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Sunday, July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Women's Fellowship 80th Anniversary

Theme: "Moving Forward, Standing Firm In The Lord"

9:30 a.m.

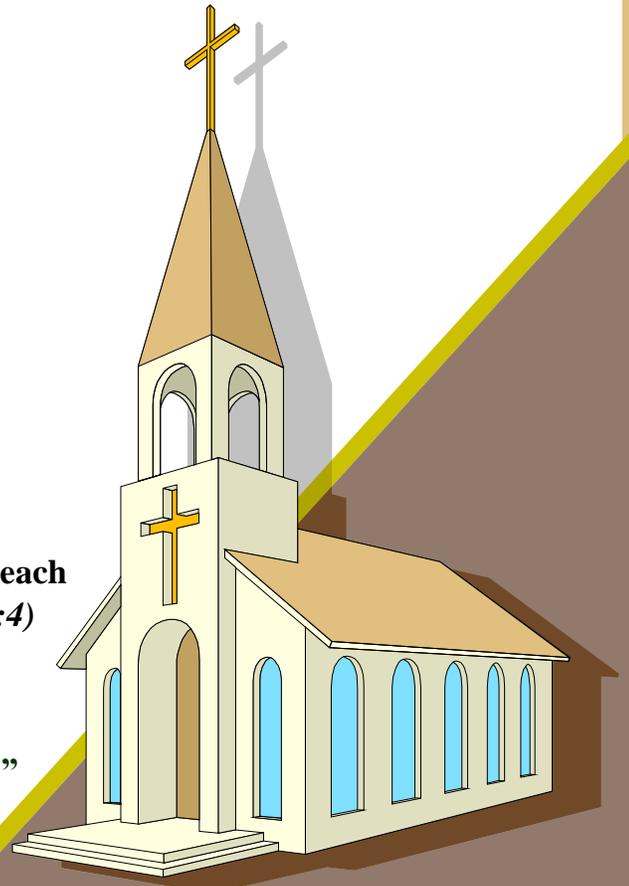
Welcome: *In his presence, there is fullness of joy.* Welcome to one and all. We are happy to have you with us today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – as we also celebrate 80 years of ministry by our Women's Fellowship. A special welcome to Rev. Beverley Pinder of the Wesleyan Holiness Church who is our guest preacher. May the love of God cause our hearts to rejoice today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
(Psalm 25:4)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 107:1-2):

Leader: *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*

Congregation: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.*

Hymn 455 – “Enter Into Jerusalem”

A Litany of Praise

Women’s Fellowship Anniversary Song: “*Pressing Onward In The Cause Of Right*” (Composed by Sis. Ashley Clarke for the 50th Anniversary)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.* (Psalm 24:1)

Offertory Hymn – *To The Work, To The Work We Are Servants Of God*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – *Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim*

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

ADORATION IN SONG

✠ 342 – “*What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine*”

✠ 499 – “*There Is A Place of Quiet Rest*”

Ministry of the Word

First Reading: Nehemiah 2:11 – 20 – *Sis. Lucine Baker*

Choir Anthem – “*Above All*”

Second Reading: Nehemiah 4:1 – 9 – *Sis. Candace Barker*

Hymn of Preparation: 527 – “*Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord*”

Sermon – *Rev. Beverley O. Pinder*

Prayer of Commitment

Hymn of Reflection: 546 – “*A Charge to Keep I have*”

Courtesies – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn – “*Standing on the Promises of God*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 455 –

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house
With the wealthy and the sick,
With the worker and the weak,
Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house
Come and run with the wind,
With the God who reigns in peace,
Let us go to God's house.

*We go celebrate, we go celebrate,
We go celebrate, Oh Israel!
Praise the name of the Lord on high,
Praise His name in song.
Praise the Lord with a heav'nly song,
With a heav'nly song
With a heav'nly song
Praise the Lord.*

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk a-down there
With the young and the old
With the little and the large,
Mek we walk a-down there.

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk a-down there
Swaying to the breeze
With the God who reigns in peace,
Mek we walk a-down there.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house
With your papa and your mama,
With your uncle and your aunt,
Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house
Run and catch the breeze
With the God who reigns in peace,

Let us go to God's house.



A Litany of Praise

Leader: Today we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Sharon Women's Fellowship;

Response: *O Lord Your works are wonderful.*

Leader: For the 80 years we have proclaimed God's Word in this place as a Fellowship;

Response: *Many, O Lord are Your wonderful words, we give you thanks.*

Leader: Numerous women of faith have been a part of the Women's Fellowship;

Response: *We lift them up to you O God.*

Leader: Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving and praise have been offered in this place;

Response: *They are more than can be numbered.*

Leader: We offer up all our activities in praise to You O God;

Response: *O Lord Your works are wonderful.*

Leader: With thanksgiving for the past; with joy in the present and with hope for the future; we celebrate this anniversary.

Response: *O Lord, your works cannot be numbered.*

Leader: Father, in this time of celebration we offer special words of praise as we think of the women on whose shoulders we now stand: Sisters Maude Gubi, Madge Moore, Elva Kitson, Athalie Blackman, Euretha Ramsay, Ethel Hutson, Gloria Skeete, Velma Sealy, Armintha Dean, Ciana Downes, Jocelyn Connor, Lelia Gibbs, Hazel Carrington, Etwin Parris, Norma Nicholls, Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle and Joan Taylor.

Response: *Many O Lord are their wonderful works.*

Leader: We take a moment of silence for those who have passed to higher service: Sisters Enid Jemmott, Eunice Applewhaite, Grethel Smith, Erla Reid, Eunice Bowen, Lena Cordice and Muriel Moore. They have taken their flight to a higher call in the Holy Hills of Heaven;

Response: *And their spirits are free.*

Leader: As we think of the past and look to the future, we vow anew to walk in Your ways. In times of triumph and in times of failure, we will keep on singing: Lord Your works cannot be numbered.

Response: *Amen.*



Women's Fellowship Anniversary Song: *"Pressing Onward In The Cause Of Right"* (Composed by Sis. Ashley Clarke for the 50th Anniversary)

O Lord of Hosts we call
Upon Thy name this day;
Shower down Thy blessings on us all,
And hear us when we pray.

The years that we have spent
In service here on earth
Were blessed ones which Thou hadst lent
To make us show our worth.

We've never been alone;
We have a loving guide;
Now we have reached this great milestone,
'Cause Thou art by our side.

While on life's pilgrimage,
So fraught with doubts and fears,
Our Fellowship has reached the age
A ripe full eighty years.

Often grows dark the night,
Then toil seems drear and long;
We're 'Pressing Onward for the Right'
Which triumphs over wrong.

Our prayers to Thee O God,
May we Thy laws obey,
Tread in the paths Thyself hast trod,
To show the lost the way.

Accept our feeble praise,
And bless our offering,
When high our hearts and voices raise,
In thanks for everything.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices – Rev. Ezra Parris



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1)*

Offertory Hymn – “*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 pray
And labour 'til 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 battle, 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 the 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 a ransom, salvation is free!

Alfred G. Karnes



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Adoration in Song:

Hymn 342 –

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Hymn 499 –

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:11 – 20 – Sis. Lucine Baker

11. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.
12. And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.
13. And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.
14. Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.
15. Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.
16. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.
17. Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.
18. Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.
19. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?
20. Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.



Choir Anthem – “Above All”



Second Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 4:1 – 9 – Sis. Candace Barker

1. But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.
2. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?
3. Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.
4. Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:
5. And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.
6. So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.
7. But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,
8. And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.
9. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.



Hymn of Preparation: 527 –

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight –
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.



Sermon – – *Rev. Beverley Pinder*



Prayer of Commitment



Hymn of Reflection: 546 –

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
A rest to gain on high:

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with watchful care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And still on thee rely,
And let me not my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.



Courtesies – Rev. Ezra Parris



Closing Hymn –

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I shall not fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God

Russell Carter



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Hurdle
Advanced: Zhane Kellman (11th), Angela Applewhaite (12th), Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves (14th), Ashlee Brathwaite (15th)



Congratulations to: Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2022; Bro. Adrian & Sis. Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on July 15, 2022; Bro. Sylvanus & Sis. Diana Boyce who will celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary on July 16, 2022.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Joyce Adams 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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
 - † Service celebrating with Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford, 40 years of Ordained Ministry – 4:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.
 - † Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 6:00 p.m.

- ✝ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093
- ✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:00 a.m.
 - ✝ Opening Service of the 33rd Provincial Synod – led from Cashew Hill, Antigua.
 - ✝ Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of July 2022:

- ✝ Opening Service of the 33rd Provincial Synod – Sunday, 17th, 9:00 a.m. Led from Cashew Hill, Antigua.
- ✝ 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church EWI Province – 17th – 22nd.
- ✝ Conference Prayer Meeting Online – Saturday, 23rd.
- ✝ Laity Sunday – 24th.
- ✝ Green Sunday – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Please note the following re the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province:
 - ✝ Meeting and Venue: The Synod was convened online on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Procedural matters were addressed. The Opening Service and Retreat will be held on Sunday, July 17th. The main business sessions will be held July 18 – 22, 2022. The Synod will be a hybrid meeting, in that, delegates will meet in their Conferences and then connect with the Provincial Headquarters and the other Conferences via web-conferencing software. The Barbados Conference will meet at the D. C. Moore Centre.
 - ✝ Opening Synod Service: The opening service will be led from Cashew Hill, Antigua on July 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with participation from all Conferences. Congregations are asked to adjust their time of worship and join this worship service from their respective sanctuaries. Congregations that are unable to receive the video stream will be advised how they can participate by their local pastor.
 - ✝ Observers: The P.E.C has advised that “*observers may visit the site where their Conference delegates are meeting. However, the numbers of observers will be in accordance with the local Covid-19 and Conference restrictions.*” Official Observers will be asked to pay a fee of BD\$500 which will cover the cost of meals

and registration. Observers who would simply sit-in from time to time without meals, will be required to register and indicate the dates that they will be in attendance.

2. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
3. Our Song & Chorus leaders are on break for the month of July.
4. From the Chairman of PEC: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. The Provincial Board expresses heartiest congratulations to the Rev. Movelle Kellman of the Barbados Conference as she retires from the active pastoral ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, effective July 5, 2022. Sis. Kellman has served as a Lay Pastor and a Supplementary Pastor for twenty-two years. We pray God's continued favour upon her in this new phase of her journey, living out the call of God on her life.
5. 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.
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 for these details.
7. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus will be back on Route as of Sunday, July 17, 2022. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.),

Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on LIFE 97.5 FM.

✠ 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.

✠ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✠ As of July 2022, the Moravian Voice broadcast will be moved to Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

✠ 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>).

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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. The success of the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
5. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
6. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- † **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
cc: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #5
Date: July 7, 2022
Ref: PEC 184/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

The continuation of the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is within ten days and preparations are in high gear. Let us bear the following in mind:

- 1. The 33rd Provincial Synod needs your consistent prayers. Let us use Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. as a day of prayer and fast. Pray for Synodal, for the technology that would support the Synod, for the officers of Synod, the election of PEC and Bishop, and any other matter that is revealed to you.**
- 2. The opening service for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. All members across the Province are encouraged to join the worship service from their sanctuaries. We will get to worship with our sisters and brothers from across the Province. It will be a true blessing.**
- 3. All clergy are asked to process to the rostrum wearing their preaching or academic robes/gown.**
- 4. The Synod retreat will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, July 17, and will be opened by the Chaplain, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela and led by Pastor Wingrove Spencer.**
- 5. The closing service of Synod will be held on Friday, July 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. A virtual hybrid Synod relies on technology. Our technology personnel have been working diligently to provide optimal platforms for a seamless delivery of Synod. To this end there will be testing of the systems from Wednesday 14 – Saturday 16. The relevant persons will be informed in due course.**
- 6. The deadline for the registration fee payment is July 11, 2022.**
- 7. Synod shirts will become available shortly.**

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
cc: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #6
Date: July 8, 2022
Ref: PEC 186/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

As was previously announced, the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province was convened virtually on June 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. During that session, synodal voted to hold the Synod virtually. The session also elected the Vice Chair of Synod and the Assistant Secretary of Synod.

Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford was elected Vice Chair of Synod and Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd was elected Assistant Secretary of Synod. The full list of Synod officers is:

Bro. Jeremy Francis	–	Chair
Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	–	Vice Chair
Sis. Onita Samuel-Warner	–	Secretary
Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd	–	Assistant Secretary
Sis. Adelyn Mgonela	–	Chaplain
Bro. Colin Derrick Legal	–	Advisor
Sis. Amerelle Francis	–	Legal Advisor
Bro. Neilson Waithe	–	Advisor
Bishop Kingsley Lewis		
Bishop Conrad Spencer		

These officers along with members of the Provincial Board will be at the Provincial Headquarters for Synod.

Each Conference will meet at a designated site for the sessions of Synod. Each site must have tech personnel on hand to manage the zoom platform and assist synodals with any issues that may arise.

Each synodal must have a personal device which will be used for voting purposes and to receive any additional documents that may be sent during Synod. The use of headphone/earbuds may be required for Committee meetings.

Official observers should register with the Provincial Office through their Superintendent.

Let us be open for how God will show up and advance the kingdom and shift.





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 three (3) 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 (3) 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.

