



# PROVINCIAL

## TIES

July 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

### *Trust God to the Bottom of Your Heart*

A little over seven years ago, I had the joy of being on a retreat team that brought together a hundred people for three days of worship, learning, fellowship, and growing closer to our Savior. The theme of the retreat was drawn from Proverbs 3:5 and 6 (The Message) – “Trust God from the bottom of your heart... He will keep you on track.”

The audience included a wide range of ecumenical involvement from more than 20 congregations, including Moravians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, and non-denominational congregations. I was blessed to be one of two dozen Moravians who attended North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage 134 – the largest contingent of Moravians ever to attend a Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekend retreat. The “icing on the cake” was serving on a team with a handful of members from King Moravian, while having nine Moravian guests – including eight from Grace Moravian and my wife, Beverly.

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Little did I know, 18 months later I would return to Grace Moravian to serve as pastor or that the retreat weekend would spark a huge renewal for me, my family, and two congregations I love dearly. The ripple effect of renewal continues to lead me.

As I have begun transitioning into my new role over the last month, I find myself wrapping up a second tour of ministry with the people of Grace Moravian, preparing for a new chapter of ministry as PEC President, and attempting to navigate all the details of moving my home back to Forsyth county. At times I have felt caught in the great “cloud of unknowing.” The bittersweet process of saying goodbye to one community, and hello to a new community of fellow team members within the PEC and the Provincial staff, has been incredibly positive but also demanding.

The theme of that retreat weekend – Proverbs 3:5 and 6 – has returned to me as a guiding light. Once again it reminds me that no matter what the circumstances are, and no matter how emotionally joyful or heart wrenching, the truth remains that God is able to guide us. The tricky part is to trust God completely – “from the bottom of your heart.” This focus point has been a daily guide for me since being elected a month ago to this daunting role. Saying goodbye to those I love is no less difficult, and the details of beginning a whole new venture with a new team is challenging, when I choose to trust God, it enables me to see more clearly how God is at work. In fact, when I choose to lean in – “to the bottom of my heart” – it is not so much the clarity I find that is important, but the sense of God’s presence with me traveling this new path through the “cloud of unknowing.” For it is God’s presence that fills me with what is most needed each day.

As you travel your path, I encourage you to be guided by this truth – “Trust God to the bottom of your heart... He will keep you on track” (Proverbs 3:5 and 6 – the Message).

*Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, President, PEC*

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## **MORAVIAN MUSIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP!**

*As the result of a year-long national search, the Moravian Music Foundation Board of Trustees is excited and enthusiastic to announce the hiring of two leadership positions!*

### **Dr. Bruce Earnest, Jr., Executive Director**

Dr. Earnest comes to the Moravian Music Foundation from the University of Mobile where he was Vice President of Advancement and a member of the graduate faculty. He has also served as Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Graduate Programs, and Associate Dean of the Alabama School of the Arts.



Bruce Earnest is co-founder of the International Performing Arts Institute in Kiefersfelden, Germany and Fairhope, AL, and

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founder of the International Performing Arts Scholarship Guild. As a specialist in resource development, community engagement, international education, and donor cultivation, Bruce has been involved in building non-profit and educational arts organizations for more than 30 years.

He is an ordained minister and has served in music and worship ministry in the United States and Germany for 22 years.

Earnest earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Miami, a Bachelor of Arts in Music Administration from Westfield State University, and has studied planned giving and philanthropic communication at the Heyman Center for Philanthropy at New York University.

Bruce and his wife Darla are the parents of Lukas, 15, and Rosalie, 10, and look forward to being a part of the Winston-Salem community and the North American and worldwide Moravian communities.

### **Christopher Ogburn, Ph.D., Director of Programming Resident Musicologist**



Dr. Christopher Ogburn is originally from Tobaccolville, NC, and was raised in the Moravian Church. As a former intern at the Foundation, while in college, he completed several projects related to the Foundation's music collections.

Ogburn earned his Master of Philosophy in Music and Master of Arts in Music from The Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY. He went on to study and complete his Ph.D. in Historical Musicology, September 2018, at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY. His dissertation was *Strauss and the City: The Reception of Richard Strauss's Salome, Elektra, and Der Rosenkavalier within New York City, 1907–1934*. Ogburn earned a Bachelor of Music in Bassoon Performance and Minor in English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

Chris Ogburn taught and lectured at Manhattan College and LaGuardia Community College, before joining the faculty of Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC as Instructor of Music.

Chris has deep ties to the area. He and his wife, Erin, are excited to be moving to Winston-Salem and to raise their daughter, June, in this community.

*“Each of the leaders coming to the Moravian Music Foundation brings a depth of knowledge and experience, primed to lead the Foundation to exciting new ventures, while staying closely connected to our home in the Moravian Church. With the staff team already in place, and the dedicated members of the Board of Trustees, Bruce and Chris are well set up to succeed! I look forward to cheering them and the Foundation on to deeper service, both within and beyond the Moravian Church.” - Nola R. Knouse, Director*

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The Board of Trustees is looking forward to working with these leaders as we restructure the leadership team to allow each to focus on the many strengths and talents they bring to the Foundation. Both new leaders are deeply committed to serving all constituents and stakeholders: amateur and professional, students and faculty, musicians and musicologists, performers and audience members, Moravian bands and world class orchestras; and committed to serving our Northern, Southern, and Canadian Province Moravian churches and educational institutions, as well as non-Moravian churches and institutions. Look for exciting new programs and opportunities to engage with the work of the Foundation as we build on a history of excellence!

Sarah Wright, Erik Salzwedel, and David Blum will continue in their positions in the Winston-Salem office. Barbara Strauss continues to lead a sub-team of catalogers in Winston-Salem, Raleigh, and Bethlehem, nearing completion of the GemeinKat Project, which allows us to share the MMF catalog of archival holdings on Worldcat.org, the online searchable database.

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In the Northern Province, Jan Harke has accepted the position of Assistant in the Bethlehem office through the end of 2022. She will oversee MMF's archival holdings and sustain and manage the Foundation's partnerships, client relationships, and services for the Northern Province. The MMF office in Bethlehem oversees two-thirds of the total archival music collections in MMF custody. The office continues to be an important hub of research, service, and program activity for the Foundation. Upon Gwyneth Michel's retirement at the end of August, Jan will be in the office two days each week, and may be reached at 610-866-3340.

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The Moravian Music Foundation was founded in 1956 upon a musical heritage spanning the globe and dating to the early reformation. After 66 years, much has been accomplished, but there is more to discover and share. The future years will bring introductions of new ways of sharing Moravian music and expansion of the Foundation's role in education.

## **News from the PEC**

### ***July 2022***

The Provincial Elders met on June 22 and July 6. These two meetings were devoted to bringing the newly elected Provincial Elders up to speed on current Provincial ministry items that carried over from previous agendas. Time was spent in reflection and prayer for our congregations, clergy, and leaders, as well as for one another.

Orientation for the New PEC: Chris Thore led a process of orientation and carefully presented a high level view of all the present work with the province – highlighting Commission on the Congregational Development, current call processes, and various discussions with congregational leadership. Chris Thore, who serves as the part-time interim President, described the current process of hand off with Neil Routh

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– which will conclude on August 5 when Brother Routh officially becomes the President. Brothers Thore and Routh described how this process is unique since both are also full-time pastors of their respective congregations.

Congregational Development: updates included the process toward Beth Hayes' retirement and next steps for the Resource Center and Family Life ministries Beth has managed for nearly 30 years, which will be merged into the new expressions of the Commission on Congregational Development. The new PEC was brought up to date on the work of the previous PEC with nearly 30 matters involving congregational call processes, clergy, and new ministry opportunities. This included a conversation with representatives from Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship led by the Reverend Ted Burcaw.

Commission on Ministry: PEC members received updates about current candidates for ordination as well as current calls to ministry that are being managed. The PEC gave approval to plan to create a part-time call within the Commission on Congregational Development that will aid Rebecca Craver and the Commission leadership in the next expression of the Resource Center and Family Life ministries.

Interprovincial, Unity, and Ecumenical: Brother Routh presented the request from the Episcopal Church to have one of our Bishops involved in the consecration of the new Bishop of Virginia on December 4 in Richmond. The PEC along with the conference of our Bishops, passed the invitation to the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp. Brother Routh will also attend the event to represent the Southern Province.

PEC Leadership: To connect PEC leadership rapidly to the current work of provincial and interprovincial ministry boards, a special meeting was called for July 6. The following members of the PEC were assigned to the following roles:

- Commission on Congregational Development – Andi Williams
- Provincial Support Services – Deb Aboudara
- Archives Commission – Keith Kapp
- Laurel Ridge Board of Directors – Andi Williams
- Board of World Mission – Dion Christopher (elected by Synod) and Neil Routh
- Interprovincial Board of Communication – Christy Clore
- Moravian Theological Seminary – Dion Christopher and Neil Routh

Note that the Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber presently serves on the Moravian Music Foundation Board and is the Faculty Representative to the Trustees of Moravian Theological Seminary.

Additional assignments will be made in upcoming meetings.

*Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, President, PEC*

## From the Provincial Financial Office

**IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate to Increase July 1** – For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective January 1, 2022.

*Submitted by Robyn Glance, CFO*

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Dear Colleagues & Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to thank “everyone” who helped with the work of our Provincial Synod held in June of this year. As one might expect, the challenge of coordinating such an event during Covid was unique, yet our Province met the challenge and has begun to chart a course towards the future.

In addition, I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to the former Provincial Elders Conference and President, and all the staff in the Provincial Office’s for working selflessly to this successful gathering of our Province.

It has been a privilege to get to know the leadership of our individual congregations in a deeper way over the last eleven months. Equally, an honor to work with our Ecumenical Partners, our sister Provinces and especially our Provincial staff who are simply the best!

As the transition to new leadership is almost complete, it is stirring to think about what God has in store for our Province over the next four years! Please join me in prayer for our new President, our new Provincial Elders Conference, our Provincial Staff and all our leaders as they listen for the voice of the Savior and guide our Province into an exciting and fruitful ministry together.

With gratitude and hope,

Christopher C. Thore

Interim President  
Provincial Elders Conference  
Moravian Church in America, Southern Province



## Opportunity for Early Career Clergy!

**CIVIC RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP**

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**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022 COHORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 11TH.**



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This is for clergy with 5-10 years of ordination, who serve a North Carolina congregation to engage in sustained conversation with the most notable and effective civic and business leaders in the region around key issues facing this area. You can learn more here: <https://divinity.wfu.edu/continuing-education-and-programs/2022-clergy-in-community-cohort/>.

Application deadline is August 17, 2022.

“This cohort is an iteration of a cohort program that was piloted in Indiana while I served there. The cohort that I was part of continues to support and enhance my practice of ministry to this day. I would highly recommend this experience to any clergy who are eligible. The time that you put into this process will surely be valuable to your ministry long term. In the world today, clergy that feel confident and ready to engage as civic and pastoral leaders can offer so much in service of their vocation that impact local congregations and the wider community.” –Rev. Rebecca Craver

Any clergy that have ecumenical colleagues that fit into this category please share the information with them.

*Submitted by The Rev. Rebecca Craver, Director, Commission on Congregational Development*

## Is Money on Your Mind?

By Laura Watson

Did you know most polls find that nearly three-fourths of Americans are worried about their finances? Yet we know God wants something better for us than fear and doubt, and we experience great joy when we're able to use money to support God's work in the world.

If you are concerned about your finances or yearning to find more meaning in what you do with money, we've got great news: MMFA is partnering with a program, FreedUp, that can help.

What is [Freed Up](#)? It's a financial stewardship training program that offers current resources to help guide and equip people of faith to manage money in healthier ways, through Biblical wisdom.

The app addresses all components of financial stewardship. Including:

- Earning
- Giving
- Saving
- Spending
- Debt

[Click here to continue reading and enroll.](#)



## Concerns and Celebrations

### Pastoral Changes:

Sister **Margaret Norris** has accepted a call to become pastor of Hope Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC and will be installed July 17, 10:00 am. Prior to accepting this call, Margaret served as the Director of Christian Education at Home Moravian Church. We invite your prayers for Margaret, her loved ones, and the Hope congregation during this time of transition.



**Deaths:**

Sister **Jonetta Hilton Conrad** passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at the age of 81. She was born September 30, 1940, to Winford Harmon and Betty Thomason Hilton. Jonetta is survived by her daughter, Cindy Tesh Miles (David); granddaughter Elizabeth Miles Haynes (Bryce); and two great-grandsons, Braxton and Carter Haynes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. J. Daniel Conrad. A Celebration of Life service was held at Home Moravian Church on Thursday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m. Please remember Jonetta’s family in prayer in the days and weeks to come.

Brother **William Vance Campbell, Sr,** 83, passed away on June 27, 2022. William served numerous Southern Baptist churches as Minister of Music and Youth. Additionally, he served as pastor at Immanuel Moravian, Moravia Moravian, and New Hope Moravian, FL. After his retirement in 2005, he served Olivet Moravian as pastoral assistant and Memorial Reformed Church as pastor until 2020. William was predeceased by his first wife, Betty Cooper Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Ann Overman Campbell and stepdaughter, Cynthia Autumn Williams; his children, Carolynn Elizabeth Wood (Tommy), Melody Ruth Lee (Keith), and William Vance Campbell, Jr. (Amy); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted at Mizpah Moravian Church on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 10:00 am. Interment followed at Hope Moravian Church God’s Acre. Please be in prayer for William’s family and friends in the days to come.

***Ordination Anniversaries for July 2022***

- Christy Clore..... 17 years
- Steve Craver..... 45 years
- Anthony Hayworth..... 14 years
- Thomas Hensley..... 36 years
- Logan Jones..... 39 years
- John Rainey..... 34 years
- Tracy Robinson..... 16 years
- Adam Spaugh..... 14 years
- Heather Vacek..... 10 years
- Walter Yarborough..... 22 years
- Victoria Lasley..... 5 years
- Tim Byerly..... 44 years

**Correction for June 2022 Ties - Chris Giesler's years of ordination should have been listed as 36.**

***Congratulations and God Bless You!***

## *For Your July Calendar*

- 10-16 LR Senior High Camp, grades completed 9th-12th
  - 17-23 LR Middle High 2 Camp
  - 21 - PEC Borad Meeting
  - 29-31 LR Pre Junior Camp, grades completed 1st-2nd
  - 24-30 LR Mission Camp, Week 3, grads completed 6th-12th
  - 31-Aug 6 LR Junior 2 Camp, grades completed 3rd-5th
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## 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 [pwbmcsp@gmail.com](mailto:pwbmcsp@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Cindy Lamb*



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to honor  
Nola R. Knouse &  
Gwyneth Michel  
upon their retirement



Sunday, August 7, 2022  
2:00 pm until 5:00 pm (floating)  
Home Moravian Church, Fellowship Hall  
(please enter from the Fine Arts Center side)  
Winston-Salem, NC  
[www.moravianmusic.org/celebrating-excellence](http://www.moravianmusic.org/celebrating-excellence)

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

## For Your Address Book

Margaret Norris - new email address: [pastor.margaret.hopenc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.margaret.hopenc@gmail.com)

Annalise Rierson - new phone number: 336-537-4244

**FALL BAND CLASSES RETURN** on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Classes as well as Second- and Third-Year classes will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the beginners' class will meet at 6:30pm for all ages 6th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80's). Second and Third Year players meet for class at 7:30pm. The classes are held in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rhondthaler building. If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on first the night. Please contact Connie ([kapwing@triad.rr.com](mailto:kapwing@triad.rr.com)) or Robah ([RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com](mailto:RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com)) if you have questions or need additional information.

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