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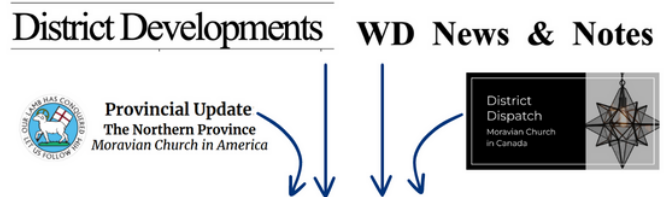
Welcome to the first edition of the Moravian Monthly!

How to Use This Newsletter

All of our Northern Province newsletters (Eastern District Developments, Canadian District Dispatch, Western District News & Notes, and Provincial Updates) are now united under one title: The Moravian Monthly. What does this mean for you?

- Anyone who previously received any of these newsletters will now be getting the news from all of these sources.
- You will now be able to find updates from across the province in one place!
- Information will be accessible in multiple formats, making it easier to share information with those engaged in your congregations and ministries.

Why are we making this change? We want information coming out of our district and provincial offices to be easy to find and easy to share. This newsletter will be a big step toward achieving that goal.



Some details...

In the first pages of the newsletter, you will find updates that are relevant throughout the province. In the final pages of the newsletter, you will find information that is specific to each district.

Updates will now be found within the body of the emailed newsletter, making it easy to copy and paste portions into your congregational newsletters, bulletins, and other communications. In many articles you will find live links to learn more, as well as to download bulletin inserts and social media graphics. This PDF version of the newsletter is intended to make it easy to print sections of the newsletter or the complete edition.

If you are currently viewing this newsletter in print form and would like to ensure that you receive this newsletter via email, scan the QR code to subscribe.



Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sylvie Hauser at sylvie@mcnp.org with comments, concerns, or questions about these changes or to submit contributions to future editions of the Moravian Monthly. Thank you!

Province-Wide Updates

Western District Synod

The 2024 Synod of the Western District of the Moravian Church Northern Province was held April 25-28 at Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center in Wautoma, Wisconsin. The theme for this gathering was "Survive, Revive, Thrive" and program was led by the Rev. Dr. C. Riddick Weber. Those gathered joined together in fellowship and worship, passed several proposals, elected new members of many district and interprovincial boards, and elected new district leadership for the coming four years. The Rev. Jason Andersen was elected as the president of the Western District Executive Board (WDEB). As president of the WDEB, Jason will serve as a member of the Northern Province Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC). Read more about the incoming WDEB in the Western District section of this newsletter. Further reflection about the synod and proposals passed will follow in the June edition of the Moravian Monthly.

MMFA 2024 Grant Cycle Opening THIS MONTH: Dream Big!

Does your church feel called to serve in a new way? Do you need extra funding to get started? The Moravian Ministries Foundation's 2024 Grant Cycle will begin on May 15th. These field of interest funds will be accepting applications:

- Hunger and Thirst
- Clothing
- Racial Awareness, Equity and Reconciliation
- Environmental Stewardship
- Housing and Shelter
- Prison Ministry
- Healing and Health



Visit MMFA's website (MMFA.com) to learn more about each fund, to read about past grant recipients, and for details on how to apply. Please note that eligibility and requirements have changed for the 2024 Grant Cycle. Please contact Laura Watson, Vice President / Director of Programs, if you are interested in applying, or with any grant-related questions.

(MMFA's grantmaking program is made possible by generous individuals like you who donate to our field of interest funds, and by a portion of MMFA's net income each year.)

Northern Province Racial Justice Team Announces "Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time"

The MCNP Racial Justice Team has prepared a timely five-week Bible Study on Christian Citizenship drawing on the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living and related scriptural texts. "Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time," is available to download for use in congregations at www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice. In addition, the Racial Justice Team will offer the Bible Study on Zoom on Tuesdays, May 28, and June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm ET. Most of the hour will be spent in small groups discussing questions provided in the Bible Study. Session titles include: *Humility as a Christian Citizen; We Are Citizens of a Country, What Does That Mean?*; and *Civil Authority and Responsibility: Obligations and Opportunities*. The online Zoom Bible Study sessions are open to all. The Zoom information can be found at www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice/. A version of "Being a Christian Citizen" adapted for use in Canada will also be available to download from the website. Contact Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing at suekoenig@mcnp.org for more information.

Moravian Theological Seminary Online Info Session: Spiritual Direction

May 13, 7:00 pm ET

Scan the QR code to learn more and register:



Engage your congregation in mission!

The Board of World Mission offers a variety of resources for local congregations to assist them in fulfilling their mission goals. These resources are designed to help congregations engage in meaningful mission work in their communities and beyond. These resources include a Mission Discernment Guide, a Mission Team training module, and sermon suggestions.

The Mission Discernment Guide is a multi-session guide that can help congregations discern their mission focus and develop a plan to achieve their goals. The Mission Team Training materials are for congregations forming teams to do mission work locally or globally. These materials cover cross-cultural sensitivity, team building, and spiritual formation. The BWM staff is available to help congregations utilize these materials.

The preaching guide is written by Bishop Chris Giesler and gives pastors, Bible study leaders, or Sunday school teachers suggestions and ideas for preaching or teaching with a missional focus. The text used each week is generally the Gospel lesson assigned in the 3-year lectionary.

These resources can be found on the BWM website at www.MoravianMission.org/Resources. They provide an excellent way for local congregations to deepen their engagement in mission work and positively impact their local communities and our Moravian siblings around the world.

Contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, BWM Director of Mission Engagement at chris@moravianmission.org to learn more about how you can join us in mission or receive a BWM staff member for mission training or worship.

Deadline Extended: Racial Justice Pilgrimage Grants

The deadline to apply for a racial justice pilgrimage grant from the MCNP Racial Justice Team has been extended to **June 30, 2024**. Grants of \$500-\$1,000 will be awarded to help MCNP congregations to plan and experience pilgrimages toward racial justice and healing in 2024. Learn more and apply at www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice/.

Apply Now for an Emerging Ministries Grant!

Do you have an idea for a new ministry but need some funding to get it started? Would a small grant allow you to take the next steps on an outreach or worship gathering that might grow into a new faith community? If so, we encourage you to apply for an Emerging Ministries grant! All members of Northern Province congregations, emerging ministries, and agencies are invited to apply for a grant, with endorsement of the joint boards, regardless of the congregation's financial status. The total funds available in any given year are \$10,000, with no grant exceeding \$1,000. Learn more about the grant criteria, watch a video highlighting previous grant recipients, and apply today at www.Moravian.org/Northern/EmergingMinistries/.



May 5th: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day

Sunday, May 5 has been designated as “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day” by both the US and Canada. The 2023 Synod of the MCNP called the church to recognize this day and to consider ways, in consultation with those impacted, to act to support Indigenous individuals, families, and communities. (Church and Society, Third Partial Report, Resolve 11.) The following statistics were included in the legislation passed by the 2023 MCNP Synod:

- Native American women on reservations face murder and sexual assault rates more than ten times higher than the national average (U.S. Department of Justice)
- Homicide is the third-leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women 10 to 24 years of age, and the fifth-leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between 24 and 34 years of age (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)
- In 2016, though there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, the federal missing person database only logged 116 cases (NCIC.)
- In Canada, Indigenous women and girls are at least six times more likely to be murdered than other women and girls. (Amnesty International)

The symbol used to indicate solidarity with missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls is a red handprint usually painted across the face, to symbolize voices that go unheard and that have been silenced by violence. One step that can be taken is to encourage members of your congregation to wear red on Sunday, May 5, and to invite those who do to post a photo of themselves on social media using #MMIW or #NoMoreStolenSisters! **Learn more and find additional resources at www.Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice.**

Ecumenical News from the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer

We recognize that through the grace of Christ the different denominations have received many gifts and that the Church of Christ may be enriched by these many and varied contributions. It is our desire that we may learn from one another and rejoice together in the riches of the love of Christ and the manifold wisdom of God. We welcome every step that brings us nearer the goal of unity in Him. Covenant for Christian Living

The Moravian Church Northern Province considers it a sacred privilege to journey with and learn from other denominations, particularly those with whom we enjoy a full communion relationship. As Ecumenical Officer, I represent the province or the Moravian Church in America at gatherings of our full communion partners. I also serve on the Coordinating Council of Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC), one of the conciliar groups with whom we bear witness to our unity in Christ.

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Ecumenical News from the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller (*continued*)

In April, the Church Council (equivalent to our PEC) of the ELCA met in Chicago. Among other matters, they received “Faithful Teaching,” the Common Statement of the Twelfth Round of the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. This is the culmination of 60 years of dialogue that began before Vatican II was finalized. It calls on Lutherans and Catholics to honor their own tradition and that of the other – in a shared mission to proclaim the Good News, teach the faith, and focus on what binds people together. There is implied within it a commitment not to disparage how the other understands and teaches the faith. It was emphasized that when a body ‘receives’ such a document, members pledge to live into the commitments that are part of the dialogue reports. This body also reviewed social statements on gun-related violence and trauma, and civic life and faith.

On April 30, the Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, president of the PEC, Southern Province and I took part in a Full Communion Celebration Liturgy held at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. This liturgy celebrated the full communion relationship that both of our provinces approved in 2018. The United Methodist Conference, scheduled to be held in 2020, was delayed until now due to Covid. I invite your prayers for this ongoing gathering, during which delegates will vote on the identity and character of the United Methodist Church as they weather significant division in their denomination over matters of human sexuality.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Christie Melby-Gibbons
- 2 Tracy Robinson
- 4 Vincent Sisley
- 7 May Jones
- 8 Jennifer Bowden
- 10 Diana Breland
- David Melby-Gibbons
- 11 Gloria Barker
- 12 Ann Coppage
- 13 Janis Easton
- 15 Terri Michaels
- Margaret Wilde
- 16 James Hilander
- Amy Linville
- 17 Heidi Gohdes
- Janel Rice
- 18 Mandy Mastros
- 21 Matthew Gillard
- 22 David Henkelmann
- 24 Lois Harke
- Rosieta Burton
- 27 Naomi Thomas
- 28 Trina Holmberg

Churches Celebrating Anniversaries

- 6 West Side, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (164 years)
- 17 Palmyra, Cinnaminson, New Jersey (161 years)
- 18 Good Shepherd, Calgary, Alberta (122 years)
- 22 Redeemer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (58 years)
- Christ’s Community, Maple Grove, Minnesota (41 years)
- 24 Goshen, Durbin, North Dakota (146 years)
- 25 Faith Church of the Nation’s Capital, Washington, DC (38 years)
- West Salem, Illinois (180 years)
- 26 Ephraim, Wisconsin (171 years)

Ordination Anniversaries

- 15 Charles McDonald (3 years)
- 20 Jamie Almquist (1 year)
- 21 Blair Couch (46 years)
- 24 Gregg Schafer (26 years)
- 25 Douglas Kleintop (49 years)
- Betsy Miller (39 years)
- 26 Bruce Nelson (33 years)
- Nasel Ephraim (22 years)
- 28 Christine Johnson (36 years)

Clergy Updates

Sister Janel Rice has accepted a call to serve as the full-time Senior Pastor at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. She began her call on April 8, 2024, but will be officially installed on June 23, 2024. Prior to the call Janel had served as associate pastor to Central Moravian since September 17, 2023. Please be in prayer for the members of Central Moravian and for Janel and her family as they transition together in this ministry.

Sister Judy Ganz began serving as the part-time Intentional Interim Pastor at Lake Auburn Moravian Church in Lake Auburn, MN on April 22, 2024, and will be installed officially on May 12, 2024. Judy is a retired Moravian pastor who has previously served several congregations in the Northern Province and as Executive Director of the Board of World Mission. Please hold Judy, her husband Charlie and the Lake Auburn Congregation in your prayers as they begin this ministry.

Brother Ian Edwards has accepted the call to serve as the full-time pastor of Schoeneck Moravian Church in Nazareth, PA. Ian will begin his call on May 6, 2024, and will be installed on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Ian will continue to serve as the part-time chaplain to the Moravian Houses Senior Living Residence on Main Street, Bethlehem, PA where he began serving on February 5, 2024. Please hold Ian, his family, the Schoeneck Congregation, and the Moravian Houses in your prayers as Ian serves these communities.

The Rev. John Wallace has been granted permission to retire from the active ministry of the Moravian Church, effective September 1, 2024. Brother Wallace was ordained on August 26, 1984, and has served in the Moravian Church at the congregations of Veedum, West Salem, Berea and Waconia in the Western District and most recently in the Eastern District at First Moravian Church of Dover. The Church is grateful for Brother Wallace's forty years of service.

The Rev. Donald Michaels has been granted permission to retire from the active ministry of the Moravian Church, effective December 18, 2024. Brother Don was ordained on June 11, 1995, and has served the Rio Terrace congregation in Canada and Fry's Valley and Sharon in Ohio. The church is grateful for Brother Donald's many years of faithful service.

The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler has been granted permission to retire from the active ministry of the Moravian Church, effective December 31, 2024. Brother Chris was ordained on June 8, 1986, and has served in the Moravian Church Southern Province; as Chaplain at Moravian Theological Seminary; as Director of the Eastern District Youth Ministry; as pastor of Edgeboro and Emmaus congregations and most recently as Director of Mission Engagement with the Board of World Mission. Brother Chris was consecrated a Bishop on November 13, 2010. The Church is grateful for Brother Chris's thirty-eight years of faithful service.

Obituaries and Prayer Concerns

In the warm embrace of the Lord, **The Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon**, known affectionately to all as Hopeton, was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, January 7, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Hopeton was born on March 25, 1960, in Kingston, Jamaica. He was the son of Enos Leopold Clennon and Iris May Jones Clennon. He was united in marriage to Sheila Monica Johnson, on July 23, 1988, at Trinity Moravian Church, Kingston, Jamaica. He attended the University of West Indies & United Theological College of West Indies, graduating in 1982 with a diploma in Ministerial Studies and in 1991 received an M.A. in Theology. He was ordained on June 19, 1983 and served as pastor in Jamaica until moving to the United States in 1989. In the United States he served Faith Moravian Church, Washington, DC; Schoeneck Moravian Church, Nazareth, PA; Moravian Church of Downey near Los Angeles, CA; as chaplain of the Moravian University and Moravian Theological Seminary and served as the senior pastor of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA. Additionally, Br. Hopeton has been the driving force for the renovations in Camp Hope, Jamaica. On October 25, 1998, he was consecrated as the 320th bishop of the Worldwide Moravian Unity. Hopeton is preceded in death by his parents Enos Leopold and Iris May and his sisters Andrea Mae Clennon and Denese Clennon. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Sheila Clennon; children Andrew Clennon of Bethlehem, PA; Danielle Landis and husband Jared of Limerick, PA; Hope-Elizabeth Clennon-Hibbert and her husband Randy of New Jersey; grandchildren Nathaniel & Grace and sisters Evett Joy Barnett of Los Angeles, CA and Bethinia' (Betty) Edwards of Jamaica. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA. A memory tribute may be placed at: www.cantelmifuneralhome.com. CONTRIBUTIONS: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 for Camp Hope (Jamaica), and the future of the elementary schools in Jamaica.

The Rev. Sandra Thigpen was called home on Monday, January 15, 2024, after a brief illness at the Magnolia Creek Assisted Living in Winston Salem. Sr. Sandra was born on January 12, 1945, in Louisville, KY. She graduated in 1991 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained a Deacon on August 19, 1992. She was the first female Chaplain to serve in an adult male correction facility in North Carolina. Reverend Thigpen served as an Associate Chaplain at Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries for 7 years, was the Assistant Senior Chaplain for 3 years, and Chaplain at the NC Baptist Hospital while completing studies in Clinical Pastoral Education. In 1997, she was awarded the National Woman of Achievement Award for Religion and was the keynote speaker for the International Moravian Women's Conference. In September 2000, Reverend Thigpen was the Millennium Speaker for the Virgin Islands Moravian Women's Fellowship Conference. She became the first African-American woman to the Pastorate in the Moravian Church in America; she served as Pastor to St. Phillips Moravian Church, the oldest African-American Church in Winston Salem for 3 years, an Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest Divinity School, and Pastor of Grace Moravian Church in Queens, NY. She was preceded in death by her parents, Christina (mother); John Alvis Sr, (father); two brothers; one sister; and her only son, Brian Christopher Thigpen, on May 1, 2023. Sr. Sandra is survived by her daughter, Tosha Davis; 5 grandchildren: Cristina Thigpen, Cassandra Thigpen, Sierra Davis, Sabian Thomas, and Dante Thomas; 7 great grandchildren: Kendrick, Chandler, Chloe', Claire, Kalaya, Easton, and Christian; a sister, Inez Grevious (Rev. Robert Grevious); a brother Reginald Alvis; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A memorial celebrating her life was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Calvary Moravian Church, Winston-Salem. Cards & memorials can be sent in care of Tosha Davis to 1694 Gateway Dr. Loris, SC 29569.

Please pray for the following churches who are without pastors:

- Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey
- Covenant, York, Pennsylvania
- Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor City, New Jersey
- Faith of the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC
- First, York, Pennsylvania
- First, New York, New York
- Freedom, Appleton, Wisconsin
- Tremont Terrace, Bronx, New York
- The following congregations are not in the call process but are currently without pastors: Veedum Moravian in Pittsville, WI; Daggett Moravian in Daggett, MI; and Heimtal Church in Edmonton, AB.



Moravian Church in Canada



District Synod 2024

In the Canadian District we are excitedly preparing for our Synod which is focused on Re-Imagining our district and congregations. We are intentionally designing a non-legislative synod so we can focus our time and energy on that re-imagining. Zach Dease, the pastor at Macedonia Moravian in the Southern Province and who has done some consulting work through the Center for Congregational Health, will guide us through our Re-Imagining. One

exciting Re-Imagining that is already in the works is that we have asked our delegates to put an event on their congregation or board's calendar after Synod. The purpose of this event will be to continue the work of Synod in each congregation and district entity in their specific context. Even though we are a small district and there are similarities between our congregations, each of them is truly unique in their interests, abilities, and settings. This will allow our congregations and district entities to customize the way they participate in and continue our collective Re-Imagining. Please keep the BECD and the Synod Planning Team in your prayers as we design and implement, and all of our delegates as they discern and lead.

Pastor Aaron, Chair of the Synod Planning Team

Summer Camp Dates - Van Es

Our summer camp themes this year will be "Together We Are Love." This year there will be a \$50.00 registration that will be collected at drop off the first day of camp. The dates are:

- Elementary Camp (for students completed Grade 1 to 6) – Sunday, July 7 to Saturday, July 13, 2024
- Junior/Senior High Camp (for students completed Grade 7 to 12) – Sunday, July 14 to Saturday, July 20, 2024



We are continuing with our camper experience fundraising again this year. If you wish to donate towards our camper experience (donations over \$25.00 will receive a tax receipt) you can:

- Mail a cheque to: PO Box 57063 Eastgate, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A5L7
- Send an E-transfer. Please use our camp email - van-escamp@shaw.ca
- Credit Card Payment. Please contact Randy Downing at 780-922-2457
- Go online to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/14247>

Randy Downing, Business Manager, Van Es Camp & Conference Centre

Social Media Challenge from Christ Moravian Church

We want to hear from you! We know your power to change the world and invite you to create Facebook / Instagram posts that convey your thoughts. Funny? Serious? Thoughtful? Reflective? Questioning? Reaching others? Or... Video, slide show, single image? Less than one minute long... and definitely clean. YES, ANY OF THE ABOVE! To encourage you we offer \$20 each for the top 5 posts. Send them through our Facebook Messenger at Christ-Moravian-Church-Calgary.



It's Your Call



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The 2024 Synod of the Eastern District of the Moravian Church, Northern Province will be held June 26-29, 2024 on the Priscilla Payne Hurd (South) Campus of Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA. We hope that this year's theme for District Synod, "It's Your Call," encourages you to reflect on God's call to you, God's call to us, and our individual and collective responses to that call. We invite your prayers for the planning team as they continue to make preparations for this important gathering.

Summer Camp Dates - Camp Hope

Registration is open for our summer camping ministries. **Learn more about each camp and register at www.CampHope.org.**

- Pre-Primary (completed 1st-2nd grade) — July 21-24
- Primary (completed 3rd-4th grade) — August 4-10
- Middler (completed 5th-6th grade) — July 14-20
- Jr. High (completed 7th-8th grade) — July 28 – August 3
- Sr. High (completed 9th-12th grade) — July 7-13
- Musical Theater Camp (completed 5th-9th grade) — June 30 – July 6
- Swimming Camp (completed 3rd-6th grade) — July 21-27

Summer Camp Dates - Mid States

- Camp Bethany (completed 2nd-6th grade) — August 5-9 at Camp Bethany, Nashville, Ohio
- Illiana (completed 2nd-6th grade) — July 22-26 at Camp Bedford, Bedford, Indiana
- Tar Hollow (completed 7th grade through age 21) — July 21-27 at Tar Hollow State Park, Laurelville, Ohio

Learn more and register at msymc.weebly.com.

Board of World Mission Service Camp at Camp Hope

The Board of World Mission, together with the staff of Hope Conference & Renewal Center, invites volunteers to join together in preparation for our 2024 camping ministries and other summer programming. There is no cost to attend service camp; meals and lodging for volunteers is covered by the BWM. **June 11-15** – You are invited to come and go as you are able. Thank you for serving with us! Please contact Camp Hope at hopecenter@camphope.org or (908)459-4435 to express interest. Brian and Janet Diehl will be the coordinators.





Welcome, Incoming Western District Executive Board!

Delegates at the 2024 Western District Synod elected new leadership for the coming four years. The Rev. Jason Andersen, currently pastor of Christian Faith Moravian Church in DeForest, Wisconsin, was elected as the president of the Western District Executive Board (WDEB). Outgoing president the Rev. Bruce Nelson, who has held the role since 2016, will conclude his term in June. Other members of the WDEB elected at synod include Rev. Marian Boyle Rohloff, pastor of West Side Moravian Church; Rev. Kerry Krauss, pastor of Sister Bay Moravian Church; Steve Heroux from Watertown Moravian Church; Ivy Summers from West Side Moravian Church; Linda Schaefer from Sister Bay Moravian Church; and JoAnn Keller from Hope Moravian Church.

The incoming WDEB was installed in a service on Sunday, April 28. Moravian bishops the Rt. Rev. Paul Graf, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman led the service, blessing the newly-elected board and charging Synod delegates to support and pray for the WDEB. The WDEB acts as the executive board of the Western District during the intersynodal period. Its primary roles are to oversee the boards and institutions of the Western District, supervise pastoral changes, manage district funding, advise congregations and extend the work of the Church within the district. The newly elected board will serve through the synod of 2028.

Summer Camp Dates - Mt. Morris - Learn more at www.Mt-Morris.org.

- Family Fun Weekend (all ages) — May 31-June 2
- Board of World Mission Service Camp (18+) — May 15-20
- Junior Camp (completed 2nd -5th grade) — July 28-August 1
- Winmor (completed 6th-8th grade) — July 21-27
- Chetek (completed 9th grade-age 21) — July 14-20

Summer Camp Dates - Mid States - Learn more at msync.weebly.com

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Become a One-Day Missionary at You Belong in Green Bay!

You Belong provides respite events one Saturday per month for families who have a family member living with a disability. These events strive to provide an high quality experience for participants living with any disability. We focus on empowering, encouraging, and loving with compassionate care in engaging activities and projects. During the event, volunteers serve as buddies to our participants and engaging through games, activities, arts and crafts projects, and more! You Belong provides training, and support for all volunteers throughout the event to make sure volunteers our comfortable and supported in their work. **Upcoming Respite dates include May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17.** Contact greg@youbelongwi.org.