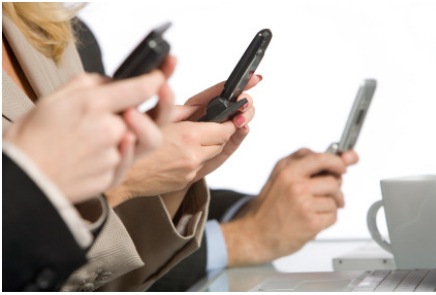


# District Developments

*The Newsletter of  
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June 2017  
David E. Bennett,  
President*



## District Seeks Social Media Intern

You see people sitting in the malls, waiting rooms, and even on park benches doing it....it's that telltale slow swipe of the finger down their smartphone or tablet....over and over again as they browse...and browse....and browse. Regardless of whether it is Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, the fact that social media has become engrained in the culture of our community is undeniable. That's not necessarily a bad thing, especially if our Church can find ways to leverage these information and communication tools for the good of ministry – at least the delegates from the last two Eastern District Synods think so and mandated accordingly!

Both the 2012 and 2016 District Synods have discussed the growing importance of communication through social media, desiring the district and congregations to find ways to better utilize such means of communication to support and herald ministry partnerships. Toward this end, the Eastern District Executive Board has allocated funding for a Social Media Intern position and is now recruiting applications from individuals who would like to serve in such a position. The primary task of this individual will be to guide and nurture not only our congregations in the effective use

of social media, but also to leverage such communication for ministry partnerships with our agencies and commissions.

More specifically, the Social Media Intern will help us build a more tech-savvy district fellowship by developing an overall ministry strategy for connecting the Eastern District through online means. As a result, candidates for the Social Media Intern position will need qualifications which include, but are not limited to:

- Expertise in the use of online networking sites and proficient standard in Office software applications
- The ability to quickly adapt those strategies in response to visitor, member, and or local church feedback
- A thorough knowledge of the Moravian Church is important, as the Social Media Intern will be the conduit between the general public, district leadership, and the local congregations.
- Able to provide 8-12 hours per week, remotely or on site. (Salary is a standard \$10/hr.)

The Social Media Intern will have the opportunity to team with the newly structured Eastern District Ministry Leadership Team, working directly with district staff, agency heads, and district leadership. Should an interested applicant wish more information regarding specifics of this position, please contact Rev. Cynthia Geyer, Eastern District Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. (This position is not directed only at youth and young adult, however Cynthia is the district staff person overseeing recruitment for this position.)

To actually apply for the position of Eastern District Social Media Intern, please send your resume to [HR@mcnp.org](mailto:HR@mcnp.org).

## Hope Conference Center Welcomes New Staff

The Board of Management of Hope Conference & Renewal Center ("Camp Hope") is proud to introduce the members of its new year-round Management Team: Susan Dreydoppel, Center Director; Harry Howard, Caretaker; and Ramona Nicholson, Administrative Assistant.

Susan Dreydoppel was named the Center Director in January, 2017, following the departure of the previous Administrator. She has worked at Hope Conference Center since 2011 as Administrative Assistant, and then Assistant Administrator. A member of Schoeneck Moravian Church in Nazareth, she also served three terms on the Eastern District Executive Board.

Harry Howard has been hired as the camp's Caretaker, a new position created to perform the maintenance and cleaning duties formerly a part of the Administrator's job. He is a member of the Canadensis Moravian Church in Canadensis, PA. Harry and his wife, Cheryl, will be moving into the camp residence as soon as necessary painting and repairs are completed.

Ramona Nicholson is the new Administrative Assistant. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hecktown, PA, just south of Nazareth.

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The new staff members look forward to welcoming campers, staff, and rental groups to the camp. For info about registering for a camp or to reserve a weekend for your congregation's youth group or other event, call (908) 459-4435 or contact [hope-center@camphope.org](mailto:hope-center@camphope.org).

### Camp Dates:



Pre-Primary:	June 14-17
Sports Camp:	June 18-24
Fishing Camp:	June 18-24
Middler:	June 25-July 1
JR High:	July 2-8
Swim Camp:	July 9-15
Musical	
Theater:	July 9-15
Primary:	July 16-22
SR High:	July 30-August 5
Quilt Camp:	September 27-30

### Fishing Counselors Needed June 18- 24, 2017

Hi – I'm Bob Wingrove from East Hills Moravian Church. It has been my privilege to have been the Fishing Specialist/Dean of the Fishing Camp at Hope for the past 25 years. No I am not retiring from camp, but the reality is no one goes on forever and we always need new counselors.

If you like the outdoors, enjoy fishing and want to work with youth, both boys and girls, between the ages of 12 and 16 in a faith based environment at Camp Hope, this is a great opportunity.

We spend a lot of time in canoes on the lake. This year we will be on our own Little Silver and Big Silver Lakes. We will be on a day trip to

Silver Lake in the Poconos, truly a great bass fishery. Around Camp we have many activities, Bible lessons, fishing lessons, swimming, meals, free time, games night, movies nights, various sports and other activities. All of these activities require adult supervision and participation. You do not need to be an expert fisherman, we will teach you the basics. This knowledge, you will then pass on to the younger campers.

The bottom line is – Fishing Camp is always fun, rewarding and important as one of the many camps at Hope. It meets the need of youth that often do not connect with classic style camps.

As far as needing more counselors, please note a full complement of counselors makes life better, safer and a lot more fun and rewarding for both the youth and adults.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity to serve your church through Camp Hope, please give me a call, text or email me at cell 610 730-3929 or [boband-kathyw@rcn.com](mailto:boband-kathyw@rcn.com)

Editor's Note: Not a fisherman? Counselors are still needed for all camps. Please contact the Hope office.



### Schedule of Events

June 17 – 275<sup>th</sup> Moravian Days, 10 am to 3 pm on the lawn of Central Moravian Church, Main Street, Bethlehem, PA. Activities, music & food.

June 25 – 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lovefeast, 3 pm. Johnston Hall Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA. Interested in participating as a brass musician or singer?

Contact: Becky Owens at:  
[RAKLEINTOP@hotmail.com](mailto:RAKLEINTOP@hotmail.com)

July 23 – 29, 2017 – 25<sup>th</sup> Moravian Music Festival, Winston Salem, NC 27101. For more information: <http://www.moravianmusicfestival.org/>

January 3-12, 2018 – Moravian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For more information or to register online: [www.moraviantour.com](http://www.moraviantour.com) or by mail: 73 W. Church St. Bethlehem, Pa. 18018-5821 or contact Bishop Clennon at 610-866-5661.



### Crossroads Summer Book Club

Crossroads Summer Book Club at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem highlights several very different books this year: *The Book of Joy* (June 20) led by Rev. Maggie Wellert, *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* (July 18) with Dr. Jill Peters, and *The Morning They Came For Us* (August 15) with Rev. Dr. Deborah Appler, Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible.

Sign up for one night (\$10 each) or for the whole series (\$30) at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads) For more information, contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu). Come and join us for some great conversations - completing each book is helpful but not necessary.



### Change of Address

Rev. Raymond E. Schultz  
C/O Delray Schultz  
7 Lark lane  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**MMFA Welcomes  
New President**

Following the announcement last November that Paul McLaughlin, President of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) would be retiring effective June 30, 2017, the Board launched a search effort to identify his successor. The search process went as planned, and the Board is very pleased to announce that Christopher W. Spaug has accepted the position of President, and will begin with the MMFA on June 1, 2017.

Mr. Spaug, a lifelong resident of North Carolina has spent the past 22 years in increasing positions of responsibility at Wells Fargo Bank NA, and its predecessor, Wachovia Bank. During these years he has developed and demonstrated his ability as a relationship-driven Philanthropic Services leader in the areas of charitable giving and financial solutions. His personal references have vouched for his reputation for integrity, visionary leadership, staff management, nonprofit governance, financial management/oversight, client service, partnership-building and strategic planning.

In addition, since 2004 Mr. Spaug has served with the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust as trustee representative to oversee the strategic, administrative and operational work of the residuary foundation created by Mrs. Kate Bitting Reynolds.

As prior Board Chair and member of the Board Search Committee, Gail Theard, stated, "We were very pleased with the high quality of the 7 finalists, and are extremely pleased that someone of Chris' qualifications and experience will

be assuming the leadership of the important functions of the MMFA."

The Board also wishes to again recognize the significant contributions of Paul McLaughlin in the formation and achievements of the MMFA over the past 20 years, and wishes him well in his transition to retirement.

 **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**June Birthdays**

- 2 Mrs. Elizabeth Jurgen  
Mr. Ralph Wanamaker, Jr.  
Jackie Pasquinelli
- 4 The Rev. Dr. Willard Harstine
- 6 Mr. Daniel Joseph  
The Rev. Bill Rinderknecht
- 14 The Rev. Marlin Schaffstall
- 16 Mr. Frank Johnson  
The Rev. Patricia Honszer
- 17 Mrs. Kathleen Nicholas
- 18 Mrs. Doris Wenger
- 19 Mrs. Fay Thomas
- 20 Mrs. Naomi Case  
Mrs. Erdmute Frank
- 25 Mrs. Emma Williams
- 26 The Rev. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr.
- 28 The Rev. Carol Dague  
Mrs. Eleanor Johnson
- 29 The Rev. Kevin Henning  
Mrs. Francina Harewood

**June Anniversaries**

- 3 The Rev. & Mrs. Robert Engelbrecht
- 10 The Rev. & Mrs. R. Burke Johnson
- 11 The Rev. & Mrs. Michael Foran
- 15 The Rev. & Mrs. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr.  
Mr. Daniel & Rev. Diane Joseph
- 17 The Rev. Andy Meckstroth &  
The Rev. Dr. Lynette Delbridge  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Westbrook
- 19 The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Douglas Kleintop

- 22 The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Willard Harstine  
The Rev. & Mrs. David Bennett  
Mr. Frank & the Rev. Melissa Johnson
- 26 The Rev. & Mrs. Terry Folk
- 27 The Rev. & Mrs. Dean Easton
- 29 The Rev. & Mrs. David Henkelmann
- 30 The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Chris Giesler

Churches celebrating June anniversaries

- 9 -1957 - East Hills, Bethlehem, PA
- 11 -1857 - Fry's Valley, New Philadelphia, OH
- 12 -1955 - Battle Hill, Union, NJ
- 25 -1742 - Central, Bethlehem, PA  
1747 - Nazareth, PA
- 26- 1988 - Fellowship, Brooklyn, NY

**Prayer Concern**

Please pray for Brother William Wellert (Father of Sister Maggie Wellert) who has entered into hospice care. Please also pray for all who care for him including his wife Mattie and daughters Maggie and Pat.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our 2017 Northern Province Ministerial Candidates who graduated from Moravian Seminary this May. They include Brother Gregory Behrend, Brother Benjamin Lippert and Sister Mandy Mastros. We offer prayers of gratitude for these faithful servants and the ministry they will do.