



2018

**Sunday Worship
10:00a.m.
Sunday School during
Worship
Fellowship Coffee
Following Worship**

***-Stampede breakfast
July 15th 8-9:30***

***-Joint Board Meeting
Aug. 14 at 7pm***

***-Shepherd's meeting
Aug. 29th at 1:00***

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Good Shepherd Church

Mission Statement

***Good Shepherd Community Church:
Where God loves, Christ leads and people serve.***

The Fruits of Synod 2019

Every four years delegates of all the churches in the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in North America gather at Moravian College to address issues that affect all of us. Each delegate is assigned to a committee that creates proposals which the synod body discusses and votes on. Most of these proposals call us to see world issues as our own and to live life as a Christian example to the world. There were thirteen committees this year. Here are a few of the topics addressed.

The committee on Church and Society addressed a number of issues. The Moravian church joins its voice with all those who call for fair treatment of immigrants and the reunion of families separated at the border. The PEC is called to provide material to encourage non-violence restorative justice, and calls on it's members to handle weapons respectfully and appropriately. The Moravian Church Northern Province also commits to confronting and eliminating the abuse of women and girls, all forms of racism, and seeks to protect and understand people of all gender identities as we explore faith together.

The committee on Congregational Leadership spent a great deal of time on the growing reality of part-time ministry while the committee on Lay Leadership Development called the PEC to consider positions of licensed ministers to address the lack of ordained clergy available to fill vacant pulpits. Also, the committee on Local Mission Engagement called for a Moravian Service Day to encourage more members to visibly participate in the work of the church and partner with other churches on community related ministries.

The committee on Emerging Ministries defined emerging ministry as "a Moravian-led endeavor that is recognized by the PEC but is not directly affiliated with any one particular congregation". The PEC is called to expand the definition of "Church", ordain individuals with a sensed call to an emerging ministry collaborate with the Southern Province.

One committee addressed health care and retirement benefits of clergy in the U.S. to be comparable to clergy in the Canadian District.

The Committee on Identity, Purpose and Organization referred the IPO taskforce proposal back to the task force to address detail deemed incomplete.

The World Mission committee acknowledged the extensive work of the Moravian Board of World Mission and call for an annual Global Mission Sunday to re-energize congregational interest and involvement in world mission efforts. Members, congregations, districts and agencies of the Moravian Church Northern Province are invited to adopt a Moravian congregation, ministry or mission effort of the Mission Area of Peru

The Committee on Relationships with Others called the PEC to accept Full Communion with the United Methodist Church. It also commended to all congregations the document, "Christian Witness in Multi-Religious a World" and encourages all congregations to begin or continue inter-faith dialogues and cooperation.

The Committee on Spiritual Formation called the Moravian Church Northern Province to examine the proposal of the Southern Province stating the essentials of the Moravian Church to be consistent with the language of Luke of Prague; God creates, God redeems, and God sustains, while humanity lives by faith, love and hope. The PEC is called to identify a person to oversee the work begun by the Spiritual Formation Task Force and to seek money available to train laity and clergy in the field of Spiritual Direction.

Many of these actions required financial attention. The Stewardship Committee called for a Stewardship of Life Team to be created in each district and the Finance Committee established a 2019 budget of \$2,165,559

This report of Synod only catches a glimpse of the of the prayerful conversation and decisions that will guide us for the next four years. Possibly the greatest value of this experience is the connections and friendships that were made. Christ continues to be revealed in faithful relationships.

Pastor Rick Beck