

Unity Prayer Watch - 2021

For the Worldwide Moravian Unity – its 24 Unity Provinces, 2 Unity Undertakings, 5 Mission Provinces, and 15 Mission Areas, as well as Unity Ministries pray for:

- the Unity Committee on Theology;
- the Unity Mission and Development Board;
- the Unity Women’s Desk and Unity Youth Desk;
- the 2 Unity Undertakings: the Unity Archives; and the work at Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Ramallah, Palestine;
- the ongoing partnerships of the worldwide Unity, given the very differing cultures and circumstances;
- the Unity to remain faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission;
- the fellowship of believers within the Unity and with those who are not part of the Unity; and
- those serving the worldwide Unity.

For the Unity Board --composed of representatives from Unity Provinces and Unity Mission Provinces pray for...

- the acting Unity Board Chair, Rev. David Guthrie, who also serves as the North American representative, the other members of the Unity Executive Committee, and the Unity Board Administrator, Jørgen Bøytler.

Unity Provinces

For the Alaska province, pray for...

- the congregations, fellowships, outreach ministries and their pastors;
- the work of the outreach ministry in Marshall, Alaska;
- PEC President Clifford Jimmie;
- forgiveness and healing for the people affected by the division in the church; and
- more ordained pastors.

For the America Northern province, pray for...

- the 85 congregations and 2 emerging ministries that they may be agents of God’s transforming love in their communities;
- the PEC president, Betsy Miller and the other members of the Provincial Elders’ Conference: David Bennett, Bruce Nelson, Greg Weir, Susan Dreydoppel, Bruce Shoger, Valerie Wagner, and Ralph Wanamaker, Jr. , as they serve the church through leadership and administration;
- the District Boards: Eastern, Western and Canadian Districts. Preparations for Synods delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provincial and district staff members;
- the Bishops residing in the province: C. Hopeton Clennon, M. Blair Couch, J. Christian Giesler, Paul A. Graf, Douglas H. Kleintop, and Kay Ward, as they pray for the work of the church and provide counsel for our pastors;
- the clergy as they minister in 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;
- the retired clergy and their spouses;
- the ministry of agencies: the Archives, the Provincial Women’s Board;
- the Camp and Conference Centers – VanEs, Mt Morris, Camp Hope, and the mid-states camping program;

- Senior living facilities: Marquardt Village, Moravian Manor, Moravian Hall Square, Moravian Care Ministries; and
- the lay people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees and task forces.

For the Costa Rica province, pray for...

- for the provincial board and its chairperson, Dr. Leopold Pixley;
- help with making a book of the Moravian Liturgies;
- the ongoing work to energize youth ministries;
- definite resolution for the reconciliation between the Pavas congregation and the Province; and
- more commitment, along with thanks for the brothers and sisters who do continue to carry on.

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; and
- the Roma congregation named *Nevo Dživipen* and their congregants, the ongoing mission work in Poland;

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 Jean Claude Ntambwe; 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, Algernon Lewis;
- mission efforts in Tortola, Grenada and Haiti;
- the opportunity for closer ties between this province and the North American Provinces; and
- the continued work of rebuilding following hurricane damage

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, Roberta Hoey;
- 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...

- growth in our province and congregations through greater commitment to God's teachings and to the church; for the provincial board and its chairperson, Br. Noel Adonis;
- the promise of the worldwide Moravian Unity to remain steadfast in the preaching and practice of the Word;
- those who are in need and underprivileged, and the wherewithal to provide for them and respond to their needs;
- persons/pastors ready and willing to share the Good News of God's Mercy and His love; and
- God's protection and provision in every circumstance, even when there seems to be no way.

For the Honduras province, pray for...

- the congregations, pastors, and lay pastors; the provincial board and its chairperson, Raby Becam;
- movement towards 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 to find a new direction; 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, Geoffrey Chiona;
- the furtherance of evangelism to reach out to more people;
- increased ability to receive and care for 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 many congregations, the Provincial Board and its chair, Evenor Ismael;
- a resolution to the conflict dividing the church, and wisdom for leaders to find a lasting, peaceful, solution;
- 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
- resolution of political violence and the wide-reaching impact of this conflict.

For the South Africa province, pray ...

- for the government to end the corruption which is crippling their economy;
- for the rebuilding and recovery of Wupperthal following a devastating fire in 2019;
- for the provincial board for all of the challenges they are facing, and for the chairperson, Godfrey Cunningham;
- to bless our church programs and projects;
- to thank God for our Unity and for the working spirit in our province; and
- to thank God for his intervention in the financial affairs of our province.

For the Suriname province, pray for...

- the congregations, the provincial board and its chairperson, Rev Desire Peerwijk;
- 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, Saul Kajula;
- 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, Isaac Siame;
- 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 church members to know their roles as members;
- the provincial board, and its chairperson Erord Simae;
- salaries for church workers to be found and paid in a timely manner;
- education for more evangelists and pastors (women and men);
- running of the existing projects effectively for the benefit of the church; and
- thanks for unity among Christian members and leaders, the growth of the church, and members who know their roles to and for the church.

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

- the provincial board, and its chairperson Rev. Y. Mwambeta;
- a resolution for the conflict between MCT –SP and Kyela;
- total unity and true unity for Christians in Tanzania;
- the work in South Sudan;
- thankfulness for peace, improving economic status and the increasing number of pastors and Christians.

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

- the congregations, outstations, pastors, the provincial board and its chairperson, Zacharia 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, Bishop 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, Chipson Mayembe;
- the development of capital projects to bring income into the church; and
- the goals to further spread the gospel within Zambia.

Mission Provinces

Mission Province of Burundi, pray for. . .

- the provincial board, and its chairperson, Pascal Benimana;
- theological training at all levels;
- scholarships for further studies for and oncologist to deal with cancer in women, and another to specialize as a clinical psychologist to deal with trauma healing;
- a vehicle for field upcountry supervision; and
- thanks that the general security situation has improved, and the growth of the church, both spiritually and in number.

Mission Province of Cuba, pray for...

- the provincial board and its president Rev. Tania Sanchez;
- guidance for the leadership of the Church in Cuba to deal with difficult situations;
- different groups now meeting, with ordained ministers and lay pastors;
- the growing outreach in Holguin, as well as the Comenius Center; and
- efforts for land and produce development to help their church communities.

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

- for the provincial board and its chairperson, Ondrej Halama;
- for us to be humble so we can be His tool to touch our neighbors; and
- permission from the State Department of Education to permit the Blahoslav High School and the funds to purchase a building for the school.

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 a national headquarters building.
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, Joaquín Muro;
 - growth in the house churches and resources to continue renting space;
 - further development of leadership and income-generating projects; and
 - 17 new communities in the Amazon region discerning a new connection with the Moravian church.
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
 - the new national steering committee elected in 2020, and for discernment as in writing the first draft of a book of order to further its development as a Mission Area;
 - for Safiatu Braima, serving as Provincial Acolyte.
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 our nation, pray for...

- the president of the United States; 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, The Episcopal Church, and the United Methodist Church with whom we are in full communion; the Covenant Agreement with the Presbyterian Church (USA) our work with Christian Churches Together (CCT); our membership in the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, and state councils of churches (FL, NC, VA).
- increasing peace, mutual respect and harmony, particularly in areas experiencing protracted violence and fear;
- the issues of health care, especially regarding the ravages of COVID-19, , violence, racial tensions, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and poverty (to name a few) that impact the people 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 our Southern Province, pray for...

- the 53 congregations and 8 Fellowships that form our Province;
- our new and emerging ministries: Come and Worship, Anthony's Plot (Russ May), Estamos Unidos (Angelica Regalado), the Dwelling (in partnership with the NC Synod of the ELCA, Emily Norris); Agape Moravian Church, Miami (Illovis Gonzalez), the Thrift Store ministry of Union Cross church.
- our focus on the Moravian Essentials: God creates, redeems and makes us holy; we respond in faith, love and hope; as we focus on spiritual growth (discipleship); community as brothers and sisters in Christ; and mission.
- faithfulness to God's invitation to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed with our neighbors and around the world;
- plans for continuing the annual "Moravian Day of Service" to others;
- the vitality, work and witness of our congregation, especially those facing financial challenges;
- openness and creativity as the province reviews its organization and considers new definitions and models of communities of faith (congregations & fellowships);
- the Interprovincial Board of Communication: Mike Riess, Jill Bruckart, and Sue Kiefner; Board Chair: Ginny Tobiassen.
- the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: Chris Spaugh, Laura Watson, Kara Yates, Catherine Wolfe, Vince Holbrook, Libby Davis; Board Chair: Cheryl Weber.
- the Moravian Music Foundation: Nola Reed Knouse, Gwyneth Michel, Erik Salzwedel, David Blum, and Sarah Durham; Board Chair, G. Randy Gibbs;
- 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: Justin Rabbach, Chris Giesler, Jill Kolodziej, Deb Swanson, and Rex Knowlton. Board Chair: Thomas Baucom;
- the bishops residing in our Province: Wayne Burkette, Carol Foltz, Sam Gray, Graham Rights, Lane Sapp, Tom Shelton, and John Wilson, as they pray for the work of the church and provide counsel for our pastors;
- the pastors of our province as they minister in settings as diverse as congregations, seminaries, prisons, and hospitals;
- the church educators of our province;
- retired clergy and their spouses;
- pastors serving in specialized ministry: Jeff Carter (Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry); Heather Vacek (Pittsburg Theological Seminary); Nola Knouse (Moravian Music Foundation); Bert Chin (VITAS Hospice);
- candidates for the ordained ministry: Adriana Craver, Scott Rainey, Margaret Norris, Madi White, Noah Smith, Josh Follweiler, Reid Lawson, Dana Meyers, and for others to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of Christ and his church;
- leadership development: pastors, and board and congregational ministry leaders;
- the members of the Provincial Elders' Conference: Matthew Allen, Peggy Carter, Tommy Cole, David Guthrie, Keith Kapp, Judy Knopf, Nola Knouse;
- the Provincial Staff: Finance Office: Robyn Glance, Jennifer Vinson, Drew Coulter; Interim Human Resources Coordinator, Gary Stilley; PEC: Executive Assistant, Beverly Johnson, Assistant to the President, Dave Marcus;
- the Provincial Support Services Board; Board Chair: Joe Harris;
- the 12 regional conferences of churches as they share, support and engage in mission together;
- the Board of Cooperative Ministries, and its staff: Ruth Burcaw, Beth Hayes, Heather Stevenson, Hanna Jackson, Austin Craver; Board Chair: Michael Terry;
- the Provincial Women's Board: Staff, Cindy Lamb; President: Pam Prevatte

- the Provincial Archives: Eric Elliott, Archivist, Nicole Crabbe; Commission Chair: John Larson;
- the Mission Society, Moravian Church, South: Staff, Jennifer Boles; President: Bob Peterson;
- Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church: David Holston, Executive Director; Jonathan Barnes, Mary Beth Marquard, Ray Crouse, Tommy Thomas, Charles Forrest.
- Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center: Tres Fordham, Director; Michael Sawtelle, Teresa Cude, Scarlett Dowdy, Karen Eagle, Rexanna Harris; Board Chair: Victoria Lasley.
- our partnership with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry and our chaplain, Jeff Carter;
- Salemtowne, the Moravian Retirement Community, its leadership team, associates, and residents. Mark Steele (President/CEO); Board Chair, Chris Perry;
- Educational institutions: Salem Academy and College, Susan Henking, Interim, President; Moravian College and Theological Seminary: Bryan Grigsby, President; Craig Atwood, Interim Vice President and Dean of the Seminary. Seminary Faculty: Deborah Appler, Craig Atwood, Nelson Rivera, Michele Santiago, Beth Toler, Riddick Weber, Audrey West; and
- the lay people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees, and task forces of the Province.

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