

# The Moravian Monthly

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### Two Congregations Celebrate 150 Years of Ministry

**First Moravian Church of Uhrichsville, Ohio**  
150th Anniversary - October 24, 2024  
*Reflection by Rev. David Geyer*

It was in the early 1870s that local Moravians caught a vision for planting a church in Uhrichsville - a growing transportation hub and the heart of the local clay industry. Efforts might have faltered with the onset of 'The Long Depression' following the panic of 1873, but with characteristic determination and grit, local residents overcame every obstacle to founded the congregation on October 24, 1874.

Over the last 150 years, successive generations have shared in worship, fellowship, outreach and faith formation, all supported by an outstanding music program. As with many churches, the congregation has witnessed a decline in numbers over recent decades. Yet rather than grow passive, this "small but mighty" congregation has redoubled its efforts to serve the community, particularly through food ministries. Beginning by offering an inexpensive 'Dinner on the Run' each month, in 2019 the congregation additionally launched 'Ladles of Love', a twice monthly free dinner for takeout and delivery to local shut-ins. Assisted by volunteers from Fry's Valley and Gnadenhutten Moravian Churches and the neighborhood, Ladles of Love now serves 400 free meals to the community every month.

**Berea Moravian Church in St. Charles, Minnesota**  
150th Anniversary - December 4, 2024  
*Reflection by Pastor Jodi Heim*

The year 2024 brings a wonderful celebration of Berea's 150th anniversary. What joy was shared by many at the community celebration held in August and the following morning's celebratory worship service was alive with the Holy Spirit, recounting the unique history of Berea's congregation. December will bring a more intimate celebration with a candlelight service, Lovefeast and a fellowship meal to follow, honoring those that acted on their shared fortitude to follow their hearts and begin a Moravian church ministry on the other side of the valley from Bethany and Hebron.

I will share here the words of our closing worship. Rev. Richard Splies, at the end of the centennial sermon, uses the words of Rev Eugene Michel as he closes his sermon of the 50th celebration. And I close our 150th celebration with the same: "Today, we stand together at the threshold of great opportunities in the service of the Lord unto one another and to the world around us. It is our privilege in the coming days and years to work together in this congregation that fifty years from today, those who may be privileged to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of this congregation will greatly rejoice to recount the accomplishments which the Lord desires to achieve." What a beautiful vision of Berea and its people as they continue their ministry of the religion of the heart.

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# Province-Wide Updates

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**Indigenous Peoples' Day** is Monday, October 14, 2024. The Northern Province recognized the importance of this day and designated it a Provincial holiday in October 2023. Clergy and congregations are encouraged to spend time in reflection and prayer for the healing and repair of the church's relationships with Indigenous Peoples. Several suggested resources are:



*[The Racial Justice Team listens to the wisdom of Basil Braveheart, Lakota Tribal Elder and Spiritual Leader at Pine Ridge Reservation in September.]*

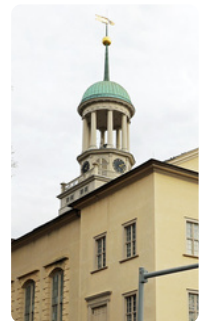
- *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*, Rain Ministries, InterVarsity Press, 2021.
- *The Spirit of Indian Women*, edited by Judith Fitzgerald & Michael Oren Fitzgerald, introduction by Janine Pease, World Wisdom.com, 2005.
- *The Spiritual Journey of a Brave Heart*, Basil Brave Heart, Wallace Carlson, 2011.
- More resources are available at Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center website (scan QR code).



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## World Heritage - Moravian Church Settlements Transnational Worship & Celebration Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA (and online) Wednesday, October 16th - 6pm ET

As we celebrate Moravian Church Settlements - Bethlehem as one of the four now sharing a transnational inscription as a World Heritage Site (along with Gracehill, N. Ireland; Herrnhut, Germany; and Christiansfeld, Denmark), Central Moravian Church is hosting a UNESCO World Heritage Recognition Celebration in their sanctuary. The worship service will also be livestreamed and available afterwards on Central's YouTube channel. Central is honored to be hosting international guests at this worship celebration, as well as the greater Bethlehem community.



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### Save the Dates:

**December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:30 pm ET**

**A New Way of Being – the Racial Justice Team's Annual Advent Webinar Series**

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### Hispanic Heritage Month: New Resources for Informed Ministry

Under the leadership of Board of World Mission staff member Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza, a cohort representing the Northern and Southern Provinces has been formed to learn more about immigration issues in the United States through a Fuller Theological Seminary course. We have compiled the public resources shared during this course and made them accessible for use in Moravian congregations and ministries ministering to individuals and communities impacted by immigration.



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## Moravian Disaster Response to Hurricane Helene

The Board of World Mission is the agency that coordinates the North American Moravian response to disasters around the world. While Hurricane Helene came ashore as a category four hurricane in Florida's panhandle, some of its most significant damage came in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Laurel Ridge, the Moravian Camp and Conference Center in North Carolina, is located about 40 miles east of Boone, right in the middle of one of these hard-hit areas. This region received more than 20 inches of rain with sustained winds of over 50 mph. This has caused widespread power outages, landslides, downed trees, and severe flooding. Laurel Ridge has sustained water damage in Higgins Lodge and several of the summer camp cabins. High winds have brought down a large number of trees, and they are currently without power, which may not be restored for another two weeks. In addition, the summer camp lake dam has had a mudslide, and engineers are currently inspecting it.



The Board Of World Mission is partnering with our friends at Laurel Ridge to help with cleanup, as well as to assist them as they reach out to their neighbors in need. In the short term, the camp will be seeking to distribute food and supplies to their neighbors as well as cleaning up the camp grounds, and repairing their buildings. Then, in the longer term they will look to host mission teams to help with projects on the camp, but also in the homes of those who live around the camp. Please stay tuned at [MoravianMission.org](http://MoravianMission.org) for more details as they become available.

100% of the donations received for our MDR Fund go to providing relief for these disasters. You can assist us with our disaster response efforts by going to [MoravianMission.org/Give/](http://MoravianMission.org/Give/) and clicking the green "Give" button (scan QR code). Please designate your gift to "MDR". If you wish to mail your donation, please make the check payable to "Board of World Mission" and send it to one of the following addresses:



**U.S. Donors:** Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018  
**Canadian Donors:** Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to [treasurer@moravian.ca](mailto:treasurer@moravian.ca). Please include your name and address in the comments section of the transfer to receive tax receipts.

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## Northern Province Endorses Christians Against Christian Nationalism

The Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church Northern Province recently endorsed Christians Against Christian Nationalism. Scan the QR code to see the endorsement. The PEC also prepared the longer endorsement and commendation below.



The Moravian Church Northern Province (MCNP) rejects Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus Christ; as supporting the sins and systems of racism and white supremacy; and as a threat to democracy.

Further, Christian nationalism is inconsistent with The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL) which calls us to show love towards all people in our witness to the world:

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## Northern Province Endorses Christians Against Christian Nationalism (continued)

*We will not hate, despise, slander, or otherwise injure anyone. We will ever strive to manifest love towards all people, to treat them in a kind and friendly manner, and in our dealings with them to approve ourselves upright, honest, and conscientious, as becomes children of God. Together with the universal Christian Church, we have a concern for this world, opening our heart and hand to our neighbors with the message of the love of God, and being ever ready to minister of our substance to their necessities (Matthew 25:40) MCCL: 5:29*

Regarding civic life, the Covenant states: *Considering it a special privilege to live in a democratic society, we will faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of our citizenship, among which are intelligent and well-informed voting, a willingness to assume public office, guiding the decisions of government by the expression of our opinions, and supporting good government by our personal efforts. MCCL: 4:26*

We, the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church Northern Province endorsed the Christians Against Christian Nationalism Statement and we commend them for their work in opposing Christian nationalism and for their contributions of educational, advocacy, and organizing resources to these efforts.

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### Walter Vivian Moses Lecture

Moravians as Missional Public Theologians

Tuesday, October 22 at 4pm

Bahnsen Center & Online

Moravian Theological Seminary



How did the Moravian Church Northern Province live out its faith and values in the public square, and how is it expressing its values today?



**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller**

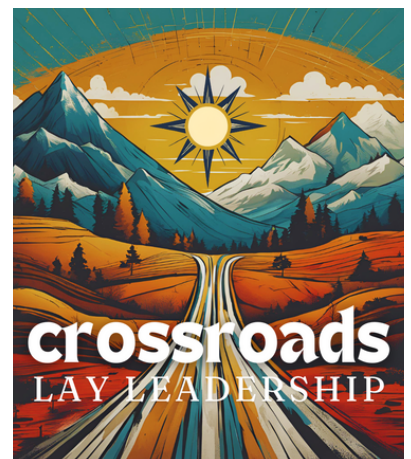
Former President of the PEC of the Northern Province and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Moravian Theological Seminary

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## Crossroads Lay Leadership Program: Compass with Jeremy Lau begins Oct. 17th

Our introductory course, Compass, takes participants through two different paths. First, it is a discernment process to help the participant identify their gifts, passion, and style. Through reading, journaling, and a valuable small group process, participants are encouraged to explore, articulate, and hone their personal sense of call as a lay person in the church and in the community.

Second, Compass is the place to polish up writing, research, and presentation skills. If you haven't been in a classroom in a very long time, this course will help you get back into the disciplines of learning. If at all possible, take this course early in your Crossroads experience.





## Being A Christian Citizen: A Bible Study For Our Time

### About the Study:

This Bible Study uses the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MMCL), Chapter 4, “The Witness of the Christian Citizen,” and related scriptures as an outline for the five one-hour sessions.

Use of **Being a Christian Citizen** has been encouraged by the Provincial Elders’ Conference and the bishops, who write: “We, the bishops of the Northern and Southern Provinces have reviewed this Bible Study produced by the NP Racial Justice Team and together we recommend the use of this study be considered in the congregations of the Northern and Southern Provinces.”

### Available for downloading at the Northern Province Website:

- Complete Bible Study with MMCL paragraphs, scriptures, biblical background, and discussion questions
- Copy of the resource, “Rules for Respectful Conversations”
- Complete workbook for the Bible Study with all materials included (booklet format)

### Some ways to use Being a Christian Citizen in congregations:

1. Bible Study in person or on Zoom, or both
2. Adult and Sr. High Sunday School classes; small groups
3. Bible Study with other Moravians or area congregations
  - Offering the Bible Study? Invite others!
  - Moravian congregations in your area? Work together!
4. Bible Study with an accompanying sermon series



Questions or assistance? Contact [suekoenig@mcnp.org](mailto:suekoenig@mcnp.org).



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### Mission Minute: Mission Service Awards

Did you know that the Board of World Mission offers Mission Service Awards to individuals and congregations who have excelled as an example of Moravian mission work? We know that so many individuals and congregations have quietly offered so much to others and the world through their faithful service fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. These folks don't do it to be recognized... but it does not mean their actions aren't worthy of recognition!

If you know of an individual (Ted Wilde Mission Service Award) or congregation / ministry (Herrnhut Mission Service Award) that deserves recognition and appreciation, please submit a nomination form (found on our website - [MoravianMission.org/Awards/](http://MoravianMission.org/Awards/)) to be reviewed by our board of directors. These awards are ongoing, and are awarded as worthy nominations are received, reviewed, and approved! If selected, the BWM will work to have a staff member present to offer the award in celebration as a part of a worship service or other relevant gathering.

If these paragraphs have brought to mind an individual, congregation, or ministry that deserves to have their story told - and to be uplifted as an inspiration to others... then submit a nomination form today! Check out our website for the stories of some of the exceptional mission service highlighted by previous winners!



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## World Communion Sunday: Sunday, October 6th

On the first Sunday in October, Christian communions around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday, a day when we give thanks for the unity in Christ that binds us together in faith and witness. The Moravian Church observes this special day, with many congregations celebrating Holy Communion. We encourage pastors and congregations to pray for the faithful witness of our full communion partners and name them within the context of worship: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and our Covenant Relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). In addition, we invite pastors to pray for the congregations in their neighborhoods and with whom they cooperate throughout the year.

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### Pastoral Letter Concerning Christian Community from Bishops of the Northern and Southern Provinces

As bishops of the Moravian Unity in the Northern and Southern Provinces, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Chief Elder. We had the blessing of spending August 19-23, 2024, in community at Laurel Ridge, the Moravian Conference Center in North Carolina. This has allowed us time to share fellowship and worship, discuss matters of importance, and pray for our Moravian Church.

In the Upper Room with his disciples, Jesus prayed: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." (John 17:20) We believe this is Jesus' prayer for us today.

What does it mean for us to be "one" when we live in a world of competing interests, values, and political points of view? How does this guide our civic discourse in these divided times? This divisiveness is nowhere more apparent than in our current political environment, where candidates' language and behavior directly conflict with our Lord's teachings.

As bishops, we acknowledge the diversity of thought that exists among ourselves. Still, we come together in love and mutual respect for one another because we find common ground in our commitment to Jesus Christ and our love and commitment to the Moravian Church. We challenge the Moravian Church to model a way of being together that does not yield to the pressures of polarization and fragmentation so evident in our society.

Rather than creating division, we affirm The Ground of the Unity, which states: *We confess our share in the guilt which is manifest in the severed and divided state of Christendom. By means of such divisions we ourselves hinder the message and power of the Gospel. We recognize the danger of self-righteousness and judging others without love. Since we together with all Christendom are pilgrims on the way to meet our coming Lord, we welcome every step that brings us nearer the goal of unity in Him. He Himself invites us to communion in His supper. Through it He leads the Church toward that union which He has promised. (Unitas Fratrum as a Unity)*

We are called to live in Christian community and see each other as children of God; this does not require us to agree on all issues. We are in relationship because God has called us together to be faithful to Christ as our Chief Elder by serving a world in need of grace.

Jesus prayed that we may all be one – as Bishops, we echo this prayer for our Church today.

Grace and Peace,

D. Wayne Burkette, M. Blair Couch. Carol A. Foltz. J. Christian Giesler. Amy Gohdes-Luman. Paul A. Graf. Samuel J. Gray . Michael E. Johnson. Douglas H. Kleintop. Lane A. Sapp. G. Thomas Shelton and Kay Ward, Bishops of the Moravian Church Northern and Southern Provinces.

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## Provincial Women's Board Update

Following the 2023 Provincial Synod, the leadership of the Provincial Women's Board has changed.

**President: Rev. Nasel Ephraim** (Redeemer Moravian, Philadelphia, PA)

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Special thanks to the past president Sis. Patricia Baldwin, past vice president Sis. Linda Rabbach, past secretary Sis. Connie Ray for their years of invaluable service. Please keep the Provincial Women's Board and its work in your thoughts and prayers.

### Prayer Concerns

**Brother John D. Hoenig** passed away peacefully into the nearer presence of our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the Veterans Home in Vineland, NJ.

Brother Hoenig was born on July 9, 1943, in Brooklyn, NY. He was the son of the late Adolph and Adeline (Brick) Hoenig. Brother Hoenig graduated from Moravian College in 1978 with a B.A. and from Moravian Theological Seminary in 1980 with an M. Div. He was ordained on January 6, 1980, and consecrated a Presbyterian on June 10, 1984. He was united in marriage to Barbara Jayne Price on March 23, 1968, at the Vanderbilt Moravian Church, Staten Island, NY. He was a loving father to his daughter, Holly (Chris) Gallo and to his son the late David Hoenig. He was the cherished grandfather of Lauren and Vincent Gallo. He was the brother of Elsie Carrick and Uncle to Pete (Tana) Cali, Louise (Robert) Sims and Anthony (Terri) Cali.

Brother Hoenig served the Palmyra Moravian Church, Cinnaminson, NJ, served in specialized ministry as Director of Christian Ministry with Church Stewardship Administration Counselors and served Philadelphia Third Moravian Church in Philadelphia, PA. John proudly served his country in the US Marines. He served two tours in Vietnam and was a purple heart recipient. John took a leave of absence from the Church to serve as a chaplain with the Red Cross at the 9/11 site to work with survivors.

A memorial service was held for Brother Hoenig at the Wiley Church in Marlton, NJ on September 21st with a private burial at Ocean View Cemetery in Staten Island, NY. If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland: NJVMH Welfare Fund, 524 NW Blvd, Vineland, NJ 08360 (IMO – John Hoenig)

***Please pray for the following churches who are in the call process or without pastors:***

- Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey
- Christ, Calgary, Alberta
- Christian Faith, Deforest, Wisconsin
- Daggett, Michigan
- Egg Harbor City, New Jersey
- Faith of the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC
- First, Dover, Ohio
- First, New York, New York
- Heimtal, Edmonton, Alberta
- St. Paul's, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
- Tremont Terrace, Bronx, New York
- Veedum, Pittsville, Wisconsin
- Waconia, Minnesota



## Clergy Updates

**Rev. Greg Behrend**, pastor and administrative director at You Belong in Green Bay WI, has accepted a 12-month appointment to serve as 1/2 time pastor of the Freedom Moravian Church in Appleton, WI. Greg will also move to 1/2 time at You Belong. This decision comes with the blessing and support of the leadership teams at both Freedom and You Belong, as well as the District Board, PEC, and Emerging Ministries Committee. Rev. Behrend and his family will remain in their home in Green Bay; he was installed in his new part-time position at Freedom on Sep. 22nd. Please hold the Behrend family and the saints at Freedom and You Belong in prayer as they begin these new ministry relationships together.

**Rev. Kevin Marshall** was installed on September 29th as the pastor of Covenant Moravian Church, York, PA and the First Moravian Church of York, PA, serving half-time at each church. Brother Marshall and his wife Donnaree Bailey-Marshall and their children, Rokeya and Idara, have moved from Jamaica to serve the Pennsylvania churches. Brother Marshall was ordained at Carisbrook Moravian Church in Jamaica on June 19, 2005 and consecrated a Presbyter on March 13, 2016 at Fairfield in Jamaica. He has served in Jamaica at the Carisbrook, Bethabara, Goshen and Portmore churches. Please welcome the Marshalls and hold their family and the congregations of Covenant and First Moravian in your prayers as they begin their ministry together.

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman** has accepted a call to specialized ministry at the Interprovincial Board of World Mission (BWM) as their Director of Mission Engagement. She will be responsible for developing relationships with BWM constituent congregations in North America and providing opportunities for Moravians to join in God's mission as they feel called. Amy will conclude her current work with Waconia Moravian Church on November 3rd and begin her work with the Board of World Mission on November 18th, serving remotely from her home in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her BWM email address will be amy@moravianmission.org. We invite your prayers for Amy and her family, the Board of World Mission, and the Waconia congregation during this time of transition.

**Rev. Dawn Volpe** has been granted permission to retire from the active ministry of the Moravian Church, effective July 27, 2025. Sister Volpe was ordained on July 21, 1985, and has served in the Moravian Church at the congregations of Tremont Terrace, Bronx, NY; Trinity, New Carrollton, MD and Ephraim in Ephraim, WI. The Moravian Church is grateful to Sister Volpe for her 40 years of service. Please hold Sis. Volpe, her family, and the Ephraim congregation in prayer as they journey through this transition.

### *October Birthdays and Anniversaries*

#### **Birthdays**

1 Betty Troutman	13 Beth Behrend	19 Doris Schattschneider	22 Linda Wickmann
1 Karen Schwarz	15 Tina Giesler	19 Byrnesse Craig	22 Paul Moran
3 Carol Jones	16 Jane Harberg	21 Mabel Matthias	25 Nancy Rinderknecht
4 Frances Surber	16 Dave Sobek	21 Jane Graf	26 R. Burke Johnson
5 Susan Dreydoppel	16 Sara Aker	21 Wellesley Ferguson	26 Tabor Pearson
10 Derek French	17 Dean Jurgen	21 Scott Marrese-Wheeler	29 Jeffrey Bonn
11 Maria Edwards	18 Earl Goulbourne		

#### **Churches Celebrating Anniversaries**

3	Schoeneck, Nazareth, Pennsylvania (262 years)
6	London, Cambridge, Wisconsin (135 years)
8	Graceham, Thurmont, Maryland (266 years)
18	Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, New York (135 years)
20	Church of the Redeemer, Dublin, Ohio (39 years)
23	Canaan, Davenport, North Dakota (143 years)
24	First, Uhrichsville, Ohio (150 years)
25	Edgeboro, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (110 years)
31	Lake Auburn, Victoria, Minnesota (166 years)

#### **Ordination Anniversaries**

3	Lyn Bechtel (31 years)
12	Aaron Linville (10 years)
18	Marian Boyle Rohloff (22 years)
22	Mandy Mastros (7 years)
28	Lynette Delbridge (40 years)





# Moravian Church in Canada

## Canadian District Clergy Gather for Cup of Covenant Retreat

The Canadian District Clergy gathered for our Cup of Covenant Retreat September 8-11. I learned from Rick Beck that we've gathered at King's Fold, a retreat centre nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, since 1987. We each look forward to reconnecting during over this retreat, sharing highs and lows, successes and struggles, and generally catching up. Two distinct joys of our retreat are sharing delicious meals with the other guests at the Centre, and sitting around a campfire well into the evening listening to the Ghost River flow by in the valley below.

We gathered for our Covenanting ceremony again this year around the uneven, unfinished stone slab that serves as the worship table in their chapel. Balancing cups and candles on the stone requires a little extra focus and attention, just like so much of ministry. We shared a grief or struggle as well as a hope or joy we carried this past year, and covenanted to continue in ministry together in the coming year. We also blessed Trina as she prepares to move to Nepal to run a guest house and volunteer with the school and churches there.

These retreats, with their beautiful mixture of laughter, silence, conversation, and learning, are an integral part of ministry in the Canadian District, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to gather in such a beautiful and meaningful space every year.

Aaron Linville, Pastor Millwoods Community Church



*Pictured left to right: Steve Gohdes, Mark Guevarra, James Lavoy, Jamie Almquist, Rick & Wendy Beck, Matt Gillard, Trina Holmberg, Aaron Linville*

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## Van Es Camp & Conference Centre

Planning has already begun for the 2025 camp season, which we will expand to 3 weeklong camps.

Donations are being accepted to help us keep the cost to the campers low so that we can make it affordable to everyone. If you wish to donate towards our camper experience (donations over \$25.00 will receive a tax receipt) you can:

- Mail a cheque to: PO Box 57063 Eastgate, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A5L7
- Send an E-transfer. Please use our camp email - [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca) and note this is a donation to camper experience.
- Credit Card Payment. Please contact Randy Downing at 780-922-2457
- Use the QR code or go to: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/14247>



When it is not camp season, we rent our facilities for church retreats and workshops, weddings, local community group retreats and workshops, local schools and sporting groups. One of favorite rentals with all our clients is our pool parties. A pool party is four hours long and lets you use the Harmony auditorium and campgrounds for all types of games and food. During your time your group gets 1 hour in the pool.

If you are interested in booking an event please contact us through our website [www.vanes.ca](http://www.vanes.ca), email [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca), or call us at 780-922-2457.

**The Eastern District**  
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**NOW HIRING:**

**Executive Assistant to the Eastern District Executive Board President**  
*Full-Time, Hybrid Position*

The Eastern District Executive Board President's executive assistant manages the District office operations. Essential functions include managing the District President's calendar and correspondence, maintaining pertinent information on pastors and congregations in the District, managing ongoing information relative to Eastern District Executive Board responsibilities, and assisting with event planning for district and provincial synods as well as other meetings and events. This role offers a flexible, hybrid work environment, allowing team members to split time between remote work and in-office collaboration. We understand the importance of work-life balance and while night and weekend work may be required during certain project periods, we offer flexible scheduling and compensatory time off to ensure a fair balance. We are committed to supporting your success and professional growth. Scan the QR code to learn more and apply today.



**Board of World Mission Benefit Singstunde and Retirement Celebration for the Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler**  
*Emmaus Moravian Church - Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 6-8pm*

You are invited to an evening of song, praise, and Good News to raise funds to provide Moravian Daily Texts books for our siblings in the Labrador Mission Province. Music for the evening will be provided by the Giesler family and friends. Come ready to sing, listen, pray, and contribute to a project that is changing lives in Labrador. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Sue Adams at (610)867-1732 or sue@moravianmission.org.

**Moravian Historical Society 167th Annual Meeting, Lecture, and Reception**  
*Saturday, October 5th, 2:30pm Meeting, 3:00pm Lecture*

The annual lecture, "Our Class in America: John Comenius and Native American Education at Harvard in the Seventeenth Century," will be presented by Dr. James A. Owen. The talk explores the role of John Comenius in developing educational plans at Harvard Indian School. This event is free to attend. Seating is limited; please reserve your ticket in advance (scan QR code).



## The Moravian Historical Society is hiring!

The Moravian Historical Society seeks a part-time Office Manager and a part-time Manager of Public Engagement & Programs. To learn more, visit [MoravianHistory.org/Careers](http://MoravianHistory.org/Careers).

### Save the Date: 2025 Eastern District Clergy Retreat

Monday, March 31, 2025 - Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
Bon Secours Retreat Center, Marriottsville, MD

## Eastern District Offerings from the Moravian Music Foundation

### Singstunde for Unity & Peace

October 20, 3:00-4:00pm

In conjunction with the Moravian Historical Society, located at the George Whitefield House in Nazareth, PA. traditional Moravian Singstunde accompanied by the 1776 Tannenberg organ! The Singsunde, or singing hour, will celebrate texts of unity and peace. Kyle Johnston, Associate Director at the Moravian Music Foundation, will provide a brief introduction to the practice before leading the group in a traditional Singstunde. We invite you to learn, reflect, make music, and join in a 300-year-old tradition. Please note the museum galleries are on the second floor, which is accessible only by stairs. Seating is limited; reservations are highly recommended. Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.



### Music at the Museum: Sunday, October 6, 1:00-4:00pm

*First Sundays are Free at the Bethlehem Museum*

Come explore the rich history of the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem for FREE. Moravian Music Foundation will provide an element of music, different each month, between 1pm and 4pm. (The museum is open 11am-5pm.)



### Comenius Music Academy in Bethlehem

Three class time offerings

Registration required

Location TBD; please watch for updates on the  
MMF website.

Thursday, October 10 - 7-8:30pm  
Friday, October 11 - 12-1pm (Online)  
Saturday, October 12 - 10-11:30am

### Lehigh Valley Shape-Note Singing

Two class time offerings

Saturday, October 19 - Time TBD  
West Side Moravian Church

Tuesday, October 22 - 6-8pm  
Godfrey Daniels Listening Room



Stay in touch with Moravian Music Foundation events in Bethlehem, the Lehigh Valley, and throughout the Northern Province at <https://moravianmusic.org/bethlehem-programs-events/> (QR code)



**The Western District**  
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**Save the Date: 2025 Western District Clergy Retreat**

**Monday, January 13, 2025 - Thursday, January 16, 2025**  
**Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center**