



Unity Information Newsletter

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South Africa Presents Online Lovefeast for Children

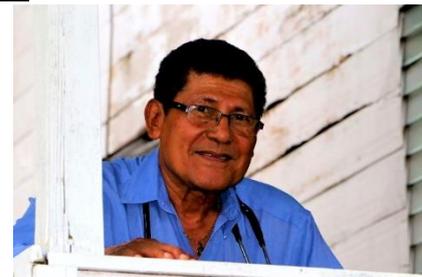


The [Moravian Church in South Africa](#), one of the largest Unity Provinces, has produced its Children's Lovefeast 2020 due to Corona restrictions as an online Lovefeast. It includes a vivid sermon for children, short speeches and many songs (all in English). The German-Dutch gospel choir of the European Continental Province called "The Moravians" also participated in this Lovefeast. [Here](#) is the

link for all those who want to have a look or listen. The variety of musical, proclaiming and explanatory contributions "captured" more or less by chance for the online Lovefeast is amazing. The Children's Feasts every year in August have a much higher status in South Africa and also in Surinam than other parts of Germany, where they were once introduced to commemorate the contribution of children to the creation of the Renewed Moravian Church in August 1727.

News from the "Clinica Evangelica Morava" in Ahuas / Honduras

In September 2020, the North American "[Board of World Mission](#)" published the second issue of a new digital newsletter about the work of the "Clinica Evangelica Morava" in Ahuas on the Atlantic coast of Honduras. Download [here](#). In it the medical director of the small but extremely important hospital for the care of the population in the structurally weak "Mosquitia", Dr. Kenneth Serapio Hunter, is introduced in words and pictures. He, a Miskito, was born in 1945, and comes from the village of Raiti on the Rio Coco. He completed his medical studies in León (Nicaragua) and in Guatemala City (Guatemala). He worked at the "Ahuas Clinic", where he is the only surgeon, from 1985 to 1990 and then again since 2014. There have recently been three deaths at the clinic due to infection with the Covid 19 virus, but only two persons died in the seven previous years.



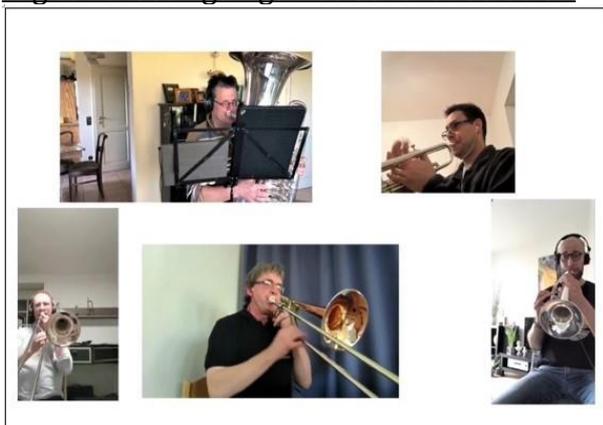
The Moravian Church in Nicaragua Combatting Challenges

At the beginning of September 2020 new information about the situation of the Moravian Church in Nicaragua reached the

Moravian Mission Society in Germany (Herrnhuter Missionshilfe) through Br. Ulrich Epperlein. A Skype conference on Nicaragua took place, in which Br. Jørgen Bøytler, the Unity Board Administrator, also participated. Heavy rainfall and flooding affected the East Coast. Various conferences were held, which dealt with the splitting of the Moravian Church in Nicaragua and measures to overcome it. The socio-economic situation of many pastors is also a major issue at present.



Digital Greetings Against Corona Isolation



For more than half a year now, Corona-related restrictions have hindered communication not only between individuals, but also between churches, organisations and Unity Provinces. For this reason, signs of hope and solidarity – even if only digital – are extremely important. The Moravians in Switzerland greet all its members and friends with an online brass chorale. It is on purpose that the brass band intonates the hymn of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf "Christian hearts in love united". See [here](#). From the city of Mbeya in Tanzania, Southwest Province, greets the chairman of the Province, Br. Zakaria Ebel Sichone. See [here](#). In the face of the now frequently asked question "Where is God?", he refers to an important name of God: "Immanuel", which is Hebrew meaning "God is always with us".

An Ecumenical Call: Heal a Wounded World Together!

"Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity: A Christian Call to Reflection and Action During COVID-19 and Beyond" is a document published jointly by the WCC and the "Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue". The 24-page paper offers a Christian basis for interreligious solidarity that can inspire and confirm the impulse to serve a world wounded not only by COVID-19 but also by many other wounds. The document sees the current context of the pandemic as a time when new forms of solidarity are being discovered in order to rethink the world after Covid-19. In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the human family faces an unprecedented call to protect each other and to heal our communities. The document [here](#).

Newsletter Reports on Moravian Church in Cuba



"God is Working in Cuba" is the title of a newsletter written in July 2020 by Br. Joe Jarvis, founder and chairman of the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation (ARMF) of the Moravian Church in the USA. He writes that President Miguel Diaz-Canel declared COVID-19 as "under control in the country" of some 11 million people. The only case of Covid-19 within the Moravian church was a member of the Jaguey Grandecongregation. The sister, was pregnant at the time she was diagnosed. While in the hospital she gave birth to a beautiful girl 'Rosa Amely'. Praise be to God both are together and doing well. An aid shipment with bicycles, sewing machines, art supplies, Christian education materials, personal hygiene items, printer and ink, clothing, musical instruments, jewelry, baby blankets, stuffed animals, disposal gloves, blood pressure cuffs, and of course Moravian Stars were gratefully received. For the complete letter [here](#).

From the Web Pages of the Unity Youth Committee



1. *Phill Battelle, British Province*
2. *Angelica Regalado, US MCSP.*
3. *Jørgen Bøytler, UBA, Advisor*
4. *David Daniels, South African Province*
5. *Jiřina Čančíková, Unity Youth Desk Coordinator*
6. *William Isaya Sungura, Lake Tanganyika Province*
7. *Sacha Lambert, Jamaica Province, Chair of the Unity Youth Committee*

The "Unity Youth Committee", founded in 2016, has had an informative website for more than a year now. A recent blog post is entitled "What's happening around the world?" and reports on youth-related issues in ten of the Unity Provinces. For example, from Zambia it says: "Prayers are being said for the national youth conference planned for September". From Malawi it is reported: "The Moravian Church is making efforts to promote the youth programme. But all activities had to be stopped last; the youth conference in August was cancelled". The contributors from South Africa report: "The Moravian Youth Union" has published many things from different regions. It has taken up the challenge and made a number of videos available to the young people. This is done in different languages and dialects".

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