



# MORAVIAN CHURCH



For more than five centuries,  
**The Moravian Church**  
has proclaimed the gospel in all parts of the world.

Our influence as a visible part of the body of Christ  
far exceeds our numbers, due to our cooperation  
with religious faiths on every continent.

Grateful for our heritage and firm in our faith,  
**The Moravian Church** ministers to the needs of  
people wherever they are.



## The Moravian Church in America,

part of a worldwide Protestant denomination serving Christ since 1457, continues a long-standing heritage of Christian faith, mission outreach, service to the community and the world, ecumenical cooperation, and rich musical worship.

The Moravian Church is Christ-centered, emphasizing community, the person and teachings of Jesus, and simplicity in doctrine and lifestyle. Our relationship with Jesus Christ provides the basis for our relationship with each other and inspires us to serve. We also look to the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide our daily lives.

The Moravian Church's official motto is  
**"Our Lamb has conquered. Let us follow Him."**

In addition, Moravians are guided by these words:

**"In essentials, unity;  
in non-essentials, liberty;  
and in all things, love."**

Today's Moravian Church strives  
to live the "essentials" of a Christian life:

**God creates, God redeems, and God sustains.  
We respond to God's actions  
with faith, love and hope.**

The Moravian Church recognizes the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Moravians also share *The Daily Texts*, a daily devotional published since 1731, around the globe.

### Moravian Christians...

...believe in one God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

...believe that Jesus Christ is the way to God and God's way to us.

...believe that a personal, heart-felt relationship with God through Jesus Christ is an essential part of faith.

...hold that faith in Jesus Christ must also be a community experience.

...believe the Church is called into existence by Jesus Christ to serve him and follow him.

...find guidance for doctrine and faith through the Bible.

...subscribe to the major creeds of the Church, including the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

...share God's love in word and deed with all people around the world.

...have a rich heritage of creativity in our music and worship.

...believe that discerning God's will is a task to be shared among many leaders rather than vested in a single person or office. Thus, there is a confederal form of government that shares this responsibility.

...place great value on their ties with Christians of other denominations and people of other faiths throughout the world.



The **Northern and Southern Provinces** of the Moravian Church in America, headquartered in Bethlehem, Pa., and Winston-Salem, N.C., count more than 35,000 members in nearly 140 congregations in the U.S. and Canada.

The **worldwide Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)** consists of 24 provinces with more than 1 million members, the majority of whom live in Africa.

The Agnus Dei – a depiction of Christ as a haloed Lamb carrying a banner and cross – and the many-pointed Moravian Star are two highly-visible symbols of the Moravian Church.

The Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, are in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church, and are in a covenant partnership with the Presbyterian Church USA. In addition, the Moravian Church is a member of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Churches Uniting in Christ and Christian Churches Together.

To learn more about the Moravian Church in America, visit  
**[www.moravian.org](http://www.moravian.org)**.