



PROVINCIAL TIES

December 2016

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —



From The Provincial Financial Office

Wage and Hour Regulation - A Federal Judge blocked the implementation of the new overtime rule taking effect December 1. However, it is still important that you have your workers classified correctly. Feel free to contact Robyn Glance if you have any questions.

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Insurance Billing - We are going paperless! Effective January 1, 2017 all invoices from the Provincial Financial Office will be sent electronically. Please pay from this invoice as you will not receive a paper statement. We are trying to cut cost in any way we can.

Payroll Vouchers - Donna Hampton will send **one** payroll voucher electronically to each church in December to be used as a template throughout the coming year. She will no longer mail them each month. Another cost saving measure from the Provincial Financial Office!

2017 Budgets – Please remember that 2017 Budget forms are due in to the Provincial Financial Office by December 15, 2016.

Housing Allowance – Ministers can treat their housing allowance as nontaxable income for federal income tax purposes to the extent that it is used to pay for housing related expenses and does not exceed the fair rental value of their home. However, the housing allowance must be specifically designated by official church (board) action in advance for this favorable tax treatment to apply. Please be sure that your Church Board approves this designation for 2017 before the end of 2016 and documents this approval in the Board minutes.

Year End Contributions – As we all scramble to make yearend contributions to the Church or other charities, please remember that in order for a contribution to be deducted in 2016, it must be “delivered” in 2016. This means that year end checks must be dated in 2016 and either physically delivered to the Church by year end or mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2016. Checks that are dated in 2016 but not mailed or delivered to the Church until 2017 should be treated as 2017 contributions. They should not be reflected on 2016 giving statements or deducted in 2016.

Submitted by Robyn Glance

Moravian Ministries Foundation

After sixteen and a half years of service to the Moravian Ministries Foundation, Chi-Chi Messick will retire on December 31, 2016.

We invited Chi-Chi to reflect on her time with the Foundation; she had this to say: “I’ve said many times that my job is the very best job anyone could have. It’s hard to believe sixteen and a half years have passed so quickly and that I still believe that, love what I do, and look forward to each and every day.

Working at the Foundation has given me so many opportunities and enabled me to do things I never thought I would or could do. I’ve been privileged to travel to churches in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and New York, as well as all the churches in Canada. I’ve visited Camp Hope, Van Es, Laurel Ridge, and Mt. Morris, and several retirement communities including Auburn Care, Moravian Manor, Moravian Village, and Moravian Hall

Square. I've assisted agencies like the Unity Women's Desk, Sunnyside Ministries, Moravian Open Door, the Board of World Mission, and the Moravian Music Foundation.

As my tenure comes to an end, I have fond memories of the warm welcome and extraordinary hospitality I've found all over our North American Moravian World. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your work and the work of our beloved Church."

Please join us in thanking Chi-Chi for her years of dedication to the Moravian Church and in wishing her well in retirement.

The Foundation is pleased to share the position description for Director for Gratitude and Generosity; this person's primary role will be to oversee our planned giving service. To view the job description and learn how to apply, please visit this link:

<http://mmfa.info/file/directorforgratitudeandgenerositypdf>

Submitted by Laura Sides Watson

Living the Essentials Conference

February 17-18, 2017 New Philadelphia Moravian Church will host a provincial, intersynodal conference with the theme: "Living the Essentials: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Congregations, fellowships, new and emerging ministries, and provincial boards and agencies have received invitations and information about selecting and registering participants. The program will include: worship, keynote presentations, and an open process of small group discussion.

Being the church in the twenty-first century calls us to new challenges and demands bold action. We'll explore how spiritual growth, community, and mission characterize the life, witness, and ministry of the Moravian Church yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood will provide an historical perspective of Moravian congregations from Zinzendorf's time through the present, and the implications of that history for the future. Craig's presentation will be part of an evening program Friday, Feb. 17 which will be open to the public. During the conference David Guthrie, PEC President, will share about our current Southern Province. And, you'll hear about different forms of church for a changing world and have opportunity to offer your own ideas and dreams for the future Moravian Church.

God creates; God redeems; God blesses us. And we respond in faith, in love, and in hope. Practicing these essentials brings us closer to living as God calls us to live and opens the way for God's spirit to renew us and give us new energy for ministry. May this conference engage us and inspire us as we explore possibilities for a vibrant future!

Submitted by David Guthrie

2016 New Year's Eve Watchnight Lovefeast

The Salem Congregation Moravian Watchnight Service will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 11:00 PM at Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC. The Rev. James Demby, Pastor at Pine Chapel Moravian Church, will bring the message. Greet the new year with hymn singing, sacred music and the sharing of a simple meal. Call (336) 722-6171 for more information.

Submitted by Jan Trivette

Newsletter Notes from Around the Southern Province

On October 7-9, 123 workers from **King** went to 20 different job sites throughout Stokes County on their Share the Blessing Mission Blitz 2016. The workers, ranging from all ages, did a variety of jobs to help those in need prepare their homes for the winter. The workers donned t-shirts with "Children of God serving others in the spirit of Christ" printed on them, and for three days they did just that.

Fairview showed their thanks for those who serve with their Police Appreciation Day. On Labor Day Fairview invited the local Police and their families to enjoy food, music, prizes, and awards, all donated by the church, neighbors, and local businesses. It was a day filled with smiles, laughter, and tears and was a huge success.

Home is serving the children of their church with their Comenius Corridor. While walking to Sunday school the children will pass shelves packed with children's books available for reading. The children can pick a book, take it home to read, and bring back for another. What a wonderful ministry for the children of the church.

Submitted by Nicole L. Crabbe, Assistant Archivist, Moravian Archives

PEC News for December 2016

The Provincial Elders' Conference met Nov. 7 and 21 with all members present, except for Ray Burke, who was on vacation Nov. 21. The meeting began with prayers of thanksgiving and intercession based on needs and concerns among our pastors, church educators and congregations.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received a report from the November 11 Synod Planning Committee meeting and reviewed progress in fulfilling resolutions from the 2014 Synod. The PEC discussed plans for a portion of the program for the February 2017 "Living the Essentials" inter-synodal conference.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC took specific steps in the call processes for the Ardmore, Friedland, Fulp, Home, and Prince of Peace congregations; reviewed board member voting privileges during call processes, and how church boards may request names for consideration; discussed updating and use of the supply preacher list; approved a continuing education program for one pastor; accepted Frank Barker's request to conclude ministry at Palm Beach at the end of November; and made final preparations for quadrennial reviews at Unity, Rolling Hills, Little Church on the Lane, Bethesda, Advent and St. Philips. These reviews will make use of a new Congregational Vitality Survey. PEC reaffirmed its process for reading and responding to annual reports from pastors and church educators; and planned next steps for a congregational development initiative.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

The PEC reviewed and approved decisions of the Provincial Support Services Board related to qualifications for the retiree medical benefit; and approved an \$80,000 "mini campaign" by Moravian Theological Seminary to raise funds for distance learning technology and equipment. The PEC received a report from the Archives Commission on the status of the publication of the Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees; and a report from the November meeting of the Interprovincial Board of Communication. The PEC approved the 2016-2017 Board of World Mission "Gifts of Change" program and opportunities list; and tasked the Provincial Support Services Board and its Finance and Administrative Support Committee with reviewing and making recommendations about the Provincial Share methodology for the 2018 provincial budget cycle.

UNITY AND ECUMENICAL

The PEC reviewed the conversations and outcomes of the Nov. 1-2 joint meeting of the PECs (South and North). The PEC continued discussion of Unity Synod Resolution 44 and several responses we have received from within the province. We are working on: a review of church order and parliamentary procedures, plans for a meeting with our bishops, considering how this may be addressed at our 2018 Synod, a letter sharing questions and concerns to the Unity Board, and additional communications to our pastors. The PEC approved the appointment of Br. James Lansana to serve short-term as a Provincial Acolyte in the Sierra Leone Mission Area while Mohamed and Safiatu Briama are in the U.S. in early 2017; and received permission from the Eastern West Indies Province to extend the service of Joe Nicholas in our province through July 2017. The PEC noted with regret that financial constraints prevent another individual accompanying the PEC President to the Annual Convocation of Christian Churches Together, in early Feb. 2017; and received a brief report from Betsy Miller from the fall Church Council meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

OTHER MATTERS

PEC continued discussion of options for filling the Assistant to the PEC President position; and adjusted our 2017 meeting schedule due to some conflicts. The Provincial Elders' Conference will meet December 5th and 19th.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your December Calendar

5.....PEC Meeting
8.....MMF/Archives Lunch Lecture, 12:15 p.m.
19.....PEC Meeting
23 -26.....Christmas Holiday, PEC office closed



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Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

Geneva Wilson, step-mother of the Rev. **Bob Peek**, passed into the more immediate presence of the Lord on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the age of 96. A graveside service was held Nov. 21 in God's Acre in Salem. Please keep Bob, Earlette, and the family in prayer.

Illnesses:

Armando Rusindo, president of the governing board for the Moravian Church in Cuba, was hospitalized briefly in Miramar, FL (near Miami) for tests, but was discharged and able to continue visiting family in Miami until returning to Cuba Dec. 2.

Gary Easter, Provincial Acolyte at Crooked Oak Moravian Church was involved in a motorcycle accident prior to Thanksgiving and hospitalized at Baptist Hospital after undergoing surgery. Remember Gary and his family.

Ordination Anniversaries for December 2016

Steadman Bent.....54 years
Gerald Harris.....39 years
Chris Thore.....18 years
John Wilson.....56 years
Jeff Jones.....4 years

Director of Christian Education Anniversaries

Christy Clore.....3years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Salemtowne

“Service of Lessons and Carols”

A “*Service of Lessons and Carols*” will be held at Salemtowne Retirement Community on *Sunday, December 11*, at *3:00 p.m.* The service includes Advent and Christmas hymns, Scripture readings for this Advent and Christmas season, and flute and organ music. Participating in the service will be The Reverend Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, *flute*, Paul F. Knouse, Jr., *organ*, and The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews, *reader*. The service will be held in the Smith Saal at Salemtowne, and is open to the public.



Moravian Music Foundation News

MORAVIAN MUSIC NEWS & EVENTS

MUSIC CALENDAR

Dec 7 Advent and Christmas Organ Recital - Susan Foster will present a recital of Advent and Christmas music on the Tannenber organ on Wednesday at noon. The recital is part of the Advent Organ Recital Series offered by Old Salem in the Visitor Center's Gray Auditorium. All recitals are free. www.oldsalem.org.

Dec 8 Lunchtime Lectures - *The Date Which Will Live in Infamy* - Richard W. Starbuck, Archivist. 12:15 p.m. in the Spagh Lecture/Recital Hall of the Archie K. Davis Center. [DIRECTIONS](#) Free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring your lunch! [Complete Lecture Schedule](#).

Dec. 9 Piedmont Chamber Singers Holiday Concert 7:30 pm, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2575 Parkway Dr, Winston-Salem, NC. This concert will feature Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols with harp accompaniment, and a selection of favorite Christmas carols for voice and string instrument. Tickets at piedmontchambersingers.org

Dec 11 Services of Lessons and Carols - King Moravian Church, Sunday, 11:00am & 4:00pm. This service is a gift to the community featuring the adult choir (augmented by 15 additional singers), instrumental accompaniment provided by professional musicians from the Winston-Salem/ Greensboro area, and for the first time our choristers will be participating. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this inspirational service experience!
<http://www.kingmoravianchurch.org/>

Dec 11 Cantata Singers of UNCSA Concert, 3:00pm, Music@Home Concert Series, 3:00pm, sanctuary of Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC. Free, donations accepted.

Dec 11 A Service of Lessons and Carols, Salemtowne Retirement Community, 3:00 p.m. The service includes Advent and Christmas hymns, Scripture readings for this Advent and Christmas season. Participating in the service will be The Reverend Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, flute, Paul F. Knouse, Jr., organ, and The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews, reader. The service will be held in the Smith Saal at Salemtowne, and is open to the public.

Dec 11 Piedmont Chamber Singers *Carols by Candlelight*, December 11, 2016, 4:00pm and 5:00pm, 1788 Gemeinhaus, Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem, NC. This concert is FREE, a holiday gift to the community.

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Dec 20 Salem Band Holiday Concerts – “Morning Star”: Tuesday, Home Moravian Church – A mix of sacred and secular music of the season with guest vocal soloist Ted Federle and Salem Band Principal Horn Richard Saylor. Enjoy pre-concert music by one of our small ensembles. Participate in your community with Holiday sing-alongs and donations to our annual charity partner, Sunnyside Ministry. 7:30 pm, free.

Dec 22 Salem Band Holiday Concerts – “Morning Star”: Thursday, Trinity Moravian Church - join Salem Band for a mix of sacred and secular music of the season with guest vocal soloist Ted Federle and Salem Band Principal Horn Richard Saylor. Enjoy pre-concert music by one of our small ensembles. Participate in your community with Holiday sing-alongs and donations to your Salem Band. 7:30 pm, free.

Moravian Music on the Mountain Weekend

Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation, will be held March 10, 11, 12, 2017 at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference and Retreat Center. An opportunity to make music together, to worship, to learn, and to enjoy Moravian fellowship. There will be two tracks for participation, vocal and band (listeners welcome, too). Lewis Phillips (Fairview) will lead the choir and Donna Rothrock (Trinity, Clemmons) will lead the band. Call Laurel Ridge to register (336) 359-2951 1 (888) 831-5922 info@laurelridge.org

More information at <http://moravianmusic.org/news-and-events/moravian-music-on-the-mountain/>

Submitted by Erik J. Salzwedel, Moravian Music Foundation

Unity Women's Desk

Haven't finished your Christmas shopping yet?

Let the Unity Women's Desk help you with a gift list of memorable gifts that will delight your friends and family and will make a difference in the lives of Moravian sisters around the world. (And they don't take up any room in the house or need to be dusted!)

Join us at Clemmons Moravian Church on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM for refreshments and shopping with your Moravian friends from around the Province.

Submitted by Patty Garner

Latest BCM News and Events

#MoravianStar2015 Photo Mosaic Notecards Available for Purchasing

Remember the [#MoravianStar2015](#) photo mosaic? Well, with your help and participation, we've made it a notecard featuring over eighty Advent stars from across the Moravian world!

To order, call or email the Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries: (336) 722-8126 or bcm@mcsp.org. Cards can also be purchased at our office in person.

We are selling the cards in packs of 10 cards. They are blank on the inside and come with envelopes. We are offering them to churches on consignment as well, to be sold at bazaars, Candle Teas, and the like.

1 pack - \$12

10 packs - \$50

All proceeds will benefit [Sunnyside Ministry's Gaining Control program](#).

Moravian Lovefeast 2016 Blog

The Moravian Lovefeast 2016 blog is being updated as we speak with this year's Christmas Lovefeast and candle service times.

Visit MoravianLovefeast.WordPress.com for service times across the Southern Province.

In the blog, churches marked with an asterisk (), have not sent us their 2016 service time(s) yet. If you are with the respective church's office and have not sent us your time or believe we may have missed it, please email acox@mcsp.org to have the time(s) updated accordingly.*

#MoravianStar2016 Social Media Campaign

They say if you do something twice, it becomes a tradition.

Last year's social media campaign resulted in a photo mosaic consisting of over eighty Advent stars from around the Moravian world! We had over fifty unique participants.

We hope to see both numbers grow for **#MoravianStar2016** as we celebrate our unity in Christ. Share your Advent star images with us! Use the **#MoravianStar2016** hashtag and tag us using **@MoravianBCM** on social media.

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Submission details can be found at the link, as well as details about purchasing notecards featuring last year's photo mosaic.

See the submission details here: UnitasFratrum.WordPress.com

Save the Date: Bold Like Jesus, 2017 Conference

Join us February 2-4, 2017 at Trinity AME Zion Church in Greensboro, NC!
Visit boldlikejesus.wordpress.com for details

Submitted by Aaron Cox

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