



**The Unity Women's Desk**  
**Standing With Our Sisters:**  
***Empowering Moravian Women Around the World***  
Report to the Provincial Elder's Conference, 12/31/17

To help the Unity Women's Desk achieve its vision, we began our first capital campaign, *Standing With Our Sisters*, on March 12, 2017, with a goal of raising \$250,000 to strengthen and expand our work in four areas:

We have a dedicated capital campaign steering committee led by Dr. Phil McKinley (member of Home Moravian Church) and Ms. Sallie Greenfield (member of Kernersville Moravian Church) with the Moravian Ministries Foundation serving as campaign counsel. After our March 12, 2017 campaign kick-off event at Fairview Moravian Church, members of the committee began visiting our most dedicated supporters and making the case for the campaign. It is with great joy that we share that we reached the original campaign goal of \$250,000.00 as a result of these visits and the generosity of those who believe in our mission.

In late September we mailed a campaign brochure to every household in the Southern Province. We also identified a new priority for the six months that remained on our campaign: raising funds for women who are planning to go into the ordained ministry.

As of December 31, 2017, *Standing With Our Sisters* had raised \$389,653.95 from 135 giving units (individuals, couples, congregations, congregational groups, Moravian groups, businesses, or Donor Advised Funds). These donors represent 25 congregations in the Southern Province. We are thankful for the overwhelming support we have received and what it will mean for Moravian women and girls around the world.

From the campaign, we also **have five new named scholarships** for the following purposes:

- to support women who want to go to nursing school
- to assist women in Sierra Leone
- to support women who want to go to university, seminary, or nursing school
- to provide educational scholarships to girls and women
- to support women who want to go to seminary

All donations not designated for a particular purpose will be allocated in the usual manner of the UWD: Scholarships (40%); Project grants (20%); Loans (20%); and Leadership and development (20%).

We will celebrate *Standing With Our Sisters* with a Lovefeast on Sunday, March 18, 2018, at 4:00 pm at Home Moravian Church. Sr. Angelene Swart, of the Advisory Board—Africa Region—will bring the message on “Standing with Our Sisters” and our gratitude to those who have given so generously. The Moravian Ministries Foundation will continue to receive and deposit campaign gifts for the duration of our donors' pledge periods.