



# PROVINCIAL TIES

October 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## Impact

It is stewardship season for many congregations. A time to share the news with the congregation for how ministry in the last year has impacted lives within the congregation and beyond. I used to get stressed by this season – finding the message to preach, willing lay voices to share testimony in worship for making support of the church a priority, and bringing it all together under a meaningful theme. My problem early on was that I had the false impression that I was supposed to sell the congregation on the importance of tithing and consistent financial contributions to the church budget. By God’s grace, eventually I learned that stewardship is an outcome. It is important to provide ongoing education and insight in the meaning of stewardship, but true generosity is an outcome. The season of Stewardship becomes a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the impact of our shared ministry, which further fuels more generosity.

This became very vivid for me a number of years ago while on sabbatical. I had a break from the pulpit that stewardship season, and happen to be visiting with friends in worship. At first I wasn’t very excited to discover it was “Commitment Sunday.”

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But as the service unfolded, what followed was a multi-media presentation of the many ways the shared ministry of the congregation had touched lives across the congregation and throughout the local region. As I visitor, I felt drawn to know more about how the congregation had discovered ways to make a great difference in the world. There was a clear sense of excitement about the stewardship outcomes that were being reported, and it was contagious. When the stewards get feedback about the impact ministry is making, generosity becomes contagious as well as the desire to be part of the ministries making a difference in the world.

Recent years have been marked by working with the worship team and the leadership in the congregations where I served to engage the season of Stewardship as a time to tell the story of how the congregation's ministry has been impacting the world.

Along the way I have learned from many – mostly lay persons in several congregations and the Province – about the balance of time, talent, and treasure (financial resources). It is true that people generally will give of their time, talent, and treasure to the things that matter to them. But when it comes to true generosity, I have found that discovering the impact of ministry on a person's life often fuels more interest and energy for bringing one's personal practice of worship, service, and faith development to a focus.

A decade ago, I heard a presentation by the leadership of the Lilly Foundation announce that between 1996-2006 the emergence of many new not-for-profit ministries and expressions had outnumbered faith communities by 4 to 1. Despite this reality, a dollar invested in faith communities still goes further than any other type of charitable entity. Remember that stewardship matters, and the support of the local church is vital for many reasons. But most of all, the generosity that is fueled by our shared work to impact the world with God's love remains an investment worth our time, talent, and financial resources.

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

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## News from the PEC

### *October 2022*

The PEC met on September 1 for virtual check in, and on September 15 for an extended in-person session. Key areas of focus have been re-engaging call process work with the boards of Grace, Kernersville, and Union Cross. Additional conversations are under way with leaders from New Eden, Providence, and Mountain Laurel Fellowship.

The Commission on Ministry hosted a gathering of our current candidates for ministry, all of whom are presently enrolled at Moravian Theological Seminary – Josh Folweiler, Noah Smith, Caleb Carter, Ethan Smith, and David Jackson. The leadership of the Board of World Mission, along with PEC leadership from Northern and Southern Provinces met in Panama City (Sept 26-Oct 1) for a Summit with the clergy leadership of Spanish speaking Moravian ministries in our provinces, Cuba, Latin, and South America. PEC staff continues to be focused on building a leadership structure that better leads and responds to the needs shepherded through the Commission on Congregational Development, the Commission on Ministry, and New and Emerging Ministry.

A main focus of the September 15 meeting of the PEC was developing a shared discernment for the initiatives and resolutions that emerged from the 2022 Synod. We agree that the Spirit moved in a noticeable way to all the PEC and the Province to new expressions of ministry emphasis. Additional plans are underway for a planning retreat in late November to bring shape to these specific goals and directions.

We are happy to share that the new technology is in place for hosting provincial email services and fully integrating the tools for communication through Microsoft Office 365. Bear with us as this migration has not come without the tedious process of rebuilding distribution email lists. We are looking forward to new tools to increase the ability of the provincial staff to communicate with clergy and lay leaders more smoothly and efficiently.

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

## Concerns and Celebrations

**Death:** Sister **Evette Campbell's** mother, Angelin Brown, passed away on Tuesday, September 20. Please remember Evette and her family in prayer during this time of bereavement.

**Pastoral Change and Ordination:** **Dana Myers** was ordained on Oct 2 at Home Moravian Church with the Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz presiding. Her installation as the Associate Pastor for Fries Memorial Moravian Church will take place on Oct 16.

## *Ordination Anniversaries for October 2022*

Jeffrey Carter.....24 years  
James Demby.....13 years  
Betty Helms.....10 years  
Judy Knopf.....17 years  
Tripp May.....46 years  
Daniel Nelson.....35 years  
Robert Peterson.....46 years  
John G. Rights.....26 years  
Aaron Linville.....8 years  
Adriana Craver.....1 year

*Congratulations and God Bless You!*



## **MMFA: Your resource for estate planning**

By Vince Holbrook

October 17 - 23 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. And nobody understands the Moravian mindset about [estate planning](#) better than your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. There is no charge to meet with us to discuss your goals. We have all the tools of philanthropy to maximize the impact of your charitable giving to the Moravian ministries you love. Our [Will Planning Wizard](#) can help you organize your thoughts. And our free copy of [Five Wishes](#) (Use campaign code MMFA2022) can help you clearly articulate your wishes for your care.



## *For Your October Calendar*

6 - PEC Meeting, Zoom  
18-21 - Interprovincial Ministers Convocation, Maryland

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### **Fall Celebration and Silent Auction**

Sponsored by Provincial Women's Board

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**New Philadelphia Moravian Church**

Winston-Salem, N.C.

Please plan to join with your Sisters in the Province starting with Coffee and Shopping at 9:00am, Programing 9:30am, Lunch: Noonish

For Coffee, and Silent Auction proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to further the work of the Provincial Women's Board. Donated items will be provided by our Churches and Community.

Please consider donating an item to be **auctioned!**

Contact Faye Bricca for information about donating an item. **540-425-1201**

Guest speakers will be Rev. Kelly Moore presenting our Bible Study "Rolling with the Rock" by Rev. Jason Anderson. Sister Julie Tomberlin, PhD. Coordinator of Unity Women's Desk will be presenting our Mission Study "Body Building"

Coffee and lunch will be provided by the women of New Philadelphia. Registration is \$10.00 per person. If you are planning to have lunch, please send you registration fee along with your name and church before Wed., October 12, 2022

Provincial Women's Board  
459 S. Church St.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**Lunch reservations to be mailed to the PWB. You may attend the workshop and not purchase lunch.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 per person, amount included: \_\_\_\_\_

PWB: 336-722-4911

*Submitted by Cindy Lamb*



# Moravian Music Foundation



## All are invited to an Open House Reception at the Archie K Davis Center

to welcome new staff members:

- Bruce Earnest, Executive Director
- Christopher Ogburn, Director of Programming
- Jan Harke, Associate in the Bethlehem Office

*Archie K Davis Center  
457 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC*

You may park on Church Street and walk to the east, behind Cedarhyrst. Or, park in the Salem College Fine Arts Ctr lot. To find the entrance to this parking lot by GPS or Google Maps, it is best to use **500 E. Salem Ave.**

All are welcome. You may call 336-725-0651, [info@moravianmusic.org](mailto:info@moravianmusic.org), or [RSVP](#) online. Thank you.

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel, Moravian Music Foundation*

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## CCD Update October 2022

The Rev. Christy Clore, our Interim Faith Formation Coordinator, is now available for drop in hours and consultation on both Lending Library materials and other Christian Education and Faith Formation resources.

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Drop-in Consultation Opportunities with Christy:  
October 10, 12, and 26 from 10am to 12noon, or call to make an appointment  
(336.722.8126).

On-site congregational consults can also be requested and scheduled at times outside of these dedicated drop-in office hours.

### **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

CO-LAB conversations: **CANCELLED on October 18, 2022**

- **Looking for you feedback**
  - 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](http://www.moravian.org/ccd)**

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

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### ***For Your Address Book***

Please be advised that the **Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA)** has acquired the domain "mmfa.com." Therefore, all website and email addresses are changing. Going forward, they end in ".com" instead of ".info."

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