

Provincial Ties



Leadership Focus 2009 Vital Ministry for a Living Church

"It has pleased God to make the Church the place where God's fellowship with men and women becomes a reality. A living Church is the clearest witness for its Lord to the world." (Essential Features of the Unity)

Leadership Focus 2009 is the third annual leadership event with workshops designed for pastors, board members, congregational leaders, teachers, treasurers, musicians, mission representatives, and any interested church members. It is a time for worship, learning, and sharing.

Dates and locations for 2009:

Saturday, **February 21**, Friedland Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, NC

Saturday, **March 7**, Palm Beach County, FL

Saturday, **March 28**, Peace Moravian Church, Charlotte, NC

Registration has begun for the Winston-Salem event. Brochures and workshop descriptions can be found in church offices and on the following websites: mcsp.org and moravianboardofce.org. The deadline for registering is **February 13** to Becky Honeycutt, 459 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or by email bhoneycutt@mcsp.org.

Information will be sent soon to churches in the Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina areas about workshops near you.

(sponsored by the boards and agencies of the Moravian Church, Southern Province)

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Ardmore
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Fairview
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First Moravian (NC)
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Friedland
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Hopewell
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New Hope (FL)
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Concerns & Celebrations

“FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND HIS TRUTH ENDURETH TO ALL GENERATIONS.”

PSALM 100:5

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH . . .

Deaths:

Brother **Eric Fry**, son of The Rev. **John and Edith Fry**, passed away on January 4, 2009 in Valle Crucis, NC.

We express our love and sympathy to his family and friends.

Illness:

Polly Applefield, Moravian Minister

Hal Cole, Moravian Minister

Sophie Lott, granddaughter of **Judy Knopf**-Pastor of Good Shepherd Moravian

Madelyn Newsom, Granddaughter of **Fran and**

Jim Newsom-Pastor of King Moravian Church

Sue White, wife of **Keith White**-Pastor of Enterprise Moravian Church

Our prayers are with these.

Pastoral Changes:

Brother Jon Boling has accepted the call to become pastor of Ardmore Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. For the past five years he has served as pastor of Mizpah Moravian Church. Brother Boling will be installed by PEC member, Kathy Sparks, on January 25, 2009.

Sister Rebecca Craver has accepted the call to be a church planter in Indianapolis, Indiana at New Hope Community Moravian Congregation. She has served Edgeboro Moravian and the Board of World Mission since graduating from seminary in 2007. Sister Craver begins her ministry in Indiana in mid February.

Congratulations!

Ordination Anniversaries January

Burke Johnson	42 years
Roy Ledbetter	35 years
Truman Dunn.....	35 years
James Doss.....	34 years
Ray Burke	32 years
Ofreciano Julias	24 years
Russell May	3 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!

Marriages

John Rainey and **Donna DeLapp**

were married on January 3 at First Moravian Church in Greensboro, NC where John is Pastor.



Congratulations!

Births:



Sammy and Adrienne Staten of Lexington, NC have been blessed with the birth of a son, **Eli Adrian Staten**, on November 22, 2008. Proud Grandmother is **Donna Hurt**, PEC member.

Adam and Kristina Newsom of Whittier, NC have been blessed with the birth of a daughter, **Madelyn Newsom**, born on December 11. Proud Grandparents and Great-Grandparents are **Fran and Jim Newsom, Jr.** (Pastor of King Moravian Church) and **Irene and Jimmie Newsom, Sr.**

Congratulations!

PEC REPORT:



The Provincial Elders' Conference met for regular sessions on December 2, 16 and 30, 2008. Burkette, Hurt, Sapp, Sides and Sparks were present for all of the meetings. Hunter was unable to attend the meetings on December 16 and 30. Each meeting included a time of sharing of contacts with pastors and congregations and discussion of specific joys and concerns followed by intercessory prayers.

Various concerns and opportunities were discussed related to congregations and personnel in the Province, including the call process with the Ardmore congregation which has now been completed. Bro. Jon Boling, currently serving at Mizpah, has accepted the call to Ardmore and will be installed on January 25, 2009. The call process will be initiated at Mizpah in January. The recent triennial review at Christ the King was also discussed.

PEC discussed potential leadership appointments for the Special Synod which has been scheduled for September 11-12, 2009 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church to consider for possible adoption and implementation the recommendation of the Provincial Administration/Ministries Task Force for provincial restructuring. PEC and the Task Force are currently working to design a province-wide program of education for pastors, provincial staff and congregations concerning the proposed new structure. The program of education will begin as soon as possible early in 2009.

PEC received a report and proposal from the Anti Racism Team for a training event on February 2 for PEC, Provincial staff and bishops, and approved funding for the event. The Anti Racism Team is planning and implementing the program for the workshop.

Dialogue continued with the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions on plans for

the future direction of Latino ministries in the Province.

PEC received notification that the Rev. Dr. Paul Gardner has been elected President of the Unity Board. Bro. Gardner is President of the Provincial Board of the Jamaica Province. Upon request of Bro. Daniel Crews to be relieved of his responsibilities as a Southern Province delegate to the Unity Synod, July 27-August 7, 2009, PEC appointed Bro. Worth Green to take Bro. Crews' position. PEC also discussed possible nominations to the board of the Moravian Church Foundation – a Unity related business enterprise, proceeds from which fund mission and ministry projects around the world.

PEC agreed to post on the provincial website an eight-page commentary (executive summary) of the report and proposal for full communion from the Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue Team.

Bro. Philip Pfeifer (Raleigh) and Bro. Zachary Dease (New Philadelphia) were officially approved as candidates for the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church. Bro. Pfeifer is currently enrolled at the Divinity School of Wake Forest University, and Bro. Dease will enroll at Moravian Theological Seminary in the fall of 2009. Bro. Russell May, pastor of the Hopewell congregation, was appointed to represent the Province, along with Bro. Burkette, at the annual meeting of Christian Churches Together in Baltimore, January 13-16, 2009. Bro. Burkette will attend the Florida District Board meeting on January 24 at Palm Beach and conduct triennial reviews at Prince of Peace, King of Kings and New Hope (FL), January 25-26. Sr. Lisa Leonard was approved as a congregational acolyte serving the Raleigh congregation.

Various other matters were discussed and information shared concerning the life and ministry of the Southern Province including a schedule for triennial reviews in the late winter and spring of 2009.

The next scheduled meeting of PEC will be on January 20, 2009.

(submitted Wayne Burkette)

Special Synod September 11-12, 2009 New Philadelphia Moravian Church

The Provincial Elders' Conference has called for a Special Synod to convene at New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC on the evening of September 11, 2009 and continue through the afternoon of September 12, 2009.

The purpose of the Special Synod will be to consider for adoption a proposal for restructuring shared Provincial ministries in the Southern Province. The proposal is presented as the unanimous recommendation of the Provincial Administration/Ministries Task Force (Resolution #55, 2006 Synod) and with the endorsement of the PEC. Early in 2009, the Task Force and PEC will launch an educational program to present the restructuring proposal to provincial boards and agencies, pastors, and congregations.

In light of potential changes in structure that the Special Synod will consider, the PEC has determined that at least one year will be needed to prepare for the stated Synod of 2010. Therefore, the next four-year stated synod has been re-scheduled for **September 9-12, 2010**.
(submitted by the PEC)

Substance Abuse Workshop

Faith, Family, and Substance Abuse, a workshop for families dealing with the effects of substance abuse, is being sponsored by the Prodigals Community and the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions. This event will be held at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, 3401 Konnoak Drive, on Friday evening, **February 6**, 6-8:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about how substance abuse impacts a family and strategies for moving forward is invited to attend. A soup and salad supper will be served at 6 followed by the workshop at 6:30. There is no cost for the workshop or the meal, but please register by calling Konnoak Hills at 336-788-9321. For more information on the workshop, contact Jeff Coppage, Pastor/Director of the Prodigals Community at 336-785-0770.

(submitted by David Guthrie)

From the Provincial Treasurer's Office

Hello again from all of us in the Provincial Treasurer's Office. We hope that you have a blessed and prosperous New Year. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any accounting, payroll or insurance questions. Our main number is (336) 722-7922.

Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer – ext. 1001

Lois Crain - Accounts Payable/General Ledger – ext. 1003

Donna Hampton – Payroll/Benefits/Cash Receipts – ext. 1005 or direct at (336) 531-0025

Lynda Culler – Office Administrator/Retiree Medical/Widows Society – ext. 1000

Accounting and Reporting Deadlines:

For those of you who may be a Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Board member, administrator, etc., please note the following deadlines/dates for 2009.

10th of every month – the payroll voucher and related check are due to Donna Hampton (531-0025) in the Treasurer's Office. If the 10th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the payroll voucher and check are due on the previous Friday. **Please, no exceptions!**

Monthly – payment of Provincial Share amounts are due. Even if the full amount budgeted is not available, please remit something.

Quarterly – the invoice for property insurance (if applicable) is due and payable upon receipt. Please plan accordingly and send your check to the Treasurer's Office, Attention Lois Crain (722-7922, ext. 1003). Similarly, the annual billing for workers compensation insurance (normally issued in the 4th quarter) is also due and payable upon receipt.

January 31 – if applicable, Form 1099's are due to recipients.

February 28 – if applicable, Form 1099's are

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due to the IRS.

May 15 – Church audits for 2008 are due in the Treasurer’s Office. Instructions are normally issued in February.

September 10 – Provincial Stewardship Dinner. The 2008 Church budget instructions are issued at this time. This date is subject to change since the called Special Synod starts the next day on Friday, September 11.

December 15 – Church budgets for 2010 are due in to the Treasurer’s Office. Please plan accordingly. This is also the due date for employees to make changes to their Flex Plan or 403(b) plan elections for 2010.

New Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice

Chairs:

Please remember that as we enter a new year, Treasurers, but more often Trustee Chairs or Vice Chairs, change. While this information is included on the “Congregational Information” sheets sent to the PEC Office, please keep us (specifically Lynda Culler, lculler@mensp.org) informed as well. We often use our e-mail listings and it is important to keep them as current as possible.

Substantiating Charitable Contributions – The IRS has established specific documentation requirements for charitable contributions. Two areas that are often misunderstood relate to the documentation of actual “cash/currency” contributions and contributions of \$250 or more.

All of us probably put cash in the collection plate from time to time or give cash to a special charitable cause. However, these types of contributions are not deductible without a written receipt from the charitable organization (i.e. from the church). Obviously, this presents a real problem since the church has no idea who put what cash in the collection plate on Sunday morning unless offering envelopes are used. Your own personal records or logs used to suffice for this, but not anymore.

Secondly, for individual contributions of \$250 or more, the donor must have a written contemporaneous acknowledgment of the contribution. Simply having your canceled check is not good enough. This written acknowledgement must also

indicate that no goods or services were provided by the charity in return for the contribution. To be “contemporaneous” this written acknowledgment must be received by the earlier of the date on which the donor actually files his or her tax return or the due date of the return. Your year end giving statement should suffice for this but be sure it has the “no goods or services” language on it.

Contributions made by check that are for less than \$250 each do not require an acknowledgement. The canceled check is sufficient to support the contribution even if the total of all the individual checks is more than \$250.

I don’t want to confuse everyone on this but I have read about some recent court cases where otherwise qualifying contributions were disallowed because of the failure to meet the documentation requirements. When in doubt, ask.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

Hunger No More: A Hunger Crisis Conference

February 27 and 28, 2009

St. Francis of Assisi

11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613

Hunger No More is an ecumenical, interfaith conference designed to provide comprehensive and innovative approaches to combating hunger and its effects. A cast of distinguished hunger activists will offer the community a deeper understanding of the root causes of hunger...and what we (individually and collectively) can do to solve hunger at home and abroad. Keynote speaker: David Beckmann, President of “Bread for the World.” The North Carolina Council of Churches is a partner with The Franciscan Coalition for Justice and Peace for this conference. For more information and registration, go to www.franciscancoalition.org or email-hunger.conference@stfrancisraleigh.org; phone 919-847-8205 x 267.

(submitted by John D. Rights)



Invite a Friend Sunday

October 19 was Invite a Friend Sunday across the Province. We asked for reports from participating congregations and have received 15 responses (perhaps you haven't sent yours yet!). Someone has noted that, just from the 15 responses, it appears that a total of at least 250 more people were in worship that Sunday — a whole “other congregation,” if just for that Sunday!

“Invite a friend” is something any church can encourage any of its members to do any week! The next Province-wide Invite a Friend Sunday is on the calendar for **October 18, 2009**.

(submitted by David Guthrie)

Widow's Society News

At its meeting on October 3, the Widow's Society raised the annual payout to Widows to \$510. Optimism for a good return in 2009 is high, even though return on investments is a bit down.

Officers for the 2008 - 09 year are: Keith Weatherman, President; Ted O. Wright, Vice President; and Jim Baucom, Secretary.

Men who have not reached the age of 61 are encouraged to join. Go to the Provincial web site at mcsp.org>Resources>Widow's Society for an application.

(submitted by Jim Baucom)

Classified

Church Secretary: Clemmons Moravian Church is seeking a full-time church secretary. Interested candidates should send resumes to: Clemmons Moravian Church, PO Box 730, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Prayer Day for Retired Ministers

The last Sunday in January, which this year falls on **January 25, 2009**, has been designated as a day of prayer for retired ministers. This is an opportunity to recognize with gratitude the service our retired ministers and their spouses have rendered to the Church over the years.

2009 IRS Mileage Rate: The IRS allowable business mileage reimbursement rate for **2009 is 55 cents per mile.**

“**Memorabilia of 2008**” by Richard Starbuck can be found on the provincial website: www.mcsp.org>What's Happening?

Year-End Statistical forms: due in the PEC Office by **January 30, 2009**; available at www.mcsp.org.

First Friday Prayer

Mission Speakers will share

February 6, 2009 is the date for our provincial First Friday Prayer Gathering to begin at Christ Moravian at 7 p.m. Special musical guests will lead us in a short time of worship, followed by our guest mission speakers. Persons who have served in Labrador will share insights into the Inuit culture and news of current mission endeavors at the February meeting. In March, Mohammed and Safiatu Braima from Sierra Leone will share news of the recently established Moravian Church. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

(submitted by Sheila Beaman)

MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
Southern Province
2009
DAYS OF PRAYER

Wednesday
February 25

HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Kelly Moore, Speaker
10:00 am Coffee Hour; 10:45 am Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Sunday
March 1

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Douglas C. Rights, Speaker
4:00 pm *Lovefeast*

Wednesday
March 4

TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
Mrs. Jane Carter Handly, Speaker
11:00 am Worship
12:00 Noon *Complimentary Luncheon*
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
March 11

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Matthew Allen, Speaker
9:45 am Coffee Hour; 10:45 am Meditation /Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
March 18

CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Linda Browne, Chaplain at Salem Towne, Speaker
9:45 am Coffee Hour; 10:45 am Meditation/Music
11:00 am Worship
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
March 25

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rt. Rev. Samuel J. Gray, Speaker
10:45 am Music
11:00 am Worship with Communion
12:00 Noon *Complimentary Luncheon*
Nursery Provided

Wednesday
April 1

KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH
The Rev. Q. Ray Burke, Speaker
11:00 am *Lovefeast*
Nursery Provided



Address Book

Rebecca Craver: rlittlelady@gmail.com

For Your Calendar

- MMA at Trinity-10:30am Jan 8
- Lunch Lecture "Music Thoughts" Jan 8
- Provincial Women's Board meeting Jan 8
- Provincial Financial Board Jan 13
- Provincial Office Holiday Jan 19
- PEC meeting Jan 20
- FL District Board Jan 24
- Prayer Day-Retired Clergy Jan 25

Unity Offering
March 1, 2009

Designated for youth work within the Unity

Unity Offering envelopes are available from the Mission Society Office in Winston-Salem, NC. Call 336-773-1732 or email Sheila Beaman sbeaman@mcsp.org for additional information.

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