

## **Report To Synod 2014**

### **From: The Mission Society**

#### **Mission, Purpose and Values**

The Mission Society's aim is to partner with career missionaries, short-term missionaries, and agencies and congregations of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church to communicate the love and knowledge of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We also strive to inform and educate the congregations of the Southern Province about the various opportunities available for mission work and for support of said mission work.

All donations and bequests to the Society are used for the benefit of the mission work of the Moravian Church.

#### **Responsibilities**

None were given to us by Synod 2010

#### **Summary Of Activities**

1] Each year we distribute funds for the support of missionaries and mission work throughout the world. The following is a summary of what we dispersed in 2013:

-A \$25,000 grant to the Board Of World Mission

-\$44,113 was distributed to 14 career missionaries

-\$16,170 was distributed to 121 people to help them on short-term mission trips

-over \$6,000 collected at the annual Mission Lovefeast and distributed to 13 missionaries sponsored by the BWM and to the Southern Province Mission areas: Cuba, Peru and Sierra Leone

2] Every year we host two Province-wide events to inform and rejoice about what God is doing through Moravian Mission Work. On the first Sunday of May we hold the Mission Awareness

Dinner. On the First Sunday of November we hold the Mission Lovefeast.

3] In 2013 instead of the annual Mission Awareness Dinner we held a *90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Mission Society of the Southern Province.*

4] In April we were privileged to hold a *Partner Province Open House* at Home Moravian Church where each Province Partner Head was able to address those gathered and inform us of the Holy Spirit's work in their Province.

#### **Further Direction and Opportunities**

We see ourselves serving the membership of the Southern Province Moravian Church and will continue to focus on enabling Southern Province Moravians to serve their Savior and Lord wherever they feel the call from God, to grow in their understanding of different cultures, and to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.