

Resolution

Subject: Moravian Evangelism Commission
From: Evangelism Committee

WHEREAS, the Good News of Jesus Christ calls and empowers us: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18b-20); and

WHEREAS, the Renewed Moravian Church has historically nurtured and continues to nurture and care for souls by proclaiming the Gospel through emerging outreach mission; and

WHEREAS, the Great Commission is the call to share the Gospel as stated in the MCSP Book of Order, 2018, “#700. The Moravian Church still accepts the challenge and command of the Lord, ‘Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.’ It does this confessing that only by continuing to bring the message of the Cross to other people will it continue to be a living Church. #701. The Moravian Church is a living Church with a mission relevant to the everyday life of all mankind. Therefore the Church will, and must, meet the demands made upon it by society as a whole by ministering to the spiritual, social, physical and economic needs of humanity... #702. Opportunities for mission outreach are to be found within the borders of every Province. Therefore each has the responsibility of awakening its own congregations to this challenge”; and

WHEREAS, the MCSP Book of Order, 2018, “#706. Every mission outreach should aim at the development of a local church as soon as possible by a vigorous programme of evangelism, leadership training, stewardship and Christian education”; and

WHEREAS, this sharing enables the Holy Spirit to bring others to belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through Jesus ministry, which was and continues to be one of face-to-face relationship and serving the needs of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, demographic information about the communities near our congregations reveals a fertile field for the Good News of Christ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Provincial Elders Conference of the MCSP establish a Provincial Evangelism Commission and determine its organization; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission develop Guiding Principles for the sharing of our faith; and be it

RESOLVED, that education resources using appropriate Scriptures, *The Moravian Way of Evangelism*, and other resources are made available to all our congregations; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Evangelism Commission lead congregations to support and build their evangelism ministries through provincial meetings, conferences, and other resources so that the call and promise of the Great Commission may be fulfilled.