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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH • Northern Province

To: Pastors of Moravian Congregations of the Northern Province

Re: **Unity Prayer Watch – December 1-21, 2017**

Participating in the Unity Prayer Watch is one of the greatest gifts of being a Moravian! When I take my turn, my mind and heart journey around the world, visiting the many provinces that make up the worldwide Moravian Church. I imagine what life would be like in Eastern Tanzania, or Ecuador. I offer a quiet word of thanks in the midst of the petitions, humbled by the faithfulness of those who proclaim the gospel in parts of the world that are less hospitable than Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. I sense that we are bound together with our sisters and brothers from all around the world – and that is a great blessing!

At the 2016 Unity Synod, a new calendar was developed that recognizes that the Moravian Unity is growing! There are more provinces and more members, particularly in the southern hemisphere. As a result, the Northern Province has fewer days than we have had in the past. We share our 22 days with Peru, the Mission Area under our care. As a result, our province will have 21 days, instead of 31 days. When you look at the calendar, you may find that you are no longer 'paired' with your 'usual' prayer buddies. We tried to keep congregational clusters, but in some cases you are sharing a day with congregations far from you. We trust that you will find creative ways to share the time and continue the long-standing custom of praying around the clock.

This year, on December 1 we take over from Tanzania Southwest; we pass the privilege to the four congregations in Peru on December 22, and on December 23, the Democratic Republic of the Congo will carry on.

Thank you for being part of the worldwide Unity – a gift to us from God. Thank you for praying for the souls within that Unity and beyond. Thank you for being the church.

Elizabeth D. Miller
Provincial Elders' Conference

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Unity Prayer Watch - 2017

For the Worldwide Moravian Unity – its 24 Unity Provinces, 2 Unity Undertakings, 5 Mission Provinces, and 15 Mission Areas:

- The Unity Committee on Theology;
- The Unity Mission and Development Board;
- The Unity Provinces, Mission Provinces, Mission Areas, witnessing to their people and in many places struggling with poverty or with secularization;
- The Unity Women's Desk and Unity Youth Committee;
- The 2 Unity Undertakings: the Unity Archives; and the work at Star Mountain, Ramallah;
- The unity of the worldwide Unity, given the very differing cultures and circumstances;
- That the Unity may remain faithful to its calling and mission;
- The fellowship of believers within the Unity and with those who are not part of the Unity; and
- Prayer for those serving the worldwide Unity.

For the Unity Board, pray for...

- the Unity Chair, Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, and the other members of the Unity Executive Committee, including North American representative Rev. David Guthrie; and the Unity Board Administrator, Jørgen Boytler.

Unity Provinces

For the Alaska province, pray for...

- the congregations, fellowships, outreach ministries and their pastors;
- the provincial board and its chairperson Rev. Isaac Amik;
- resources and pastoral help to support their new mission outreach in Marshall, Alaska;
- the Alaska Bible Seminary—gratitude for more people who are feeling called to study;
- economic challenges and needs for renovation of church buildings, equipment and heating systems;
- opportunities for youth as they deal with alcohol, suicide, and other difficulties; and
- situations of division within the province.

For the America Northern province, pray for...

- the 85 congregations and 3 emerging ministries that they may be agents of change in their communities;
- the PEC president, Betsy Miller and the other members of the Provincial Elders' Conference: David Bennett, Bruce Nelson, Greg Weir, Wilton Grannum, Jill Westbrook, and Tom Zimmer, as they serve the church through leadership and administration;
- the upcoming 2018 Provincial Synod;
- the ministry of our agencies: the Archives, the Provincial Women's Board;
- our Interprovincial Agencies: the Board of World Mission, Moravian Theological Seminary, the Interprovincial Board of Communication, the Music Foundation;
- our Camp and Conference Centers – VanEs, Mt Morris, Camp Hope;
- our senior living facilities: Marquardt Village, Moravian Manor, Moravian Hall Square, Moravian Care Ministries; and
- renewed passion and commitment to the gospel through Healthier Congregations initiatives.

For the America Southern Province, pray for...

- the 54 congregations and 9 Fellowships that form our Province;
- the PEC president, David Guthrie and other members of the Provincial Elders' Conference: Ron Bell, Ray Burke, Peggy Carter, Daniel Crews, Chris Thore, and Joyce Vance with whom we are working more collaboratively;
- the upcoming 2018 Provincial Synod April 19-22, 2018;
- the emerging ministries of Anthony's Plot community (Russ May), and Come and Worship (Brad Bennett);
- the 12 Regional Conferences of Churches as they share, support and engage in mission together;

- increasing vitality in our congregations through the eight characteristics of health: Relationship with Jesus Christ both personally and corporately, Worship, Mission, Leadership, Cooperation, Ministry, Stewardship, and Growth;
- faithfulness to God's invitation to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed with our neighbors and around the world;
- the Board of Cooperative Ministries, the Provincial Women's Board, and the Provincial Support Services Board;
- the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South; Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church; Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center;
- candidates for the ordained ministry to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church; and
- our partnership with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry.

For the Costa Rica province, pray for...

- the congregations, their ordained pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Leopoldo Pixley;
- continued reconciliation between the Province and the group that formerly made up the Pavas congregation; and
- the School of Worship and Music and the Multi-use Building.

For the Czech province, pray for...

- the congregations, ministers, the provincial board and its chairperson, Bishop Petr Krasny;
- the Blahoslav Secondary School;
- continued reconciliation of the two groups of Moravians;
- the focus of congregations on the needs of the society around them, and for the resources for their projects;
- the gypsy congregation named *Nevo Dživipen* and their congregants, the ongoing mission work in Poland; and
- the recurring influence of the Communists upon the country.

For the Democratic Republic of Congo province pray for...

- the congregations, pastors and evangelists, as well as the teachers for the Theological faculty,
- the provincial board and its chairperson Bishop Moise Tshimanga; and
- safety and effective witness in situations of conflict arising in the region.

For the Eastern West Indies province, pray for...

- the congregations and fellowships scattered in ten islands under five different governments;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Cortroy Jarvis;
- mission efforts in Tortola, Grenada and Haiti; and
- the opportunity for closer ties between this province and the North American Provinces.

For the European Continental province, pray for...

- the congregations, fellowships and outstations in 8 different countries that form the province;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev. Raimund Hertzsch;
- the many refugees who have been coming into Europe and helped by the church, speaking a word of "encouragement against hatred";
- the extension of the work in the Baltic countries, in particular Estonia;
- the continued influence of the Losungen (Daily Texts) with a printing of more than 1 million copies;
- the ministries of the German Mission Board (HMH), ZZg of the Netherlands, Mission 21 in Switzerland, and the mission outreach in Stockholm and Latvia;
- the ministry of the Danish Mission Board and the mission staff in Christiansfeld; and
- continued mission outreach in Albania, Latvia, Cottbus, Germany and East Germany.

For the Great Britain and Ireland province, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Gillian Taylor;

- new vision and new expressions of church and God's blessing on our small churches as they work and witness in an aggressively secular civil society;
- the students preparing for pastoral service;
- the involvements of the British Mission Board in North India, Jamaica, Tanzania, and Nepal; and
- the two independent Moravian Schools, their students, staff and governors.

For the Guyana province pray for...

- the provincial board and its chairperson, Noel Adonis;
- the congregations of the province that they be revitalized with increased stewardship and commitment to Christ; and wisdom to address vexing issues related to crime and violence, out-migration of strong leaders, economic development, land use, and a high incidence of HIV/AIDS; and
- for the ecumenical United Mission in five congregations, in collaboration with the Methodist and Congregational churches;

For the Honduras province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, and lay pastors; the provincial board and its chairperson, Raby Becam;
- the positive signs of reconciliation between the Province and the Mission Province to continue;
- the mission outreach to the Garífuna, Belize and Tawahkas;
- the radio outreach program;
- the medical program and the Ahuas Clinic;
- theological education through the Bible Institute in Puerto Lempira;
- the Alas de Socorro aviation ministry and its new pilot; and
- strength and wisdom as they confront ongoing division within the church and the effects of drug-trafficking and violence in their country.

For the Jamaica province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Phyllis Smith-Seymour,
- for healing of the province through recent turmoil;
- the camping and evangelistic programs;
- the opportunity for closer ties in mission with the North American Board of World Mission;
- the United Theological College of the West Indies, where Jamaican and EWI Moravian pastors are trained; and
- mission outreach in Haiti, in collaboration with the EWI Province.

For the Malawi province, pray for...

- the provincial board and chairman, Henry Mwakibinga;
- the furtherance of evangelism to reach out to more people;
- increased refugees from Burundi and DR Congo; and
- the furtherance of social and economic activities to the poor people of Malawi.

For the Nicaragua province, pray for...

- the congregations of different ethnicities, the Provincial Board and its chair, Joseph Rivera;
- the social development ministry of ADSIM, that it deals with the many challenges of the social ills it faces;
- the medical and public health programs being developed in Bilwaskarma;
- new outreach efforts in the interior region of Matagalpa; and
- the church to maintain unity in the face of potential division.

For the South Africa province, pray for...

- the main stations, outstations, and preaching sites, the chairperson, Godfrey Cunningham, and provincial board;
- the lay workers' training program; and
- the land reform efforts to allow land ownership on Mission Station land.

For the Suriname province, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev Hesdie Zamuel;
- 70 primary and advanced elementary education schools, three homes for the elderly, five children's home, three boarding schools, and youth ministries;
- the evangelistic work in French Guyana, and in the Hinterland where there is a mission hospital; and
- the theological education program.

For the Tanzania Eastern province and Zanzibar mission area pray for...

- the congregations, its members along the coastal region and provincial chairperson, Samuel Mwiseje;
- the lack of employment for youth;
- the growing mission efforts in Zanzibar; and
- the faithful witness of Moravians within a strong Muslim area.

For the Tanzania (Lake Tanganyika) province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors and evangelists, and Chairman Charles Katale and other leaders in the church;
- the construction of the Kaliua Secondary School;
- upgrading the clinic building for the Ichemba dispensary; and
- the resources to deal with the many refugees, some of them Moravian, coming in from Burundi and The Congo.

For the Tanzania (Northern) province, pray for...

- the congregations and evangelical mission centers, the provincial board and chair, Peter Malema;
- proposed leadership training at all levels; and
- opportunities to move into remote areas to share the Gospel.

For the Tanzania (Rukwa) province, pray for...

- the congregations, outstations and ordained pastors, and provincial chairperson, Nebort K. Sikazwe;
- the African Rainbow Secondary School and the problem with competition from the government schools; and
- the Mlimani Theological College and its students.

For the Tanzania (Southern) province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Samuel Kabigi;
- the issue of transport, especially for the mission areas of Ruvuma and Njombe;
- the areas affected by drought and flooding; and
- more trained staff for the Isoko Hospital.

For the Tanzania (South-West) province, pray for...

- the congregations, outstations, pastors, the provincial board and its vice-chairperson, Bro. Sichone;
- the potential development of a Mission Province in the Mbozi region;
- the teachers and students at TEKU University in Mbeya;
- the continued challenges of poverty and HIV/AIDS; and
- the threat of losing church property due to high land taxes.

For the Tanzania (Western) province, pray for...

- the congregations, outstations, pastors and evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Ezekiel Yona;
- the hospital and its staff in Sikonge, along with the dispensaries, including the one in Tabora;
- church-run schools of Bishop Kisanji, Lusangi and Ussoke;
- the significant poverty, especially in the rural areas, due to unemployment, bad weather, and inflation;
- supervision of mission areas in Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda; and
- mission among the Sukuma people and the Muslim.

For the Zambia province, pray for...

- the congregations, ordained ministers, pastors, evangelists, the provincial board and its chairperson, Happy Sikafunda;
- the development of capital projects to bring income into the church; and
- the goals to further spread the gospel within Zambia; and

Mission Provinces

Mission Province of Burundi, pray for

- guidance and strength for the development under the leadership of Rev. Ntahnkuriye Salatiel;
- relief from the political tensions within their country and for those who are now refugees in Tanzania; and
- wisdom and vision for the leadership of the church.

Mission Province of Cuba, pray for...

- the national board and president Rev. Armando Rusindo;
- different groups now meeting, with ordained ministers and lay pastors;
- the growing outreach in Holguin, as well as the Comenius Center;
- efforts for land and produce development to help their church communities; and
- the beginning outreach in Ecuador.

Mission Province of the Czech Republic, pray for...

- the congregations and outstations, ordained ministers, the leadership and chair, Ondrej Halama;
- the project for the Prague congregation house; and
- future leadership within the church.

Mission Province of Honduras, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, provincial board and its chairperson, José Smith;
- ongoing efforts toward reconciliation with the Honduras Province;
- the Bible Institute in Ahuas, its leadership and students, and the 3 students taking additional on-line theological training through a seminary in Costa Rica; and
- new mission outreach.

Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board chair, Sarah Jensen, and all leaders of the province;
- opportunities for theological education and the preparation of new leaders and pastors; and
- the four established congregations in Happy Valley, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain and several smaller groups of Moravians in Postville and St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mission Areas

1. Moravian Church in Belize, pray for...

- work in communities with a growing membership; and
- theological training for leaders in the church.

2. Moravian Church in Eastern Congo in Sud Kivu and Katanga (DR Congo), pray for...

- congregations, ordained ministers and evangelists;
- the Uvira Orphans Center;
- the mission station for Pygmies; and
- release from the wars they have experienced.

3. Moravian Church in French Guyana

4. Moravian work among the Garífuna people in Honduras, pray for...

- the churches and pastors in this region.

5. Moravian Church in Haiti, pray for...

- continued support for pastors training at United Theological College in Jamaica; and
- development of reconstruction plans for buildings affected by Hurricane Mitch.

6. Moravian Church in Iringa (Tanzania South West)
7. Moravian Church in Kenya, (Western Tanzania)
8. Moravian Church in Kiwele (Western Tanzania)
9. Moravian Church in Peru (America North), pray for...
 - its national board and president, Christopher Valencia;
 - growth in the house churches and resources to continue renting space; and
 - further development of leadership and income-generating projects.
10. Moravian Church in Ruvuma-Njombe (Tanzania Southern)
11. Moravian Church in Rwanda
12. Moravian Church in Sierra Leone (America South), pray for...
 - the high school and the hope for finding qualified teachers;
 - new outreach to share the gospel in nearby villages;
 - a new computer and science lab for the school; and
 - continued collaboration with the Muslim leadership to meet the needs of children in their village.
13. Moravian Church in South Asia (British), pray for...
 - the school in Rajpur under the leadership of Rev. Thespal Kundan and new leadership with his retirement;
 - the ministry and school in Ladakh under Rev. Elijah Gergen and new leadership with his retirement;
 - the translation project in Ladakh; and
 - the ministry in Nepal under the Rev. Nagendra Pradhan, assisted by Revs. Shanti and Vani Pradhan.
14. Moravian Church in Uganda
15. Moravian Church in Zanzibar (Eastern Tanzania), pray for...
 - the church members and the primary school; and
 - the need for an administrative office and houses.

Prospective Mission Areas

1. Angola
2. Mozambique
3. South Sudan

Other Prayers

For your nation, pray for...

- the president of the United States, Donald Trump; the prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; and all elected officials as they seek to govern, that they might lead with justice and concern for the poor and those without voice;
- courageous and faithful witness against racism, bigotry, and oppression;
- ecumenical relationships: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Episcopal Church with whom we are in full communion; the United Methodist Church who approved our full communion relationship in 2016, awaiting synod consideration in 2018; the Covenant Agreement with the Presbyterian Church (USA) with whom we are discussing the orderly exchange of clergy; the ongoing dialogue with those churches of the Reformed Tradition; the CUIIC (Churches Uniting in Christ) where the Moravian Church Northern Province is a full participant and in relationship with the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal Church U.S.A., International Council of Community Churches, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church; our work with Christian Churches Together (CCT); the Rev. Dr. Hermann Weinlick who serves as our volunteer ecumenical officer;
- increasing peace, mutual respect and harmony, particularly in areas experiencing protracted violence and fear;
- the issues of health care, violence, racial tensions, domestic violence, child abuse, and poverty (to name a few) that impact the people of our continent and our faithful response to people of great need, and
- the world in which we live and our commitment to be careful stewards of the land, water, and air.

For your province, pray for people:

- the members of District Executive Boards - East: David Bennett, Lauren Dougherty, Darrell Johnson, Michael Johnson, Blondel Jones-Grant, Michael Koenig, Tammy Lavoy, Jackie Pasquinelli, and Ralph Wanamaker, Jr.; West: Bruce Nelson, Jason Andersen, Judy Anderson, Nancy Chandler, Cindy Fahney, Jane Gehler, and Megan Smock; and Canada: Greg Weir, Matt Gillard, Donna Gordon, Bob Hawkesworth, Holly Heffernan, James Lavoy, and Bryan Peacock.
- provincial and district staff members: Darryl Bell, Brenda Cahill, Marie Coutts, Cynthia Rader Geyer, Jacquie Petko, June Sterling; and support staff; Karen Buchholz, Tammy Curcio, Johanna Heft, Gloria Reisinger, Marie Ritter, and Andrea Stremich;
- staff of the Interprovincial Board of Communication: Mike Riess, Jill Bruckart, and Sue Kiefner; the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: Chris Spaugh, Laura Watson and Kara Yates; the Moravian Music Foundation: Nola Reed Knouse, Gwyneth Michel, Margaret Brady, and Erik Salzwedel;
- the Board of World Mission as the vision for mission around the world is integrated with the vision of local mission within your community. Pray for the staff: Judy Ganz and the new Executive Director, Sam Gray, Justin Rabbach, Jill Kolodziej, Deb Swanson, Sheila Beaman, and Rex Knowlton;
- the Bishops residing in our province: C. Hopeton Clennon, M. Blair Couch, J. Christian Giesler, Paul A. Graf, Douglas H. Kleintop, Edwin A. Sawyer, Kay Ward, as they pray for the work of the church and provide counsel for our pastors;
- the clergy of our province as they minister in settings as diverse as congregations, ecumenical agencies, prisons, and hospitals;
- candidates for the ordained ministry to continue to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church: James Heroux, Timothy Naisby, Alyssa Nelson, and Linda Wisser and for God to call additional souls to serve the church through ordained ministry;
- the retired clergy and their spouses; and
- the countless lay people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees, and task forces.

For your province, pray for...

- the congregations and ministries of our province that we would be faithful to God's invitation to join God at work in our neighborhoods and around the world;
- passion for sharing the gospel in word and deed;
- increased health of our congregations through the seven characteristics: purpose, community, mission and service, spiritual formation, worship, leadership, and stewardship;
- our educational institutions: Moravian College, Moravian Theological Seminary, Moravian Academy, and Linden Hall;
- our retirement communities and all who serve through them;
- our conference and camping programs, including interprovincial ministry among young adults and youth;
- Moravian Open Door ministries in New York City, and C.A.R.D.; and
- other provincial institutions and the ministries they offer on our behalf.

For your congregation, pray for...

- discernment of God's leading for how your church participates in God's ongoing work;
- your joint board and program committees;
- your pastor(s);
- members and those involved with the life and witness of the congregation;
- those with special needs (such as the ill and the home-bound);
- ministries of worship, music, spiritual formation and nurture, outreach and evangelism, and social justice;
- organizations of the congregation;
- local ecumenical and community programs; and
- your neighbors near and far.

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now”

Philippians 1:3-5

December 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Grace (MI) Hope Unionville	2 Berea, Northfield Bethel, Goshen, Canaan Our Savior's Shepherd, West Salem
3 Christian Faith Ebenezer, Tricklebee Glenwood, Lakeview London, Watertown	4 Lake Mills Veedum West Side (WI) Wisconsin Rapids	5 Daggett, Ephraim Freedom Sister Bay Sturgeon Bay	6 Chaska, Waconia Christ's Community Lake Auburn Morongo	7 Christ, Common Ground Edmonton, Millwoods Heimtal, Good Shepherd Rio Terrace, Good News	8 College Hill East Hills Nazareth	9 First (Easton) Newfoundland Palmer West Side (PA)
10 Covenant First (York) Lebanon Schoeneck	11 Lancaster Lititz	12 Central	13 Calvary Emmaus MorningStar Mountainview	14 Advent Edgeboro Esperanza	15 Fellowship John Hus	16 Grace (NY) Tremont Terrace
17 First (NY) New Dawn United	18 Faith Graceham St. Paul's Trinity	19 Battle Hill Castleton Hill Great Kills, New Dorp Vanderbilt Ave.	20 Church of the Redeemer First (Dover), Fry's Valley First (Uhrichsville) Gnadenhutten	21 Egg Harbor, Palmyra First (Riverside) Redeemer (PA) Schoenbrunn, Sharon	22 Peru	23
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