

CONCERNED MORAVIANS

November 4, 2018

The Concerned Moravians held a meeting on November 4, 2018 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, at 3:00 PM and concluding at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held to inform the larger group, of actions that had been taken in regards to a signed petition to the Southern Province PEC and Unity Board, also to listen to the ideas for further action from our total group.

Kay Adams started by greeting everyone and introducing the group of people presenting the meeting. Those present are Kay Adams, Dick Joyce, Richard Key, Judy and Johnnie Tayloe, Compton Lane and Diane Hubbard. Cindy Morgan was not able to join us today.

A beautiful and heartfelt prayer was offered by Dick Joyce. This was followed by Kay Adams explaining how the format of the meeting was laid-out, time constraints, and refreshments being offered.

Judy Tayloe presented a chronological order of the happenings thus far of the Concerned Moravians group. This helped greatly to inform the group present of all the work thus far by the leadership of our group.

Richard Key presented the options available for the group to move forward.

- 1) An additional plea to the PEC for action to be taken to correct the Resolutions passed at the 2018 Synod that were unconstitutional by the COUF and our own Book of Order.
- 2) Request a Special Synod
- 3) Wait 4 years for the Synod
- 4) Leave the Province
- 5) Do Nothing

After the introduction of the options, Richard opened the floor for discussion.

Compton Lane and Richard Key recognized each person and they had 3 minutes to speak.

Gene Fishel from Calvary

We need to have new delegates at the Synod. These delegates need to represent the beliefs of their congregations. Congregations need to be aware of the beliefs of their delegates. If Churches try to leave the province the PEC and Unity Board will not allow it to happen.

Jim Everette from Friedberg

God can change all. Prayer from this group will help lead.

Richard Mock from Bethania

Why doesn't the leadership leave and leave us alone.

India Chitty from Christ Moravian

Have all the churches been heard from on this?

Answer: 33 Churches have sent at least 1 signature. Three of these are located in Virginia. 922 total signatures, but many churches have not responded or we had no contact there.

Jules Modlinski from Bethania

I left the Catholic church. From experience, the law is on the side of the Church. Is it possible to get a copy of the letter from David Gutherie? Can we start a newsletter for our group?

Diane Gannaway from Ardmore

Why don't we approach Winston-Salem Journal and reject the article that was written previously. H) 725-1058 C0 972-1418

Answer: Calling the W-S Journal would be a negative move, we feel.

Karlynn Morgan from Fairview

As to future activity, the way the COUF is written, we must follow rules of COUF, if response is not given.

Cynthia Faircloth from Fairview

By the book of Order, we should not be the ones leaving but the leadership should be the ones leaving since they do not want to follow the Book of Order or the COUF.

Jim Brookshire from Ardmore

The Unity Board ruled that the Northern Province Resolutions from the 2016 NP Synod were out of order with the Unity COUF. Yet, at the UB meeting no conversation was held about further actions.

Charles Paschall from Ardmore

Why would the courts stand with PEC? Christ the King Moravian Church in Durham has asked to be released from the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. PEC refused to do this. Individuals may leave as they wish, but the church was established by the SP. Can each church make plans to withdraw money from the PEC?

Becky Lanier from Christ Moravian

Was anyone at the Unity Board meeting in PA?

Answer: Dick Joyce tried but missed them.

It seems that only a few churches want anything to do with Resolution 14.

Answer: (Kay Adams) Complacency will not work to change what has been done.

Bill Gribble from Rural Hall

Building was paid for is one reason for not leaving. What happens if churches say they are making their own church?

Harold Page from Christ Moravian

Call for a Special Synod but in the mean time get a lawyer.

Right after Synod, I wrote a letter to resign but held it. Instead I quit giving to the church and gave to widows and children groups.

Phillip Sapp from Bethabra

I did not hear any of this until last Saturday. This should not be grass-roots but an International uprising.

Beroth from Olivet

Our Board passed no same sex marriage at our church. The Salem Congregations own their buildings, cemetery, buildings in Old Salem, etc.. Will let you know from experience it takes a long time to get any response from the PEC.

öI haven't left the church, the church has left me.ö

Beth Mochnick from Home

All decisions must be done in love. I am a former Elder and John Hus went to the stake for his beliefs. "We are accountable to each other"

Write to pastors, boards, etc. We are not haters, we must have courage thru prayer.

Karlynn Morgan from Fairview

There is a lot of pushback. How do we get bold and/ or thick skinned?

The closing was by Dick Joyce. Psalms 119: 1-8 and then prayer.



Dear Concerned Moravians,

The leadership team looks forward to seeing many of you at a meeting on February 24th at 3:00 pm. The meeting is being held at Rural Hall Moravian Church, 7939 Broad Street, Rural Hall, NC 27045. **Please set aside the date and inform your church brothers and sisters also. This is to be a very important meeting!** On the agenda are updates and organization of committees which will help move us forward diligently and to serve our Lord.

A few items of interest:

- 1) Your leadership team has been hard at work pursuing new avenues and building relationships, and we want to bring you up to date.
- 2) We are entering a new phase, with new challenges, and will need a great deal of help to keep fighting the good fight. Attached, you will find a list of committees on which to serve, so read over this list and see where you can best use your gifts, talents and/or skills. There is something for everyone! There will be opportunity to sign up for committees at the meeting.
- 3) Many of you have asked how you can help monetarily. Since we are encountering expenses, we will be asking for cash donations. If you want to write a check, bring your checkbook and we will inform you at the meeting to whom to write the check.

Thank you so much for your continued support, and we will see you on Sunday, February 24th at 3:00 pm.

Blessings to all,
Your Leadership Team

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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. 84 were present.

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 on January 27, 2019 at Friedberg. Well attended and 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 from Bishop Rusindo and the Czech Province were read by Compton Lane.

Johnnie Tayloe presented the list of committees that are in the process of setting up to help better establish the group's organization and distribute the work load. Sign up sheets are at the back of the room. Please, sign up for one or more committees in which your talents and skills can be used.

Calling cards have been printed with the Moravian Seal and our Mission Statement on them. Please, take some and distribute to church members who have not been participating in Concerned Moravians meetings. We feel they may be a good way to start a conversation 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 2018 Synod. Ideas are needed about how to contact members of the Southern Province churches that have no idea what is happening in our church.

A question and answer session was opened to the floor.

Q: Helen Gullledgeô Little Church on the Lane

Where can we get copies of documents that have been discussed today?

A: We will send by email or mail. A website is under construction. Domain name is ConcernedMoravians.org. At present, emails can be sent to us thru concernedmoravians@gmail.com

Comment: The Devil has infiltrated our church. Coming here today, all kind of things were in my mind as reasons for not coming and I had to fight to get them out of my mind. The Devil is hard at work trying to bring down Christians.

Q: Why do we not go to the press?

A: This is something the leadership team has discussed. At this time we felt like our situation would not be presented in the light we wished it to be. Dick Joyce spoke to this issue. He has met a free lance journalist, who is in the Moravian Church, and did not realize all this was going on until he had a discussion with Dick about Synod. He has expressed interest in writing an article covering the Concerned Moravians objection to the present resolutions coming out of 2018 Synod. This has, thus far, been the only viable outlet for media coverage that we have considered.

Q: Has anyone had discussions with the Durham church which withdrawn form the Moravian Church? It's time to speak out BOLDLY.

A: We have tried contacting Frank Venable, but have had no response.

Comment: Time to fortify ourselves for God's work.

Comment: Bill Barhamô Home Church

Simple way to get people thinking. Bright Yellow envelopes in the offering plate. In them, nothing, or tithe, or Bible verse, or note letting them where your tithe was sent in stead of the church.

Comment: Steve Allredô Home Church

God answers prayer in His time. Asked pastor to write letter to congregates with the Biblical references to back up her belief that Resolution 13 and 14 are right. He has had no answer.

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 Charles Fishel.