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IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO
RAISED JESUS FROM THE
DEAD DWELLS IN YOU, HE WHO
RAISED CHRIST JESUS FROM
THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE
LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT WHO
DWELLS IN YOU.
ROMANS 8:11

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Praise O praise our God and King . . . for his mercy still endures, ever faithful, ever sure. Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May God's glory and grace abound. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *(Romans 8:1)*

Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-3

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,

People: *Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.*

Opening Hymn: 484 – *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1 – 13

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession

Hymn 197 – *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

Welcome

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:10 – 13

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1 – 11

Hymn of Preparation: 8 – *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer:

✠ **Commitment & Intercession**

✠ **Blessing of Tithes & Offerings**

Celebrations & Notices

Hymn 302 – *Be Thou My Vision*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Opening Hymn: 484 –

**My God how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!**

**O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me, thy sinful child.**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!**



Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1 – 13

- 1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.**
- 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.**
- 3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.**

- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:
- 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
- 7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
- 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.
- 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
- 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Intercession



Hymn 197 –

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**



Welcome



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:10 – 13

- 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:**
- 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**
- 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**



Second Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1 – 11

- 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.



Hymn of Preparation: 8 –

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!

Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,

Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me.
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee.

Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer:

- 🔱 Commitment & Intercession
- 🔱 Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Celebrations & Notices



Today: *Angela Applewhaite*

Advanced: *Lionel Hewitt (13th), Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves (14th), Ashlee Brathwaite (15th), Mavis Nicholls (17th), Andrin King (18th)*



Congratulations to: Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who are celebrating their 12th wedding anniversary today; Bro. Adrian & Sis. Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on July 15, 2020; Bro. Sylvanus & Sis. Diana Boyce who will celebrate their 15th Wedding Anniversary on July 16, 2020.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. The Board of Management of the Grace Hill Moravian Preschool is inviting applications for the post of Supervisor to lead in the management of the Grace Hill Moravian Preschool, starting September 1, 2020.**
 - † Persons applying should have: (i) A certificate in Early Childhood Education, (ii) Certificates in at least four (4) CXC CSEC subjects or equivalent, including English Language and Mathematics, (iii) At least five (5) years teaching experience in a preschool or child care setting, (iv) A certificate in Educational Management.**
 - † Evidence of involvement in the life of the church will be an asset.**
 - † The Supervisor will be responsible for: the day to day administration at the school; the development of social relations and spiritual growth in the school; the supervision and assistance of staff in their day to day activities; the educational development of the school; any other duties that may be deemed reasonable by the Board of Management.**
 - † Interested persons should submit a letter of application, with a full resumé, and the names of two referees to the Chairman, Board of Management, Grace Hill Moravian Preschool, Moravian Conference Office, D. C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas on or before July 15, 2020.**
- 2. The Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union Office hours with effect from Tuesday, June 30th until Friday, August 29th will be as follows:**
 - ‡ Tuesdays – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
 - ‡ Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
 - ‡ Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- 3. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.**
- 4. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.**



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

- 1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.**
- 2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.**
- 3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.**
- 4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;**
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;**
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.**
- 5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.**
- 7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
- 8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
- 9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;**
 - Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;**
 - The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
- 10. Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.**
- 11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
- 12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**
- 13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.**



Hymn 302 –

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.**



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

This Week:

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)

Wednesday: Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



IN THE MONTH OF JULY

- **The Conference at Prayer – via Zoom, Saturday, 25th 6:00 a.m. Please request of the Pastors that the Meeting ID and Password to be sent directly to you.**



AVAILABLE:

- **Offering Envelopes for 2020 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.**
- **Missionary Collection Boxes – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.**
- **Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.**
- **The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.**



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.



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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

St. Thomas	1732
St. Croix	1734
St. John	1741
Antigua	1756
Barbados	1765
St. Kitts	1777
Tobago	1790
Trinidad	1890
Tortola	1993
Grenada	

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To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
cc Members of PEC, Bishops

From: Rev. Algernon Lewis
Chair of PEC 

Subject: Welcome back

Date: July 10, 2020,

Ref: PEC 145/20

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

Welcome back to the familiar space of the sanctuary albeit under unfamiliar circumstances. Over the period of response to the Covid19 crisis, we have been tried and tested in many ways but the grace of God has sustained us and we are still here. The coming months will also continue to test our resolve, our faith, our ingenuity among other things.

While the times remain uncertain, the witness of the Bible says, “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b). God is in this with us! We can therefore look to the future with hope.

In the meantime, let us promote the bonds of fellowship and maintain our financial stewardship. Stay connected with your pew brothers and sisters as well as your group members. We need each other to make this journey even more meaningful.

The Hymnwriter reminds us:

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.



Unity Information Newsletter

Published June 3rd, 2020

Newsletter back again

Dear sisters and brothers, receivers of the Unity Information Newsletter! The Newsletter is back, and we are happy to send it. Due to several circumstances, including the pandemic, the Newsletter was not published for some months. We are very interested in receiving news from many Moravian Provinces and Churches. Please send it to boytler@ebu.de



Youth on Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center, Palestine Receive Online Training



The Moravian Rehabilitation Center on Star Mountain near Ramallah (Palestine) had to close down at the outbreak of the Corona crisis, a measure which had a very unfavorable impact on the children and young people. The staff in the integrative kindergarten, the vocational support centre and the outpatient village work, who are currently not allowed to carry out their work directly, asked the students and their parents to practice what they had learned, at home. They gave children and adults appropriate advice and visual online support.

New Youth Communication Platform Set Up

On April 25, 2020, the Unity Youth Desk called upon the youth of the worldwide Moravian University to join a newly established Facebook group. Sis. Georgie Jiřina Čančíková, the Czech leader of the Unity Youth Desk, writes: First and foremost, we would like to invite the youth leaders in the individual congregations of the worldwide Moravian Church to join this group. There we can exchange ideas, ask each other questions, discuss and share good ideas". The "Unity Youth Desk", like the "Unity Youth



Committee", was only established by the 43rd Unity Synod in Montego Bay, Jamaica, in 2016. It is currently preparing the third "Moravian Youth Heritage Tour", which shall take place in Tanzania in 2022, where by far the largest number of members of the Unity of Moravians live.

Mission Work among the Sukuma in Tanzania

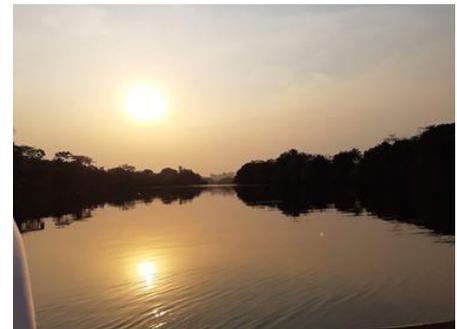
The Sukuma people settle mainly on the southern shore of Lake Victoria in Tanzania. There there are 13 congregations which are part of the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania. The Provincial board of

this Province had asked the North American Moravian Church to help with church planting and other projects (open air evangelism, scholarships for various training courses, distribution of Bibles, hymnals and liturgies, building of churches, church halls and manses). The North American "Board of World Mission" reports on what has been developed over 20 years in an article "Sukuma Outreach" on April 27, 2020. The building projects, which are now in their final stages and in which a great deal of the congregation members' own efforts are invested, are contributing to the fact that the Moravian Church in this relatively remote region is becoming more and more established.



Visitation of the Mission Area Sierra Leone

In February 2020, a national church conference was held in Sierra Leone, a mission area of the worldwide Moravian Church. The conference looked back at the growth of the Moravian community in the country to date and looked at the further consolidation of the work. In the sidelines of the conference, several guests from the worldwide Moravian Unity, including Br. Jørgen Bøytler (DK), the Unity Board Administrator, had the opportunity to visit congregations. The small group was led by Sis. Safiatu Braïma, the leader of the Moravian Church in Sierra Leone and widow of the church founder who died in 2018. In Yandohun, the guests visited a new, very simple church, where 38 to 45 church members gather for weekly services. Plans were made to replace the provisional church with a stable construction



Moravian Fellowship during Coroana Times in Suriname

Also Much is being done in the Surinamese Unity Province to keep the congregations connected during the lockdown, which forced the churches to close its doors. On Sunday, 3 May 2020, a service lead by Br. Michael Persaud from the "Elizabeth Kerk" in Boxel, south of Paramaribo was broadcast. Also, the "birthday" of the watchwords was remembered. The first Watchwords were given out by N. L. v. Zinzendorf on May 3, 1728, in an evening service in the that time congregational hall in Herrnhut. In a Facebook post it is asked: "Which book are you reading at Corona time when you have more time? How long has the book been on your shelf? Let us know!". In another post, church members are asked to tell what old or new hobby they have or what handicraft technique they love.

Call for Special Corona Offering in Germany

Every week, the Moravian Church in Germany receives calls for help from other Moravian Provinces that are severely affected by the Corona crisis. In many countries people have no possibility to get medical care. They have no savings and starve when their meager earnings fail to buy the much needed materials. Brothers and sisters in Albania already distribute food parcels to about 200 families threatened by hunger every day. The ministers of the Moravian Church in Africa are dependent on help because their salaries can no longer be paid. The hospital in Mbozi (Tanzania) even has to turn

away terminally ill people because there are no medicines available. In view of this, the Provincial Board of the European Continental Province was asking for special offerings on Sunday Rogate (May 17, 2020) and on Ascension Day (May 21, 2020) for the benefit of the emergency fund.

Attack on the Churchbuilding in Musawas, Nicaragua



In Musawas, an important Moravian village in the Mayangna area in the north-east of Nicaragua, the shell of a new, simple church is now under construction. The reason for the new building is not, that the old church and the manse had not collapsed or been washed away by the floods but were forcibly taken over in a two-day fight by a group that split from the Nicaraguan Province in 2019. Among others, one of the bishops of the Moravian Church was attacked and driven away: Br. Rogelio Juan Zacarias, the first and only bishop from out the Mayangna people. After days of mourning, crying and fasting, the leaders decided to build a new church in the outskirts of the village. Until its completion, for which the local sisters and brothers want to contribute at least 40 percent themselves, the congregation will gather in the open under a large tree.

News from the Feeding Programme in the "Dzaleka Refugee Camp", Malawi

In the UNHCR "Dzaleka Refugee Camp" near Lilongwe, the Moravian Church in Malawi is running a feeding programme for several hundred children. The church there is supported in their endeavours by the German Moravian Mission Society (Herrnhuter Missionshilfe). Although this programme is very



well received by the children and their parents, the government and UNHCR have recently informed those responsible that no more food is to be prepared centrally for the children. Instead, bags of "Likuni Phala" (a special type of flour made from corn and soya flour and enriched with vitamins and minerals) will be given to the children to take home and their parents shall prepare a meal for them. Since Monday, 18 May 2020, the Moravian Church distributes 4 kg (8 pound) of "Likuni Phala" to each child every

week. This offer is only for children in kindergarten, primary school and standard 1 and standard 2 schools.

Women Worldwide united in Fighting Covid 19

In an impressive way the "Unity Women's Desk" shows in its prayer list of May 2020 that the worldwide Moravian Unity is united in the fight against the social consequences of Covid-19. In Greyton (South Africa) women – with masks and under prayers – cook and distribute soup for about 100 hungry people.



In the "New Beulah Moravian Church" (Jamaica) sisters gather small food packages for the needy inside and outside their own congregations. In Burrell (Albania), young people organized a relief action to bring essential things to the neighbors. In numerous provinces of the global South and North, sisters and brothers have been sewing masks and protective clothing for neighbors or for local institutions for many weeks.



Jamaica



Albania



Worldwide

"All African Conference of Churches" Positions itself in the Corona Crisis

The "All African Conference of Churches" (AACC) positioned itself on April 30, 2020 on the corona crisis. As its General Secretary Fidon Mwombeki (Tanzania) pointed out, the churches in Africa recognized that Covid-19 was also a serious threat there. Together with governments, they have established rules of conduct to prevent the spread of the virus. As public opinion leaders, the churches communicated these provisions to the congregations and supported their members in implementing them. " it is well known that in Africa, churches contribute a large portion of health services, especially in remote and rural areas. In this way churches are using their medical facilities as frontline responders. " The churches are thankful to God that the virus has so far largely spared rural areas. More [here](#).

Food Aid for Moravians in Honduras



In Honduras, travel restrictions enforced in connection with the Corona crisis have drastically reduced the availability of food in the remote communities where many Moravian congregations are located. In consequence from this food is often offered at inflated prices. For this reason, Br. Raby Becam, Chairman of the Honduran Unity Province, approached the North American "Board of World Mission" for assistance in purchasing food. The "Board of World Mission" decided to send money to the brothers and sisters in Honduras from

its "Moravian Disaster Response Fund". In the meantime, some much-needed food and supplies have arrived at the congregations and thus prevent the people from starving.

Home Schooling in Suriname



Home schooling is currently being introduced in the three dozen primary schools of the Moravian Church in Suriname, because of the corona crisis. The teachers are being supported as much as possible by the "Stichting Onderwijs", the school foundation of the Suriname Moravian Church. The government closed all schools on March 16, 2020. There is a total curfew from 20.00 to 06.00 o'clock. Tourism came to a complete standstill. On April 8, 2020, the National Assembly declared a state of emergency for three

months. The measures were successful, as there were no more new infections. As far as homeschooling is concerned, the teachers put simple tasks or instructions on the Internet, where they can be accessed by the children and their parents. There is no real-time online teaching in Suriname.

International Online Service in Lima, Peru

Br. Manuel Verástegui, minister of the "Somos Uno" (We Are One) Moravian Church in Lima, Peru, has offered online church services to his congregation in Corona times. Br. Justin Rabbach, Executive Director of the "Board of World Mission" and Br. Sam Gray Director of Mission Outreach and one of the bishops in the North American Southern Province have had the opportunity to "preach in Peru" as part of those livestreams. Peru currently has almost 80,604 cases COVID-19 and more than 2,267 people have died as a result of it. The congregation "Somos



Uno" is one of the four Moravian Churches in Peru that were established after 2011: two in Peru and two in Chiclayo. In addition, there are several preaching stations as well as congregations under construction, also in the tropical rainforest.

Suriname, Covid19 and elections

On May 17, services started again in the churches in line with softening of corona measures, restricted to 50 persons and under appropriate health measures. Suriname had no known cases of Covid19. That was two weeks before election day on May 25. Elections results are not yet fully official; however it is clear that the current government lost - (from 26 seats in parliament to 15 of 16). The Hervormings Party gained 20 seats and can form a government in coalition with some other parties. Elections were very much in the focus, and Corona on the backburner. The president, who was sentenced to 20 years of prison because of the December murderers from 1982 and until now saved by virtue of his presidency, tries to deny his loss. The number of Corona cases increased by four. The restrictions were sharpened (not more than 10 persons in one place), The church followed suit and sent Pentecost Sunday morning at 7 o'clock a message via social media that the doors of the church had to be closed again. We did nevertheless with a drastically reduced number of congregational members the confirmation service, which was rescheduled from Palm Sunday.

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