

Introduction to Moravian Leadership

Moravian Identity

- **Why am I a Moravian?**
- **From whom have I learned what it means to be Moravian?**

Moravian History and Theology

- From whom did I learn Moravian history?
- Theology (if different)?

Big Themes

- God
- Trinity
- Incarnation
- Things change
- Growth and development take time
- We have no idea about life with a state church
- We have no ideal about living under a monarchy
- We may be wrong

Hot Theological Topics

- **Transubstantiation (1215)**
 - **Persons of Christ**
 - **Ransom Theory**
 - **Substitutionary Atonement**
- **Indulgences**

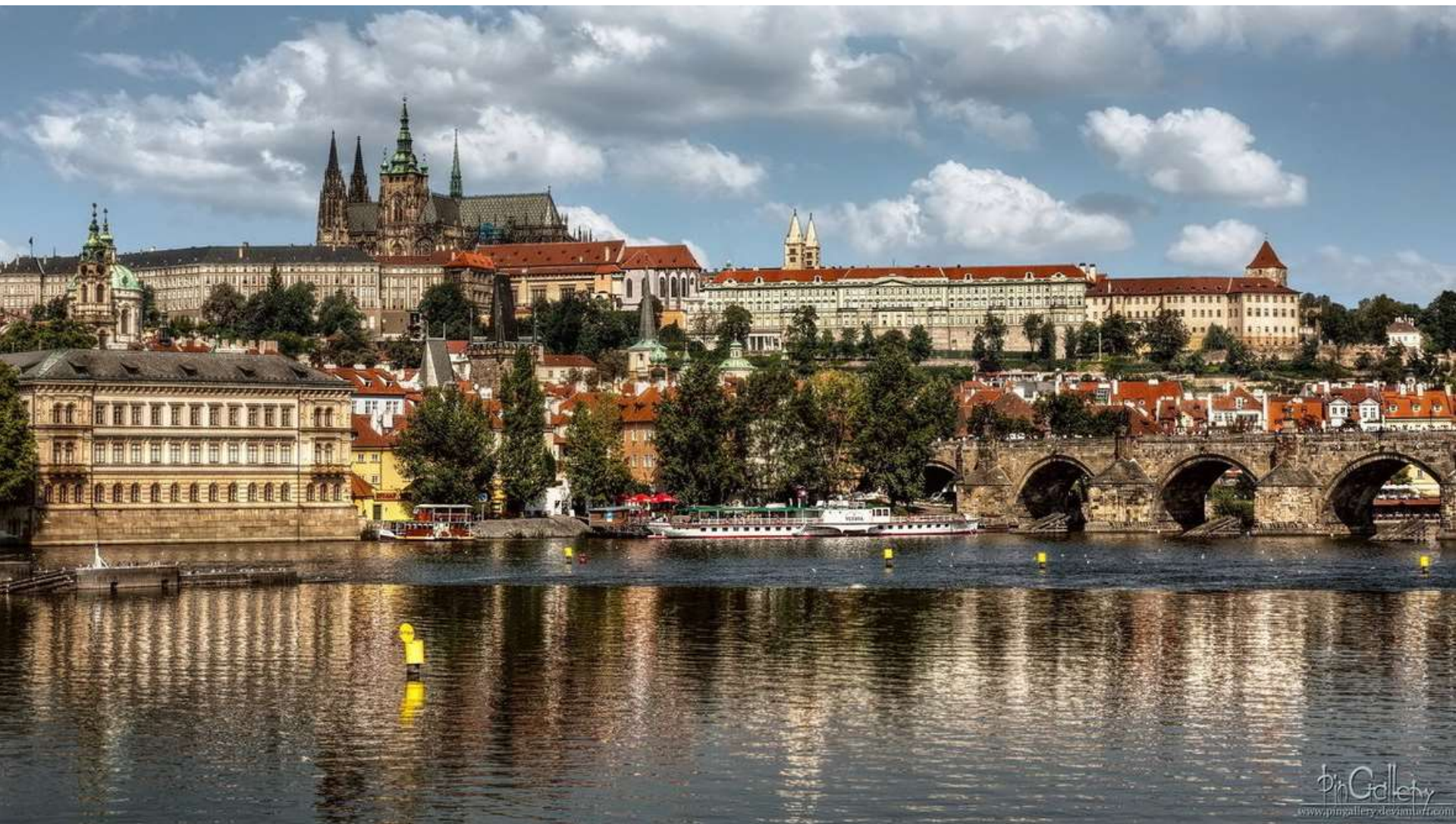
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Progress and Reform

- **Charles (Karel) IV**
 - Holy Roman Emperor 1347
 - Founds Charles University 1348
- **Konrad Waldhauser**
- **Milic of Kroměříž**
- **Matěj of Janov**
- **Stephen of Kolín**
- **Calls for reform are social and moral**



Jan Hus (John Hus)



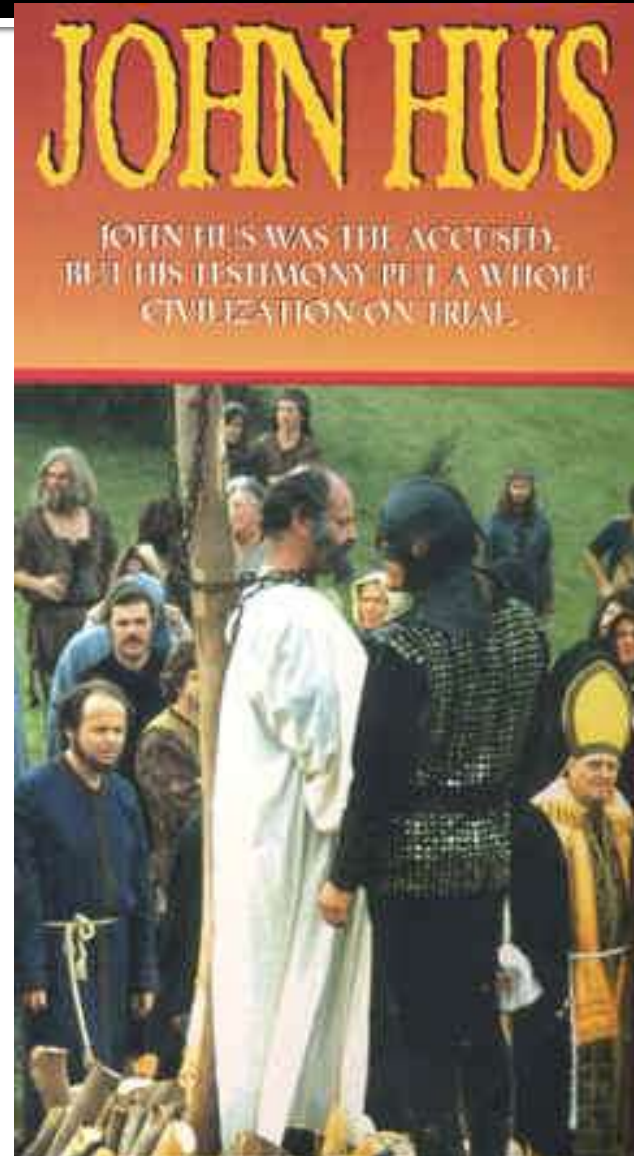
- 1369-1415
- Czech
- Humble background
- Roman Catholic priest
- Rector (President) of the University of Prague
- Popular preacher at Bethlehem Chapel

John Hus was not...

- Original
- Protestant
- The founder of the Moravian Church
- A priest who served bread to the laity
- And currently is not widely translated

Reforms

- Bible and worship in the language of the people
- Reform of the clergy
- Bible, rather than the Pope as the authority
- Communion in both kinds



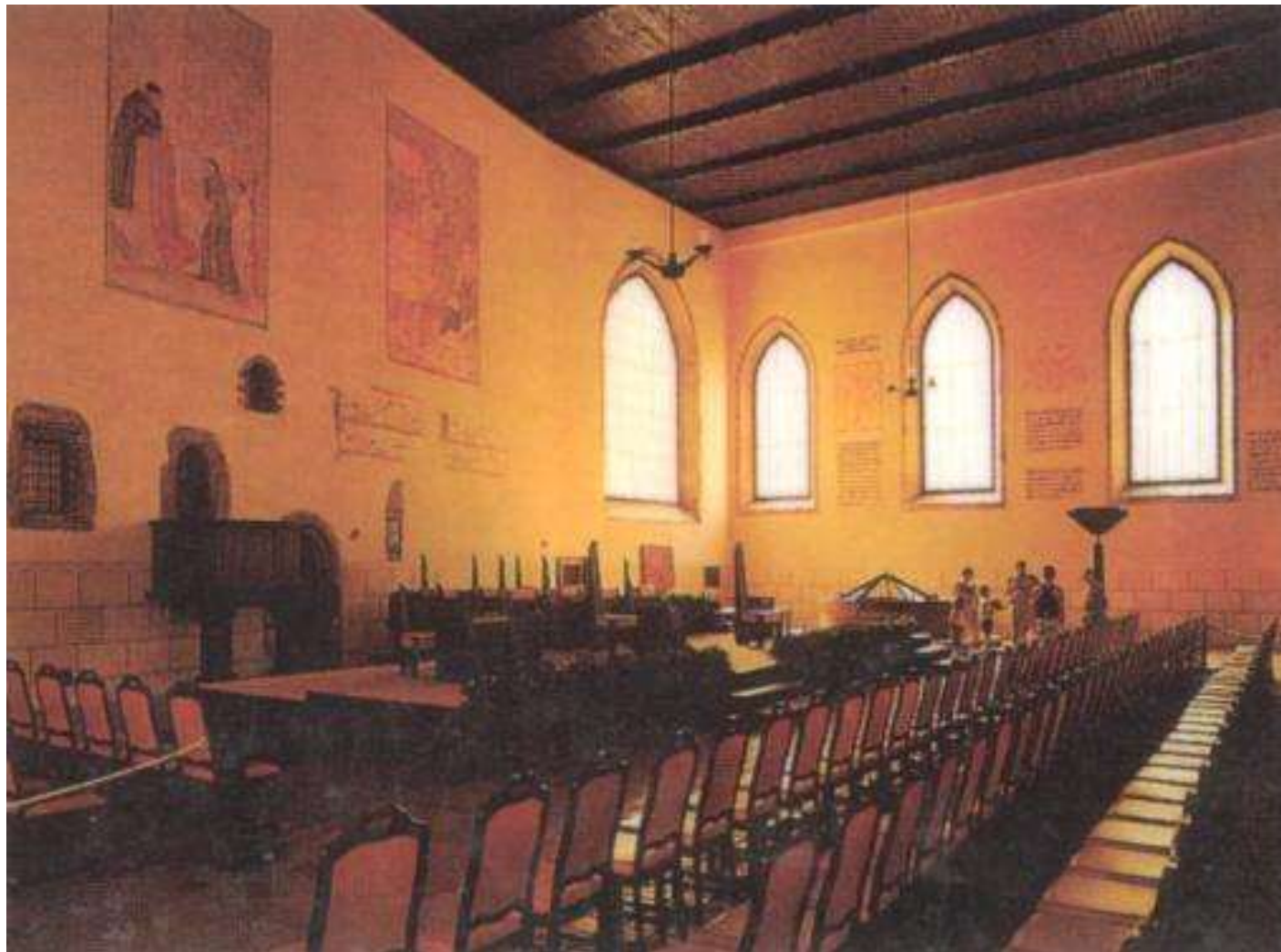
John Hus and Language

- Developed Czech orthography
- Spiritual heirs translated the Kralice Bible (Kralitz)
 - Printed between 1579 and 1593
 - 3rd edition (1613) is most widely known Czech version
- Similar to King James Bible
 - Authorized version, 1611
- Similar to Luther's Bible
 - 1534 Johannes Bugenhagen, Justus Jonas, Caspar Creuziger, Philipp Melanchthon, Mattäus Aurogallus, and Georg Rörer

Rudolph Řičan

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Bible and worship in the language of the people



Violent Reaction to Execution

Holy Roman Empire invades but cannot defeat
Czechs
rebels and troops gather for open-air Communion
4000-40,000

Žižka (c. 1360-1424)– military tactics, English
words pistol and howitzer derive from Czech Civil
wars

Hussites Factions:
Utraquists
Taborites
Adamites

By 1434 the Utraquists are victorious

Influential Forerunners, 1434- 1457

- John Rokycana
 - Utraquist Archbishop of Prague
- Peter Cheličky (Petr)—layperson
 - Pacifism (We'll return to this later)
- Gregory the Patriarch or Gregory the Tailor (Gehoř or Jiři)- layperson
- Jiři Poděbrady (George Podiebrad)
 - Utraquist, aided *Unitas Fratrum*, then persecuted
 - Daughter named Ludmilla

Founding of the Unity

- March 1, 1457
- Jednota bratrská
 - *Unitas Fratrum*
 - Brüdergemeine
- Minority within a minority...
 - Catholics
 - Hussites
 - Utraquists
 - *Unitas Fratrum*
- Some members tortured by 1461

1467

- Prior to 1467 rely on “Good Priests”
- Separate church
- Question of ecclesiology (both Biblical)
 - Episcopal
 - Presbyterial
- Drawn by lot (w/ option for drawing none)
- Ordained priesthood
 - Matthais
 - Thomas
 - Elias

Unitas Fratrum

“The Unity’s chief concern was a living Christian fellowship drawn from the spirit of the gospel. *They were not theologians.*” Weinlick, p. 28.

Wrote defensively (subjectively)

Essentials, ministerials, incidentals
Remained close to Roman Catholics in many ways

Varying numbers of sacraments
Celibate priesthood

Inner Council (no single authority)

Lukáš of Prague (1458-1528)

- **Changes in the Unity**
 - Who
 - Where
 - What
 - How
- **Correspondence with the Eastern Orthodox**
- **Trip to Rome (appreciation of Virgin Mary)**
- **Correspondence with other reformers**
 - We'll see these again

Reformations

**Medieval
Catholic
Gospel
Popular
Revolutionary**

**Modern
Protestant
Pauline
Middle Class
Conservative**

Development

Leaders

Gregory

Peter

Rural

Moralistic

Separatist

Common

Uneducated

Pacifism

Led by Lukas

Urban

Graceful

Integrating

Nobility allowed

Educated

Limited

Engagement

Lukáš of Prague

- More ornate churches
- Publication of hymnals
- Made use of printing press
- Theologian of the Unity
- Second Founder (Re-former) of the Unity

Church and State

Popular movements

Noble involvement means issues of church and state, power and authority

Weak king made for stronger nobles who could protect the Unity

Note that church state separation originally meant protecting the church from the state rather than the other way around

***Unitas Fratrum* was again persecuted in
1500s**

Nobles burned at the stake in 1503

**Mandate of St. James makes Unity illegal in
1508**

1621-- Day of Blood



Orders of Ministry

- Bishops
- Presbyters
- Deacons
- Acolytes

Questions of Sacramental theology

- **Presence of Christ in the Eucharist**
- **Baptism (Rebaptism)**
- **Clerical Celibacy**
- **Importance of Works**

We Believe...

The Development of the Theology
Of the *Unitas Fratrum*

The First Commandment

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.

Essentials: Divinity

On the part of God:

Will of God the Father to save

Work of Jesus Christ to save

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

These describe the work of God regarding humanity rather than trying to describe the inter-relationship of God.

Essentials: Humanity

On the part of humanity:

faith

hope

love

**These describe ways of living rather than
intellectual assent.**

Ministerials or ???

Important means, not ends in themselves

Bible

no prescribed theories of inspiration

Sacraments

Church

Incidentals

How one baptizes

How one organizes churches

**How Christ is understood to be present in
the sacraments**

Whether one wears vestments

Sound Doctrine

- Does exist (even if we don't understand it)
- Produced by the community (more than for the community)
- Proclaimed by the community (more than for the community)

Christocentric Trinitarianism

Emphasizes Christ within the Trinity

May do so too much

Ignores 18th century understandings of the Holy Spirit

Emphasis on Good Friday and the cross

Theologia crucis more than *theologia gloriae*

More Hallmarks

Simplicity (not simple-minded)

Relationship is God-initiated

Based on invitation

not scare the hell out of them

Faith leads to good works (Active faith leads to action)

Missions and evangelism

Scripture

Emphasis is on God, more than the
Scripture

Note how far into *This We Certainly
Believe* before Crews addresses this

Dear sweet, kind, loving Daniel,

Put on (dare I say it) lotion.

Love,

Mom

Who Wrote It

Who is the author?

Who is the intended audience?

What questions do you have about this text?

Dear, sweet, kind, loving,
Daniel. Put on (dare I say
i(n)t) loation.

Love,
Mom
NOT!!

~~Dear, sweet, kind,
loving, Daniel, Put
on (dare I say it)
location.~~

~~NO !!~~

Divinity and Authority

◉ Christianity

- ◉ God
- ◉ Christ (human and divine revelation of the divine)
- ◉ Bible (bears witness to the revelation)

◉ Islam

- ◉ Allah
- ◉ Koran (bears witness to the divine)
- ◉ Mohammed (prophet that bears witness to the divine revelation)

Interpretive Concepts

God did not leave humanity floundering
gave the written word
Scripture interprets scripture, and
individuals and the church have to
determine which Scriptures are
normative

Jan Komensky (John Amos Comenius)

- 1592-1670
- Leader, pastor, bishop
- Authored over 150 works
- *Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart*;
- 30 Years War
 - 1618-1648
 - Treaty of Westphalia
- Visited Holland & England
- Turned down land in Ireland, Presidency of Harvard?



Personal Tragedy

- Buried two wives
- Lost daughters to plague
- Had personal library destroyed twice
- His denomination virtually vanished



The Unity and Beyond

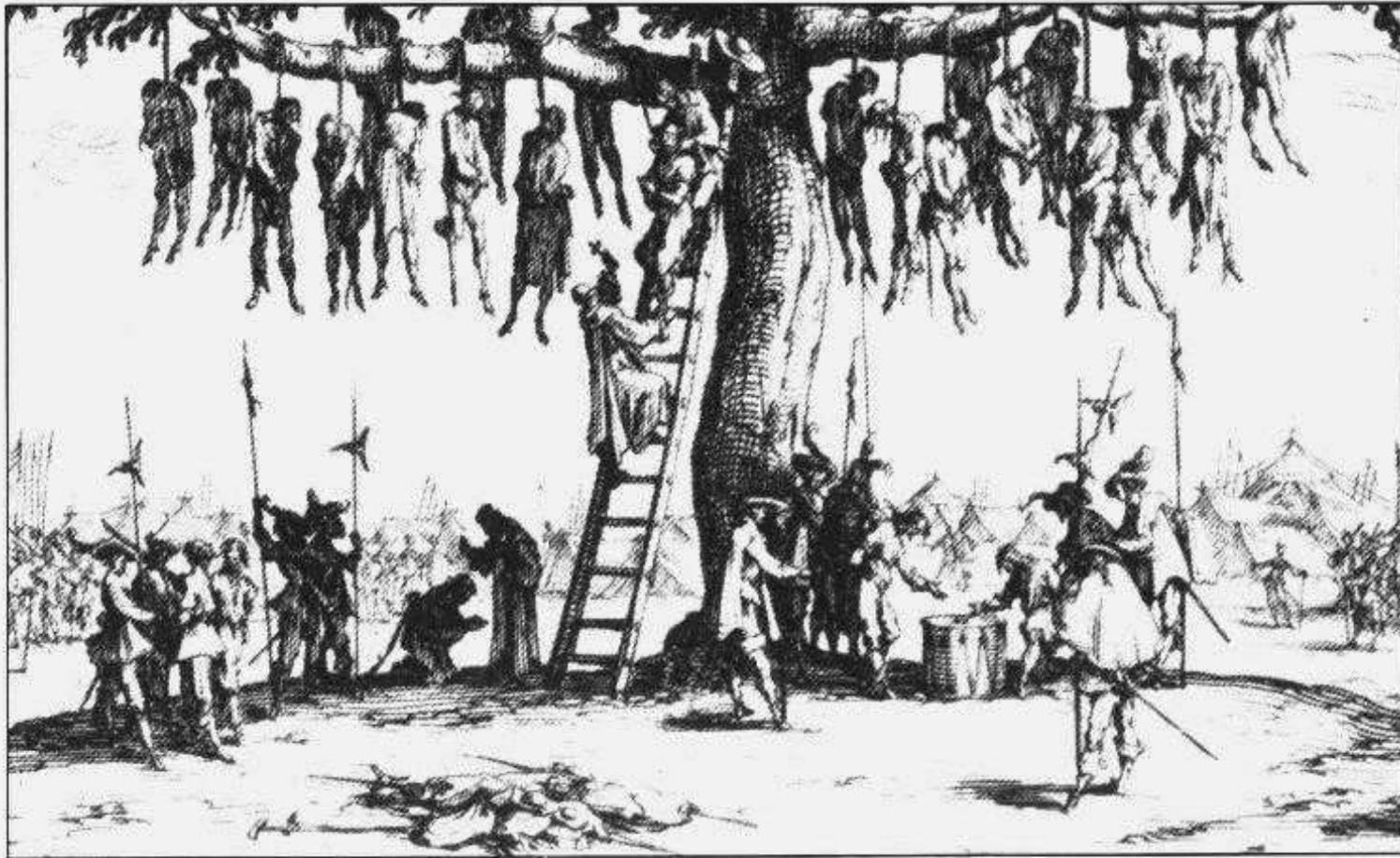
- International Figure
- Visits England in 1641
- Belief in Pansophism
- Educational reformer
 - *Orbis Pictis*
 - *School of Infancy*
 - *Janua linguarum reserata*
(Gate to Languages Unlocked)
 - Latin/Czech Dictionary
- Advocate for the Unity
 - *Bequest of the Dying Mother*
 - *Ratio Disciplinae*
 - *Unum Necessarium*



Cuius regio eius religio

- Nobody's *regio* was Unitas Fratrum, therefore nobody else's *religio* could be the Unitas Fratrum either

Thirty Years War, 1618-1648



A priest blesses hanging victims in this famous etching from the Thirty Years War. (By Jacques Callot, 1592-1635. Metropolitan Museum of Art.)

Causes

- Defenestration of Prague 1618
- Battle of White Mountain 1620
- Religion
 - Catholic vs Protestant
- National Power
 - Cardinal Richelieu of France backs Protestant Allies against Catholic Habsburgs
 - At times the Reformed are fighting the Lutherans

Results of the 30 Years War

- Minimal destruction 15-20% of population
- Germany's population was reduced by 30%
- in the territory of Brandenburg, the losses had amounted to $1/2$
- some areas an estimated $2/3$ of the population died.
- Germany's male population was reduced by almost $1/2$
- The population of the Czech lands declined by $1/3$

Treaty of Westphalia, 1648



*Cuius regio,
eius religio*

For Catholics,
Lutherans,
and the
Reformed

The Renewing Unity

Moravians under
Zinzendorfian Influence



Theological Development

Major Themes in Zinzendorf's Theology

- Christ Jehovah
- The Trinity
- Holy Spirit as the Mother of the Church
- The Incarnation
- Ramifications of the Incarnation for Humanity
- Marriage Mysticism
 - The Sifting Time
- Blood and Wounds

Development of Herrnhut

- 1722 Christian David fells first tree
- Christian David brings in other refugees
- UF?, Lutherans, Reformed, Schwenkfelders
- 1726 Christian David waits for God to destroy Herrnhut
- May 1727 Manorial Injunctions and Brotherly Agreement
- August 13, 1727

Development of the Choirs

- **Groups formed**
 - 1728 Single Brothers
 - 1730 Single Sisters
- **Separate Housing and Industry begins**
 - Single Brothers 1739
 - Single Sisters 1740
- **Separate Housing for married persons in Bethlehem/Nazareth was a new experiment**

Simultaneously

- **1728– Missionaries to Baltic**
- **1732– Missionaries to Caribbean**
- **1730s– New community at Pilgerruh**

Choir Life

- Live separately
- Had separate officials and leaders
- Worked separately (not uncommon, given 18th century division of labor)
- Worshipped separately
- Sat in corporate worship separately
- A single woman was an economically viable member of the community
- Buried separately

Zinzendorf:

Nobleman and Man of the World

Studied at Halle (Pietist)

wear a sword?

Studied at Wittenberg

(orthodox theology)

Attended theology

lectures

equestrian

dancing

Became a lawyer



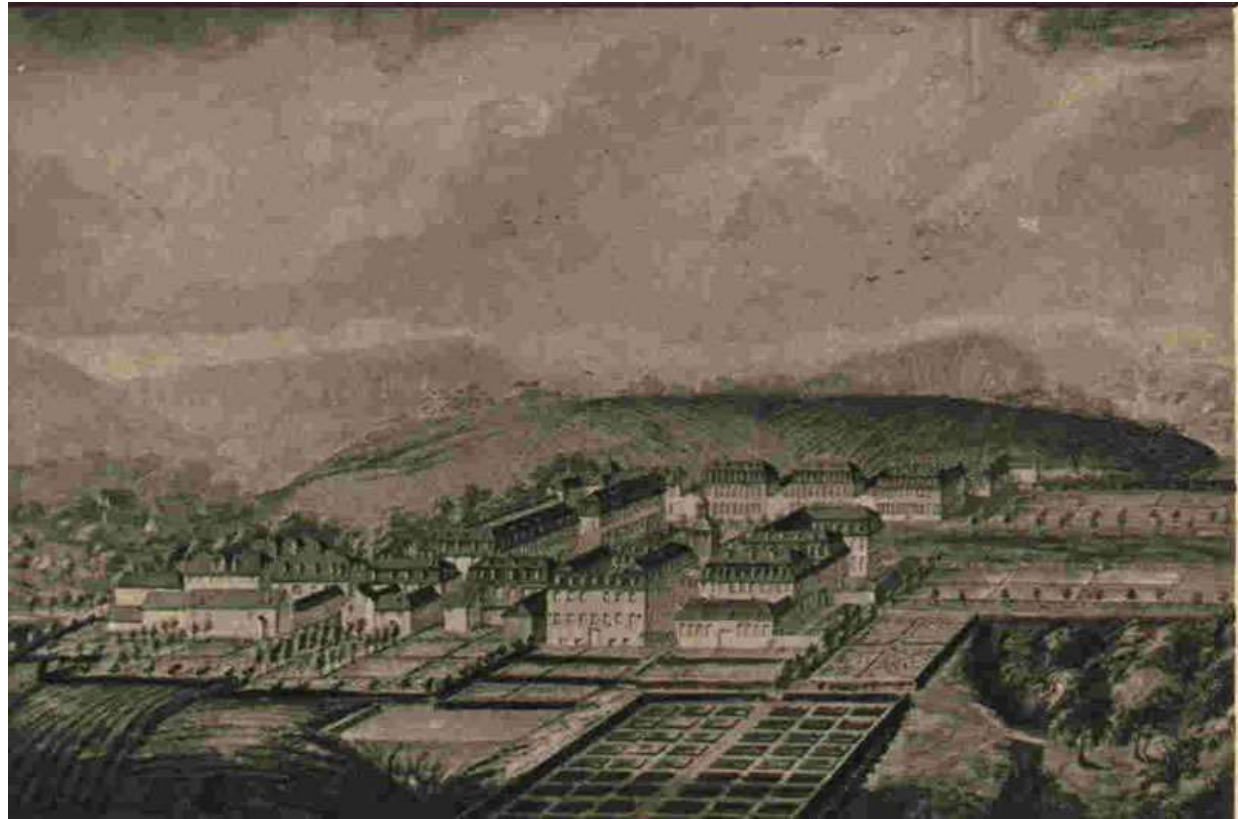


Herrnhag

Founded--1738
Essentially
abandoned-- 1750

1000 residents

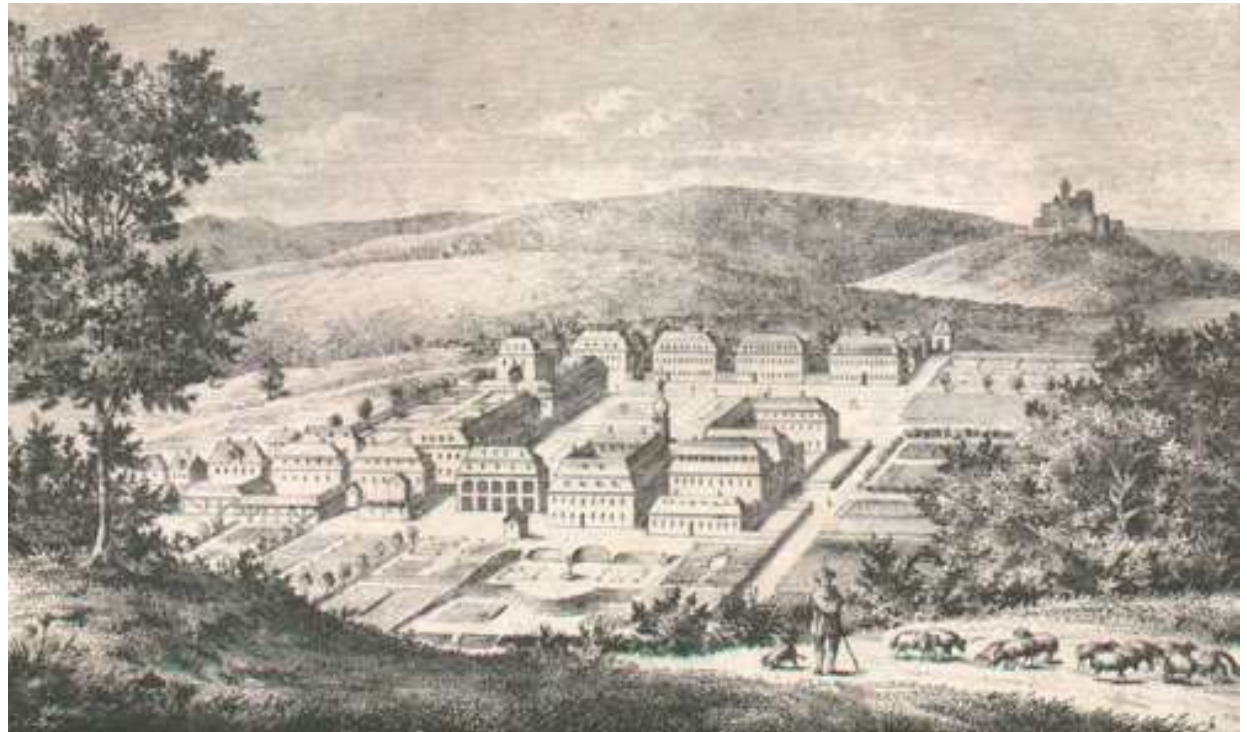
Headquarters for
the *Moravian*
Church

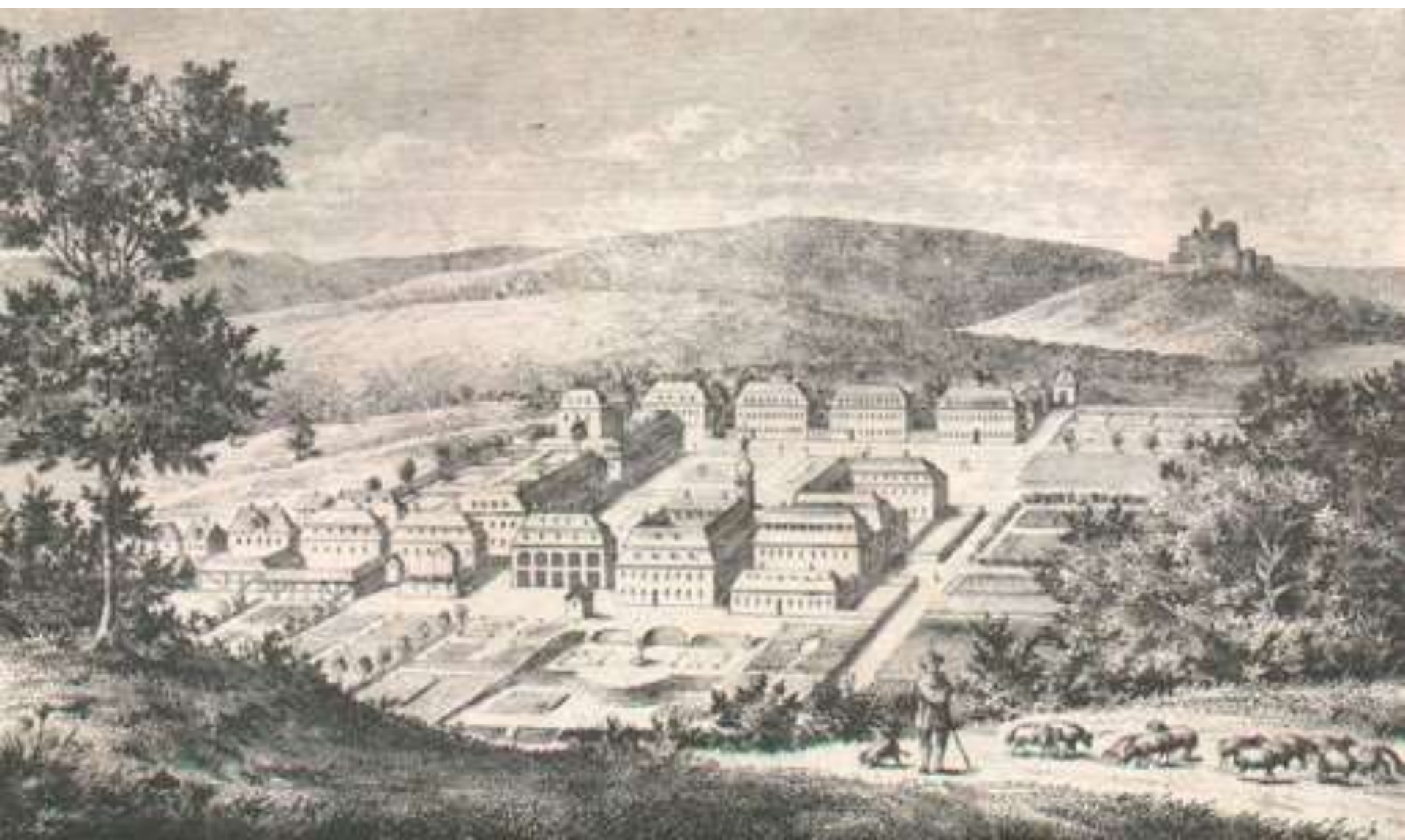


New at Herrnhaag

Planned

- Choir System in place
- Liturgical development of Wounds Theology, Holy Spirit as Mother
- Ordination of women at Marienborn
- Transatlantic (Herrnhut had been international and multi-cultural)







Abraham Louis Brandt,
1754



Easter Morning

- Hail all hail victorious Lord and Savior,
 - you have burst the bonds of death,
 - grant us, as to Mary, the great favor
 - to embrace your feet in faith:
 - you have in our stead the curse endured,
 - and for us eternal life procured;
 - joyful, we with one accord
 - hail you as our risen Lord.
- *MBW, 1995, p. 82.*
- Julie Weber has found numerous untranslated and forgotten Mary Magdalene hymns

Johannine Women

- Mother of Jesus
 - Woman at the Well
 - Woman taken in adultery
 - Mary and Martha at Lazarus tomb
 - Mary anoints Jesus feet
 - Women at the cross
 - Mary Magdalene at Jesus feet
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- Holy Spirit as Advocate (Comforter)
 - Jesus is Advocate in 1 John 2

Framing Questions for Women's Ordination in 18th Century

- Who
 - Who was ordained?
 - Who did the ordaining?
- When were they ordained?
- Where were they ordained?
- How were they ordained?
- Why were they ordained?
- What did it mean?

Hamilton:

History of the Moravian Church

- 1745 Synod in Marienborn
- “marked by a consideration of the various orders of the ministry which had obtained in the ancient *Unitas Fratrum*. Acoluths and deaconesses were again introduced into the church...”
- “though their functions did not remain the same in all aspects as they originally had been.” p.102

Katherine Faull

- *Moravian Women's Memoirs, 1997*
- "Girl Talk: The Role of the 'Speakings' in the Pastoral Care of the Older Girls' Choir," *Journal of Moravian History*, No. 6, Spring 2009
- "You are the Savior's Widow: Religion, Sexuality and Bereavement in the Eighteenth-Century Moravian Church, *JMH*, No. 8, Spring 2010

Peter Vogt, "A Voice For Themselves"

- 420 served as *Akoluthae*,
- 202 ordained as *Diaconissae*,
- 14 as *Priesterinnen*

by 1760.

Vogt outlines a trajectory of exegesis and apologetics from 1736 to 1757 that becomes increasingly more favorable to women's speaking roles, and notes the increasing use of referring to the Holy Spirit as the Mother of the Church. 237-41.

Vernon Nelson: “Ordination of Women in the MC in NA the 18th Century”

- 48 women were ordained in America alone.
- Moravian elders ordained other women.
- During the Count's lifetime, the Moravian Church became even more radical in the roles it created for women in ministry.
- Count Zinzendorf called for the public ordination of women as priestesses, which they had been doing only in private before, in 1758.
- There are indications that at least two women were, or at least functioned as, bishops.

Ingeborg Baldauf: “Sisters Behind the Liturgical Table”

- 1745-1790
- At least 29 different locations
- Europe, British Isles, West Indies, North America
- Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Heidelberg, Gnadenhuetten, Warwick, Lebanon, Lititz
- Salem, Bethabara
- 379 deaconesses

Ordained Women 1745(3)-1790

ZINZENDORFS

- 1745(3)-1760
- 15 (17) years
- 202 ordained as deaconesses
- Women participate in the ordination

POST-ZINZENDORFS

- 1760-1790
- 30 years
- 177 deaconesses
 - Ordiniert to eingesegnet
- Women's participation ends
 - Gertraud Graff lays on hands-- 1773
 - Benigna Zinzendorf von Watteville does not 1786







CERTRAUT GRAFF.



Ordained Women Who Later Served in Wachovia

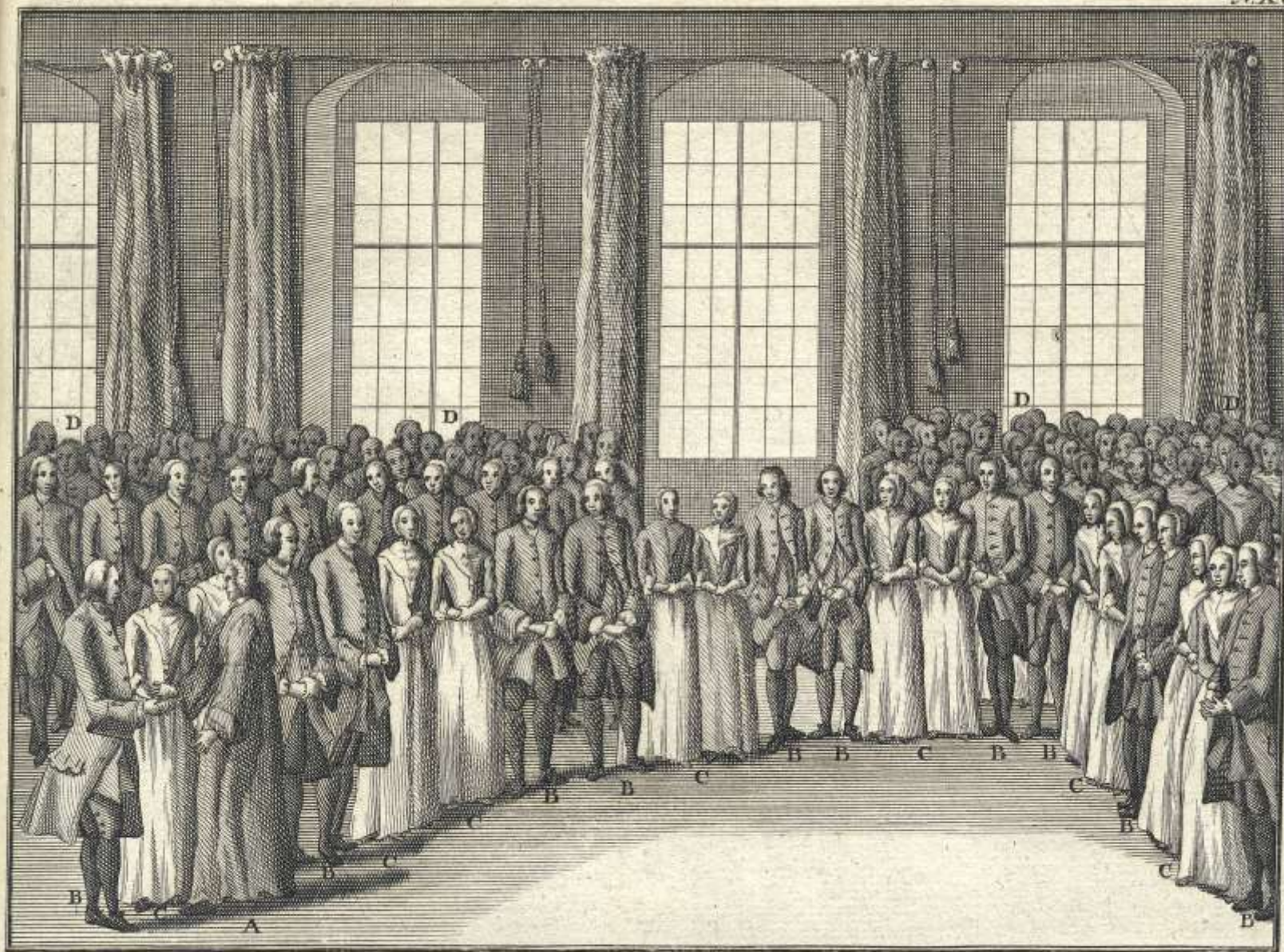
- **Anna Bischoff**
- **Anna Dorothea Böttger Benzien**
- **Johanette Maria Ettwein**
- **Gertraud Graff**
- **Rosina Louise Clemens Herbst**
- **Hedwig Elisabeth Marshall**
- **Elizabeth Leibert Nielsen Praezel**
- **Sarah Utley**
- **MariaTiersch**
- **Maria Barbara Deggler Wallis**

Ordination of Women in Salem

- 1773
 - Rosina Kaske Biefel Bachhoff Schmidt
 - Catherina Juliana Carmel Ernst
 - Elizabeth Bagge
- 1781
 - Maria Bagge
 - Anna Maria Quest
- 1786
 - Anna Catherina Antes
(Kalberlahn Reuter Heinzmann) Ernst
 - Maria Böckel Beck Peter
 - Maria Elizabeth Praezel
 - Benigna Peter
 - Johanna Elizabeth Colver

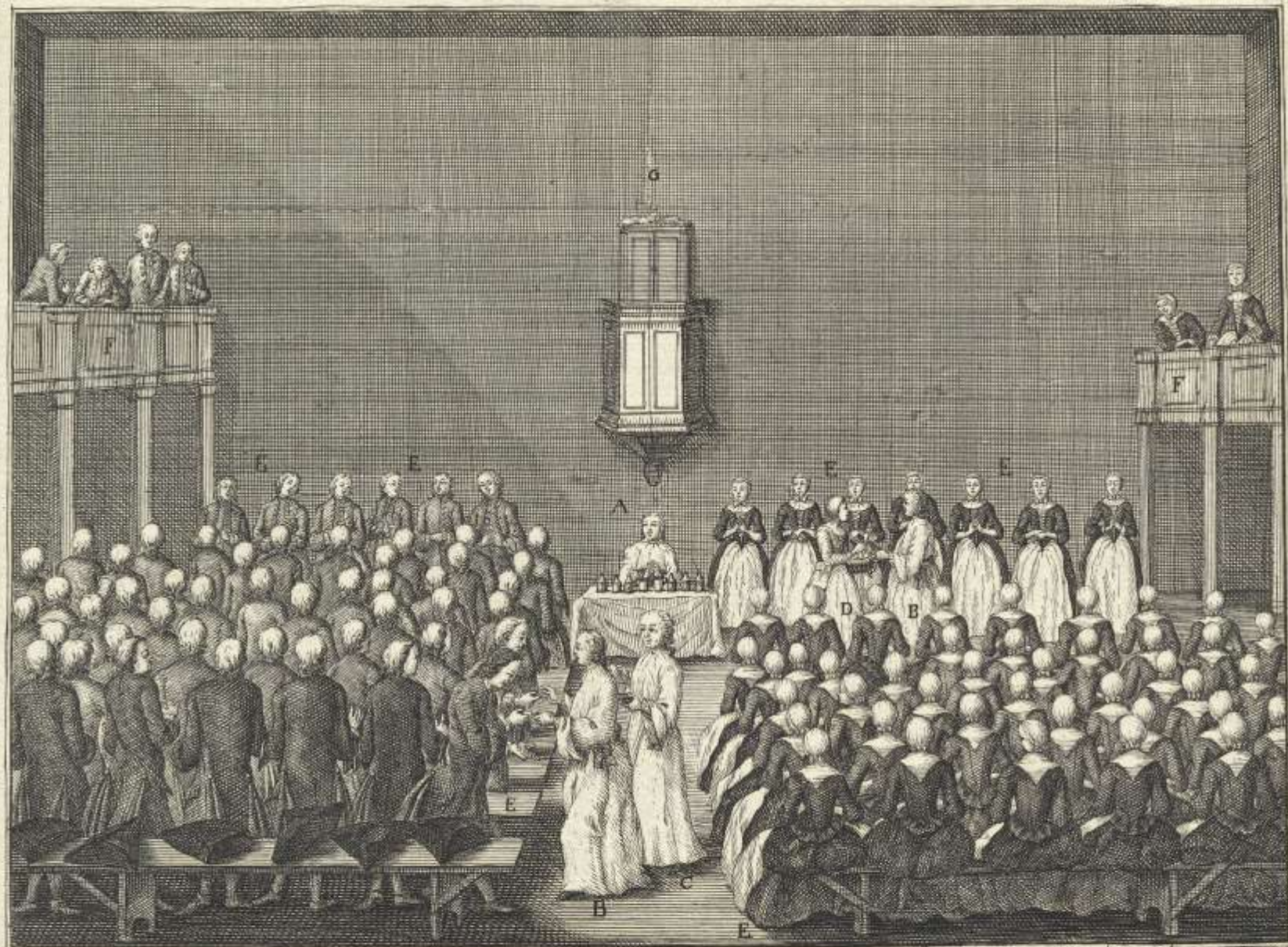
More ordained Women ?

- Anna Rogers
- Anna Catherina Binder Seidel
- Catherina Beroth Steiner



VERHEIRATUNG von zwölf Paaren Colonisten.
 A. Der PASTOR, der Sie zusammen gibt. B. B. B. etc. Die Bräutigame. C. C. C.
 Die Bräute. D. D. Die Brüder und Schwestern von der Gemeinde.

MARIAGE de 12 Couples de Colonistes.
 A. Le Ministre, qui benit le Mariage. B. B. B. &c. Les Epoux. C. C. C. &c.
 Les Epouses. D. D. Les Freres, et les Soeurs de la Commune.



A. Der Priester der die Liturgie verrichtet.

BB. Die Priester die aushtheilen. C. ein Diaconus der das gesegnete Brodt trägt. D. Eine Diaconissin die dasselbige thut. EE. Die Communicanten. FF. Die Candidaten zur Communion.

DISTRIBUTIO

A. Le Ministre qui chante la Liturgie. BB. Les Ministres qui distribuent. C. un Diacon qui porte le pain sacré. D. une Diaconisse qui fait la même chose. EE. Les Communians. FF. Les candidats pour la Communion. G. La chaire.

Powerful Women of Wachovia

- **10 ordained in Salem**
 - At least some of these were not included in Vogt's or Nelson's figures
- **10 others ordained elsewhere, serving in Wachovia**
- **All 6 of the 18th century congregations, with the probable exception of Hope, were served by a least one ordained woman.**
- **THIS WAS POLICY, NOT AN ISOLATED EVENT**

Ordination of Women After the Zinzendorfs

- 1760-1786
- Fully a decade longer
 - ¼ century of ordinations
 - ½ century of service
- Wachovia congregations served by more women ordained after the Zinzendorfs died than those ordained before

The Laity and Wachovia

- Initial party of 12 had one pastor
- In most congregations lay people outnumber the clergy 50-150:1.

PIETISM: Religion of/from the Heart



Johann Valentin Haidt,
Zinzendorf als Lehrer der
Volker ca. 1747.

Courtesy of
Unitatsarchiv, Herrnhut,
Saxony, Germany.



So what

Here's what!!

- Moravians used to ordain women
 - ...and stopped
- Currently, have been ordaining women for a shorter period of time than in 18th cent
- Currently, ordained less women than in 18th cent
- Southern Baptists used to ordain women
 - ...and stopped
- Most Christians belong to faith traditions that do not ordain women

Moravians

- Considered themselves to be Christ's property
- Did not have their own property
- Moravians have suffered from buying into American racial identities

After Zinzendorf

- Don't ordain women
- Drop references to Holy Spirit as Mother
- Fear of Blood and Wounds Theology
- Distortion of the Sifting Time
- European Colonial attitudes

Development of The Eight Essentials

1775

- **Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus**
- **Universal Depravity**
- **Divinity of Jesus**
- **Holy Spirit and operations his grace**

- Universal Depravity
- Divinity and Incarnation of Christ
- Atoning sacrifice
- The Holy Spirit and operations of his grace
- The fruits of faith, obedience

- **Total depravity**
- **The love of God the Father (for humanity)**
- **Real Godhead and real humanity of Jesus Christ**
- **Atonement and satisfaction of Jesus Christ**
- **The Holy Spirit and his gracious operations**
- **The fruits of faith**

1869

- Total depravity
 - The love of God the Father (for humanity)
 - Real Godhead and real humanity of Jesus Christ
 - Atonement and satisfaction of Jesus Christ
 - The Holy Spirit and his gracious operations
 - The fruits of faith
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- The fellowship of believers
 - Second Coming, resurrection for judgment

Globalizing Moravian Church

1957-- Present

Modern Moravian Church

- Overwhelming African Population
- Large Numbers in Caribbean Basin
- Rapid Growth since 1957
- Most of these areas started at mission areas in the 19th century (post-Zinzendorf)
- Indigenous leadership, (theology?)
- Vast majority of monetary resources in Europe and North America

Changes to Ground of Unity

The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are and abide the only source and rule of the faith, doctrine, and life of the *Unitas Fratrum*.

The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testament is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the *Unitas Fratrum* and therefore shapes our life.

Guiding Principles of Biblical Interpretation