed a request for consideration of specialized ministry; and noted the ordination of Margaret Norris scheduled for June 12.

Synod Planning and Implementation: continued working with the Synod Planning Committee on details concerning the June 1-4 synod; received reports from the April 23 delegate gathering.

Interprovincial, Unity, and Ecumenical: Kapp represented the Southern Province at the meeting of the Unity Board held in the Czech Republic, and presented a report to PEC upon his return.

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PEC spent time reflecting on our four years' service together, in thanksgiving for God's presence, guidance, and grace, and for the gifts brought by each member of PEC to this service.

Submitted by Nola Knouse

Southern Province Archivist Named

The Provincial Elders Conference is pleased to announce that Meaghan O'Riordan has been chosen as the new archivist for the Southern Province. Meaghan has been an archivist at Emory University's Rose Library since 2016, where her career has focused on developing, implementing and overseeing a programmatic approach to ensure manuscripts, archives and rare book collections in all formats and across all collecting areas are appropriately tracked, accessioned, described, discoverable and available for use. She also completed several projects to enhance collection management, including a database of containers in the Library's holdings, a database of Rose Library acquisitions from 2012-present and transcription of legacy accession records into ArchivesSpace.

Meaghan's resume lists more than 15 professional presentations and 11 professional publications she has authored or coauthored since 2014 including most recently: Davis, R.K.J. & M. O'Riordan. Accessioning, archival in P. Franks (Ed.), *The Handbook of Archival Practice*, 2021. She is professionally active in the Society of American Archivists, for which she co-chairs the Best Practices for Archival Accessioning Working Group and sits on the steering committee for the Accessioning, Acquisitions & Appraisal Section. She also is a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies* and member of the Rare Books and Manuscript Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

A native of Welcome, N.C., Meaghan simultaneously earned two bachelor's degrees at NCSU, one in English and one in Religious Studies, graduating summa cum laude. She holds two master's degrees: an MS in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill and a Master of Theological Studies from Emory University (with transferring credits from Duke University). After completing her MLIS, she worked in the Special Collections Research Center at North Carolina State University. She also has public library experience.

Meaghan is very familiar with the Moravian Church and its history and knows German. She and her husband were married in St. Philips Moravian Church.

The PEC expresses great appreciation to the search committee that shepherded the archivist search, including Margaret Burri, assistant director for Academic Liaison and Special Collections at Johns Hopkins University's library; Dr. Kevin Cherry, retired deputy secretary and director of North Carolina's Office of Archives and History, Dept. of Cultural Resources (the only committee member not a Moravian but who knows the Moravian Archives well); Heather Fearnbach, president and owner of Fearnbach History Services, Inc. and member of the Archives Commission; Paul Peucker, archivist of the Northern Province Archives; Tim Pyatt, dean of Wake Forest

University's libraries; Chris Thore, PEC president; and Peggy Carter, PEC representative on the Archives Commission.

A welcoming event will be held for Meaghan after she joins us in August.

New Archives Commission Members Named

The PEC is also pleased to announce the members of the restructured Archives Commission, reported in May's Provincial Ties. The new structure includes the PEC president, to whom the archivist reports; two members who are clergy/Christian educators; two members who are laity; a representative of the Provincial Elders Conference; a representative of the Salem Congregation board; and the president of the new Friends of the Moravian Archives. Providing continuity from the previous to new commission are Heather Fearnbach, John Jackman, Karl Kapp and Paul Knouse, with Paul representing the new Friends group. Joining the new Commission is Frank Crouch, retired Dean of Moravian Seminary. Peggy Carter continues to represent the PEC until a member of the new PEC replaces her. We expect Salem Congregation to name a representative from its board soon. After the new PEC is seated, the Commission will elect a chair from its members. The PEC is grateful for the work of Toni Bigham, Zack Routh, Kirk Sanders and Madi White along with Heather, John, Karl, Paul and Peggy on the Commission during the challenging COVID years and search for a new archivist.

Moravian Music Foundation News June 2022



The public is invited to join the Moravian Music Festival participants in worship and music, either in-person or by livestream, weekdays, from Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA; and, Saturday morning, from Foy Hall on the Moravian University campus.

Wed. July 27, 2022

New Moravian Music 2:00pm

Opening Worship—Singing the Song of Songs 8:00pm

Thu. July 28, 2022

The Rollins College Connection 2:00pm

Pipes and Pedals 7:30pm

Fri. July 29, 2022

Summer Serenade—smaller ensembles and chamber music 2:00

Jesus Still Lead On—Festival Chorus and Orchestra 7:30pm

Sat. July 30, 2022

ACTS youth musical 9:00am (may not be livestreamed)

Resounding Joy—Festival Concert Band 10:30am (may not be livestreamed)

All concert information is available, and links will be added as they become available, at www.moravianmusicfestival.org/festival-concerts-2022/
www.moravianmusicfestival.org

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