

Resolution

Subject: The Florida District
From: Government Committee

WHEREAS, the Synod of 2009 instituted the Regional Conferences of Churches, RCC (section 17 of the 2018 Constitution of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province), but maintained the integrity of the Florida District (section 18) and did not dissolve the District; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Constitution of the Southern Province Section 18. Entitled “Florida District”, states

1. For the purposes of cooperation and communication, the Moravian Churches in Florida are designated as the Florida District of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, to be administered under the by-laws approved by the Provincial Elders’ Conference.
2. The Florida District Board shall be directly responsible to the Provincial Elders’ Conference and take no action inconsistent with its policies or the enactments of Provincial Synods; and

WHEREAS, The Florida District and the Florida/Georgia RCC has constituted itself and has been functioning effectively as the Florida/Georgia District RCC, with a fully constituted District Executive Board and sub-committees that meet regularly as laid out in the rules and regulations of the RCC; and

WHEREAS, the Florida District, conducts regular meetings (the executive committee meeting monthly and the general body meeting quarterly); and

WHEREAS, The Florida Georgia District RCC has met regularly and continues to confirm and renew Christian love and fellowship, stimulate and strengthen those in the work of the Lord, and to serve as an agency to disseminate information and strengthen the ongoing program of the District; and

WHEREAS, the cultural diversity of the Florida/Georgia District lends itself to subtle nuances and cultural differences to the Moravian congregations in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Moravian Church Southern Province has established a new paradigm in the formation of the South Florida Pastorate (The New Hope, Prince of Peace, Palm Beach Congregations, the King of King Congregation and Tampa Fellowship, and the Margate Fellowship); and

WHEREAS, at the District Pastors' Retreat (December 3-5, 2021) it was reiterated that the pastors and congregations in Florida Georgia have felt disconnected from the activities of the Southern Province; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Florida District be renamed the Florida Georgia District (which would intentionally include our Brothers and Sisters in Georgia); and be it

RESOLVED, that the Provincial Elders' Conference shall work with the Florida Georgia District to develop procedures and policies that promote improved understanding, collaboration and communication in its work with the Florida Georgia District, revise the bylaws of the District as needed, and implement these decisions during the intersynodal period.