



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 NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019!

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 to wake up the Moravian Church to the direction it is heading in disobedience to the Word of God.

SAVE THE DATE

**GENERAL
MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER
29, 2018**

2:00 PM

**RURAL HALL
MORAVIAN
CHURCH**

**Located at:
7939 Broad Street
Rural Hall, NC
27045**

Distribution and Correspondence Committee

Our committee has been working on updating contact information on persons who signed our original petition addressed to the PEC of the Southern Province and the Unity Board of the Unitas Fratrum.

Contact people are still needed from the following churches:

Advent, Calvary, Clemmons, Enterprise, Friedberg, First Moravian of Greensboro, Friedland, Fries Memorial, Fulp, Hope, Immanuel, Konnoak Hills, Mizpah, Olivet, and Union Cross.

If you know of someone, from one of the above churches, that would be willing to provide addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for members of their church, please contact Diane Hubbard or Judy Tayloe at Concerned Moravians, PO Box 2500, Advance, NC 27006
336-399-1478

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June 1, 2019

Bethania Moravian Church

The Concerned Moravians held a meeting on June 1, 2019 at Bethania Moravian Church, at 2:00 PM. This meeting was held to briefly update members on our pursuits and to hear from Bishop Armando Rusindo from Cuba.

Bishop Rusindo is visiting for a few days in the Southern Province and agreed to speak to us, thru an interpreter, about the Moravian Church in Cuba and our struggles here in the Southern Province with the 2018 Southern Province Synod. He has authored a paper, "When Principles Are Abandoned", which we have placed on the website. This has caused quite a stir in the province and has been uplifting to us as Concerned Moravians. His paper also got attention from the Czech Province. Both have kept in touch and support our cause.

The meeting was opened by Dick Joyce with prayer and an introduction of Bishop Armando Rusindo. The Bishop told us of his background and how he started a Christian church in Cuba which decided that they wanted to be in partnership with the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. This was decided from the information of the church history, traditions, principles, and doctrine. But with all the change lately, he is questioning if the Cuban church wishes to remain in this partnership. The church is straying from God's Word and principles. These feelings are in line with what the Concerned Moravians have been trying to communicate to the leaders and congregants of the Southern Province.

We intend to keep communication open with Cuba and the Czech Province so that they may help us along in this struggle.

A responsive group prayer was offered by Diane Hubbard.

Kay Adams announced that the website, concernedmoravians.org, was up and going. We want to thank Johnnie Tayloe for getting info onto the site. Documents that we have received and sent are available on the site as well as announcements of meetings and other info for your reading.

Two members of the PEC were recognized as being in attendance. Discussion was started with the majority of questions to the PEC members. One thing brought up was the correspondence between the PEC and Bishop Rusindo over his agreement to speak to Concerned Moravians at this meeting. The PEC asked that he not attend the meeting, but he agreed to come anyway. Further pressure was put on him to decline the invitation. The Bishop explained how he asked to be absent from Cuba to travel here and the PEC President in Cuba agreed to that. There seemed to be a misunderstanding about all this communication among the PEC members about the Bishop's travels, but Bishop Rusindo stepped up and let the truth be known about his intent.

The question was asked about progress on the non-profit status. Wake Forest law department was contacted and they may assist in our plans for this action.

In further discussions, a thought was planted by Steve Allred. In all these actions, should we keep this in mind, "Did John Hus die for nothing?" All the people before us in the Moravian Church put their lives on the line for Christ and tried to live the way we are taught in the Bible. Is it all going to be forgotten?

The meeting was adjourned by Dick Joyce with our thanks to Bishop Rusindo. The love offering of \$ 2,000 was given to him as he departed.

I Will Be Their GOD and They Will Be My People

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:3

(Also Genesis 17:7-8, Exodus 29:45, Leviticus 26:45, Jeremiah 24:7, 31:33 and 32:38, Ezekiel 11:20, 37:23 and 37:27, Zechariah 8:8, 2 Corinthians 6:16, Hebrews 8:10 and Revelation 21:3)

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I write these words as an encouragement to both you and myself, to build our faith and to deeply grasp who we are in God's Kingdom.

We are God's people. We were created by Him and chosen by Him to live in fellowship with Him forever. God's Word, from Genesis to Revelation, reflects God's desire for this divine lineage with us. He is constantly rescuing and renewing those whose hearts are fixed on Him. When God needed to reestablish communion with His people once and for all, He sent His Son as a sacrifice for our sins and as a mediator to bring us yet again into fellowship with Him.

Our responsibility is to follow God and do as He instructs, to have faith in Him, and, as His children, to not be discouraged but to always stay focused on Him. We must trust in His leading, having full confidence in His wisdom and power. Regardless of what we see in this worldly realm, God holds the master plan and His will shall be done. All things work for His glory!

I believe in the power and clarity of the very breath of God, His voice. God's voice continues to speak today through His Holy Word, through His natural creation, and through His people who are one with Him. Each one of us is a witness, a vessel, and an epistle for our Lord. May we never disregard or underestimate our magnanimous place in God's Holy Kingdom.

Rather than expound on scripture, I would simply ask that you immerse yourselves in the following verses. I pray that there will be an awareness of repentance where needed, that there will be revival led by the Holy Spirit and that we will all, in Christian unity together, serve our Lord as He commands.

Please receive these words of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, as He prayed for Himself, His disciples and for us, His People, in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Presented By Richard Key of the Concerned Moravians Leadership Team

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

John 17

¹⁷ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

¹⁰ And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee.

Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

¹⁴ I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

²⁶ And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

NEEDS

You have been so generous!

We asked for help with the cost of the website and it was there for us immediately.

We asked for a love offering to go to Bishop Armando Rusindo and the call was answered abundantly.

A couple from our group of Concerned Moravians has generously donated a roll of stamps. This was greatly appreciated!

As our list for the newsletter gets larger, the need for postage is increasing. We would appreciate any assistance with our correspondence costs.

The Leadership Team has been absorbing all such costs to this point, but needs your help. Send to Concerned Moravians, PO Box 2500, Advance, NC 27006 or give them to any member of the Leadership Team.

Since we are not yet a non-profit organization and do not have a checking account, we can not take checks. We will ask for a Love Offering at the meeting to help cover correspondence costs.

**Pray always for the Moravian
Church to be brought back to God's Word.**