

**Report to the Synod of 2014
from the
Provincial Elders' Conference**

Mission and Purpose

The Provincial Elders' Conference shall administer the government of the Province according to the Rules and Regulations laid down by the Provincial Synod to which it is responsible. (*Constitution, Section 5*). The Provincial Elders' Conference shall provide priority-based leadership of all church ministries and administer the polity of the province. (*Rules and Regulations, Section 7.1*).

Responsibilities

The duties of the Provincial Elders' Conference (*Rules and Regulations, Section 7.5*) may be grouped into three broad categories: Vision and Direction, Relationships, and Administration and Finance. Individual responsibilities with major activities since the last Synod are listed below.

Assignments from the 2010 Synod

The "Report on 2010 Synod Resolutions" provides a summary of the fulfillment of and activity related to assignments from the 2010 Synod.

Major Activities Since Last Synod

Vision and Direction

Implement strategic directives of Synod and set plans and priorities for the Board of Cooperative Ministries.

- Developed annual "Moving Forward Together" resource based on Synod directives and emphasizing two characteristics of healthy congregations each year.
- Reviewed and approved the ministry team organization and staffing configuration of the Board of Cooperative Ministries to support Synod directives.
- Included the eight characteristics of healthy congregations in Quadrennial Review materials for churches, and in annual reports from pastors and congregations.
- Opted for continued emphasis of eight characteristics in the vision discernment process for the 2014 Synod.

Manage, report and communicate progress and successes from Synod directives.

- Provided updates to congregation during Quadrennial Review meetings.
- Tracked progress on fulfillment of all 2010 Synod resolutions.
- Appointed a planning committee and provided direction and oversight for a 2012 Provincial conference focused on the new organization of our Province.
- Shared information with pastors and DCEs via briefings at the annual Moravian Ministry Association retreat.
- Provided input for the annual Provincial Stewardship presentations.

Oversee new church development.

- Due to budget limitations, we did not initiate a traditional new church start or provide financial support to emerging ministries in this inter-synodal period.
- Monitored progress and development of two emerging ministries: Anthony's Plot, intentional community; Come and Worship, worshiping community.

Relationships

Administer the call process and appointment procedures.

- Worked with 17 congregations in call processes.
- Appointed 18 pastors to serve in interim or part time appointments.
- Revised the call process and accompanying "Guidebook for Church Boards".
- Revised the Congregational Review process and forms.

Develop relationships with, and oversee, congregations including Quadrennial Reviews.

- Developed and implemented a revised format for Quadrennial Reviews.
- Completed 47 quadrennial reviews during the inter-synodal period.
- PEC members were assigned to and attended Regional Conference of Churches meetings.

Provide conflict management support as needed.

- Worked with the pastors and church boards of 11 congregations which were experiencing varying degrees of conflict. Provided consultation, support, resources and intervention.
- PEC president led a conflict transformation workshop for one Regional Conference of Churches.
- Supported facilitator training for one pastor to learn and share the Conflict Dynamic Profile (an assessment of conflict behaviors).

Oversee candidacy and clergy development.

- Reorganized the Ordination Review Committee and appointed its members.
- Created and implemented a Candidacy Committee to work with those exploring and seeking candidacy for ordination.
- Met with 9 potential and approved candidates for ordination.
- Revised and implemented the Deacon-Presbyter partnership (mentoring) for 6 newly or recently ordained Deacons.
- Approved clergy requests for continuing education grants from the Pfohl Fund (Provincial Women's Board)
- Established a sixth-month "check in" conversation with pastors beginning a new call.
- Provided continuing education grants to Directors of Christian Education through the Aldridge Education Fund.

Communicate with the Bishops' Conference

- PEC president participated in monthly meetings of the Conference, providing intercessory prayer concerns and needs.
- Invited the Bishops to provide comments and advice on faith and order matters (biblical interpretation, role and office of Provincial Acolyte), and other doctrine or polity matters.
- Approved a new expense reimbursement policy for bishops.
- Clarified the protocol for bishops participation in ecumenical consecrations (with full communion partners).

Oversee Unity and ecumenical relationships.

- The PEC president represented both Northern and Southern Provinces at Christian Churches Together.
- Appointed an official representative (Northern and Southern Provinces) to Churches for Middle East Peace.
- Appointed PEC member to participate (for 2 years) at Church Council meetings of the ELCA.
- Provided appointments to the Lutheran Moravian Coordinating Committee; the Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee, and joint appointments (with the Northern Province PEC) to the Moravian-United Methodist Dialogue Team.

Administration and Finance

Approve the Provincial Budget

- Worked closely with the Provincial Support Services Board and the Provincial Treasurer as they prepared annual budgets.
- Approved the provincial budgets for 2012, 2013, 2014.

Allocate available financial resources of the province based on Synod priorities.

- Approved a new method for calculating congregations' provincial share allocations' in 2013 and 2014 as developed by the Finance and Administrative Support Committee of the PSSB.
- Based in Synod priorities, determined how reductions in income to the Provincial Budget would be offset by reductions in expenses.

Approve congregations' requests for relief from provincial share allocations.

- Approved a total of 16 requests from congregations during this inter-synodal period. Note: some congregations made requests in more than one year.

Make appointments to boards/commissions/task forces.

- Appointed members to the Board of Cooperative Ministries, Provincial Support Services Board, Unity and Ecumenical Affairs Commission, Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission, Salem Academy and College Trustees, Salemtowne Trustees, Moravian Theological Seminary Trustees, Moravian Ministries Foundation in America Trustees.

Supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of the Province.

- Maintained active contact with Provincial boards and agencies through PEC membership on Provincial boards. Received, reviewed, and acted on regular reports from these groups.
- Initiated policy developments such as: Administrative manual for ordained clergy, severance policy for non-ordained Provincial staff, family relationships among Provincial employees, copyright policy.
- Provided oversight, consultation and approval (as needed) for selection of key staff of Provincial agencies.

Oversee Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) and Provincial Support Services (PSS)

- Appointed members of these boards per the Book of Order.
- Assigned priorities, directives, and specific resolutions from the 2010 Synod, and monitored progress and completion.
- Appointed a member of PEC to a vacancy on the BCM to increase involvement in and awareness of its ministries.

Membership and Worship Statistics

Year	Communicants	Total	Average Worship Attendance
2010	13,096	15,737	6,615
2011	13,061	15,650	6,668
2012	13,102	15,703	6,456
2013		(data not yet available)	

Membership Age Analysis *

Year	0-11	12-18	19-35	36-50	51-64	65+
2008	10%	7%	16%	17%	24%	26%
2012	10%	7%	17%	15%	23%	28%

* Notes: 1) not all churches gather and provide age information. 2) in 2012 we further divided 65+ into two categories: 65-74, 13% of the total; and 75+, 15% of the total.

Pastoral Leadership Changes Since the 2010 Synod

Pastoral Changes

2010	To:	Date of change:
David Guthrie	Provincial Elders Conference	November 1, 2010
Russell Williams	Moravia	December 5, 2010
<u>2011</u>		
Neil Routh	King	April 10, 2011
Joe Moore	Fries / PEC	November 13, 2011
Kelly Moore	Fries	November 13, 2011
<u>2012</u>		
David Marcus	Christ	April 30, 2012
Rick Sides	Home	September 9, 2012
David Merritt	Friedland	August 12, 2012
Betty Helms	New Hope (NC)	November 4, 2012
<u>2013</u>		
Jeff Jones	Bethabara	January 6, 2013
Doug Rights	Board of Cooperative Ministries	December 3, 2013
Virginia Tobiassen	Home	January 20, 2013
Andrew Heil	Hope	February 10, 2013
Zachary Dease	Mayodan	March 24, 2013
Tim Sapp	Advent	July 21, 2013
Jim Newsome, Jr.	Friedberg	July 28, 2013

Specialized Ministry

Heather Vacek	Pittsburg Theological Seminary	July 15, 2012
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Retirements

Tripp May	Bethabara	February 29, 2012
Carl Southerland	Home	June 30, 2012
Don Winters	Kernersville	December 31, 2012
Wayne Byerly	Enterprise	April 30, 2013
Tom Shelton	Friedberg	June 30, 2013
Truman Dunn	Messiah	October 20, 2013
Steve Wilson	Little Church on the Lane	November 3, 2013
Steve Craver	Rural Hall	December 31, 2013

Interim Appointments:

Steve Weisz	First, Georgia	November 1, 2011
Wayne Byerly	Enterprise	January 15, 2012
Ray Mims	Kernersville	November 12, 2012
Frank Barker	Palm Beach	April 1, 2013
Bob Peek	Providence	June 1, 2013

Ordination as Deacon

Russell Williams	November 28, 2010
Heather Vacek	July 15, 2012
Betty Helms	October 28, 2012
Jeff Jones	December 30, 2012
Virginia Tobiassen	January 20, 2013
Andrew Heil	February 2, 2013
Mohamed Braima	February 12, 2013
Zachary Dease	March 17, 2013

Consecration as Presbyter

Judy Knopf	November 14, 2010
Tim Sapp	September 25, 2011

Leaves of Absence

Suzanne Miller	From: Provincial service	January 20, 2012
Adam Spaugh	New Hope (NC)	September 21, 2011
Billy Flippin	Little Church on the Lane	November 21, 2012

Candidates for Ordained Ministry

As of February 10, 2014 there are three approved candidates for the ordained ministry: Aaron Linville (Union Cross), Will Spach (New Philadelphia), and Charles "Chaz" Snider (Little Church on the Lane). There are three individuals in the early stages of the candidacy process.

Potential Retirements

There are 11 currently active pastors who have reached or will reach the age of 65 during the next inter-synodal period (2014-2018).

Provincial Acolytes (annual appointment)

Gary Easter	Crooked Oak
Chuck Harmon	Willow Hill
Envoy Hodgson	Palm Beach (<i>retired Dec. 31, 2012</i>)
Gregorio Moody	King of Kings
Armand Sabar	Suriname Fellowship
Illovis Gonzalez	Nueva Esperanza Fellowship

Congregational Acolytes (three year appointment)

Frank Snyder	Advent	Kent Cope	Macedonia
Charles Krites	Advent	William Wood	Macedonia
Fred Francis	Advent	John Combs	Messiah
Jean Gardin	Advent	Jan Richards	New Beginnings
Robert Rascoe	Fairview	Joan Wimmer	New Beginnings
Jimmy Ebert	Friedberg	Doug Gordon	Olivet
Richard Reich	Friedberg	John Golden	Olivet
Philip Raiford, Jr.	Friedberg	Helen Davis	Olivet
Scott Brent	Friedland	Larry Phipps	Raleigh

Certifications of Directors of Christian Education

Christy Clore	November 18, 2013
Charlotte Disher	April 22, 2013
Linda Osborne	April 22, 2013
Lisa Mullen	October 7, 2013
Fran Saylor	October 7, 2013

Appointments of Directors of Christian Education

Donna Hurt	Home	August 14, 2011
Amanda Moody	Calvary	October 2, 2011
Fran Saylor	Raleigh	June 1, 2012
Christy Clore	New Philadelphia	May 26, 2013
Lisa Mullen	Kernersville	August 18, 2013

Other Appointments

Ruth Burcaw	Board of Cooperative Ministries	July 2, 2012
Beth Hayes	Board of Cooperative Ministries	May 25, 2012

In Memory

William A. Cranford

Brother William A. Cranford passed away on October 1, 2010 in Winston-Salem, NC. Bill was born June 23, 1924 and was a member of Christ Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1946 and the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA in 1949. William was ordained a deacon June 26, 1949 at Home Moravian Church and consecrated a presbyter in October, 1956 at Rural Hall Moravian Church. He married Wilhelmina Breedlove in 1951 and was married for 52 years until her death in 2004. Together they shared in ministry serving Calvary, Wachovia Arbor, Rural Hall, Fulp, Enterprise and Hopewell Moravian Churches in the Winston-Salem area. He worked on the Moravian Archives staff part-time. They also served the Fry's Valley and Dover South Churches in Ohio, along with Palmyra Moravian in Cinnaminson NJ, and Newfoundland Moravian in Newfoundland, PA. They retired in 1988 and returned to the family home place in Winston-Salem. Brother Cranford enjoyed music as an integral part of his life and was an avid reader. He will be remembered for his integrity, humility, quiet service, deep faith and love of family and friends. He is survived by five sons and a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Burial took place in God's Acre in Salem on October 23, 2010 followed by a Memorial Service at Home Moravian Church.

Dr. Samuel B. Marx

Brother Samuel Benno Marx, fondly known as Dr. Sam, died January 28, 2011 at age 92, in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born to missionary parents working with Tibetans in northern India. He grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Moravian Seminary. In 1940 he was pastor of a German speaking congregation in Vancouver, Canada. At camp Van Es in Alberta that summer he met Grace Hoppe whom he married in 1945. He attended McGill University and graduated with a medical degree in 1948. After a medical internship, they traveled to eastern Nicaragua in 1949 for medical mission work with the Moravian Church. They served the Miskitu and Creole peoples of Nicaragua and Honduras for 35 years. They built up the hospital in Ahuas, Honduras, and raised their five children there. In the 1970's Dr. Sam and Grace returned to Wapato, Washington to work at the Wapato Medical Center. After returning to serve six more years in Honduras, they returned to Winston-Salem where Dr. Sam worked in private practice in Yadkinville. He assisted pastors and taught Sunday School at Christ Moravian and until November 2010, led weekly Bible studies. He also volunteered at Sunnyside Ministry. Surviving Dr. Sam are his wife three sons, two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held February 2, 2011 at Christ Moravian Church. Burial followed in Salem Moravian Graveyard.

John Henry Kapp, III

Brother John Henry Kapp, II passed away on February 1, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC at the age of 94. He was born November 27, 1916. Rev. Kapp graduated from Moravian College in 1938 and subsequently earned a M.Div. from Moravian Theological Seminary in 1941, where he won the Hebrew and Greek prizes for the highest scholastic average and the John David Bishop Prize presented annually to the most outstanding theological student graduate. In 1942 he married Louise Bowles and they celebrated more than 68 years together. Rev. Kapp was ordained a deacon on August 31, 1941 at Bethania Moravian Church where he had a lifelong attachment. He was consecrated a presbyter at Oak Grove Moravian on June 29, 1947. Over 65 years he served as pastor at Mt. Bethel-Willow Hill in Cana and Ararat, VA; Leaksville, Eden, NC; Oak Grove, Providence, Fulp in Winston-Salem and Walnut Cove, NC; Mayodan in Mayodan, NC; Union

Cross in Winston-Salem, NC; Macedonia in Advance, NC; and after officially retiring he served again for many years at Willow Hill in Ararat, VA. He was Dean of Camp at Camp Hanes and Laurel Ridge and youth group leader at most of the churches where he served. In addition to his pastoral duties, he directed bands and choirs, taught adults and children to play and sing, and directed the Madison High School band for two years while serving as full-time pastor. He provided leadership to the Moravian Ministers' Conference, Liturgy and Music Commission for the Southern Province, Moravian Music Festivals, the Archives Board, Board of World Mission, and was secretary of the Mission Society for 40 years. Rev. Kapp was a lifelong dedicated servant of the Lord; he loved people and people loved him. His kind and genial spirit touched the lives of many. He is survived by his wife, and their daughter. A memorial service was held at Bethania Moravian Church February 6 with burial in the Bethania Moravian Graveyard.

Leslie Jill Anderson Sawyer

Sister Leslie Jill Anderson Sawyer passed away on March 9, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC. She was the wife of The Rev. Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Sawyer. She was born May 19, 1947 in Staten Island, NY. Her family attended Castleton Hill Moravian Church. She met Bob Sawyer while he was serving a Moravian congregation in Manhattan and they married in September 12, 1969. In addition to caring for her children, Jill worked at a Wall Street law firm, in a dry cleaning business, in school cafeterias, and later was founding partner of Salem Kitchen, a gourmet catering business. Jill was an active church member participating in church choirs, prayer groups, women's groups, and especially in the Candle Tea at Home Moravian Church. Sister Sawyer is survived by her husband by two sons and their wives and a grandson. A memorial service was held March 14, 2011 at Home Moravian Church with burial in God's Acre in Salem.

Lewis B. Swaim

Brother Lewis B. Swaim passed away on May 10, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC at the age of 81. He was born January 5, 1930. Brother Swaim attended Moravian College and Moravian Seminary from 1948-1955 in Bethlehem, PA. He married Eleanor Ruth on June 6, 1953. He was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on June 5, 1955 at Friedberg Moravian and consecrated a presbyter on August 26, 1962 at First Moravian in Greensboro, NC. In over 40 years of service, he was pastor for the Union Cross, Providence, First (NC), Immanuel, was the first director of the Board of Homeland Missions, and then pastor for the Covenant, Rolling Hills (FL), and Kernersville churches. After retiring in 1995, brother Swaim continued to serve as visitation pastor at Trinity Moravian and as a supply preacher. In 1984 he received a Certificate of Appreciation from then NC Governor James B. Hunt, for volunteer work done in the prison system of North Carolina. Brother Swaim is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two sons, and a grandson. His memorial service was held at Fairview Moravian Church on May 15, 2011 with burial in God's Acre in Salem.

Ray T. Troutman, Jr.

Brother Ray T. Troutman, Jr. passed away on May 27, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born in Forsyth County, NC on June 25, 1928. He graduated from Moravian College in 1950 and Moravian Theological Seminary in 1953. He married Marion Bender in 1952. He was predeceased by his wife Marion and a son, Ben. In 1992 he married Betty Fordham. Brother Troutman was ordained a deacon on June 21, 1953 and consecrated a presbyter on May 31, 1959. He served as pastor for 37 years in both the Southern and Northern Provinces. He served congregations at Messiah and Wachovia Arbor; Kernersville, Kernersville; Redeemer (FL); and the Grace (MI), and Advent (PA) congregations. After retirement in 1990, he was as minister of visitation at New Philadelphia for

12 years. Brother Troutman is survived by his wife Betty, two sons; a step-son and step-daughter; four grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on June 4, 2011 at Calvary Moravian Church where with burial in God's Acre in Salem.

Sarah Dunivant Crews

Sister Sarah Dunivant Crews, 62, wife of The Rev. Dr. Daniel Crews, Southern Province Archivist, passed away in Winston-Salem, NC on June 26, 2011. Sister Crews was born November 14, 1948 in Leaksville, NC. She graduated with a B.S. in Nursing from UNC-Greensboro and worked at Morehead Hospital in Eden and Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC as a nurse in various cardiac units. She also worked at the Moravian Music Foundation and served along with her husband in several Moravian churches. She shared her love of music in Moravian churches by singing in choirs, playing hand bells and participating in church bands. Sister Crews is survived by her husband, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. A memorial service honoring Sister Crews' life was conducted at Home Moravian Church on June 29, 2011 with burial in God's Acre in Salem.

Louise Bowles Kapp

Sister Louise Bowles Kapp, widow of the Rev. John H. Kapp, passed away on October 9, 2011 at the age of 96. She completed her BA and Master of Education Degrees at UNC-Greensboro and had a long and distinguished teaching career. In 1988 she was honored as a NC Woman of Distinction in Education. For sixty eight years Sister Kapp was a dedicated partner and church leader with her husband in ministry in numerous churches of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. She was a choir singer and soloist, Sunday School, Mission and Bible study leader. She wrote and directed several dramas, and contributed to church publications. Her writings include three books on the history of Bethania, NC. She was selected to be the first recipient of the Archie K. David Award presented by the Wachovia Historical Society in 1999. In her later years she became interested in crafts, quilting, sewing and doll-making. She made hundreds of Moravian stars and pieces of scherenschnitte. She did this work to earn money to give to the church and to her beloved Bethania Historical Association. Sister Kapp is survived by one daughter. Her memorial service was held at Bethania Moravian Church with burial in the Bethania Moravian Graveyard. The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights and the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp officiated.

Robert A. lobst

Brother Robert Allen lobst, a bishop of the Worldwide Moravian Church, died on January 2, 2012 in Winston-Salem, NC, at the age of 96. He was born July 23, 1915 in Emmaus, PA. He received degrees from Moravian College and Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary. Bishop lobst was ordained in the Moravian Church on November 12, 1939 and accepted a call to serve the church as a missionary in Nicaragua. While on missionary deputation at Camp Hanes, he met Helen Stoufer, the camp nurse. They were married several months later on October 17, 1942 and returned together to Nicaragua, where they served in pastoral ministry at Bluefields, Bonanza and Puerto Cabezas. He was consecrated a presbyter on May 25, 1947. Bishop and Mrs. lobst returned to the US in 1954. For the next 29 years, they served pastorates at Grace Moravian in Mt. Airy, NC, New Philadelphia, and Union Cross Moravian Churches in Winston Salem, NC. Bishop lobst was active in denominational ministries and served on the Provincial Elders' Conference and on the Board of World Mission. He was a lifelong advocate for overseas mission and a great encourager of missionaries. He returned several times to Central America for ministries of short duration in Nicaragua and Honduras and was a fluent speaker of Miskitu, the native language of many Moravian s there. Retiring from active pastoral ministry in 1983, Bishop lobst served several

interim pastorates and taught often on prayer. He was elected a bishop of the Unitas Fratrum and consecrated on May 21, 1989. In his remaining years he devoted himself to intercessory prayer, episcopal ministry and to the congregational life of New Philadelphia Moravian Church. He always described himself as a “lover of Jesus”. He was predeceased by a son, Samuel, who died in infancy in Nicaragua and his wife Helen, who died in 2002. He is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service was held on January 5, 2012 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church with interment in the church graveyard, God’s Acre.

Harold (Hal) David Cole

Brother Harold (Hal) David Cole passed away on January 28, 2012 in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born February 6, 1937 in Reedy Creek, NC. He graduated from Moravian College and Seminary in 1963 and earned his doctorate from McCormick Seminary in Chicago in 1989. Hal was ordained a deacon June 30, 1963 at Home Moravian Church and consecrated a presbyter on May 2, 1971 at Grace Moravian Church, Mt. Airy, NC. He married Joy Wheland Cole in 1963, while serving his first congregation, Konnoak Hills Moravian in Winston Salem, NC. He then served Grace, Mt. Airy, NC; Advent, Winston-Salem, NC; Kernersville, Kernersville, NC; Boca Raton, Boca Raton, FL; and Messiah, Winston-Salem, NC. Following that he served the denomination for six years as an Intentional Interim Pastor in many other Moravian churches. Brother Cole retired from fulltime active service in March, 2002, after which he worked part time at New Philadelphia Moravian Church as Visitation Pastor. He and Joy enjoyed traveling, visiting all fifty states and about 150 lighthouses in the US and Canada. Brother Cole was an avid golfer and sports fan, having played basketball, football and tennis in his younger years. He is survived by his wife Joy, their two daughters and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held February 4, 2012 at Unity Moravian Church in Lewisville NC.

JoAnne Atkins Chadwick

Sister Jo Anne Atkins Chadwick, widow of The Rev. Truett Chadwick, Sr., passed away on February 15, 2012 at Salemtowne Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, NC at the age of 88. Sister Chadwick graduated from Flora MacDoanld College in 1945 with a Bachelor of Music degree. She married The. Rev. Truett Chadwick in 1947 and during their fifty-four years of marriage they served seven congregations in the Moravian Church, Southern Province. Sister Chadwick taught school in several school systems in NC as well as private piano lessons. She had a beautiful soprano voice and enjoyed classical music and opera. She was also an avid sports fan. She was a member of Home Moravian Church and was a devoted wife, Grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted at Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC by the Rev. Carl Southerland and the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp with burial in God’s Acre at Bethania Moravian Church.

Lois Audrey Freise Crain

Sister Lois Audrey Freise Crain, 78, passed away unexpectedly on May 11, 2012. She was born on August 23, 1933, attended high school in West Lafayette, Indiana and got a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University. It was at Purdue University that she met her husband, Richard Crain. They were married for 46 years. Lois worked for 14 years in the Provincial Treasurer’s Office of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. Sadly, Lois had retired less than a month prior to her death. She was preceded in death by her husband, and is survived by two sisters, and their families. A memorial service was held May 24, 2012 at the A. K. Davis Center, in Salem.

Kenneth W. Robinson

Brother Kenneth William Robinson, 84, of Winston Salem, NC passed away May 14, 2012. He was born February 9, 1928 in Reading, PA. He graduated from The Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA, 1951. He earned his Doctorate degree at the South Eastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC in 1982. Brother Robinson was ordained a deacon at First Moravian, Reading, PA on August 5, 1951 and consecrated a presbyter at First Moravian Church, Greensboro, NC on February 2, 1958. He began his pastoral career at Fry's Valley Moravian Church and Port Washington Moravian Church, both located in Ohio. After moving to North Carolina, he was associate pastor at Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC. He served as pastor at First Moravian Church, Greensboro, NC; Ardmore Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC; Bethania Moravian Church, Bethania, NC and returned to Home Moravian Church as associate pastor. He retired in October 1991 after 40 years of active service. Brother Robinson loved athletics, especially tennis and golf. He played the oboe in the Moravian Band and cherished the good times at his lake home. He is survived by his wife, Grace Snavely Robinson of the home; a daughter, son, and a grandson. A celebration of Brother Robinson's life was held May 17, 2012 at Home Moravian Church with the Rev. Doug Kearney and the Rt. Rev. Wayne Burkette officiating. Burial followed in God's Acre in Salem.

Edith Grey West Fry

Sister Edith Grey West Fry, wife of the Rev. John Frank Fry, passed away on September 25, 2012 in Winston Salem, NC. She was born on May 9, 1927 in Davie County, NC. During her 65 year marriage to the Rev. John Fry, they served Fulp Moravian Church in Walnut Cove, NC and Mt. Bethel Moravian Church in Cana, VA. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a member of Fulp Moravian Church. Sister Fry is survived by husband John Fry, a daughter and son, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Fulp Moravian Church in Walnut Cove, NC by The Rev. Dan Nelson and The Rev. Jim Newsome with burial in God's Acre at Fulp Moravian Church.

R. Keith White

Brother Ronnie Keith White passed away on October 25, 2012 in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born on August 1, 1953 in Ahoskie, NC. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Seminary with a M.Div. in 1979. Brother White was ordained a Baptist pastor in 1979 and served congregations in that denomination for the next 19 years. He began serving in the Moravian Church in active ministry in 1998 and was consecrated a presbyter in 2004. Brother White served at Bethesda Moravian in Winston-Salem, NC; Enterprise Moravian in Lexington, NC; and Advent Moravian, Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife, Sue Southern White.. A celebration of Brother White's life was held on October 28, 2012 at Advent Moravian Church with the Rev. Bob Peak, Dr. Cecil Cave and Mr. David Berrier officiating. Burial followed in Advent's God's Acre.

Cedric S. Rodney

Brother Cedric Sydney Rodney, 88, of Winston-Salem, NC passed away November 20, 2012. He was born October 10, 1924 in Georgetown, Guyana in South America. He graduated from Malone College in Canton, Ohio with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. Later, he received a Master of Arts degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He also attended Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree.

He completed additional post graduate studies at Oxford University, Canterbury Ecumenical School in England and at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Cedric was ordained a deacon in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Hopkinsville, KY, October 13, 1959 and was consecrated a presbyter on May 3, 1970 at the St. Philips Moravian Church. Brother Rodney was the pastor of St. Philips Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC from 1968 to 1976 and from 1984 to 2003. He also led other churches in Guyana, Ohio and Delaware. Dr. Rodney was a member of several boards in the Moravian Church: Salemtowne, Salem Academy and College, Moravian Theological Seminary, Old Salem, Moravian Historical Society and Historic Bethabara Park. Dr. Rodney also worked on the campus of Winston Salem State University for four decades in roles such as Chaplain, faculty member, and coordinator of the Joseph N. Patterson and the James A Gray Lecture series. Brother Rodney is survived by his wife, Dr. Mae Lipscomb Rodney; three children from a previous marriage; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. A celebration of Brother Rodney's life was held November 26, 2012 at Home Moravian Church. Burial followed in God's Acre in Salem.

James L. Johnson

Brother. James L. Johnson, husband of Edith Tesch Johnson, passed away June 29, 2013. Jim was born September 10, 1934 in Winston-Salem, NC, received a BA degree from Moravian College in 1956 and an MDiv degree from Moravian Theological Seminary in 1959. He was ordained June 21, 1959 at Friedland Moravian Church and consecrated a presbyter January 15, 1967 at Little Church on the Lane. Jim served as associate pastor and then pastor of Little Church on the Lane, in Charlotte, NC from 1959 to 1972, followed by 27 years of community leadership with United Family Services in Charlotte. In 2002, Jim was recognized for his ministry to the needs of families and his community in receiving the John Hus Award from Moravian Theological Seminary. A funeral service was held July 27, 2013, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte. Jim is survived by his wife, Edith, one son, two daughters, and two grand-daughters.

Melvin R. Klokow

Brother Melvin R. Klokow died in Fort Lauderdale, FL July 29, 2013, at the age of 91. Born in Watertown, WI, Mel later attended Moravian College and Seminary. Melvin was ordained a deacon on March 2, 1947 at the Mamre congregation in Wisconsin, and consecrated a presbyter August 20, 1950 at Daggett, Michigan. He married Helen Keil at First Moravian Church (NY) in 1949, and they served the Lord together at the Daggett and Grace congregations in Michigan, as missionaries in Bethel, AK, at John Heckewelder Memorial congregation, Gnadenhutten, OH, and the Coral Ridge congregation, Fort. Lauderdale, FL. In Florida, Melvin was instrumental in supporting the early development of the Prince of Peace congregation in Miami, and as a leader of the Florida District of our Province. Helen preceded Mel in death September of 2008. In addition to their 4 children, Mel and Helen were blessed with 9 grand-children and 13 great grandchildren. Memorial services were held September 15, 2013 at Prince of Peace Moravian Church, Miami, FL and also in California, where family members currently live.

James H. Hicks

Brother James H. Hicks, Jr. passed away Friday, November 8, 2013 in Winston-Salem, NC. James was born in Forsyth County, May 27, 1967 and was baptized at Enterprise Moravian Church in 1986. He graduated Appalachian State University in 1991 and from Moravian Theological Seminary in May, 1995. He was ordained June 25, 1995 at Enterprise Moravian Church and served the Providence congregation. He taught in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and at

Forsyth Technical Community College. He also served as a chaplain with the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department and Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. James enjoyed reading about the history of the Civil War and was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He also enjoyed tracing his family genealogy. Surviving are his wife, Sara Hughes Hicks; a son, James Vance Hicks; a daughter, Katherine Lynn Hicks; his parents of Lexington; his grandfather, John E. McGrady, of Traphill, N.C. A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 13 at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel, with the Rev. Russell Williams officiating. A graveside service was conducted at 3:00 p.m. at Old Roaring River Baptist Church in Traphill, NC.

Joseph N. Kelly

Brother Joseph Nelson Kelly (Joe) passed away on November 18, 2013, in Miami, FL. He was born in Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua on March 2, 1939. He graduated in 1961 from the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, and completed his theological education with studies at the Instituto Biblico Moravo in Bilwaskarma, Nicaragua, the Seminario Biblico Latino Americano, San Jose, Costa Rica, and the United Theological College of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. Joe was ordained a Deacon in December 1965, and consecrated as a Presbyterian in 1974. He served as a pastor of congregations in Pearl Lagoon, Puerto Cabezas, Bluefields and again in Pearl Lagoon. After completing studies in Jamaica, due to political unrest in Nicaragua, Joe went to the island of Grand Cayman to assist in the establishment of the Moravian Church there. From Grand Cayman he came to Florida and worked as a volunteer with the West Palm Beach congregation and also with Prince of Peace church. At Prince of Peace he joined the choir, played in the church band and helped with the Sunday School, and wrote lessons used in Vacation Bible School there and in Bluefields, Nicaragua. Rev. Kelly is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Mable Ann, two daughters and a son, and several grandchildren. A funeral service was held November 23, 2013 at Prince of Peace Moravian Church, with burial following at Dade Memorial Park, Miami.

Bobbie Jean Brown May

Sister Bobbie Jean Brown May, 82, of Winston-Salem, passed away Monday, December 30, 2013. Bobbie was born on July 29, 1931 in Forsyth County, NC. Bobbie graduated from Griffith High School in 1949, received an AB degree from High Point College in 1957, an MA degree from Appalachian State University in 1976, and an Ed. S. Degree in 1979 from Appalachian State. In 1982 she attained a Reality Therapy Certification in Los Angeles, California. She was a dedicated wife, mother, teacher and friend, and also had a great love for music, singing and playing the flute. Through her career Bobbie taught kindergarten, first and second grades at schools in Winston-Salem, NC, Bethlehem, PA, and Charlotte, NC. She participated in several professional organizations for educators and in 1978 was nominated for the Governor Terry Sanford Achievement Award. Bobbie is survived by her husband, Rev. Dr. Henry May, Jr.; four children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A funeral service was held Thursday, January 2, at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel, Winston-Salem, NC, with a private burial following in Yadkin County.