

Report to the Synod of 2018

From: the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission

The Interprovincial Faith and Order (F&O) Commission is made up of appointed members, 7 from the Northern Province and 5 from the Southern Province. There are both lay and clergy on the Commission and an attempt is made to have a bishop from each Province sit on the Commission. For the first two years of the intersynodal period, the F&O Commission met once a year alternating between North and South. Due to work on a new catechism, we are now meeting twice a year, once in the North and once in the South. At each meeting, there is an attempt to meet with the President of the Province in which we meet.

The F&O Commission's purpose is to review issues of faith and order which arise from synods, Provincial Elder Meetings or come to the Commission out of interest from the members. The F&O Commission is an advisory group to the PECs of the Northern and Southern Province. All material must be approved by the PECs before it can be made public.

During the intersynodal period the Commission has: Responded to a paper published by the World Council of Churches, "The Church, Towards a Common Vision". This paper picked up ecumenical matters since the paper on baptism, eucharist and ministry. We reviewed and revised two brochures printed by the Board of Communication on the Moravian Church. We also discussed guidelines in having interfaith dialogue.

The major work of the F&O Commission over the past two years has been work on a new catechism for the Moravian Church. The goal is to have a new catechism in place by spring of 2019.