

Provincial Ties

UNITY OFFERING 2010

March 7

Designated for

Music School in Costa Rica



This year the Unity Prayer Offering will be for the Musical Training Center which will be built in Limon, Costa Rica. The building will be constructed by mission teams coordinated by Mark Ebert and will house the School of Music and Worship. This multiuse building will also include an apartment to be used as the manse (parsonage) for the Faith Moravian Church.

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

Synod 2010

“Behold I Make All Things New: God’s Gifts for God’s Vision”

- Pre-synod meeting for all official and advisory delegates
Saturday, May 1, 2010
8:30 am-3:30 pm
Kernersville Moravian Church
504 South Main Street
Kernersville, North Carolina
- Nominations for Synod 2010 Elections: Members are welcome to apply and/or recommend candidates for nomination to boards and agencies no later than **March 2**. Forms can be found at www.mcsp.org and completed online. Completed forms may also be mailed to:
 Moravian Church, Southern Province
 Attn: Nominations Committee
 459 S. Church Street
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Tim Byerly and Steve Craver
Co-chairs of the 2010 Synod Nominating Committee

Congregations and Fellowships

Advent
 Ardmore
 Bethabara
 Bethania
 Bethesda
 Calvary
 Christ
 Christ the King
 Clemmons
 Community Fellowship
 Covenant
 Crooked Oak
 Enterprise
 Fairview
 First Moravian (GA)
 First Moravian (NC)
 Friedberg
 Friedland
 Fries Memorial
 Fulp
 Good Shepherd
 Grace
 Home
 Hope
 Hopewell
 Immanuel-New Eden
 Kernersville
 King
 King of Kings
 Konnoak Hills
 Leaksville
 Little Church on the Lane
 Macedonia
 Margate Fellowship
 Mayodan
 Messiah
 Mizpah
 Moravia
 Morning Star Fellowship
 Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship
 Mt. Bethel
 New Beginnings
 New Covenant Fellowship (Palm Beach)
 New Hope (FL)
 New Hope (NC)
 New Philadelphia
 Oak Grove
 Olivet
 Palm Beach
 Palmetto Fellowship
 Peace
 Pine Chapel
 Prince of Peace
 Providence
 Raleigh
 Rayaka Ingnika Fellowship (Sarasota)
 Rolling Hills
 Rural Hall
 St. Philips
 Suriname Fellowship
 Tampa Fellowship
 Trinity
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 Unity
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Concerns & Celebrations



“BE OF ONE MIND, LIVE IN PEACE, AND THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU...”
2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH . . .

Deaths:

Brother **George Fleming**, brother of **Annalise Rier-son** and **Bob Rier-son**-Moravian Pastor, passed away in early January in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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

Illness:

Brother **Hal Cole**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Dan Conrad**, Moravian Minister

Sister **Donna Rainey**, wife of **John Rainey**-Pastor of First Moravian Church in Greensboro, NC

Sister **Jill Sawyer**, wife of **Bob Sawyer**-Moravian Minister

Our prayers are with these.

Pastoral Changes:

Sister Glenna Tasedan will be ordained by the Labrador Province on February 14. She will serve the Happy Valley Congregation. Glenna has earned degrees from Ashland and Temple Universities and will be a 2010 graduate of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. She has served as a Director of Christian Education in SP Moravian Churches, Mission Society Director, and an intern to the Board of World Mission.

Congratulations!

Births:



Chris and Jennifer Shadrick (Director of Christian Education at Advent Moravian Church) have been blessed with the birth of a daughter, **Bralynn Paige Shadrick** on January 1, 2010.

Congratulations!

Ordination Anniversaries February

John Fry44 years
Steve Wilson.....34 years
Craig Troutman.....28 years
Paul Couch.....16 years
Tim Sapp..... 4 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!

Wesley

The only theatrical screenings of *Wesley* in Winston-Salem:

February 19-24

Aperture Cinema, 311 W. Fourth St., 336-722-8148

February 26-March 4 at The Grand 18, 5601 University Parkway, 336-767-1310

Check the Wesley website for screenings in other cities.

Mission Possible Gathering

February 5, 2010, Christ Moravian Fellowship Building at 7:00 pm. There will be updates from the ministry at the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya. On **March 5, 7:00 pm** New Philadelphia Moravian Church will host Mission Possible.

(submitted by Sheila Beaman)

Appreciation:

Henry May and family are grateful for all the kindnesses expressed to their family during the loss of their mother, **Martha Todd May**.

PEC REPORT:



The Provincial Elders' Conference met on January 4 and 19, 2010. All members of the Conference were present for both meetings except Bro. Sides who was unable to attend the meeting on January 4 due to illness. Each meeting began with sharing of contacts with pastors and congregations followed by a time of intercessory prayer.

Various concerns and opportunities were discussed related to congregations, fellowships and personnel in the Province. The PEC continues to work with the Joint Boards of Hopewell and Fairview through the call process. Bishop Lane Sapp consecrated the Rev. Willie Israel as a Presbyter on January 24 at the Rolling Hills church in Longwood, Florida and also attended the Florida District Board meeting on behalf of PEC on January 23. PEC conducted a Triennial Review with the boards of the Covenant Congregation in Wilmington, NC on January 20. PEC also reaffirmed the calls of the Rev. Nola Knouse and the Rev. Bert Chin to Specialized Ministry.

PEC received reports on meetings of the Structure Implementation Steering Committee, and continued discussion of plans for the stated Synod of September, 2010. PEC discussed a report on the initial meeting of a Task Force on Laurel Ridge and Sunnyside Ministry. The Task Force has been asked to study and recommend where those two agencies will most effectively fit in the new provincial structure. Members of the Task Force are: Gary Pruett (Convener), Lou Ann Jackson, Doc Shaver, Bill Duncan, David Merritt, and Kirk Sanders.

The work of the Ordination Review Committee was discussed, as well as the progress of currently approved candidates for ordained ministry. Sr. Glenna Tasedan has been extended a call to service by the Labrador Province and approved for ordination in the Labrador Province in February.

PEC approved an official letter of agreement between the Southern Province and the Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which will enable investing and lending activities between Southern Province congregations and the Mission Investment Fund. On January 27, Moravians and Lutherans joined together in worship and celebration of Holy

Communion in recognition of the tenth anniversary of our full communion agreement with the ELCA. The service was held at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem.

The PEC meeting on January 19 concluded with a joint meeting with the Anti-Racism Team to hear a report on their work and plans for the future.

Various other matters, as well as requests and questions from congregations and pastors, were discussed and information shared concerning the ongoing ministries of the Province. The next scheduled meetings of the PEC are on February 2 and 16, 2010.

(submitted by Wayne Burkette)

2010 Days of Prayer Change:

The speaker at the March 17 Day of Prayer will be The Rev. **Thomas Shelton**.

2010 MMA Planning Team

Scarlett Dowdy
 Bob Peterson
 Tom Hauptert
 John Jackman
 John G. Rights, Treasurer

Ministers Care Plan

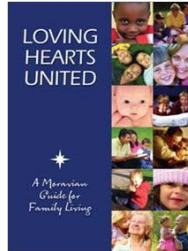
Confidential pastoral counseling and referral for ministers and their families

The emotional and spiritual health of ministers is crucial to the effectiveness of their ministry and the health of the congregations they serve. The Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America and Baptist Hospital/CareNet make confidential and compassionate care available in times of need for ministers, their families, and full-time DCEs.

Call CareNet at 336-716-7339 for the center closest to you. Twenty sessions are covered with a \$20 each visit co-pay.

Heart to Heart United A Moravian Family Rally Sunday, February 14, 2010

Friedland Moravian Church is hosting this Rally, 3:00-5:00 pm. This special event brings together Moravian families from across the province to celebrate the “ties that bind our hearts in Christian love” and to introduce *Loving Hearts United*, a guide to spiritual formation for Moravian families. For information contact Lisa Mullen-lmullen@mcp.org or 336-722-8126. (sponsored by The Children & Family Life Commission of the Board of Christian Education) www.moravianrootsandwings.org)



Moravian Conference on Environmental Stewardship

March 5-7, 2010

Higgins Lodge, Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center

Today we live in a technological world that has separated us from a life that only a generation ago was much more connected to the natural world. We struggle personally, corporately and spiritually in the church to be the Christian stewards of God's world that we are called by God to be. Yet our common life in congregations brings together many gifts and opportunities for caring for creation as well as for forming effective environmental stewards to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Moravian Conference on Environmental Stewardship, co-sponsored by Laurel Ridge and the provincial Commission on Church & Society, will bring together Moravians from across many congregations who share a passion and desire to grow intentional environmental stewardship ministry in the local church and share ideas and resources that will enhance and empower this important work.

Thanks to a donor whose generosity has underwritten part of the expense for this event, the registration cost for the weekend is \$75 per person, double occupancy in the Salem Wing at Higgins Lodge. The conference begins with dinner on Friday evening, March 5 and runs through brunch on Sunday morning, March 7. Registration materials are available at www.laurelridge.org and from the Board of Christian Education, 336-722-8126.

(submitted by Rick Sides)

Implementation Steering Committee Update

The current focus of the Implementation Steering Committee for the restructuring of the Province is on obtaining input on the development of Regional Conferences of Churches (RCCs). During January and February, members of the Committee are meeting in small groups with pastors that are under call to churches. In these meetings, pastors are asked for input regarding the size of RCCs, the principles to be used in establishing groupings and other roles and responsibilities that should be considered for RCCs. Pastors under call to a provincial agency or specialized ministry, retired pastors and Christian Educators will have an opportunity to provide input at meetings being scheduled for March. The Committee would like to stress the importance of attending your scheduled meeting in order that your opinions can be heard.

We continue to consider our Province to be a community in transition, and we ask for the ongoing prayers of the Province during this process. We also continue to find confidence in the watchword for the date we began our work: “Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

For questions or comments regarding the Steering Committee's progress, please contact Gary Kniskern at (336) 789-5388 or garykniskern@gmail.com.

(submitted by Gary Kniskern)

Grant For Parish Nurse Training

The Board of Evangelism and Home Missions has approved a grant from its Older Adult Fund to support training of congregational nurses in Forsyth County. The Shepherd's Center is home to this growing ministry of community health and wellness and we are happy to partner with them in this way. Grants from the BEHM in 2007 and 2008 provided partial funding to allow a total of 25 congregational nurses from a variety of denominations to be trained. Currently ten Moravian churches have congregational nurse ministries. If your church is interested, contact Laura Rapp, RN, MSN, at the Shepherd's Center 336-748-217 or lrapp@shepherdscenter.org.

Open House at the Resource Center

Get rid of the winter doldrums and cold weather blues by coming to the Open House at the Resource Center on Saturday **February 13, 2010** from 10 am-noon. Enjoy a cup of coffee, some goodies, and see the 2010 VBS offerings. There will also be a brief preview of several curriculum kits.



Some of the material we will highlight:

Augsburg Fortress: Baobab Blast
Renew: The Green VBS

Cokesbury: Galactic Blast

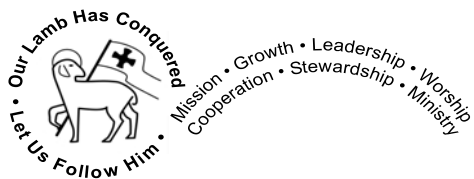
Group: Egypt
High Seas

Concordia: Planet Zoom

Standard: Hero Headquarters

This is a great time also to view new Lenten resources.

(submitted by Beth Hayes)



Leadership Focus 2010

February 20 and **Leadership Focus 2010** will soon be here! Get your group registered on or before February 12. Friedberg Moravian Church will host this fourth annual event with the theme: "Following the Leader. . . leading the followers." Materials have been distributed to churches and may be downloaded as pdf documents using this internet address:

http://moravianeveligism.org/?page_id=348.

(submitted by David Guthrie, BEHM)

Moravian Bible Quiz Bowl

Sunday, March 7, 4-6 pm

Unity Moravian Church

The **Moravian Bible Quiz Bowl** is an opportunity for church teams of up to four youth to compete for the honorable **Moravian Bible Quiz Bowl Trophy** that will proudly sit in the winning church's abode until such time that *another* quiz bowl takes place!

Sponsor a team! Come and support them! At the quiz bowl your youth will enjoy a brief worship, the quiz bowl and fellowship with refreshments afterwards. **

** Each group is asked to bring some refreshment type food (enough for your group) to share with others. Beverages will be provided. Register your team today! To register, ask questions, etc., contact Rev. Brad Bennett, Director of Youth and College Ministries – 336-765-1637, bbennett@mcsp.org.

(submitted by Brad Bennett)

Senior Friends Retreat

The annual Senior Friends Retreat at Laurel Ridge is set for **April 26-28**. Speaker: The Rev. Jon Boling. Theme: "The Longer I Serve Him" Celebrating Jesus Year After Year. Registration brochures and information will be mailed to older adult contacts in the churches soon. Cost for the retreat: \$130 (Salem Wing) \$110 (Bishop Wing).

Br. Reuter: Moravian mapmaker, leader

The "Lunchtime Lecture" series of the Moravian Archives and Moravian Music Foundation will take a break in February from its "Moravian Ideals" theme to present a guest speaker and topic. William Hinman, accomplished fund raiser and Moravian historian, will speak on "Br. Reuter: Community Member and Wachovia Shaper" at 12:15-12:45 pm on **February 11** at the Archie K. Davis Center in Old Salem. The lecture is free and open to the public who are invited to bring their lunch (it isn't provided). Parking is free in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue.

Provincial Spiritual Life Retreat

The Provincial Women's Board is sponsoring a Spring Spiritual Life Retreat at Laurel Ridge on April 16-18, 2010. Our retreat leader is Mrs. Jane Carter Handly. Jane is a sixth generation Moravian. Trinity Moravian was her home church where she was active in youth work and with young adults. After her family moved to Clemmons, she joined Clemmons Moravian Church. Presently, Jane resides in Dallas, Texas with her husband. She is an award winning professional speaker. Jane is the author of two books: Getting Unstuck and Why Women Worry.

The theme for this retreat is "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain with her heart, her joy and her faith." Please join other Moravian sisters on the mountain as we refresh our mind, body and spirit so we can serve God more faithfully.

For more information and registration forms contact the PWB office at (336) 722-4911 or pwbmcsp@gmail.com or Tamra Thomas at (336) 748-1339 or tamrathomas@traid.rr.com.

(submitted by Tamra Thomas)

From the Provincial Treasurer's Office

2010 Budgets - As of this writing, we are still looking for 2010 budgets from nine churches. These were due on December 15, 2009. The good news is that this is a significant improvement over this time last year. The bad news is that we are still missing nine churches' budgets.

2009 Church Audits - Instructions for performing the 2009 "audits" of churches will be sent out this month to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. Please be sure these instructions are given to your Church's "Audit Committee." Per the Book of Order, 2009 audit reports are due by May 15, 2010. (Despite repeated phone calls, letters and e-mails, we are still missing the 2008 audit report from eight churches. Yes, that's right. These eight churches are now 8 ½ months past due!)

No audit will ever detect every potential misstatement, but an annual audit goes a long way to insuring the fiscal health of your congregation.
(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

Classified

Chaplain: The Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries has an opening for a Chaplain. The person will have responsibilities in the detention center and the correctional center. Other duties will be in programs in the correctional center, area churches, and the local community. The Chaplain will provide ministry to the inmates, institutional staff and families. Duties are in four categories:

1. Direct ministry (counseling, teaching, and preaching)
2. Planning programs
3. Administration (recruiting & supervising volunteers)
4. Community Relations (developing community support)

For serious consideration applicants need to possess a sound theology while demonstrating a heart for practical Christian ministry. Their ministry should exhibit strong organizational skills and initiative. A Master of Divinity or its equivalent is required.

Please send a resume and a one-page essay featuring the applicant's interest, qualifications and experiences by postal mail before the end of the business day, February 12, 2010. Send to: Personnel Committee, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, PO Box 11802, Winston-Salem, NC 27116.

Further information is not available by phone. A job description is available on-line at www.forsythjpm.org/chaplain.

Teacher: There is a need for a person with a college degree to serve as a teacher for two elementary age boys in Honduras. Their parents are the Hofstads, and the father is a missionary pilot in Ahuas, Honduras. A teacher is needed from February through April while the parents lead a YWAM Discipleship Training School. If you are interested in making an inquiry, please contact Gerard at gerard@mcnp.org or call the Board of World Mission at 1-800-732-0591, or 336-773-1732.

Secretary: Unity Moravian Church in Lewisville has an opening for a part-time secretary. This position works 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mon-Thurs (24 hours per week). Experience with Power Church or other church software is preferred. Please respond with cover letter and resume to rnoflte@triad.rr.com (Randy Noflte, Personnel Committee Chair).

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

Hi-ho! Did you get a gander of the “new” January *Moravian* magazine? The full color really is eye-catching. And we see a promise of more news from the churches. If it gets really serious about that, we can retire “Newsletter Notes.”

Br. Tommy Cole of **Sunnyside Ministry** e-mailed a late note on the 2009 Memorabilia: “I apologize for not getting some Sunnyside info in for you to use but we have been covered up with clients and I just was not able to get to it.” That’s a sad comment on the economy. Let us pray things will be so much better this year that people won’t need to darken Sunnyside Ministry’s door as much. Imagine: Times so good that Sunnyside has time on its hands. Meanwhile, Sunnyside Ministry and its clients need all the help we can give them.

Want a thoroughly Moravian heritage day? **Raleigh** had one last November, sending 35 people including 10 confirmation students on a day trip to Bethabara and Salem in Forsyth County. They got to immerse themselves in how Moravians lived, worked, and worshiped in the 1700s, the early days of the Moravian Church in North Carolina. A big hit in the trip? Winkler’s Bakery, “of course.”

Limousines and red carpet, stars and director, camera flashes and cheering crowd — they were all there at the Stevens Center in downtown Winston-Salem on November 14 for the sold-out world premiere of the motion picture *Wesley*. **Trinity** can take a bow for its large role in this portrayal of the early ministry of John Wesley. After all, Trinity’s minister, John Jackman, was the director, and many members had a hand in it from behind the scenes to on-screen parts. And the movie was filmed almost entirely within a five-mile radius of Trinity and featured such landmarks as Old Salem, Historic Bethabara Park, and Centenary United Methodist Church.

Union Cross is “enjoying” revising parking lot plans to create the number of parking spaces needed to apply for the permit to build the portico. And then the walkways can be laid and the pavilion moved — all for an estimated \$102,500. This church has grit and shall see it done despite such inconveniences as, oh, bedrock. (They dynamited that away in 1948.)

Konnoak Hills has reached its goal of \$38,600 for repairs and upgrades to its organ. Any further contributions will go to a fund for maintenance of the organ.

A number of churches have “snow policies” of canceling services for inclement weather. But they fail to mention that while members remain home-bound, the bills still keep coming. So think kindly of your trustees, and double up the donation the next week.

— *Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives*

Latino Ministries Event Rescheduled

The one-day gathering focused on Latino ministries in our Province has been rescheduled. “La Familia Morava Comparte la Mesa Con Todos” (The Moravian Family Shares the Table Together) will be held Saturday, **March 20**, at Bethabara Moravian Church. Revised registration materials will be sent to churches in early February. We hope that many will take advantage of this delay and plan to attend.

Forsyth County Local Mission Camp

After a successful first year effort, “Planting a Seed, Growing Under the Sun”, a Forsyth county local mission camp has been set for August 2-6, 2010. This opportunity for local service is designed for youth age 12 (7th grade) through High School. Mark your calendars and watch for further information.

CWS Health & Baby Kits For Haiti & Beyond

Mark Ebert, Director of Volunteer Ministries with the Board of World Mission has issued a call for Church World Service health kits and baby kits for use in Haiti and other areas in crisis.

In the Winston-Salem area, Christ Church continues to be the drop-off point for health kits and has also agreed to receive baby kits. Detailed information about what each of these kits should contain, how to pack them and get them to Christ Church, as well as the funds needed to help with shipping is available at the following web address:

<http://moravianevangeliism.org/?p=381>

NOTE: Churches outside the Winston-Salem area are invited to make local contacts to discover congregations who may be preparing and shipping kits, or to visit the Church World Service website to learn how to ship kits directly. (submitted by David Guthrie, BEHM)



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*Deadline for the March Issue of
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For Your Calendar

Lunchtime Lecture Series, Davis Ctr-12:15pm..Feb 11
PEC Meeting Feb 16
Day of Prayer-Home, 11am Feb 17
Leadership Focus at Friedberg Feb 20
Day of Prayer-Christ, 4pm Lovefeast Feb 21
Day of Prayer-Trinity, 11am Feb 24

MVR UPDATE

MVR will hold a prayer and informational gathering for anyone who is interested in aid for Haiti. We will pray for all aspects of this situation and talk about how we will continue to respond to the people of Haiti. This will include those that would be willing to serve as a volunteer team member in the future, either through Medical Teams or Rebuilding Teams. This disaster will need our attention for years to come, and the people of Haiti will need the basic necessities of life for years to come. Will you help?

Where: New Philadelphia Moravian Church
4440 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem NC

When: **February 21st**, 3-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Mark Ebert at 336-225-3540
Cell or 336-631-9050, Ext. 1204

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