

Provincial Ties

Unity of Brothers and Sisters in Peru—a mission of the Worldwide Moravian Church

God is doing some amazing new things through Moravian men and women! You may know about Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the work they are doing in Nepal. Maybe you have heard of Mohamed and Safiatu Braima and their ministry in Sierra Leone. And now God has called my husband, Segundo, and me to be part of a new mission area of the Moravian Church! We give thanks to God for this opportunity to serve God in our native country, Peru.

Bishop Sam Gray, Segundo and I were praying for this mission for a long time and our prayers were answered in God's time. Segundo traveled to Lima on August 6th, 2011 to establish contacts with the ministers and leaders who would take part in the meetings that were to be held in Chiclayo and Lambayeque, Northern Peru. Segundo had served in Peru for more than 20 years and knows the area and the people quite well. Pastor Sam and I arrived in Peru on August 13th (a good Moravian date!) and were welcomed by many friends and relatives. In our first conversations around the dinner table we began to see the great need for a church that might minister to people who find themselves in a place between the extremes of nominal Roman Catholicism and the new Independent Pentecostalism. Could the Moravian Church offer a way of bringing them together so that they, in turn, might minister to the unreached people in their area?

Meetings with leaders, ministers, young people and other interested folks were held on Monday and Tuesday (morning and afternoon). There were 21 participants. We began with a Bible Study and devotional led by Pastor Segundo Regalado. Then Brother Sam Gray offered a presentation about the Worldwide Moravian Unity and a brief history of the Moravians (with dates and information obtained from Archivist Daniel Crews). Later, we had a discussion about essentials and non-essentials, finding areas of agreement and working through some of our differences.

We used an exercise in Asset Mapping (that we learned at an Inter-synodal Conference in the Southern Province) so that everyone could share with each other concerning their resources, gifts and ministries. We talked about how they could come together in important areas of ministry and then how the Moravian Church in North America (through the Board of World Mission) might be able to partner with them and accompany them in their mutual ministry.

On Wednesday, August 17th, after a period of prayer and Bible Study, representatives from seven different ministries signed a "Foundational Charter," agreeing to call themselves the "Unity of Brothers and Sisters in Peru – a mission of the Worldwide Moravian Church." The founding



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Advent
Ardmore
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Bethesda
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Concerns & Celebrations

“YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.” MATTHEW 6:8

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH . . .

Deaths:

Brother **C. L. Marshall**, brother of **Wanda Byerly** (**Tim Byerly**-Pastor of Mayodan Moravian Church) passed away on September 15 in Advance, NC.

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

Illness:

Brother **Hal Cole**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Eric Crews**, son of **Daniel Crews**-Southern Province Archivist

Sister **Rita Hughes**, wife of Bishop **Jay Hughes**

Brother **Jim Newsom, Sr.**, Moravian Minister and Sister **Irene Newsom**

Our prayers are with these.

Pastoral Changes:

Brother Tim Sapp was consecrated a presbyter on September 25 at Mizpah Moravian Church in Rural Hall, NC with Bishop Lane Sapp officiating.

Sister **Judith Justice** has requested and been given permission to retire from active ministry of the Moravian Church effective June 30, 2012. She was ordained a deacon on June 18, 1995 and a presbyter on September 9, 2001. Sister Justice has served New Hope Moravian congregations in North Carolina and Florida. We express appreciation to Judith for her faithful and dedicated service to the Moravian Church and wish her many blessings in retirement.

Sister **Tracy Pryor** has accepted the call to be pastor of the Schoenbrunn Moravian Church in New Philadelphia, OH. She has been pastor at Covenant Moravian in Wilmington, NC for more than three years.

Congratulations!

Births:



Paula Hall and Kip Grabs have been blessed with the birth of a daughter, **Katharine Hall Grabs**, on September 29 in King, North Carolina. Paula is the Director of Christian Education at King Moravian Church.

Congratulations!

Marriages:



Cheryl Cottingham, Pastor of Immanuel–New Eden Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC, and **Bob Siebelink** of Grand Rapids, Michigan were married in Kernersville, NC on September 3. Sister Cottingham will continue as pastor of Immanuel-New Eden Moravian Church.

Megan Tarrant and Justin Trivette were married on September 10 in Cary, NC. Justin is the step son of **Jan Trivette**, Salem Congregation Office.

Rebecca Post of Greensboro and **Russell May**-Interim Pastor at Bethania Moravian Church and Spiritual Leader of Anthony's Plot, were married on October 2 at Laurel Ridge. Russell is the son of **Jeannie and Tripp May** (Pastor of Bethabara Moravian Church).

Congratulations!

PEC REPORT:



The PEC met September 6 in person and September 19 via Skype. These meetings began with sharing and prayer for the needs and ministries of our congregations, regional conferences, pastors, and other church leaders.

PROVINCIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The PEC reviewed minutes of meetings and received updates about the ongoing work of the Implementation Steering Committee, Board of Cooperative Ministries and Provincial Support Services Board. The conference noted plans by the PSSB for the October 13 Provincial stewardship dinner and discussed details and communication related to that event.

2010 SYNOD FOLLOW-UP

The PEC set Leadership and Mission as the characteristics of healthy congregations to be emphasized in 2012, discussed materials to be sent to congregations to help with planning and responding to the strategic direction set by Synod, and considered content for the next issue in a series of bulletin inserts about the new structure.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC approved a request from Nueva Esperanza, a Spanish-speaking group in Dade County, FL, to be recognized as a Moravian Fellowship and appointed Illovis Gonzalez as a Provincial Acolyte to serve as leader for this emerging group. Upon request from the Olivet Church board Doug Gordon was appointed and Helen Davis and John Golden were re-appointed as congregational acolytes. At the request of the Music Foundation board, PEC appointed Chancy Kapp (Raleigh) to a four-year term on that Board beginning January 2012. PEC coordinated plans for installation services for Keith White at Advent and Joe and Kelly Moore at Fries Memorial. Call processes began or continued at: Enterprise, First (GA), Friedland, Christ, and Kernersville (associate). A quadrennial review was conducted at Pine Chapel. PEC approved a request from Adam Spaugh for a three-month leave of absence from ministry at New Hope (NC). The PEC scheduled meetings with candidates for ministry in October and November and made plans for visits with seminarians in October. At the request of the Calvary Moravian boards, PEC appointed Amanda Moody as part-time Director of Christian Education.

UNITY AND ECUMENICAL

The PEC received information about the World Council of Churches 10th assembly in Korea in 2013; approved the PEC president attending a gathering to pray for peace October 4 at St. Francis Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC; discussed the status of a request to the Board of World Mission regarding its supervision of the Cuba Unity Mission Area; and responded to a request from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to address details for the orderly exchange of clergy as part of our covenant partner relationship.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC planned the “PEC night” September 26 at the Moravian Ministry Association Retreat at Laurel Ridge; approved a continuing education program for the PEC president focused on leadership coaching; received communication from the Northern Province PEC regarding planning for a 2013 inter-provincial clergy retreat; and agreed to form a task force with the NP PEC to review and perhaps revise the “Standards of Responsible Behavior for Ordained Ministers” and the joint policy on sexual misconduct which were approved by the 1998 Synod.

October PEC meetings: a one day “retreat” meeting October 3 and a telephone conference meeting October 19.

(submitted by David Guthrie)

Ordination Anniversaries October

Cedric Rodney	52 years
Bill Kerner	49 years
Robert Peterson.....	35 years
Tripp May	35 years
Dan Nelson	24 years
John G. Rights	15 years
Jeff Carter	13 years
Judy Knopf	6 years
James Demby.....	2 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!

Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship

Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship was established almost four years ago by four area couples with long, Moravian experience. As with most congregations, there has been turnover within our group, but we are still a strong, vibrant and enthusiastic congregation.

We meet on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Transou Methodist Church on NC Hwy. 88 in Ashe County between Jefferson and Laurel Springs. (We have been blessed by the kindness of this Methodist congregation.) Ted Burcaw, an ordained Moravian Minister and currently a school principal in Winston-Salem is our gifted pastor.

We want to invite all Moravians traveling in the NW mountains on the Sundays that we have services to join us. It's not necessary to pack one's Sunday finest, for we are a casual group. Also, we feel that there are a number of Moravians who have moved to the Ashe-Alleghany County area following retirement and we want them to know there is now an opportunity for worship and fellowship with fellow Moravians. Please help us spread the word!

For additional information contact George Bloodworth, Board Member at Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship, 336-846-7038, Jefferson, NC.

(submitted by George Bloodworth)

Moramus Chorale Concert October 22

The Moramus Chorale, under the direction of Jayson Snipes, will present a concert on Saturday, **October 22**, 7:00 p.m. at Hanes Auditorium, Salem College Fine Arts Center. The concert, *Overtures and Praise!*, will feature orchestral works by Felix Mendelssohn, Francis Florentine Hagen, and David Crosby. David Moritz Michael's *Psalm 103*, Hagen's *Sing Praise to God*, and Johann Friedrich Perer's *Sing, O Ye Heavens* will be presented by the Chorale. Raymond Ebert is organist and there will be a full orchestra. Soloists will be Cristy Lynn Brown, mezzo soprano; Daniel Stein, tenor; and Scott MacLeod, baritone. The concert is free and an offering will be received for future Moramus Chorale concerts.

(submitted by Mallie Graham)

Cherokee-Moravian Historical Association Meeting

Saturday, **October 15**, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Historic Bethabara Park Visitor Center
2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem, NC

Everyone is invited to hear **Dr. C. Daniel Crews** Archivist, Moravian Church, Southern Province, speak on *Not Without Women: New Perspectives on the Moravian Mission to the Cherokees*.

New translations and published editions of the voluminous records of the Moravian mission to the Cherokees in the 19th century are revealing significant information about Cherokee life and culture as well as the work and struggles of the missionaries. What is becoming more obvious is the crucial role of women in this period, both in the mission and in Cherokee society in general.

Book signing and refreshments will follow. Don't miss this event!

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(submitted by Anna Smith 336-724-0646)

Freebies in the Resource Center

In the Resource Center we have some free give aways for churches if interested:

- Christmas Lovefeast Odes – lots of them
- Service for Holy Communion in Celebration of Chief Eldership
- Moravian Book of Worship bookplates
- Funeral Odes
- Moravian Happy Birthday cards
- General Lovefeast Odes
- Thanksgiving Lovefeast Odes
- Lent Lovefeast Odes
- Liturgy for Installation of Church Officers and Workers

Come get a supply and check out all the new resources in the Resource Center. Our hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(submitted by Beth Hayes)

World Mission Lovefeast

November 6, 2011
Calvary Moravian Church

Our annual World Mission Lovefeast celebrating Moravian Mission outreach around the world will begin at 2:30 p.m. on **November 6, 2011** with the Provincial Band playing chorales as worshippers gather at Calvary Moravian Church for the annual World Mission Lovefeast. International music will open our service at 3:00 p.m. while we view pictures of the many people who participated in mission experiences during 2011.

The Calvary choir and musicians and the Provincial Praise Group will share special music throughout the worship service. Dr. Richard Marx, currently practicing Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases here in Winston-Salem, will challenge us with an inspiring message for our spiritual growth and our future mission endeavors. His mission trips include Honduras, Nicaragua, India, Vietnam, China, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, and Chile. Lilyann Sapp, a registered nurse at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, will touch us with updates about her experiences in Tanzania with the Board of World Mission Likewise/AIDS ministry. Charles Sapp, a senior at the University of NC at Greensboro, will enlighten us about his service in Sierra Leone as an Antioch Servant of the Board of World Mission.

Missionaries supported by the Mission Society in service around the world will receive a portion of our Lovefeast Offering. Our offering will also help support BWM New Antioch Ministry Opportunities through Moravian Volunteer Resources in Haiti, Likewise in Tanzania, and a Congregational Partnership in Peru.

We hope you will join us in the worship service to hear an inspiring message and to learn about opportunities to serve in Moravian mission.

(submitted by Sheila Beaman)

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members of the Mission Area include a youth ministry endeavor, an established congregation, a women's ministry in San Juan de Lurigancho, a missionary with a burden for reaching people in remote areas of Peru, an evangelist and a leader of a cell group in Lima. They also elected a governing board that includes a coordinator, a secretary, a treasurer, an advisor from the Latino Ministries of the Southern Province (that is *my* role) and a representative from the Board of World Mission (Brother Sam Gray). That board will meet to set priorities in mission and ministry for 2012 as we go forward together.

After Pastor Sam returned to the U.S., Segundo and I continued with the important follow up work of visiting the various ministries, conducting Bible studies and Evangelism Workshops, getting to know the outreach efforts of the brothers and sisters, continuing discussions concerning Moravian polity and practice and answering questions that they had concerning the process. This is one example of many "connections" that are helping to make this ministry possible. It's wonderful to see how God can bring us together in loving service! Besides the VBS children, other groups and individuals such as the Bethabara congregation, Brother Abraham Bruno, Sunnyside Ministries, the Latino Ministries Committee, the Board of World Mission and many others have already become part of this new thing that God is doing!

What a joy to share this ministry with my husband and with my brothers and sisters throughout the worldwide Moravian Church! Thank you so much!

(submitted by Hilda Regalado, Latino Ministries Coordinator)

Stop Hunger Now

October 29th
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Kernersville, NC is hosting this event. For more information contact Judy Knopf at 336-993-6633 or pastor@goodshepherdmoravian.com.

Prayer Day for World Mission
October 9

From The Provincial Treasurer's Office

2012 Provincial Budget Presentation – On behalf of the Provincial Support Services Board and the Treasurer's Office, we encourage every church to attend this year's Provincial Stewardship Dinner. The dinner is on Thursday, **October 13** at Fairview Moravian Church. If you have still not signed up, please call Lynda Culler at 336-722-7922. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. but please plan to arrive early so that we have enough time to get everyone signed in.

Like the audited financial statements of the Province, this year's budget presentation will also be posted on the Province's website-www.mcsp.org. You will be able to find it under Resources/ Provincial Finances. If you are not able to make the Stewardship Dinner and have any interest in how the Provincial budget works or where the money goes, I encourage you to look at the presentation.

Unemployment Insurance

From time to time, I get asked about unemployment insurance and/or benefits. Most people just assume that we pay unemployment insurance premiums and there are unemployment benefits in the event of a job loss from the church. But this is not true. Churches are specifically exempted from unemployment insurance and not allowed to participate.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

Salemtowne Fall Tour of Homes

Sunday, October 23, 1-4 p.m.

Salemtowne Retirement Community invites you to visit our lovely campus at the height of autumn's splendor. A variety of cottages and apartments will be open to tour. Meet our residents and experience the warm community spirit that they share. Be sure to stop by the Breezeway Coffee Shop to enjoy refreshments.

(submitted by Renee Brumagin)

Provincial Senior Friends Fall Rally and Luncheon

Thursday, **October 13**, noon
Advent Moravian Church Fellowship Hall
Special Guests: The Musical Moravian Ministers

Come enjoy a delicious meal with friends from around the Southern Province and enjoy music by some of our very talented ministers. No tickets to buy this year prior to the Rally, but a suggested donation for lunch is \$10. A new slate of officers for 2012 will be elected. Everyone is welcome!

(submitted by Jon Boling)

Lay Seminary—Fall 2011

"Moravian Theology 101"

Friday, **November 11**, 7-9 p.m.
Saturday, **November 12**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fries Memorial Moravian Church

The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood will be the presenter this year. Please contact the Board of Cooperative Ministries to register by 11/4/11 at 336-722-8126 or www.moravianboardofce.org. The fee is \$35, which includes Saturday lunch and materials.

(submitted by the Board of Cooperative Ministries)

Prayer Day for Children

Any Sunday in October



Widow's Society Annual Meeting

Thursday, **October 27**, 7 p.m.
Cedarhyrst Conference Room

All members are urged to attend. We hope every church will promote the Widow's Society. Applications can be found at www.mcsp.org.

(submitted by Bill Campbell)

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

By all accounts the very first ever Moravian Festival September 10 at **New Philadelphia** was a huge hit. More than 4,000 tickets were sold beforehand, and educated estimates say many more than that attended. Not since we filled Winston-Salem's old Memorial Coliseum for the Quincentennial in 1957 — you youngsters ask your grandparents — have we had so many Moravians gathered in one spot. Food booths and artists and crafts and church outreach and 5K race and history and traditions and music were all in abundance — except we hear tell the cook ran out of food. (Can you believe that at a Moravian event?) All in all, from the mayor on down, everyone had a grand time at the Moravian Festival. Tremendous thanks to one and all who worked and contributed and sat and played to make this day possible. Now let's get going and spread the joy.

Friedberg is offering a new monthly worship opportunity called "The Fellowship." It is meeting at 7 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at least through the end of the year, and is offering a relaxed atmosphere, food and fellowship, live contemporary worship, praise and prayer, personal testimonies, and open discussion about Bible truths.

Covenant has drilled a new well at only 60 feet instead of the expected 170, which will save a pretty penny in the church budget. Now if only it had struck oil. . . .

Trinity is sprucing up its Reich Fellowship Hall, and among the improvements will be 100 comfy chairs at \$35 each when the funds are raised. Quick, pass the hat for a better seat in the house.

A page of announcements in one church's newsletter: new choral youth group, Shepherd's Chorus, handbells, fall band classes, band instruments available. Yes, fall activities are upon us. And that's just the music activities of one church.

— *Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives*

2011 Moravian College-Age Fall Retreat

November 4-6

Tise Building

Laurel Ridge, Laurel Springs, NC

Cost: \$60

For Registration information contact Brad Bennett — bbennett@mcsp.org.

Our colorful church

Archivist C. Daniel Crews will explore "Colors in Moravian Church Lore" at the "Lunchtime Lecture" 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, **October 13**, at the Archie K. Davis Center (the "Archives/Music Foundation building") in Old Salem. The lecture is free and open to all. Bring a lunch to munch if you wish (it isn't provided). Parking is free in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue.

(submitted by Richard Starbuck)

The day war came to Bethabara

The Wachovia Historical Society invites all Moravians to its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **October 18**, at the Old Salem Visitor Center in the heart of Winston-Salem. Historian Randell Jones will explore the day during the American Revolution when "They Came to Bethabara."

Hundreds of Patriot militiamen — undisciplined, ill-trained, but victorious after the Battle of Kings Mountain — brought their bags, baggage, camp followers, not to mention their Loyalist prisoners to peaceful, neutrality-loving Bethabara that October 1780 day. It was enough for Bethabara's minister to record in the Church Diary: "Everything was in confusion."

The Society's meeting is free and open to the public.

(submitted by Richard Starbuck)

Moravian Church's Ministry in Nepal

The World Mission Committee of Home Moravian Church invites everyone to hear the Rev. Vani Pradhan, a Moravian minister from Nepal at a presentation at Home Church on Thursday, **October 6** at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in CE 101.

Please come and bring guests as Sr. Vani will be sharing information about the Moravian Church's ministry in Nepal and the new pre-school they have undertaken.

(submitted by Mallie Graham)



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For Your Calendar

NO Moravian Ministry Association Meeting in Oct

Vani Pradhan@Home CE101-7pm.....	Oct 6
PSS meeting.....	Oct 6
Prayer Day-World Missions.....	Oct 9
Senior Friends Rally@Advent-noon.....	Oct 13
Provincial Stewardship Dinner.....	Oct 13
Lunchtime Lectures, 12:15pm-"Colors in Moravian Church Lore"-Crews.....	Oct 13
BWM in Staten Island, NY.....	Oct 14-15
Cherokee Moravian Historical Asso@Bethabara..	Oct 15
PEC meeting.....	Oct 17
MTS College and Trustees.....	Oct 19-21
BCM meeting.....	Oct 20
Laurel Ridge Friends Din.@Clemmons-5:30pm..	Oct 23
Widow's Society-Cedarhyrst, 7pm.....	Oct 27
Faith & Order in Winston-Salem.....	Oct 31-Nov 2
PSS meeting.....	Nov 3
Moravian Ministry Association 10:30am @Trinity.....	Nov 3

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