

## Unity Prayer Watch Topics 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 (Patty Garner, Coordinator) 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, Robert Hopcroft and Chair-elect, Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, and the other members of the Unity Executive Committee; and the Unity Board Administrator, Jørgen Bøytler.

Unity Provinces

For the Alaska province, pray for...

- the 22 congregations, 2 fellowships, 1 outreach ministry and their pastors;
- the provincial board and its chairperson Rev. Isaac Amik and their new bishop, Lincoln Enoch;
- 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;
- gratitude for the completion of the Old & New Testament translation project;
- 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 89 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, Judy Kaaua, Jill Westbrook, and Tom Zimmer, as they serve the church through leadership and administration;
- the ministries of the Archives, and the Provincial Women’s Board;
- Camp and Conference Centers – VanEs, Mt Morris, Camp Hope;
- Senior living facilities: Marquardt Village, Moravian Manor, Moravian Hall Square;
- renewed passion and commitment to the gospel through Healthier Congregations initiatives; and
- the discernment of the Identity, Purpose, and Organization (IPO) Task Force.

For the Costa Rica province, pray for...

- the three congregations in San José and Limón and three potential outstations and their five ordained pastors;
- continued steps toward reconciliation between the Province and the group that formerly made up the Pavas congregation;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Leopoldo Pixley;
- the completion of the School of Worship and Music and the Multi-use Building; and
- the search for a person trained in Christian Education.

For the Czech province, pray for...

- the 29 congregations that form the province, with 48 ordained ministers and 3,800 members;
- the new provincial board and its chairperson, Bishop Petr Krasny;
- the establishment of Blahoslav Secondary School and approval by the Ministry of Education;
- fruits from the youth conference and annual whole church conference;
- continued reconciliation of the two groups of Moravians;
- the ministry of bishops Petr Krasny, Evald Rucky and Jan Klas;
- the focus of congregations on the needs of the society around them, and for the resources for their projects and activities;
- the first gypsy congregation named *Nevo Dživipen* which means a new life and their 60 congregants, and for the reconciliation seen between the Czech and Romany ethnic groups at the Regional prayer conference this past spring;
- the recurring influence of the Communists upon the country; and
- the ongoing mission work in Poland, begun in 2008 and the mission family sent there.

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

- Bishop Moise Tshimanga and the leadership of the province;
- the 40 pastors and 50 evangelists, as well as the teachers for the Theological faculty;
- the 80 congregations and 21,500 members; and
- safety and effective witness in situations of conflict arising in the region.

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

- the 52 congregations, 3 fellowships scattered in ten islands under five different governments, with a total membership of 15,095;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Cortroy Jarvis;
- mission efforts in Tortola, Grenada and Haiti, led by PEC member Errol Connor;
- provincial preparedness for inevitable hurricanes;
- gratitude for the publication of the first Caribbean Moravian hymnal; and
- the opportunity for closer ties between this province and the North American Provinces.

For the European Continental province, pray for...

- the 24 congregations and 29 fellowships and outstations in 8 different countries that form the province, with a membership of 14,525;
- 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 30 congregations that form the province, with a total membership of approximately 1,200;
- 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;
- the opportunity for renewal and increased interest in the work of the Church in Britain;

- thanks for all our lay preachers and the work of shared ministry in our congregations;
- the retired Ministers who still serve the Church faithfully in prayer, preaching and other tasks;
- our youth work—for our Summer Camp, youth weekends, youth work in congregations and the active young adults who are organizing themselves; pray that this work will lead to committed young disciples of Jesus; 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 8 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 85 congregations that form the province, with 86 active pastors, 43 of them ordained;
- the positive signs of reconciliation between the Province and the Mission Province to continue;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Harlan Macklin;
- the mission outreach to the Garífuna, Belize and Tawahkas;
- the radio outreach program;
- the medical program and its leaders, Roberto Serapio and Dr. Kenneth Serapio, and Rick Nelson as interim administrator;
- theological education through the Bible Institute in Puerto Lempira and guidance for Rev. Andrew and Amy Fields (and baby Irene) of the Reformed Church in America as they leave this ministry;
- the Alas de Socorro aviation ministry servicing the Ahuas Clinic; 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 65 congregations that form the province and 8,093 total members;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Paul Gardner;
- the pastors, most of whom are bi-vocational due to the poverty of the country;
- the camping and evangelistic programs of the province;
- 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 usually 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;
- the furtherance of social and economic activities to the poor people of Malawi; and
- ongoing natural disasters that impact their people.

For the Nicaragua province, pray for...

- the 226 congregations of different ethnicities throughout the country, with a membership of 102,084;
- 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;
- continued growth in numbers and stewardship of resources;

- 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, with reduced tension among the four ethnic groups which comprise the Moravian Church – the Creole, Miskito, Rama, and Mayangna.

For the South Africa province, pray for...

- the 87 main stations and 178 outstations and preaching sites that form the province;
- the chairperson, Brian Abrahams, and provincial board;
- the lay worker's training program;
- finding the resources to rebuild three places of worship;
- the land reform efforts to allow land ownership on Mission Station land; and
- the plans to host the Unity Mission Conference in November 2017.

For the Suriname province, pray for...

- the 67 congregations that form the province;
- 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 with the Djumu where there is a mission hospital; and
- the theological education program under the direction of John Kent.

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

- its 28,500 members along the coastal region;
- 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...

- Chairman Charles Katale and other leaders in the church;
- blessings on the 135 congregations, 43 pastors and 135 evangelists and more than 32,100 Moravians, the 20 ministers and 89 evangelists;
- the construction of the Kaliua Secondary School;
- upgrading the clinic building for the Ichemba dispensary; and
- for the resources to deal with the many refugees, some of them Moravian, coming in from Burundi.

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

- the 24 congregations and 8 evangelical mission centers, led by 31 pastors;
- the provincial board and chair Peter Malema;
- proposed leadership training at all levels;
- the completion of the provincial offices;
- opportunities to move into remote areas to share the Gospel; and
- the ongoing exploration of partnership with the North American Board of World Mission.

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

- the 60 congregations that form the province, with 405 outstations and 104 ordained pastors;
- provincial chair person, Nebort K. Sikazwe;
- the African Rainbow Secondary School and the problem with competition from the government schools;
- the Mlimani Theological College and its students; and
- the transition in leadership of the province;

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

- the 170 congregations that form the province, more than 250 pastors and 203,000 members;
- 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 211 congregations and 45 outstations that form the province, with 290 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 61 main congregations and 270 outstations, 85 pastors and 350 evangelists;
- the provincial board and its chairperson, Ezekiel Yona, and Bishop Isaac Nicodemo;
- the hospital and its staff in Sikonge as it confronts many difficulties in providing care; along with the many dispensaries of the Moravian Church, including the renovated dispensary 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;
- mission among the Sukuma people and the Muslim; and
- the new Kiwele mission area.

For the Zambia province, pray for...

- the 14 ordained ministers, 2 pastors and 2 evangelists, and 5,210 members;
- the development of capital projects to bring income into the church;
- the goals to further spread the gospel within Zambia; and
- the leaders, including the chairman Happy Sikafunda.

### Mission Provinces

Mission Province of Burundi, pray for

- guidance and strength as they continue to develop their church as a Mission Province under the leadership of Rev. Ntahonkuriye 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;
- the joy of the Cuba Moravian Church being approved as a Mission Province by the Unity Synod 2016;
- seventeen different groups now meeting, with three ordained ministers and thirteen lay pastors;
- Sisters Alay Gonzalez and Tania Sanchez who were ordained in August, 2016;
- the growing outreach in Holguin, as well as the John Amos 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 9 congregations and 7 outstations that form the mission province, with 10 ordained ministers;
- the leadership of this mission province and chair, Ondrej Halama;
- the project for a new Prague congregation house; and
- future leadership within the church.

Mission Province of Honduras, pray for...

- the provincial board and its chairperson, Cristobal Smith, and Bishop Sandoval Martinez;
- ongoing efforts toward reconciliation with the Honduras Province;
- the Bible Institute in Ahuas, its leadership and students; and
- five pastors leading new mission outreach.

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

- the provincial board, chair Sarah Jensen and all leaders of the province;
- opportunities for theological education and the preparation of new leaders and pastors;
- the four established congregations in Happy Valley, Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain and several smaller groups of Moravians in Postville and St. John's, Newfoundland;
- growing discipleship through their Bible study program;
- a vital youth ministry among the churches; and
- the partnership with the Anglican Diocese in Newfoundland that has started that more Anglican priests feel a call to serve along the coast Hopedale; and stewardship and commitment growth among church members.

### Mission Areas

1. Moravian Church in Belize, pray for...
  - work in seven communities with a membership of 165 persons; and
  - theological training for leaders in the church.
2. Moravian Church in Eastern Congo in Sud Kivu and Katanga (DR Congo), pray for...
  - 36 congregations, 11 ordained ministers and 36 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 16 churches and 18 pastors in this region; and
  - continued resources to support church development among the Garifuna people.
5. Moravian Church in Haiti, pray for...
  - continued support for 2 pastors training at United Theological College in Jamaica; and
  - continued redevelopment of the mission area with the stabilization of leadership;
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 new national board and President Christopher Valencia;
  - growth in the 4 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 (North America South), pray for...
  - thanks for government approval of the high school and the hope for finding qualified teachers;
  - for new outreach to share the gospel in nearby villages;

- thanks for sparing the village from the Ebola outbreak; 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;
    - the ministry and school in Ladakh under Rev. Elijah Gergen;
    - the translation project in Ladakh; and
    - the ministry in Nepal under the Rev. Nagendra Pradhan, assisted by Revs. Shanti and Vani Pradhan and their recovery from the earthquake.
  14. Moravian Church in Uganda
  15. Moravian Church in Zanzibar (Eastern Tanzania), pray for...
    - the 146 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 the nation, pray for...

- the outgoing and newly elected 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;
- ecumenical relationships: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Episcopal Church with whom we are in full communion; the ongoing dialogue with the United Methodist Church who approved our full communion relationship this year; the Covenant Agreement with the Presbyterian Church (USA) that we celebrated this year and with whom we are discussing the orderly exchange of clergy; our work with Christian Churches Together (CCT).
- 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 our Southern Province, pray for...

- the 55 congregations and 9 Fellowships that form our Province;
- the emerging ministries of Anthony's Plot community (Russ May), and Come and Worship (Brad Bennett);
- our 12 Regional Conferences of Churches as they share, support and engage in mission together;
- increasing vitality in witness and service of our congregations.
- 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 Provincial Elders' Conference: Ron Bell, Ray Burke, Peggy Carter, Daniel Crews, David Guthrie, Chris Thore, Joyce Vance.
- the Board of Cooperative Ministries. Its staff: Ruth Burcaw, Beth Hayes, Heather Stevenson, Andrew Cox; Board chair: Carol Foltz.
- the Provincial Women's Board. Its staff: Cindy Lamb; Board Chair: Mallie Graham.
- Provincial Support Services Board. Ron Bell, Malissa Bumgarner, David Guthrie, Joe Hoover, Sabrina Maksi, David Marcus, Katherine Wilkerson (chair).
- the Mission Society of the Moravian Church, South, Donna Hurt (chair).
- Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church. Its staff: David Holston, Susan Roediger, Jonathan Barnes, Tim Adams, Charles Forrest.

- Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center. Its staff: Tres Fordham, Terry Rausch, Teresa Cude, Scarlett Dowdy, Dan Jayne.
- Candidates for the ordained ministry to continue to be called by the Holy Spirit into the service of the Church: Andrew Craver, Leslie Cox, Illovis Gonzalez, Adam Goodrich, Victoria Lasley, Angelica Regalado, Rusty Rushing, Fran Saylor, Charles Snider.
- Our partnership with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry. Chaplain Robert Wolfe.
- Pastors serving in specialized ministry: Logan Jones (Rex Hospital), Heather Vacek (Pittsburg Theological Seminary), Nola Knouse (Moravian Music Foundation).
- the Board of World Mission as the vision for mission around the world is integrated with the vision of local mission within your community. The staff: Judy Ganz, Sam Gray, Justin Rabbach, Jill Kolodziej, Deb Swanson, Sheila Beaman, and Rex Knowlton;
- the Interprovincial Board of Communication. The staff: Mike Riess, Jill Bruckart, and Sue Kiefner; the
- the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: Paul McLaughlin, Chi-Chi Messick, Laura Watson and Kara Yates;
- the Moravian Music Foundation: Nola Reed Knouse, Gwyneth Michel, Margaret Brady, and Erik Salzwedel;
- Moravian Theological Seminary, and its faculty: Frank Crouch (Dean), Deborah Appler, Craig Atwood, Tim Luckritz Marquis, Michelle Santiago, Steve Simmons, Riddick Weber, Jane Williams.
- Salem Academy and College. Lorraine Sterritt (President); Lisa Pence (Head of School, Salem Academy);
- Salem Congregation. Ron Bell (interim facilities manager), Jan Trivette.
- Salemtowne Moravian retirement community. Mark Steele (President/CEO), Peggy Carter (Board Chair).
- the Bishops residing in our province: Wayne Burkette, Sam Gray, Graham Rights, Lane Sapp, John Wilson, as they pray for the work of the church and provide pastoral care and counsel to our pastors.
- the clergy of our province as they minister in settings as diverse as congregations, seminaries, prisons, and hospitals;
- the Church Educators of our province;
- the retired clergy and their spouses; and
- the faithful lay leadership of people who give of their time and talent on numerous boards, committees, and task forces of our congregations and province.

For your congregation, pray for...

- discernment of God's leading for how your church participates in God's ongoing work;
- your church board(s), program committees, and their leaders.
- your pastor(s), church educator(s) and other staff;
- 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; and
- local ecumenical and community programs.

**“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*