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Moravians in Conversation

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Dear Unity sisters and brothers,

All are invited to share the next "Moravians in Conversation" online gathering on

Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

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
16:00	Cape Town
9:00	Kingston
10:00	New York

Here is the link:

Thema: Moravians in Conversation

Zeit: 24.Sept. 2025 15:30 Amsterdam, Berlin, Rom, Stockholm, Wien

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84056253811?pwd=BJTy4uCTSvB4e5lLuB9VEa16Wsd7aH.1>

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At this meeting, we will focus our thoughts on the topic of **Caring for Creation**. After sharing the Daily Text, we will share a reading of Psalm 104 before gathering in smaller groups to focus on **Resolution 42: Pratical Creation Care**, passed by our 2023 Unity Synod. (attached)

The following questions are offered for reflection in the small group. Identify a facilitator in your group who will also report to the total group:

- 1) When reading Psalm 104, what are some of the images of natural beauty in your country that come to mind?**
- 2) Share a memory of when you experienced a sense of awe in the grandeur of Creation.**
- 3) After reading Resolution 42, give an example of how you have seen the detrimental effects of climate change in your province.**
- 4) Make a list of the ways that Moravians in your provinces are intentionally caring for Creation as an individual, as a congregation, and as a province.**
- 5) What might God be saying to you today through the reading of Psalm 104, the challenges of Resolution 42, and the discussion your group has shared?**

Please share this invitation with anyone who might have an interest in this conversation. We will be together for approximately ninety minutes.

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The Southern Province of North America

Attachments (Psalm 104 and Resolution Unity Synod)

Psalm 104

- 1** Let my whole being bless the LORD! LORD my God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!
- 2** You wear light like a robe; you open the skies like a curtain.
- 3** You build your lofty house on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot, going around on the wings of the wind.
- 4** You make the winds your messengers; you make fire and flame your ministers.
- 5** You established the earth on its foundations so that it will never ever fall.
- 6** You covered it with the watery deep like a piece of clothing; the waters were higher than the mountains!
- 7** But at your rebuke they ran away; they fled in fear at the sound of your thunder.
- 8** They flowed over the mountains, streaming down the valleys to the place you established for them.
- 9** You set a boundary they cannot cross so they'll never again cover the earth.
- 10** You put gushing springs into dry riverbeds. They flow between the mountains,
- 11** providing water for every wild animal— the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12** Overhead, the birds in the sky make their home, chirping loudly in the trees.

- 13** From your lofty house, you water the mountains. The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done.
- 14** You make grass grow for cattle; you make plants for human farming in order to get food from the ground,
- 15** and wine, which cheers people's hearts, along with oil, which makes the face shine, and bread, which sustains the human heart.
- 16** The LORD's trees are well watered— the cedars of Lebanon, which God planted,
- 17** where the birds make their nests, where the stork has a home in the cypresses.
- 18** The high mountains belong to the mountain goats; the ridges are the refuge of badgers.
- 19** God made the moon for the seasons, and the sun too, which knows when to set.
- 20** You bring on the darkness and it is night, when every forest animal prowls.
- 21** The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
- 22** When the sun rises, they gather together and lie down in their dens.
- 23** Then people go off to their work, to do their work until evening.
- 24** LORD, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations!
- 25** And then there's the sea, wide and deep, with its countless creatures— living things both small and large.
- 26** There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!
- 27** All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.
- 28** When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!
- 29** But when you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
- 30** When you let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.
- 31** Let the LORD's glory last forever! Let the LORD rejoice in all he has made!
- 32** He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes. God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.
- 33** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.
- 34** Let my praise be pleasing to him; I'm rejoicing in the LORD!
- 35** Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth; let the wicked be no more. But let my whole being bless the LORD!
- Praise the LORD!

Resolution 42: Practical Creation Care

2023 Synod of the Unitas Fratrum

- **Whereas** climate change is a reality of life in our time, and we are called in Genesis 1:28-31 to maintain the dominion of God's Creation, and
- **Whereas** many Unity Province's reports identify agricultural initiatives through which funds may be raised for congregations and other ministries within the Moravian Church, and
- **Whereas** Unity Synod reports do not currently require any ministries to address climate change at all, and
- **Whereas** Unity Synod has the responsibility to encourage the Unitas Fratrum to enact practical methods by which ministries "Care for the Earth by following sustainable practice[s] in their lifestyles (COUF #887)."
- **Be it therefore resolved** that all Unitas Fratrum ministries shall identify challenges, shortcomings, and successes related to Creation Care as part of their Unity Synod reports. Examples of categories and specific initiatives that ministries are encouraged to participate in include:
 1. Recycling/Sustainable Practices: practical steps taken such as the consumption of locally produced goods and food, reducing waste, recycling plastic, conserving water, the reduction of the use of fossil fuels, and utilizing eco-friendly materials, save energy by turning off lights and electronics when they are not in use, using energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs.
 2. Education and Advocacy: educate congregations and communities about environmental issues, including organizing seminars, workshops, outreach programmes, and the biblical values underpinning.
 3. Community Engagement: involvement in local environmental initiatives and demonstrations, including partnerships with environmental organizations and participation in community clean-up.
 4. Liturgical Integration: incorporating environmental themes and prayers into worship services and liturgical calendar, emphasizing the spiritual importance of environmental care.
 5. Youth Involvement: engaging youth in environmental education and action, ensuring that younger generations are equipped to carry forward the mission of environmental stewardship.
 6. Agrarian Initiatives: Planting trees which absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and provide oxygen. Fruit trees also help with food security. Development of community gardens as carbon sinks and to eliminate food deserts.
- 6. Be it finally resolved that all Unity Provinces and Synods begin and report upon initiatives which address one or more of the recommendations in the above categories.