

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**But covet earnestly the  
best gifts: and yet show I  
to you a more excellent  
way.**

**—1 Corinthians 12:31**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Annual Church Council**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in this house or joining by way of our livestream on YouTube and Facebook. We acknowledge the majesty, the power, and the grace of God. May his name be ever praised and adored.

***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***

***(Manse: 246-546-0344)***

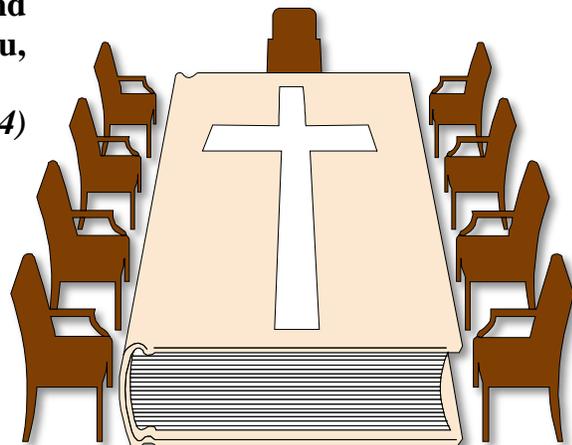
***Associate Pastor:***

***Rev. Movelle Kellman***

**WATCHWORD:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***(Psalm 19:14)***

# COUNCIL MEETING



**Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 75:1):

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!

Congregation: *For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.*

Hymn 20 – *“Praise We God the Father’s Name”*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 244 – *“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31a

Choir Anthem – *“God and God Alone”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 597 – *“We Are One In the Spirit”*

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The Doxology



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**Congregation:** *For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.*



**Hymn 20 –**

Praise we God the Father's name  
For our world's creation;  
And his saving health proclaim  
Unto every nation;  
Till, his name by all confessed  
Every heart enthroned him,  
And from furthest east and west  
All his children own him.

Praise we God the only Son,  
Who in mercy sought us;  
Born to save a world undone  
Out of death he brought us;  
Here awhile he showed his love,  
Suffered uncomplaining.  
Now he pleads for us above,  
Risen, ascended, reigning!

Grant us, Holy Ghost, we pray,  
More and more to know him,  
More and more and everyday  
In our lives to show him;  
That with hearts by thee made brave,  
Strong and wise and tender,  
We, with all the powers we have,  
Service meet may render.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Help us to adore thee,  
Till, with all the angel host,  
Low we fall before thee;  
Till, throughout our earthly days,  
Guided, loved, forgiven,  
We can blend our songs of praise  
With the song of heaven.



## Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



### Hymn 244 –

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps  
And giveth me songs in the night.



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## **Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31a**

- 12.** For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
- 13.** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- 14.** For the body is not one member, but many.
- 15.** If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 16.** And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 17.** If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
- 18.** But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- 19.** And if they were all one member, where were the body?
- 20.** But now are they many members, yet but one body.
- 21.** And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- 22.** Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
- 23.** And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.
- 24.** For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.
- 25.** That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.
- 26.** And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27.** Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
30. Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31. But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.



**Choir Anthem – “God And God Alone”**



**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Hymn 597 –**

We are One in The Spirit,  
 We are One in The Lord.  
 We are One in The Spirit,  
 We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,  
 By our Love,  
 Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,  
 We will work side by side.  
 We will work with each other,  
 We will work side by side.  
 And we’ll guard each man’s dignity  
 And save each man’s pride.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
that God is in our land.



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*Advanced: Jaylon Burke (24<sup>th</sup>), André Lewis (25<sup>th</sup>), Tyson Babb, Candace Barker, Kanessa Greenidge & Nicholas Waithe (27<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Esmay Walrond who will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 25, 2022; Bro. Victor Hurdle & Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on January 26, 2022*

## 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: Divine Worship & Annual Church Council at 9:30 a.m.

† 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).

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.

† Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.



## **IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

† Moravian Disciples Concert/Production – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

† Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. We are permitted eighty-two (82) attendees for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon, with a separation of six (6) feet between individuals or household groups. We have suspended registration for the time being. We will resume registration when our attendance approaches our limit.
2. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
3. Our Steelpan Ministry has resumed. Those who are interested should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and a few are now available only in burgundy.
5. The Moravian Church Provincial family expresses condolences to the following:
  - † Bishop Kingsley Lewis in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Christine O'Reilly, on Monday, January 17, 2022 in Antigua. Sis. O'Reilly was 88 years old.
  - † Rev. Jeremy Francis on the death of his sister Judith Ward-Hall on January 20, 2022. Ms. Ward-Hall is a native of St. Croix and died in Miami, Florida.
  - † Please prayer for Bro. Kingsley Lewis and Bro. Jeremy Francis and their families in their time of grief and loss.

6. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
  - ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - ✝ 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
  - ✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds.*
3. Our nation
  - ✝ for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.



**AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- ✦ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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**
- ✦ **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.**



**Circular from the Chairman of PEC**

**To: All Members of Staff/Congregations**  
**From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC**  
**Subject: 33rd Provincial Synod**  
**Date: January 7, 2022**

**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

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

**The Provincial Board has set the date for the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province for July 18-22, 2022. Living within this period of uncertainty necessitates that Synod be held using a hybrid/virtual model.**

**Mindful of the local pandemic protocols, each Conference in the Province is asked to prepare for the event by doing the following:**

- 1. Elect Synod delegate(s) accordance to the provisions of the Book of Order paragraph 5.4.4.7**
- 2. Submit the names of all delegates by March 31, 2022.**
- 3. Prepare all reports for submission to the Provincial Office by April 29, 2022.**

4. Prepare and submit to the Provincial Office all proposals to be considered at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod by April 15, 2022.

Information will be circulated later with pre-synod processes and procedures.

The Provincial Board has appointed Rev. Adelyn Mgonela to serve as the Synod Chaplain. The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis has been appointed Chairman of Synod. The Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner has been appointed Secretary of Synod.

One of the businesses of 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod is to approve the updated Book of Order 2020. This document has been circulated to Pastors for onward circulation to members for reflection, discussion, and amendments where needed. Please take time to review this document that governs our operations and share your feedback.

Making the SHIFT for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod means that we must reimagine Synod. The presentation of reports, Committee meetings, worship, elections, and participation of delegates and observers will be adjusted to suit the virtual platform. We have the benefit of learning from others who have gone this way before us.

Please add the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod to your prayer list that God's will be done among us.



## Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 (6) 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 six (6) 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 six (6) 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. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the 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.



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

**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC

**Subject:** Appointments of Acting Superintendent & Associate Pastor

**Date:** January 21, 2022

**Ref:** PEC 25/22

**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

1. The Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts of the Tobago Conference has resigned as the Superintendent of the Conference. The Provincial Board extends sincerest thanks to Sis. Moore-Roberts for her eighteen years of dedicated service to the Tobago Conference and the EWI Province. We pray great grace and favour upon Sis. Moore-Roberts as she continues to serve the Tobago Conference and the Province as a Minister of Christian Education.
2. The Rev. Nigel Daniel, pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda congregations in Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as the Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Tobago Conference. This appointment takes effect from February 1, 2022. Congratulations to Bro. Daniel on his appointment.
3. The Rev. Liselle Roberts, Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as the Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Moravian congregations in Tobago while continuing to serve as a Minister of Christian Education. This appointment takes effect from February 1, 2022.

Please pray for Bro. Nigel Daniel, Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts, and Sis. Liselle Roberts and their families as they answer the call of God to serve the Mission of God.

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**To:** All Members of Staff/Congregations  
**cc** Members of PEC, Bishops  
**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC  
**Subject:** Unity Sunday  
**Date:** January 21, 2022  
**Ref:** PEC 23/22

**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

March 06, 2022 is Unity Sunday. At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.

A special Unity offering will be taken in Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 6, 2022. The Unity Prayer Day Offering will benefit "Support of refugee resettlement in North America", a work done by the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) together with congregations of the Moravian Church Southern and Northern Provinces, North America. The project assists refugees in their transition from their native homelands to their new homes in North America.

Details on the project are attached.

## **PROPOSAL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN THEIR TRANSITION FROM THEIR NATIVE HOMELANDS TO THEIR NEW HOMES IN NORTH AMERICA**

### **The Need for Support**

According to UNHCR (the UN's Refugee Agency) about 450,000 refugees, more than half of whom are children, arrive in Canada and the United States each year. Refugee families arrive in North America with very few belongings after arduous journeys carrying what little they can. Upon arrival, volunteers and donations are needed to provide food, cooking utensils, hygiene items, clothing, newborn supplies, school supplies, etc. In addition to these supplies, refugees are in need of support services to help them access safe housing, transportation, language courses, medical services, job training, and more. These supplies and services are essential to providing refugee families with the best possible chance of a successful new beginning.

### **How the Moravian Church in North America is Helping**

The 2022 Unity Offering will support the resettlement efforts being undertaken by North American Moravians and our ecumenical partner agencies. Moravian congregations throughout the United States and Canada are engaging meaningfully with their local resettlement groups and are working to collect and distribute needed supplies. One congregation is currently hosting an Afghan refugee family in the wake of the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan in August of 2021. On a broader scale, the Board of World Mission has been in communication with our partner organizations, Church World Service, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and has provided financial assistance for their programs. These agencies have been working on refugee resettlement for decades, so partnering with their programs allows our contributions to be used efficiently and effectively.

The Unity Offering will support local congregations' efforts as well as the work of the BWM's partners throughout the U.S. and Canada. Below, you will find some examples of items that may be provided through the Unity Offering and their associated costs. In separate attachments, you will also find a more detailed description of the work being done to support Afghan refugees in the U.S. over the second half of 2021 as well as a personal story from the Moravians who are hosting a refugee family.

### **Some common costs associated with hosting a refugee family:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost USD</b>	<b>Cost Euro</b>
Welcome Meal	75	66
Pantry filled with groceries	250	219
Beds and bedding for a family of four	500	438
Monthly rent (dependent upon location)	1,000	876

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**To:** All Members of Staff/Congregations  
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**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC

**Subject:** Theological Education Sunday

**Date:** January 21, 2022

**Ref:** PEC 24/22

**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

Sunday **March 20, 2022** is **Theological Education Sunday**. Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?

Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe.

If you sense God calling you to deeper service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many facets. It may be within your congregation or in the Conference. It may be as a Missionary, in some Specialized Ministry, or at the Pastoral level. Be open for where the Holy Spirit is leading.

Last year you gave EC\$9158 towards theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29000. On March 20, 2022, a special offering will be received for theological education. Please give as the Lord provides.