

Provincial Ties

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
Union Cross
Unity
Willow Hill

Lutherans and Moravians Plan Ten Year Anniversary Celebration

Approximately a decade ago, following the affirmative vote in 1998 of both the Southern and Northern Provinces of the Moravian Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) also voted in 1999 to approve the full communion proposal between the two church bodies.

Now, ten years later, another celebration and worship will be held on **January 27, 2010**. Everyone is invited to Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Plans are underway to honor the ministry that has occurred in the last ten years and explore where God is leading Lutherans and Moravians together in the years ahead. The schedule for the evening of January 27th is:

5:30 pm	Fellowship
6:00 pm	Informative Program
7:30 pm	Worship Service with Band Prelude
Theme:	“Following our Shepherd—Jesus Still Lead On”

Augsburg Lutheran Church
845 West 5th Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

(submitted by Bob Hunter)

Herrnhut Draws Watchword for Southern Province for 2010

The Provincial Board of the European-Continental Province in Herrnhut draws a biblical text for each province at the close of the year. The texts drawn for the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province for 2010 is **February 4** as follows:

Jeremiah 21:14

I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says the Lord.

and

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

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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

Deaths:

Brother **Milton Stevenson**, father of **Heather Stevenson**, Board of Christian Education and Certified Church Educator in the Southern Province, died on December 17, 2009 in Jordan, New York.

Sister **Martha Todd May**, mother of **Henry and Bobbie May**, passed away on December 30, 2009 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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

Illness:

Brother **Hal Cole**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Dan Conrad**, Moravian Minister

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

Our prayers are with these.

Pastoral Changes:

Brother **Riddick Weber** has accepted a call to serve as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA. He begins his new responsibilities there in early January 2010.

Brother **Russell May** has accepted a call to provincial service to work with the New Church Development Committee of the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions (BEHM) in researching and developing a concept for an intentional mission community. BEHM will decide about implementation of this potential new ministry at its March meeting.

Congratulations!

Ordination Anniversaries

January

Burke Johnson	43 years
Roy Ledbetter	36 years
Truman Dunn.....	36 years
James Doss	35 years
Ray Burke.....	33 years
Ofreciano Julias	25 years
Russell May	4 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!



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.” The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Wayne Burkette will be the speaker at our opening worship service. Eight workshops will be offered based on the characteristics of healthy congregations in the proposal to our Special Synod in September. 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)

PEC REPORT:



The Provincial Elders' Conference met on December 1 and 15, 2009.

Burkette, Hunter, Hurt, Sapp, Sides and Sparks were present for the meetings. 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. Congregations currently involved in the call process include Hopewell and Fairview. Cheryl Cottingham is providing pastoral supply at Immanuel-New Eden through January, 2010. The Rev. Roger Kimball and Bro. David Berrier continue to provide pastoral supply services at Advent during the Rev. Dan Conrad's medical leave of absence. The Rev. Jeff Coppage is serving as interim pastor at St. Philips. The Rev. Christie Clore, Associate Pastor at Home Church, was approved for a maternity leave of absence effective in April, 2010.

PEC received reports on meetings of the Structure Implementation Steering Committee, and agreed that a member of PEC would be appointed to the Interprovincial Board of Communications in the new provincial structure to fill the position currently designated for the Executive Director of the Board of Christian Education. PEC continued discussion of plans for the stated Synod of September, 2010, including ways to incorporate Congregational Health Characteristics into the program of Synod. The PEC President's administrative priorities for 2010 were distributed and discussed, as well as matters of transition to a new PEC that will need to be addressed prior to the 2010 Synod.

Other matters discussed by PEC included: investment of the Petree Fund, a report from the Rev. David Wickmann on the National Council of Churches, an update on the Anti-Racism Team, and the ongoing work of

the Moravian Ministries Foundation. Various other matters were discussed and information shared concerning the life and ministry of the Southern Province.

The next scheduled meetings of PEC are January 4 and 19, 2010.

(submitted by Wayne Burkette)

IRS Mileage Rate

The IRS has set the allowable business mileage reimbursement rate for 2010 at **50 cents per mile**, down 5 cents from 2009. While the approved rate of 50 cents per mile can be used to reimburse our employees for miles driven while on church business, you should still be mindful that renting a car may be a more cost-effective alternative, especially on long trips. The cost of renting is often cheaper than paying mileage for trips to or from Bethlehem, Florida, etc.

For moving or medical expense, the new rate for 2010 is 16.5 cents per mile, down from 24 cents in 2009. The rate for charitable purposes remains at 14 cents per mile.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach)

Provincial Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

All ladies of the Southern Province, mark your new year's calendar for the Provincial Women's Spiritual Life Retreat on **April 16-18, 2010** at Laurel Ridge. Our speaker is Jane Carter Handy. More details to come.

(submitted by Tamra Thomas, PWB)

- Synod 2010 is **September 9-12, 2010** at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina
- Pre-synod meeting for all official and advisory delegates is Saturday, **May 1, 2010** at **Kernersville Moravian Church**, Kernersville, North Carolina



Implementation Steering Committee Update

In our most recent meetings, the Implementation Steering Committee for the restructuring of the Province began to form sub-committees to work towards the formation of the Provincial Support Services, the Board of Cooperative Ministries, and the Regional Conference of Churches. Members of the Steering Committee have recently met with representatives from the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions, the Financial Board, Human Resources, and the Archives. The Steering Committee plans to continue meeting with clergy and representatives of other boards and agencies impacted by the Provincial restructuring such as Laurel Ridge and the Florida District Board. Representatives from the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions and the Board of Christian Education will begin development of the Board of Cooperative Ministries. A review and reordering of the Book of Order is being undertaken as called for by September's Special Synod.

We continue to consider our Province to be a community in transition, and we ask for the ongoing prayers of the Province in these early stages of progress. 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)

Days of Prayer 2010

can be found on our website

www.mcsp.org

and

(December 2009 *Provincial Ties* newsletter)

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)

Year-End Statistical forms: due in the PEC Office no later than January 29, 2010.

Latino Ministries Workshop

On Saturday, **January 30**, Bethabara Moravian Church will host a one-day event for sharing and learning about Latino min-



istries: **“La Familia Morava Comparte la Mesa Con Todos”** (The Moravian Family Shares the Table Together). The day will include worship, with our speaker, Dr. Maria Teresa Palmer who is Director of the Multicultural Student Center at NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC, and an ordained United Church of Christ pastor. There will be three presentations about current ministries from Green Street United Methodist Church, Bethabara Moravian Church (both in Winston-Salem), and New Hope Moravian Church, Miami, FL (part of our FL District); and an open discussion of next steps and future plans. Churches are encouraged to send a team of leaders to this first-ever gathering. The day will include time for fellowship, bilingual music, and (of course!) a delicious lunch. Registration materials have been furnished to the churches and fellowships and may be found at this internet address:

<http://moravianeveligism.org/?p=358>.

(submitted by David Guthrie, BEHM)

Moravian Ideals (part 4)

Archivist Daniel Crews and Moravian Music Foundation Director Nola Knouse continue their take on “Moravian Ideals” with “‘Chosen’ but not ‘Exclusive,’” the “Lunchtime Lecture” 12:15-12:45 p.m.

January 14 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.

(submitted by Richard Starbuck)

Newly remodeled Apartments for rent in Old Salem Historic District

Enjoy Old Salem Historic District amenities, within walking distance of downtown Winston-Salem five blocks away.

- First Floor at 416 South Main Street, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,318 square feet, hardwood floors, newly remodeled kitchen and baths, new light fixtures, new stainless steel appliances which include refrigerator, stove, range hood, dishwasher and disposal, washer and dryer hook ups, air conditioning and forced air gas heat, lockable storage space in basement, gas logs. Water, hot water and yard maintenance included in rent. Off street parking for \$1,295 per month, deposit required.
- Second Floor same as above except 1,495 square feet, 2 baths, furnished stack washer and dryer and \$1,395 per month.

If interested please call Salem Congregation facilities manager at 336-722-6504 or email facilitiesmgr@mcsp.org.

(submitted by Mark Leinbach, Facilities Manager)

Older Adult News

The Senior Friends Advisory Council will hold its first meeting of the New Year Thursday, **January 28**, at Christ Moravian Church in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. with a program which includes a talk by Daniel Crews, Provincial Archivist, “Humorous Stories about Early Moravians Settling into a New World”, and music and singing led by Bill Hutchins. Pat Calhoun, from Olivet Moravian, is the new president of the Council, which is composed of Senior Friends presidents (or their representatives) from our churches. If your church does not have an active Senior Friends chapter, you are welcome to send an older adult representative.

(submitted by David Guthrie, BEHM)

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 2010.

10th of every month – the payroll voucher and related check are due to Donna Hampton 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. 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 due to the IRS.

May 15 – Church audits for 2009 are due in the Treasurer's Office. Instructions are normally issued in February.

October 14 – Provincial Stewardship Dinner. The 2011 Provincial Budget and Church budget instructions are issued at this time. This date has been moved out one month due to this year's regular Synod being in September 2010.

December 15 – Church budgets for 2011 are due in to the Treasurer's Office. Please plan accordingly. This is also normally the due date for employees to enroll in or make changes to their Flex Plan elections for 2011.

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 in to the Provincial Office, please keep us (specifically Lynda Culler, lculler@mcsp.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 technically 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 are not adequate to support these deduc-

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tions if you were audited by the IRS.

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 acknowledgment 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 their 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 situations where otherwise qualifying contributions were disallowed by the IRS because of the failure to meet the documentation requirements. When in doubt, ask.

Self-Serve Payroll Information – Beginning in 2010, we are moving to a self-serve payroll process whereby our employees will no longer be receiving pay stubs in the mail each month. All the information about wages, deductions, taxes, etc. will now be available 24/7 via a secure website. This will also mean that employees can now print their own W-2's at the end of the year, especially those of us who tend to lose the first ones we were sent. We currently mail about 500 pay stubs each month so the savings in postage alone is significant. Specific instructions on how to access the online information will be coming out shortly to all Church Treasurers and Day Care administrators.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

Day of Prayer for Retired Ministers:

The last Sunday in January, which falls on **January 31** this year, 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 given to the Church over the years.

Challenge Grant for WS Street School

At the end of 2009 three churches have responded to a challenge grant from the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions (BEHM) to provide tuition assistance to students at the Winston-Salem Street School. The BEHM has matched the \$1230 given by churches for a total of \$2460. You can help with this important need! And, BEHM will “double your money” until our grant of \$3,600 is used up! Simply make a donation directly to the Street School, indicating it is for tuition assistance. Then notify the BEHM office of your gift, and we'll send along a matching contribution. Information about the Street School, and their mailing address are available on their web site:

<http://www.wsstreetschool.com/>.

(submitted by David Guthrie, BEHM)

“**Memorabilia of 2009**” by Richard Starbuck can be found on the provincial website: www.mcsp.org > What's Happening?



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For Your Calendar

Provincial Women's Board Meeting..... Jan 14
 Lunchtime Series-Davis Center, 12:15pm Jan 14
 Holiday Jan 18
 PEC Meeting Jan 19
 Florida District Board Meeting Jan 23
 W. Israel's Consecration@Rolling Hills..... Jan 24
 10th Anniversary Celebration w/ELCA..... Jan 27
 Latino Ministries Workshop Jan 30
 Laurel Ridge Friends weekend@Higgins Jan 29-31
 Prayer Day-Retired Clergy..... Jan 31

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