The Mission

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: **Welcome to all on this Missions Sunday as we assemble to worship and prepare ourselves to go out with the Gospel of Christ. Welcome, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us online, at home or abroad. May God empower us as we worship.**

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WATCHWORD: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ***(Leviticus 19:2)***

Provincial Theme 2026:

"Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!"

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Introit – Choir
Call to Worship (Psalm 96:1 – 2, 4):
Leader: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**
Congregation: ***For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.***
Hymn 473 – *"Ye Servants of God"*
Litany for Mission & Evangelism p. 174 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected
Worship in Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Sentence: ***"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord" (Exodus 35:5).***
Offertory Hymn – *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus"*
Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Doxology: "*Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks"*
Greetings, Celebrations & Notices
Missions Brief
Adoration in Song & Roll Call of Groups:
Elders: 221 – *"Oh What A Saviour That He Died For Me"*
Women: 411 – *"Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying"*
Men: 421 – *"Far, Far Away (Go Ye Into All the World)"*
Stewards: 439 – *"Facing a task unfinished"*
Youth: 11 – "*Sing Them Over Again To Me"*
Ministry of the Word
First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 7:1 – 11 – Bro. Christon Skeete
Second Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 8 – Sis. Madison Browne
Choir Anthem – *"Make Me A Blessing"*
Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*
Prayer of Commitment & Intercession
Hymn of Response – *"To the Work! To the Work!"*
Financial Report
Courtesies
Hymn – *"We've A Story To Tell To the Nations"*
Benediction
Organ Postlude

Organ Prelude

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Opening Hymn: 473 –

Ye servants of God,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious,
And rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save;
And still he is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus our King.

Salvation to God,
Who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
And honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
And worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,
And give him his right,
All glory and power,

All wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing,
With angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing,
And infinite love.



Mission and Evangelism

(p.173 – CMP Liturgy Book)

All standing.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.
They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.
Your rule is eternal and you are King forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.
You are near those who call to you – who call to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honour you; you hear their cries and save them.
We will ever praise you Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.

TUNE: NATIVITY (# 309)
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We praise you God for what you did
For those you chose to lead
Who spread God's message near and far,
Planting the Gospel seed.

We thank you for their well-done work
They laboured long and hard.
Fought many battles, many won,
Declaring Christ is Lord!

Lord of all times we honour you
Give us the strength like them
To boldly speak your Word today,
So souls won't be condemned.

2008. Joan A. Smith

Let us pray:

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words and actions which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the Church we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.
Hear the words of our Lord: '*I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again*'.
God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, gave life and breath to everyone. And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called You and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through You I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through You I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark places.

TUNE: JESUS SAVES

We have heard the joyful sound – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free To every strand that ocean laves,
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Priscilla J. Owens (1829 - 1907)

God's call to mission summons a response. Today, God asks: whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

Like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips, 'I will go. Send me!

This is the good news, that through Christ's death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings and live as members of the same body.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

Jesus said: Those who serve me must follow me and the Father will honour them.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

All seated.

Let us pray: Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ, commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone: grant us a ready will to obey your Word; and as we enter into the lives of others, help us to serve you. Give us greater zeal for mission. Make us more ready and more diligent by our prayers, by our gifts, and by our example to spread abroad the knowledge of your truth and to enlarge the boundaries of your kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us and may we do all to your glory. Inspire our witness to Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Amen.

God, we thank you that through Jesus Christ, you have called your Church to be your light to the world. We pray for the Moravian Unity, the Church Universal and the ecumenical institutions which work for the advancement of God's Kingdom, (the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, the Caribbean Conference of Churches and the National Council of Churches). We lift before you all other Church related organizations that minister your love and saving grace. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

We remember in prayer all who suffer because they have named you as Lord. May they be strengthened to endure every test and trial which comes upon them. Strengthen them in the hour of temptation. Give courage, insight and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the Gospel to those yet unreached. Saviour, grant that your Church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

All standing.

TUNE: MOSCOW

Christ for the world! we sing:
The world to Christ we bring With loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing:
The world to Christ we bring With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost, By restless passion tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost From dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing:
The world to Christ we bring With joyful song;
The new-born souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.

Samuel Walcott (1813 – 1886)



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: ***Welcome to all on this Missions Sunday as we assemble to worship and prepare ourselves to go out with the Gospel of Christ. Welcome, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us online, at home or abroad. May God empower us as we worship.***

Offertory Hymn – ***"I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus"***

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemn'd unclean.

How marvellous! how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvellous! how wonderful,
Is my Saviour's love for me!

For me it was in the garden
He prayed "not my will, but thine,"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden of Calv'ry,
And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransom'd in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Missions Brief



Adoration in Song & Roll Call of Groups:

Elders: Hymn 221 –

Oh, what a Saviour – that He died for me!
From condemnation He hath made me free;
'He that believeth on the Son,' saith He,
'Hath everlasting life!'

'Verily, verily, I say unto you;'
'Verily, verily,' message ever new!
'He that believeth on the Son' – 'tis true! –
'Hath everlasting life!'

All my iniquities on Him were laid,
All my indebtedness by Him was paid;
All who believe on Him, the Lord hath said,
'Hath everlasting life.'

Though poor and needy, I can trust my Lord;
Though weak and sinful, I believe His Word;
Oh, glad message! every child of God
'Hath everlasting life.'

Though all unworthy, yet I will not doubt;
For him that cometh, He will not cast out:
'He that believeth,' oh the good news shout!
'Hath everlasting life.'



Women: Hymn 411 –

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Saviour has died.



Men: Hymn 421 –

Far, far away, in heathen darkness dwelling,
Millions of souls forever may be lost;
Who, who will go, salvation's story telling,
Looking to Jesus, heeding not the cost?

"All power is given unto me,
All power is given unto me,
Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,
And lo, I am with you always."

See o'er the world, wide open doors inviting:
Soldiers of Christ, arise and enter in!
Christians, awake! your forces all uniting,
Send forth the Gospel, break the chains of sin.

"Why will ye die?" the voice of God is calling,
"Why will ye die?" re-echo in His name:
Jesus hath died to save from death appalling,
Life and salvation therefore go proclaim.

God speed the day when those of every nation,
"Glory to God" triumphantly shall sing;
Ransomed, redeemed, rejoicing in salvation,
Shout "Hallelujah, for the Lord is King!"



Stewards: Hymn 439 –

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease,
We, who rejoice to know thee,
Renew before thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe thee
To go and make thee known.

Where other lords beside thee
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied thee
Defy thee still today,
With none to heed their crying

For life and love and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying,
And pass into the night.

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us
To labour for thy sake.



Youth: Hymn 11 –

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 7: 1 – 11 – *Bro. Christon Skeete*

1. Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2. Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3. And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4. If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7. Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8. And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9. Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10. So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

11. And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.



Second Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 – *Sis. Madison Browne*

1. For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2. But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4. But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

6. Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.



Choir Anthem – *"Make Me A Blessing"*



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Response – *"To the Work! To the Work!"*

To the work! to the work! We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Toiling on! … Toiling on! …
Toiling on! … Toiling on! …
Let us hope, … Let us watch, …
And labour till the Master comes.

To the work! to the work! Let the hungry be fed,
To the fountain of Life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings, *"Salvation is free."*

To the work! to the work! There is labour for all,
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be,
In the loud swelling chorus, *"Salvation is free."*

To the work! to the work! in strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labour reward;
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, *"Salvation is free."*



Financial Report



Courtesies



Closing Hymn – *"We've A Story To Tell To the Nations"*

We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right.
A story of truth and mercy
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning
And the dawning to noon-day bright;
And Christ's great kingdom
Shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and the sword
And shatter the spear and the sword.

We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who's reigning above
Hath sent us his Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

We've a Saviour to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod
That all of the world's great peoples
May come to the truth of God
May come to the truth of God.



Prayer & Benediction



Organ Postlude



"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is.
Missions exists because worship does not."
— John Piper in *Let the Nations Be Glad*



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Today: ***Hazel Carrington, Kristina Carter & Heather Hunte***
Advanced: ***Jamall Lewis & Nesha Nicholls (26th), Carmen Haynes, Akeem Holder, Dwaine Maynard & Dwight Maynard (27th), Talya Layne & Zia McClean (28th), Christon Skeete (29th), Jacqueline Walrond (31st)***



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Heather Hunte in celebration of her birthday.

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- **Today: Missionary Festival**
  - **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore.**
  - **Women's Fellowship Candlelight Service – 4:00 p.m. at the Grace Hill Moravian Church**

THIS WEEK

- **Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).**
- **Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *(Topic – Walking In Our Blessing – A Study of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians)*.**
- **Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary.**
- **Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore.**

Activities in the Month of October 2026 – Women's Fellowship Month

- **Women's Fellowship Activities for the month:**
  - **Fellowships will host the Moravian Voice Radio Programme (Life 97.5 FM, 9:30 a.m.):**
    - **Thursday, October 1st – Grace Hill**
    - **Thursday, October 8th – Mount Tabor**

- **Thursday, October 15th – Clifton Hill**
- **Thursday, October 22nd – Calvary**
- **Thursday, October 29th – Fulnec**

✞ **Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.**
✞ **Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 25th, 9:30 a.m.**
✞ **Grace Hill Moravian Preschool Fish Fry – Saturday, 31st, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **Today is Sharon's Missionary Festival. We hope to raise $15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.**
2. **You are invited to a grand Independence Luncheon in Celebration of Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence and our 5th Anniversary as a Republic on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at the D. C. Centre, Sharon; under the patronage of the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P. Contribution: $60 for Adults and Children under 12 are $30.**
3. **The results of the Women's Fellowship Quiz held on Monday, October 19, 2026: Grace Hill – 30, Calvary – 45, Sharon – 45, Bethlehem – 50, Fulnec – 55, Clifton Hill – 60, Mt. Tabor – 73, Dunscombe – 77, Centenary – 77.**
4. **We have resumed the "Basket of Hope" ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.**
5. **We are thankful for your financial support.**
   - 5.1. **We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.**
   - 5.2. **You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.**
   - 5.3. **Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian*

***Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.**

6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

6.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.

6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

6.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference).

6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



Our Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King

11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- **BUILDING FUND Envelopes – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.**
- **Missionary Collection Boxes 2026 – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- **Offering Envelopes for 2026 – 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.**
- **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – $30 / T-Shirts – $15**
- **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – $2.00.**
- **Books:**
- **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – $25; Provocation – $20.**
- **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914* – $50.**
- **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: *As Such It Is More Than Water* – $35.**
- **Greeting Cards ($2.00) and Prints ($20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.***
2. **The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis, Bro. Alvin Maynard.***
3. **World Peace**



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to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what's happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province Mission Report 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

Missions is a part of the DNA of the Moravian Church. Over the years, however, mission drift and immediate concerns have caused the church to dilute its focus on the mission of God. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment remain the mandates to which the Church must respond. As we refocus on missions in this season, let us be intentional about how the mission of the Moravian Church can serve our communities and point people to Jesus.

As a part of the Unity family, the Eastern West Indies Province contributes to missions locally and internationally. A portion of your missionary gifts supports the expansion of the Moravian witness and makes a real difference in people's lives. In addition to new mission areas in the Motherland, there is emerging work in Brazil, Peru, Korea, Bangladesh, Bolivia, and Panama. The ministry at the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre in Ramallah, Jerusalem continues despite political and economic challenges. Beyond medical services, the Centre provides educational, rehabilitation, vocational, inclusion, family support, youth, and community-based programmes.

Closer to home, congregations within the Province have been doing their part to touch lives in meaningful ways. Commendations are extended to our communities of faith that have been God's hand extended to neighbours in need. Based on reports reaching the Provincial Office, there has been significant ministry to preschools, primary schools, daycare centres, nursing homes and other vulnerable groups. When we adopt this missional posture and look beyond ourselves, we follow the example of Jesus.

Since the last missions report, the Unity relieved the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province and the Eastern West Indies Province of responsibility for the mission in Haiti. The demands of Haiti are well beyond our capacity to oversee meaningfully. We continue to pray for the mission, believing God for a breakthrough for both the church and the nation.

With limited staff, the ministry on Tortola has been without a resident pastor since 2024. Let us pray that God will raise up leaders with His heart and passion to grow the membership and complete the sanctuary.

The Grenada Mission is in transition. With the departure of Bro. Devon Mannix in 2025, the Mission was served by visiting clergy and local leadership. In August 2026, a special back-to-school fair was held in the Mount Tranquil area, the home of the Mission. The event was hosted in collaboration with Scrub Life Cares, a charity focused on menstrual health, led by Sis. Tanya Ambrose of the Cana congregation in Antigua. This missional initiative made an important statement about our commitment to the area and its people. Bro. Daniel Mark, who consistently visited the Mission, was assigned its leadership from September 2026.

This work was possible because you gave. Conferences reported receiving EC$58,151.98. A portion of this sum reaches the Provincial Office to support various ministries. May God continue to bless your resources.

Looking ahead, we trust God to raise up people to do the work of ministry. Perhaps God is already speaking to your heart about how you may play a greater role in the mission of God in the world through the Moravian Church. You are invited to speak with your pastor or someone who can help you discern your next steps.

May our passion for souls and the mission of God continue to live on.

Rev. Algernon Lewis
Chairman of PEC
September 25, 2026



PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing*. Nehemiah 13:2

Provincial Theme 2026:

"*Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!*"

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God's purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. **Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)**
   Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.
   Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. **Community Engagement**
   Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. **Sustainability**
   Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. **Asset Utilization**
   Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

   Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

   Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

   It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and

aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



MORAVIAN CHURCH – UNITAS FRATRUM

Office of the Unity General Secretary

Statement on the unlawful incursion at the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre.

On Friday 9th of October 2026, a group of about 100 Israeli settlers illegally entered the property of Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center, a Unity Undertaking of the Worldwide Moravian Church and remained there for half an hour. They broke through the security fence at the rear of the Centre and entered the site. They roamed the grounds and left again via the official entrance gate after vandalizing a greenhouse.

The Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre is situated between Ramallah and Birzeit in the northern part of the West Bank. Approximately 100 children and young people with intellectual disabilities receive care and support from 20 teaching- and caretaking staff. On behalf of the Moravian Unity, the Herrnhuter Missionshilfe in Germany is responsible for assisting and supporting the Star Mountain.

The incident has caused fear, sorrow and great concern among the staff, the children and young people and their families.

The Worldwide Moravian Church is deeply disturbed by the reports of the incursion onto the Star Mountain premises by Israeli settlers and the damage caused to the property. Such incidents are a matter of serious concern, particularly given the vulnerability of the children and young people whom Star Mountain serves. Our immediate concern is for the safety and well-being of the children and young people, their families and staff.

This incident cannot be viewed without recognizing the wider and in many ways unfortunate situation in Palestine. The events at Star Mountain further impact upon the lives, security and dignity of Palestinian communities.

The Moravian Church stands in solidarity with the Star Mountain community and Palestine at this difficult time. We continue to hold the children and young people, their families, staff and all those connected with Star Mountain in our prayers.

We pray and work for justice, peace, dignity and security for all.

We call the relevant authorities of Israel and Palestine to secure the safety and wellbeing of the children, young people and the dedicated staff of the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre.

In the name of God of peace and justice.

On behalf of the Worldwide Moravian Church

Sr. Roberta Hoey
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October 10th, 2026.

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October 31st, 2026 | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm


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The Pastor and Members of the Sharon Moravian Church
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in celebration of
Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence,
Under the Distinguished Patronage of The Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P.
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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Venue: D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas
Contribution: $60.00
Children under 12: $30.00