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Moravians in Conversation

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Dear sisters and brothers throughout our Unity!

Our next Moravians in Conversation shall be on

Wednesday January 29.

This quarterly event brings together Moravians from the four geographical regions of the Worldwide Moravian Church to share the Daily Text and a focused discussion relevant to the church today.

We'll meet at the following hour:

16:00	Berlin
17:00	Cape Town
10:00	Kingston
10:00	New York

The topic of this meeting is **fear and how we deal with fear**. In these days a lot of people are afraid about the situation in the world and in a lot of countries. There are the never ending wars in Ukraine and Middle East, there are raising autocratic leader in a lot of countries who threaten violence against smaller or weaker countries and ignore human rights, there are the effects of the climate change. How can I survive facing all these problems? Could the faith help me? Should I ignore the problems?

The following questions are offered for reflection:

- 1. What makes me fear today?**
- 2. How do I deal with fear? How do others deal with fear?**
- 3. How deal persons of the bible with fear?**
- 4. Could the bible text Luke 12 help me to reduce the fear inside me?**
- 5. Are there other topics, words from God which helps me or others?**

I expect interesting discussions!

Niels Gaertner

The following bible text could give us some orientation

Luke 12,22-32

22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.

30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.