

Resolution

Subject: Four Key Areas of Growth in the Moravian Church, Southern Province
From: Vision and Mission Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution #17 of the 2018 synod of the Moravian Church, Southern Province approved the establishment of the Provincial Organization Core Team (POCT) by the Provincial Elder's Conference for the purpose of re-energizing our congregations and other ministry groups as places for cultivating spiritual growth, community, and mission now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the POCT, with support from the Provincial Elder's Conference and provincial agencies has sought to clarify the primary functions of communities of faith, boards and agencies in the provincial system through a close study of existing organizational resources as well as participate in a series of conversations with Christian leaders regarding current trends and missional developments across denominations, including, but not limited to our existing ecumenical partners; and

WHEREAS, in its report to the 2022 synod, the members of the POCT have identified four key areas, listed below, which are vital for the ongoing growth and development of ministries and congregations in the Moravian Church, Southern Province; and

WHEREAS, there is need to discern, clarify and apply the missional and strategic implications of the four key areas for growth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Synod of the Moravian Church, Southern Province approve the continuation of the ministry of the Provincial Organization Core Team, under the guidance of the Provincial Elders' Conference, for the purpose of discerning, further clarifying and applying the missional and strategic implications of the following four key areas for growth with input from congregations, ministries, boards and agencies of the Southern Province:

1. Building Trust Across Partners – Practicing collaboration, accountability, and responsibility across the church, encouraging healthy communication and shared decision making, and supporting one another in the diverse manifestations of our common mission;
2. Aligning for Mission – Working together to prioritize the church's ongoing discernment and participation in the mission of God;
3. Deepening Commitment to the Leadership of Jesus – Acknowledging that we are here to be disciples who are transformed by the leadership of Jesus;
4. Embracing the Whole Church – Nurturing an inclusive, affirming, racially equitable, and courageous church that makes room for the unique leadership, contributions, and ongoing development of all individuals and communities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the POCT provide quarterly reports to provincial and congregational leaders throughout the intersynodal period and consider the merits of hosting an intersynodal conference for further discussion of the four key areas for growth; and

RESOLVED, that the Provincial Elders' Conference review recommendations made by the Provincial Organization Core Team throughout the intersynodal period and partner with the POCT regarding the implementation of changes to the structure of the Moravian Church, Southern Province along with its policies and procedures; and

RESOLVED, that the Provincial Elders' Conference be authorized to implement any such changes on an interim basis during the intersynodal period with plans to submit a summary report during the Synod of 2026; and

RESOLVED, that the Moravian Church, Southern Province, its congregations, ministries, boards and agencies, commit to prayerfully explore and experiment with the four key areas for growth as opportunities to live more deeply into the fullness of the message of the gospel and to discover the ongoing presence and vitality of the Holy Spirit's presence in the world today.