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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 May 21st.

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 time:

15:00/ 3pm	London	09:00 / 9am	Kingston
16:00 / 4pm	Berlin /Cape Town	10:00 / 10am	New York
17:00 / 5pm	Dodoma	11:00 / 11am	Paramaribo

The topic of this meeting is **Commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea (325 A.D.)**

The first ecumenical council of the Church which took place in Nicaea 1700 years ago is a significant moment of shared history in our journey towards unity. The Council gave rise to the adoption of the **Nicene Creed**, which is still a central statement of faith for many – although not all – Christians. Paths have diverged since then with schisms and the establishment of new churches and movements within the Christian family.

The work of Christian unity in its many forms, from informal contacts and friendships to formal models of structured theological dialogue, from local community to international level, aims to bring us back to our essential spiritual bond and belonging in Christ, so that together we may better follow the example set for us by Jesus of loving service to all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The Nicaea 1700 anniversary this year provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the progress of our ecumenical journey, deepening our relationships and renewing our vision and commitment.

Questions

1. What does 'Christian unity' mean to you in the context of your own experience?
2. What do you think might be limiting the vision of unity for the Church?
3. Think of the participants gathering for the Council of Nicaea. What do you imagine were the hopes of the participants gathering for the Council of Nicaea? How does this compare to the hopes you encounter in ecumenical gatherings today?
4. Has speaking about the ways in which Christians of different denominations have hurt each other been part of your ecumenical experience? If so, have you found these conversations to be helpful?
5. Where do you see the potential for the Church's vision of unity to enrich the wider society beyond the Church?

Greetings, Frederik Grüneberg and Michael Newman

The following Nicene Creed in its ecumenical version could give us also some orientation:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.