



# PROVINCIAL TIES

July 2016

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —



## Unity Women's Desk

Please join the Unity Women's Desk in welcoming visitors from the Albanian Lutheran Moravian Church on Sunday afternoon, July 17, from 3:30-5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall of Home Moravian Church. The Albanian visitors will be telling about the work of the church in Albania, including the new work in Bathore (on the outskirts of the capital, Tirana), where they are providing food and clothing for 40+ families, plus holding evangelistic services.

Two young people, Eris and Eridona, and one adult, Sr. Teuta, will be the guests of Home Moravian from July 5-19. They will be attending camp at Laurel Ridge, as well as spending some time getting to know Winston-Salem. Please join us in welcoming them to the USA.

*Submitted by Patty Garner*

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## *Newsletter Notes from Around the Southern Province*

Sad news: An accident right in front of **Moravia** on April 26 took the life of the lone occupant. Prayers for his family. Thankfully damage to the church was not major — a cracked window, the sign out front, and lighting. But the tree in front was severely damaged and might have to be taken down.

**Mount Bethel**'s Women's Fellowship sponsored a "Breakfast at Tiffany's" Women's Conference on May 21. Twelve churches in the Cana, Virginia, area were represented, and by all reports it was a huge success. Conference speaker Rev. Carol Foltz delivered an inspiring message on "Joy." The hit of the conference? Perhaps the "Cana Runway," which was adorned with "Sun" dresses, "Capri" pants, Seer "Sucker" dresses, "Evening" dresses, "Ball" gowns, "Cotton" dresses, "Tea" dresses, and some old fashioned "Bloomers."

Note from one Board of Trustees: "Much to the delight of many, the leaking roof problems in the Sanctuary and Office have been resolved." What, did it quit raining?

*Submitted by Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives*

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## *PEC News July 2016*

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC continued the invitation process for individuals to serve on the Planning Committee for the 2018 Synod; and approved use of the "Living the Essentials" framework as the theme for the pre-Synod conference (Feb. 2017) and Synod.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC conducted activity related to call processes for Friedland, Grace, Home, Mayodan, Moravia, New Philadelphia (Associate); and made arrangements for the Rev. Kevin Conley (PCUSA) to serve as intentional interim pastor at King, at the joint boards' request. The PEC reviewed the overall candidacy for ordination process and made some adjustments to various steps and stages; continued implementation of changes to the call process; met with one pastor from another denomination who is interested in service in our Province; and began plans for an initiative to assist congregations in their (re)development. The PEC worked with the pastors and church boards at Fries Memorial in arranging a leave of absence for Kelly Moore, and adjustment in ministry responsibilities for Joe Moore. The PEC approved proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Peace congregation; granted partial relief from 2016 Provincial Share allocations for two congregations; and arranged for PEC representation at a groundbreaking service at Oak Grove, July 10.

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## **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS**

PEC received updates from the Archives Commission, the Provincial Support Services Board; the Board of Cooperative Ministries; and an inter-agency task group exploring a shared database system for Provincial offices. The PEC discussed the final report from a Board Leadership survey conducted by the BCM. PEC appointed Paul Knouse and Amy Gardin to four-year terms on the Interprovincial Board of Communication; and appointed Heidi Everhart (Friedberg) to replace Chaz Snider (Little Church) on the BCM. PEC discussed a report from the Unity Women's Desk about communication efforts in anticipation of a fund-raising campaign in 2017.

## **UNITY AND ECUMENICAL**

Guthrie represented the Moravian Church in America at the PSCUSA General Assembly in June. The PEC considered membership and leadership needs for the Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee; and agreed to our Province participating (for the 3rd year) in a Missional Conference with the ELCA and Episcopal Church in Greensboro, NC in early 2017. This conference will also include participation by the AME Zion (African Methodist Episcopal Zion) church.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC assigned one of its members to interpret the work of the Conference during the Aug. 14 Children's Festival to be held in Salem; and responded with questions to a request for access to PEC minutes for a research project. The PEC reviewed and modified a proposal from the PSSB regarding sources of income to the 2017 provincial budget. PEC approved a small travel reimbursement fund to support a project to photograph the Moravian seal on display in each of our 55 congregations in advance of the 2018 Synod. PEC received and reviewed year to date financial reports of the PEC operating budget and designated fund activity and balances. The Provincial Elders' Conference meets July 11 and 25.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

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## ***Provincial Women's Board***

The Provincial Women's Board is pleased to announce the 2016 Fall Celebration on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Olivet Moravian Church in Pfafftown. Our guest speaker will be the Dr. Rev. Daniel Crews, who will be speaking about the Bible Study book for next year, "This We Most Certainly Believe: Thoughts on Moravian Theology". Make your plans now to join us for a morning of fellowship and learning. For more information contact the PWB at 336-722-4911 or [pwbmcsp@gmail.com](mailto:pwbmcsp@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Cindy Lamb*



## *Moravian Ministries Foundation*

A few weeks ago, we received word of an IRA gift to Calvary Moravian Church in Winston-Salem from a member who passed away last fall. We asked the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp, Calvary's pastor, if he would tell her story, and are pleased to share that story with you. Rev. Sapp writes:

*Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

If I've ever known a truly cheerful giver it was the late Helen Sams Peterson who entered the more immediate presence of her Savior in September of 2015. Helen's whole life was defined by giving. Whether it was giving of herself attentively in conversation, helping financially support a church project, or generously sharing with someone less fortunate, Helen seemed to thrive when she was able to give.

As one who had been blessed with resources, Helen felt it was her God-given responsibility to share with others from her abundance. She understood well the principle of Christian stewardship that in sharing we receive far more than we ever give. Helen's life was often enriched and blessed when she knew that her gifts were being used by God to make a difference in the lives of others. Following the admonition of Jesus, she did not want credit for her gifts; in fact, they were usually made in secret without anyone's knowledge.

Helen and her husband, the late Douglas F. Peterson, Jr., were devoted members of Calvary Moravian for nearly 80 years. They leave a legacy of service and generosity which will serve as an example for the generations that follow them.

Helen's legacy of generosity continued after death with a recent estate gift to the Calvary Moravian Building Restoration Fund. This gift will enable Calvary to make building improvements and help us continue to provide a safe, attractive environment for vital ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

In a newspaper clipping once received from Helen, I found these words: "GIVE: It is too short a day to be selfish." Thank you, Helen Peterson, for teaching us to be cheerful in our giving!

*Submitted by Laura Sides Watson*

**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Independence Day*

## For Your July Calendar

4.....July 4th Holiday, PEC Office closed  
4....."Psalm of Joy" lovefeast/concert, Home Church, 2:00 pm.  
7.....PSSB Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
11.....PEC Meeting  
19.....Mission Society Meeting, 7 p.m.  
25.....PEC Meeting

## Concerns and Celebrations *Ordination Anniversaries for July, 2016*

Timothy Byerly.....38 years  
Christine Clore.....11 years  
Steve Craver.....39 years  
Wallace Elliott.....55 years  
Anthony Hayworth.....8 years  
Thomas Hensley.....30 years  
Logan Jones.....33 years  
Joseph Nicholas.....34 years  
John Rainey.....28 years  
Tracy Robinson.....10 years  
Adam Spaugh.....8 years  
Heather Vacek.....4 years  
Walter Yarborough.....16 years

*Congratulations and God Bless You!*

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## Latest BCM News and Events

### ***2017 Daily Text Order Forms Available***

The 2017 Daily Text Order Forms are now available! Click [here](#) to download, or email us at [bcm@mcspp.org](mailto:bcm@mcspp.org) to request a form. Complete and mail this form to the Board of Cooperative Ministries (address information in the form), or email it to us. All 2017 Daily Texts orders arrive in October 2016 and may be picked up at the BCM offices, 500 South Church Street, Winston-Salem. We will include your invoice with your completed order. Orders must be postmarked by August 1, 2016 to receive special pre-order pricing.

### ***Moravian Leadership Network: Apply for the 2016-2017 Experience Now Apply May 1 through August 1, 2016***

Are you interested in using your God-given gifts to mobilize the Moravian church of the future? Be part of the next group of Moravians to experience the Moravian Leadership Network (MLN).

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MLN joins and strengthens current and emerging Moravian leaders through experiential, group-oriented learning. **The application period to be part of the Class of 2017 is here!** Visit our [Leadership Development webpage](#) to find more information and see what previous participants have to say about this valuable program.

***Available Now: The BCM Essentials Print Newsletter, Volume 9, Summer 2016***

Our print newsletter is available to be read now! Access it at our website, [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org) [here](#). Happy reading!

***Place Your Standing Curriculum Order Online Now!***

It's already time to begin ordering curriculum for 2016-2017!

Visit [MoravianCurriculum.org](http://MoravianCurriculum.org) between now and mid-July to place your standing order. To be sure that material is in your hands for teachers and for training, we are asking that orders be done by July 16. After that deadline, we will take orders but there are no guarantees that you will have material by a specific time and special shipping and handling charges may apply.

Thank you for your support of the Moravian Resource Center!

***Save the Date: 2016 Children's Festival & Lovefeast***

The third annual provincial event commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut will be held on **Sunday, August 14, 2016**. The event will take place at Salem Square and Home Moravian Church, with a variety of children's activities taking place between 2pm and 4:30pm. A lovefeast and special interactive children's message will be at 4:45pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds of Salem prior to the event. It should be noted that the event will be held rain or shine!

***Free Film Screening: Being Mortal***

You're invited to a free screening and discussion of the PBS program "Being Mortal" on August 17, 2016 6:30pm at Fries Memorial Moravian Church.

After the screening of the 60-minute film, you can participate in a guided conversation on how to take concrete steps to identify and communicate wishes about end-of-life goals and preferences.

More info [here](#).

***Moravian BCM Blogs***

*Living Faith Small Group Ministry Blog* by Tim Byerly *Part 1*, read [here](#) *Part 2*, read [here](#) *Part 3*, read [here](#) *Part 4*, read [here](#) *Spotlight Blog: It's Time to Be Bold Again* by Ruth Cole Burcaw Read [here](#) *Spotlight Blog: Is Your Life a Maze or a Labyrinth?* by Beth Hayes Read [here](#) *Spotlight Blog: Youth Matter!* by Doug Rights Read [here](#) *Spotlight Blog: Email Tips - CC, BCC, and Reply All* by Andrew David Cox Read [here](#)

*Submitted by Andrew Cox*

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