



## CONCERNED MORAVIANS

Our mission is to follow Christ as our Chief Elder, restore unity with the world-wide Moravian Church, return the Southern Province to full compliance with the Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum, uphold scripture as the sole standard of our doctrine and faith, and to love and serve all for whom Christ gave His life.

## Welcome to our first NEWSLETTER!

Your Leadership Team is working hard to keep you informed about actions taken, previous meetings, future meetings, committee activities, and responses from Churches, Pastors, Bishops, PEC, or Unity Board. We hope this Newsletter will help all Concerned Moravians to know where prayer is needed and where you as an individual may be able to help in this struggle trying to wake up the Moravian Church to the direction it is heading in disobedience to the Word of God.

### **Meeting of February 24, 2019** **Rural Hall Moravian Church**

The Concerned Moravians held a meeting on February 24, 2019 at Rural Hall Moravian Church, at 3:00 PM and concluding at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held to update the larger group of actions taken since the November 4, 2018 meeting.

Dick Joyce opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and informing them of refreshments (David and Elizabeth Lancaster and Ruth McCall), restrooms and collection basket for donations at the door. A heartfelt prayer was then offered to open the meeting.

Scripture was read by Cindy Morgan (Proverbs 1)

Judy Tayloe reported on updates:

- \* Leadership Team grows with Bill and Judy Barham, Jerry Carter, Charlie Stott, and Tim Trollinger joining the team. They were introduced.
- \* Last general meeting was November 4, 2018 at New Philadelphia. Good attendance, meaningful discussion, and multiple suggestions.
- \* On November 8, 2018 CM submitted our petition with 900+ signatures to the PEC (again)
- \* Prayer and Worship Service Held January 27, 2019 at Friedberg. Well attended and very meaningful.
- \* Request to the Unity Board for prayer for the Prayer and Worship Service brought responses from former Chairman of Rukwa Province in Tanzania and Cortroy Jarvis that they would be praying for us.
- \* Received a letter from the Czech Province in response to Bishop Armando Rusindo's letter of October 4, 2018 entitled "When Principles Are Abandoned".

The two letters were read by Compton Lane.

Johnnie Tayloe presented and explained the Committees that have been set-up.

Calling cards have been printed with the Moravian Seal and our Mission Statement. Please take some to distribute. We feel they may be a good way to strike up a discussion about what we are working toward.

As with other of our meetings, we have people who have just now heard about Concerned Moravians and about what happened at the 2018 Synod. Ideas are needed about how to reach members of the Southern Province churches that have no idea what is happening in our church.

A question and answer session was held with many good comments on spreading the word about our group, the Devil's influence, standing BOLDLY for our beliefs and God's Word.

Cindy Morgan called on all to be willing to stand for the Bible, as the Word of God.

Tim Trollinger gave the closing prayer and the benediction was given by Rev. Charles Fishel.

## COMMITTEES FORMED

- 1 **Action Committee** This group will develop a plan for action to restore Biblical principles and rules of the Unity to the Moravian Church in North America Provinces. Group will develop strategies for reaching church boards, other provinces and ministers that have the same beliefs of the Concerned Moravians. This committee will work with the Distribution and Correspondence Committee to assist in any campaigns approved by the Leadership Team.
- 2 **Spiritual Committee** This group will develop, plan and coordinate spiritual guidance and events for congregants of each church and/or group meetings.
- 3 **Investigative Committee** This Group will coordinate any research that is requested by the Leadership Group. Suggestions are welcome from anyone but all final research projects must be coordinated with the Leadership.
- 4 **Legal Committee** This group will identify legal assistance based on the recommended subjects of the Leadership Group. Once the subject is identified, this group will determine what legal specialty is needed for each situation and contact an attorney in that field.
- 5 **Distribution and Correspondence Committee** This group will be responsible for monitoring the Gmail account for emails, adding names to the distribution list, updating mailing addresses, communications of all upcoming events/meetings.
- 6 **Publication Committee** This group will be responsible for development, overseeing, and updating of the website. This group will work closely with the Distribution and Correspondence Committee for the publication of materials and events on the website.
- 7 **Finance Committee** This group will handle all funds and payments of expenses. If it is determined that the Concerned Moravians need to form a Non-Profit status, this committee will work with the Legal Committee in this process and assist the running of the non-profit entity.

**If you wish to use your talents on one of these committees please let us know!**

## “Blessed With All Spiritual Blessings”

Ephesians 1:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this season of Easter, remembering God’s boundless love and the Ultimate Sacrifice He gave for each of us, I find myself searching for a deeper more thorough understanding of my relationship with Him, endeavoring to separate myself unto Him.

We all travel a common road, besieged by worldly challenges, many times blinded from the spiritual awareness of the victory we already possess through our Lord’s sacrifice. There is so much more to life than the material world perceived by our senses. It is sobering and awe-inspiring when we become consciously aware of spiritual matters. Let us, in this season, be fully aware of the blessings we have been given and seize the spiritual ground for which He has so dearly paid. The greatness of our Father cannot be comprehended, but oh, just to see a glimpse of His glory will bring us to our knees.

My prayer for each of you is that you cast off the shackles of this broken world, be quiet before the Lord and listen. Let our spiritual eyes be opened, let us receive the grace of God, let us know the love of God! Always!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Richard Key

Colossians 3:1-3

1. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
2. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.
3. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 4:24

24. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Ephesians 1:1-23

## SAVE THE DATE

June 1, 2019 CM meeting  
(Special Speaker)  
Details later