



# PROVINCIAL TIES

December 2023



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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## Update on Progress of the 2022 Resolutions

The 2022 Synod of the Southern Province was held 18 months ago. Nearly all of the 30+ resolutions have been addressed or are underway.

Eighteen went into effect with the vote of Synod. These include resolutions that dealt with procedure, representation on a board, terminology or name change, and the approval for campaigns or new spending. Fourteen of the resolutions included a new strategic shift or call for study and reporting to the 2026 Synod. Three of these have been a primary focus for the Provincial Elders' Conference (Resolutions 8,9, and 10). Five have been delegated to the Commission on Congregational Development (Resolutions 14, 20, 26, 30, and 31). Three have been delegated to the Commission on Ministry (Resolutions 11, 17, and 25).

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Resolution 23 has been delegated to the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation in partnership with the Racial Justice Team on the Northern Province.

Immediately after Synod, the PEC began development of leadership structure choosing a model that is less top-down and more collaborative. Similar to a constellation with the decisions of Synod and the role of the PEC at the center, the first step was to further develop and align the support structures that operate most directly with the PEC. These include:

1. Provincial Financial Office and Provincial Support Services (PFO/PSSB)
2. Commission on Congregational Development (CCD) and the CCD Director
3. Commission on Ministry (COM) and the COM Director
4. Coordination of Communication

A practical step was initiating a regular “team meeting” of the PEC President, Directors of CCD and COM, the CFO and staff, Executive Assistant to the PEC, and Communications Coordinator. Focus has been given to the transition from the prior structure of the Board of Cooperative Ministries to the CCD initiated by the prior PEC.

The next step has been the development the position of Director of COM. This began with further development of the commission model, similar to the CCD that addresses the various aspects of the care and nurture of clergy, Directors of Christian Education, acolytes, and lay ministry. This has included the role of the Director of COM connecting with clergy, acolytes, and educators to offer more direct support. The new position for Director of COM began in January 2023 with The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp.

The PEC has partnered with The Rev. Rebecca Craver (Director of CCD) to redevelop quadrennial congregational reviews as an opportunity for the PEC to listen and connect with congregations with a focus on “The Four Key Areas for Growth” (Resolution 8) and “Renewing Faith Communities” (Resolution 9). Likewise, the PEC has partnered with The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp in call process meetings and communication with clergy, provincial acolytes, and DCEs in a similar manner.

The PEC held a retreat in November 2022 to bring together the primary leadership of the CCD and COM to discuss a vision of collaboration and delegating the remaining resolutions from the 2022 Synod. One result was planning and holding a provincial summit in February 2023 to cultivate space for building trust and collaboration for our shared congregational and provincial ministries.

The summit included a dialogue between PEC, clergy, provincial acolytes, and DCEs on the theme of “TRUST:” Transparency, Relationships, Understanding, Shared Vision, and Taking Risks Together. The insights gathered have inspired further focus for the work of the PEC, CCD, COM, and PFO.

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The primary focus in 2024 will be an intersynodal conference to be held October 27-28 geared toward congregational health and faith formation. Our presenter will be Phil Maynard, author of Shift: Helping Congregations Back into Effective Ministry and Disciple Like. This summit seeks to create space for learning and discussion about healthy congregations and ministry. Stay tuned for information in preparation for this event.

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

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## ***Commission on Ministry***

The Commission on Ministry is happy to announce that Amanda Moody Schumpert was recently approved by the Provincial Elders' Conference as a candidate for the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church. Amanda is a remote learning student with Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA while continuing to serve as the Director of Music and Congregational Ministry at Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

We wish Amanda God's richest blessings as she begins this exciting journey!

*Submitted by The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp, Director, Commission on Ministry*

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## **Concerns and Celebrations**

### **Pastoral Changes:**

The Rev. **Fran Saylor** has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Raleigh Moravian Church in Raleigh, NC. Fran's last Sunday at the Table will be Sunday, January 7, 2024, and she will be installed as pastor of Raleigh Moravian on Sunday, February 4, 2024. The leadership of the Table is partnering with the Provincial Elders' Conference to determine next steps.

The Rev. **Christy Clore** has accepted a call to serve as a Faith Formation Specialist with the Commission on Congregational Development. Christy will begin this work on Tuesday, January 2, 2023.

As Faith Formation specialist, Christy will be engaging with congregations to support and build upon current discipleship practices in local contexts. She will help strengthen the outreach and witness of congregations through education and spiritual formation for all ages. She will also serve as the denominational representative to the Association of Partners in Christian Education organization that brings together resources for discipleship and faith formation through ecumenical partnership. She will be available to help with curriculum suggestions and resource sharing with congregations.

### Presbyter Consecrations:

The Rev. **Angelica Regalado** Cieza was consecrated a Presbyter on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Friedland Moravian Church with The Rt. Rev. Samuel Gray officiating. Angelica was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on September 3, 2017 at Friedland Moravian, Winston-Salem, NC.

The Rev. Russell (**Russ**) **C. May** was consecrated a Presbyter on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Moravian Church with the Rt. Rev. G. Thomas Shelton officiating. Russ was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church with The Rt. Rev. Dr. Graham H. Rights officiating on January 29, 2006 at Advent Moravian, Winston-Salem, NC.

### *Ordination Anniversaries for December 2023*

Gerald Harris.....46 years  
Chris Thore.....25 years  
John Wilson.....63 years  
Jeff Jones.....11 years

*Congratulations and God Bless You!*



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## Moravian Ministries Foundation Association

### *Save the Date for Moravian Day of Giving 2024!*

Join us on February 13, 2024, for a day of impact and generosity during the 4th Annual Moravian Day of Giving! It's more than a date—it's an opportunity to embrace the spirit of our community, driven by shared values and a commitment to making a difference.

Mark your calendar and be part of the collective generosity that defines the Moravian Day of Giving. Together, let's make a lasting impact on individuals and communities! Stay tuned for more information.



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*Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson, Communications and Marketing Specialist, MMFA*

## Provincial Events Calendar



Going forward, using this link [Provincial Event Calendar](#), you will find all Provincial events scheduled in the Southern Province. The calendar will be updated when the PEC office has knowledge of an event. Please refer to the link often as it will probably change weekly. This link will take the place of the usual calendar items listed in the Ties.

## Moravian Music Foundation

Music,  
Food,  
Fun &  
Festivities

**Christmas Fest**  
and Holiday Market

Moravian Music  
Foundation  
& Moravian Archives

**Saturday,  
10am - 8pm  
Dec. 16, 2024**

free admission; items for sale  
[www.moravianmusic.org/christmasfest/](http://www.moravianmusic.org/christmasfest/)

### CHRISTMASFEST ~ A Moravian Advent & Christmas Festival & Holiday Market

#### Family Fun & Festivities

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023: 10:00am - 8:00pm

Music by a variety of choirs/ensembles throughout the day!

Food & Drink Vendors ~ Artists and Craftspeople

Activities for Children and Santa!

a project of the Moravian Music Foundation and Moravian Archives,  
Archie K Davis Center, 457 S. Church St., and Elberson Fine Arts Ctr, Salem  
College, 412 Rams Dr., Winston-Salem, NC

<https://moravianmusic.org/christmasfest/>

<https://moravianmusic.org/night-of-light/>

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## ***Volunteers Needed/Wanted!***

We are planning for ChristmasFest 2023 to be bigger and better and we need your help. To volunteer for a shift during part of the day, call us at 336-725-0651 or complete the [volunteer form](#) . On the [ChristmasFest page](#), you will find a [list and description](#) of the volunteer opportunities under “ChristmasFest Needs Volunteers!”

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*David Maize*

*During the day of ChristmasFest, all music performances are free to attend. At the end of the day, there is a special ticketed Serenade Series chamber music event with limited availability.*

***Night of Light Concert***, Dec. 16, 2024, 7:00pm after ChristmasFest at the Archie K Davis Center.

David Maize will take you on a musical journey through some of his favorite songs and arias. A few tickets are still available. \$25/\$20

<https://moravianmusic.org/night-of-light/>

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## **Serenade Concert Series 2024**

The Moravian Music Foundation (MMF) announces its 2024 season of concerts to engage, inspire, and entertain the Winston-Salem community. While the

Foundation holds a collection of priceless musical treasures, it is also charged with sharing these treasures with the world. MMF presents concerts of Moravian music and provides education and outreach to bring its archival treasures to light. Season subscriptions are now available. Find the link and further details at <https://moravianmusic.org/serenades-2024-concert-series/>

1. May 3, 7pm ~ In All Things, Love / Moramus Chorale/Tannenbergl Concert, Winston-Salem, NC
2. June 30, 3pm ~ Psalm of Joy / Moramus Chorale, Winston-Salem, NC
3. September 27, 7pm ~ Organ Concert with Johannes Berger, location TBD, Winston-Salem, NC
4. October 25, 7pm ~ In the Beginning... / Moramus Chorale Concert, Winston-Salem, NC
5. December 14, 7pm ~ Night of Light / special VIP concert in the evening, after ChristmasFest

<https://moravianmusic.org/serenades-2024-concert-series/>

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The Moravian Music Foundation announces the 2024 Season of **The Moramus Chorale**

*Singers Wanted! All voices welcome!*

[moravianmusic.org/category/moramus/](https://moravianmusic.org/category/moramus/) Moramus Oct 27 Concert Video  
<https://youtu.be/bWax0zqlCg4>

**Rehearsals:** The 2nd Saturday of the month 10:00am, and the Fourth Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 9:00pm. (Saturday dress rehearsals and additional sectionals and rehearsals are common, scheduled as needed.)  
[Fries Memorial Moravian Church](#), 251 Hawthorne Rd N, Winston-Salem, NC

**Concerts at Gray Auditorium, [Old Salem](#) Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Rd., Winston-Salem, NC**

Friday, May 3, 2024, 7:00 pm "In All Things, Love"

Sunday, June 30, 2024, 3:00pm Psalm of Joy

Friday, October 25, 2024, 7:00pm "In the Beginning..."

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