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We wish you a happy new year 2024



Dear readers of the HMM newsletter, we wish you a blessed and happy new year 2024. This year, I find it difficult to say this because we are facing so many problems worldwide: The war in Gaza with all its incalculable effects, climate change with natural disasters in many parts of the world, the decreasing willingness to engage in dialogue and compromise worldwide and here at home. How can it be a good year in view of the

suffering of so many people? One of our core values is **hope**. Hope for a better life, for equal rights, for educational opportunities, for healthcare, for the kingdom of God. As HMM, we can only ever take small steps to allow hope to grow in our projects. This is more important than ever this year. Stay with us to make 2024 a year full of hope!

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The primary task of Herrnhuter Missionshilfe in Germany is to report on the mission of the Moravian Church, especially on the projects it funds. For this reason, external communication is primarily in German. However, as more and more people who do not speak German are interested in content and news, we want to fulfil this wish. Most parts of the website are now also available in English (as is the newsletter, which has also been published in English since August). We hope you enjoy discovering it!

Statement by the Provincial Board on the situation in

Israel and Palestine



During Advent and Christmas, there is a lot of talk about promises to Israel and places like Bethlehem and Nazareth play an important role. In 2023, these times are dominated by the horrific terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel and the unimaginable suffering of the people in Gaza. In many places, there is consternation and helplessness in the face of the ongoing violence.

The Moravian Church is often asked how the people in the *Star Mountain* support centre near Ramallah in Palestine are faring. People ask which side the Moravian Church is on. The Provincial Board responds in a statement dated 13 December 2023 (Download [here](#)): on neither and on both. It emphasises that it stands by the side of those who are suffering and who are in particular need of intercession and compassion. It opposes terror, violence and marginalisation. However, it does not see it as its task to advocate political positions in the Middle East conflict.

Second day of action in a Palestinian refugee camp



On 1 January 2024, some volunteers from the Palestinian youth aid organisation *Environmental Youth Volunteering* spent another project day at the *Qalandiya Refugee Camp* between Ramallah and Jerusalem together with some employees from the Rehabilitation Center *Star Mountain* near Ramallah (Palestine/West Bank). Children are facing particular challenges in the current political situation. Lots of pictures here. There

was singing and playing, storytelling and explanations: always with the aim of strengthening the children's self-confidence, courage and hope for the future. The project, during which the children also received a Christmas present, was supported by the *MA'AN Development Center* as well as from *ActionAid*.

Much progress at the Tanzanian "Sikonge Hospital"

In December 2023, the Danish missionary Mia Toldam Korsgård reported on the diverse work of the Moravian Church in Sikonge (Tanzania, Western Province). See in Danish [here](#): As far as the hospital is concerned, she reported the



following: "Sikonge Hospital's catchment area is as large as Jutland, but much more sparsely populated. I work as a counsellor at the hospital. In practice, I form the hospital management team with the head physician, the head secretary and the head nurse. We are a good team, we all want the same things for the hospital and we stick together when making decisions - even difficult ones. Our work recently focused on

corrections: the administration optimised many processes with the help of an external consultant. For example, we gained an overview of our debts to the health insurance companies, we paid them off and we ensured that we have more qualified nursing staff and other personnel. The fruits of our labour: we were recently able to open a rehabilitation and physiotherapy clinic and exempt the most vulnerable from co-payments."

Introduced in Tanzania: a theologian, a seamstress, a farmer



In the third part of her report on the trip of a group from the Moravian Congregation *Rhein-Main* to Tanzania (Southern Province) to the partner community of Ibungu in the summer of 2023, Katharina R  he introduces three impressive people from the small town of Ibungu: Theology lecturer Sara, who teaches at the Moravian Theological College in Sumbawanga, seamstress Nema, who is part of

the women's sewing project *Pamoja Tunaweza* (Together we can do it) in Rungwe, and farmer Frank, who runs a vanilla plantation with EU funding and follows eco/organic criteria. See [here](#) (pages 4 + 5). Sara teaches pastoral care, gender equality and literature at the Theological College in Sumbawanga. As a woman, she is allowed to teach at a college in the Rukwa Province, but she is not allowed to work as a pastor in this Unity Province. The products made in the *Pamoja Tunaweza* sewing project are also available in Europe (www.moravian-merchandise.org).

Suriname: Care for mother and child in high-risk pregnancies

Pregnant women from the structurally weak landlocked country of Suriname have to travel to



the state capital Paramaribo in the event of medical complications, as this is the only place where the necessary specialists are available. These are mostly very young indigenous women who require medical supervision for around twelve weeks. Many women are unable to pay for their own travel, accommodation and food.

Fortunately, the Moravian Church's Zinzendorf hostel is there for them. Here the women, who have often never left their village and speak neither Dutch nor Sranan, find help and loving care. They can also bring a carer with them, usually a family member. In 2023, 15 pregnant women and 6 patients with other medical indications stayed at the Zinzendorf hostel for a few months. All the mothers survived the birth and 14 healthy babies were born. The Moravian Church supports this indispensable work of the Medical Mission in Suriname. Five-minute video of a home visit [here](#). Dutch report [here](#).

Climate change worsens water quality, leads to hunger and disease

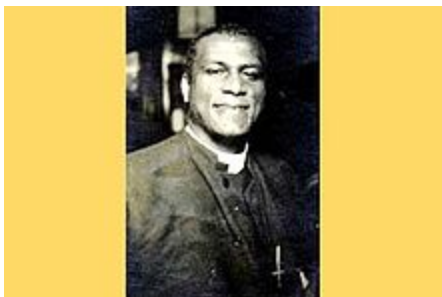


In many areas of the Costa Atlantica, the lack of clean water affects the lives of the indigenous Miskitos. In Honduras and Nicaragua, women and girls in particular spend many hours a day in some places fetching clean water for eating, drinking and washing. The quantity and quality of the harvests (grain, fruit, vegetables, roots, herbs) is reduced or deteriorating. Because many children suffer from malnutrition, the

Moravian Church has set up a nutrition programme for infants and children in remote Krupunta, Honduras. Photo of the children waiting for food [here](#). Children and adults who have contracted an infectious disease (nausea, diarrhoea, fever and stomach cramps) from drinking contaminated water receive appropriate advice, medical assistance and medication at the small polyclinic with an attached pharmacy in Tumtum Tara. Photo [here](#).

150 years ago: Charles Douglas Martin, first black pastor of the Moravian Church in the USA born

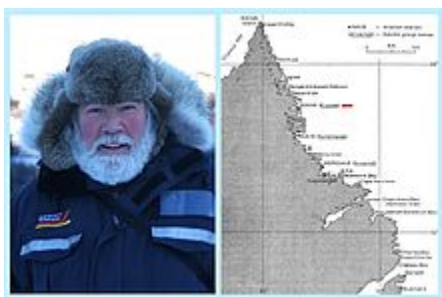
An important anniversary was barely acknowledged in the Moravian Church in 2023: On 7 November 1873 - a good 150 years ago - [Dr.](#)



Charles Douglas Martin was born on the small West Indian island of St. Kitts as a descendant of slaves of African descent. He studied theology at the *Nisky College*, St. Thomas, and in New York Theologie. In 1910, he married Ellen Patterson from Jamaica. He had already founded the *Fourth Moravian Church* in Harlem, New York, in 1908, whose meeting place he called *Beth-Tphillah* (Hebrew: House of Prayer). He worked in this

congregation until his death in 1942. He was very active in the emancipation of black people in the USA. In July 1917, he organised the historic *Negro Silent Protest Parade*, the model for similar protests across the country. In 1912, he was the first black man to be ordained as a minister in the Moravian Church in the USA. He had an excellent education and owned a large library, which is still preserved today. It contains books on the heritage of people of African descent in the Caribbean and North America. More here. [hier](#).

Find in Nain, Labrador: 1,500 sheets of handwritten music



In **Nain, Labrador**, a former mission station of the Moravian Church, founded in 1771, more than 1,500 sheets of handwritten music were discovered, some of which date back to 1810. This was reported by the *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*. The Canadian musicologist Tom Gordon described the sheet music found as jewels: "Great choral pieces - parts for the choir and parts for the orchestra - all in Inuktitut," he

marvelled. Because the music he found differs from older music found in Nain in terms of compositional style and arrangement, Tom Gordon assumes that it was written in the mission station Okak, which is located further north and no longer exists, especially as some of the works are signed by the Inuit organist Jeremias Sillit, who worked mainly in Okak. "If it turns out that the majority of the music comes from Okak, then this will add considerable value to the find," emphasised Tom Gordon.

Advertising for attending "Mbozi High School"

At the turn of the year 2023/2024, the Moravian



Church's *Mbozi High School* in Tanzania (Mbozi Province) advertised on Facebook for parents to enrol their children at the school in the Southern Highlands. See [here](#): "Welcome to Mbozi High School for the academic year 2024/2025. Our school fees are very affordable; they are paid in four instalments. The atmosphere at our school and the learning environment are very good. Our

school achieves very good results in performance comparisons: from district level to national level. Come and visit us and bring your child! Please note that there are several different programmes to choose from at the beginning of year five: CBG, CBA, PCB, HGK, HKL, HGL. To contact the school, please call us. You will find the numbers on our adverts." See [here](#) (please click one of the arrows).

BDM does exemplary youth work in Denmark



Signe Kruse, Youth Secretary of *Brødremenighedens Danske Mission BDM*, recently reported about the [BDM-Youth Work](#) in 2023. See in Danish [here](#) "In spring, we sent four young volunteers to the orphanage *Peter's House* in Sumbawanga (TZ, Rukwa Province). Four young volunteers worked in Sikonge (Western Province) until summer 2023. They worked as teachers for

several missionary children. In spring 2023, two new youth secretaries were hired. I, Signe Kruse (22), started in March and Celia Skjerning (22) started in June. Our main tasks are to manage the *BDM Youth* organisation, constantly maintain social media and provide information about and promote the work of BDM at youth events. In autumn 2023, we sent five new volunteers to Peter's House. We also sent four volunteers to Sikonge again. In Denmark, we organised a flea market (proceeds: DKK 3,200), a volunteer party and an extraordinary general meeting of the *BDM Youth*.

From the "Ray of Hope School" in Kenya



In their last newsletter in 2023, Michael and Cecilia Tesh greeted us with their daughter Bessing, who have been working for the Moravian Church in Kenya for a decade. Together with the Kenyan John, they are responsible for the *Ray of Hope School* near the country's capital Mombasa, among other things. They write: "The Lord has been faithful to us as a family. We were

able to harvest seven 90kg bags of maize from our garden. We will use it to help other needy people. It will also save us a lot of money, as maize is one of the staple foods in Kenya. The price of maize has risen sharply. We are grateful for all the rain ... Things are going well at the *Ray of Hope School*. It now has four classes. We are praying that more and more children will attend the school and that we will be able to add a fifth class in 2024. A congregation in Turkana organised a Christian camp in Mombasa. *The Ray of Hope* children were able to attend the camp."

Missionary from Tanzania helps to build up the Moravian Church in Burundi



The mission organisation of the Moravian Church in Denmark recently published a Facebook post by Svend Løbner. It describes the ministry of theologian and missionary Mathias Kiligito from Tanzania in building up the Moravian Church in Burundi, which is still working as a mission province of the worldwide Moravian Church. Mathias Kiligito is receiving support from Denmark as well as from the church leadership

of the Moravian Church in Tanzania and Burundi. In his first few weeks, he has already visited all the parish districts in the mission province of Burundi. He has been met with great respect and much sympathy from the locals for his work. In the interview, he talks about some of the facets of missionary service. His calling by God and being supported by the sending churches are particularly important to him. He regrets not being able to provide the necessary practical help. Article in German translation [here](#).

Consecration of Bishop Obed Erelío Martinéz



On 27 January 2024, Obed Erelío Martinéz from Jagüey Grande will be consecrated as a Bishop of the Moravian Church in the Mission Province of Cuba. He will be the second bishop of the Moravian Church to come from Cuba. The ordinand was first ordained as a presbyter by Bishop Armando Rogélio Rusindo in Havana on 24 April 2022. Obed Erelío Martinéz studied

theology at the *Seminario Evangelico de Teologia* in Matanzas, Cuba. He has been married to the pastor Alay González Rosado since 2004. The couple also hold important honorary positions in their home country: Alay Martinéz serves as

secretary in the management of the CCI (*Consejo Cubano de Iglesias*) and Obed Martín as national coordinator of ASEL Cuba (*Acción Social Ecu­ménica Latinoamericana*). The statistics of the Moravian Church in Cuba for 2020 state: 132 members authorised to receive Holy Communion; 12 members not authorised to receive Holy Communion; 355 worshippers; 530 friends.

Ecumenical Christmas concert in Havana



The Cuba Foundation of the Moravian Church in the USA points to a two-and-a-half-hour broadcast on Cuban Communist television on 26 December 2023. See [here](#). The festive 90-minute Christmas concert, to which the *World Council of Churches in Cuba* and the *Society of Friends in Cuba* (Quakers) had invited to the *Cuban National Theatre* in Havana on Christmas Day 2023, was

broadcast - with an approximately one-hour pre-programme. The theme of the event was "Jesus, the love that saves" (Jesús, el amor que salva). In the pre-programme, the two popular TV presenters Laura Miranda Camallea and Sayonara Tamayo Arjona not only interviewed participating artists, but also several leaders of member churches of the Cuban Council of Churches, including its chairman Antonio Santana Hernández, who had the opportunity to present their churches and proclaim God's word. Silent Night: Min. 2:02.35. The Moravian Church in Cuba is a member of the Cuban Council of Churches, which unites 28 churches and 14 ecumenical groups.

New newsletter from the "Unity Youth Desk"



Jiřina Kaletová from Nová Paka (CR), coordinator of the *Unity Youth Desk*, published another newsletter on 14 December 2023. See [here](#). It states: The *Unity Youth Committee* UYC has continued its global youth leadership conferences via Zoom. In addition to discussing work issues, we heard a presentation by Sylvie Hauser, Bethlehem/PA, on the importance of communication and social media - a highlight.

The UYC was represented at the Unity Synod in Cape Town in September 2023 by David William Daniels (South Africa) and myself. It was a great experience to be at the Synod. One item on the agenda was the election of the new UYC members who will serve the Unity Youth from 2024 to 2031. "We are looking into creating an online database that can be used to establish contacts, exchange information and initiate cooperation. The worldwide Unity is so big".

Christmas greetings from all around the world



The *Christian-David-Schule* near Barkava in Latvia, founded in 1991, sent out a digital Christmas greeting on Christmas Eve 2023. The children sing a song under the Christmas tree. See [here](#). The greeting ends as follows: "Priecīgus Ziemassvētkus! - Merry Christmas! - Merry Christmas! - God Jul! - Hyvää joulua! - Щасливого Різдва!" There is also a digital greeting from

Eenok Haamer, the chief elder of the Moravian Church in Estonia, for Christmas 2023. See [here](#). Christmas greetings from the missionary organisations of the Moravian Church in Denmark and the Netherlands [here](#) and [here](#). A look at the 2023 Christmas Eve celebration of the Moravian Congregation Genadendal, South Africa [here](#). To the candle distribution [here](#). All set for the Christmas party of the preschool and school of the Moravian Church (*International Kindergarten & Shristi Academy*) in Kathmandu, Nepal, [here](#).

From Christmas 2023 in the Moravian Congregation Bethel/AK



In the wooden church of the Moravian Congregation Bethel on the Kuskokwim River in south-west Alaska, there were three services on Christmas Eve 2023. An English-language service (*Morning worship*) took place at 11 a.m. An *English candle light worship* was then organised for 6:30 pm, followed by *Yup'ik candle light worship* at 8 pm. In the past, Bethel/AK and the surrounding area was almost exclusively Yup'ik. However, as a

result of immigration from the USA and Canada, there are now also members of the congregation who only speak English. On Christmas Day, the Yup'ik met at 11 a.m. for an English-language musical service (*Christmas cantata service*). At 7 pm, the Yup'ik gathered for a Christmas procession through the festively lit town with a children's performance. The gatherings at the turn of the year, again with a singing service (with a choir performance) and again bilingual, were then held by several volunteers.

Christmas serenade and book gifts for sick children in Paramaribo



On Sunday 24 December 2023, the youth choir of the Moravian Church in Suriname, led by music teacher Mavis Noordwijk, gave a performance in the children's ward of the *Lands Hospitaals aan de Tourtonnelaan* in Paramaribo. The head nurse was given a copy of the children's book *The Last Missionary Doctor* as a Christmas present, which was published in October 2022 by the National

Foundation for the Promotion of Early Childhood Reading under the auspices of the Moravian Church with donations from the *Zeister Missionary Society*. The richly illustrated children's book tells the story of the life and work of the Moravian missionary doctor Miep Dekker in the vast interior of Suriname. The book is intended to enable sick children to either read it themselves or have it read to them by the sisters so that they forget their suffering for a while. The children's wards of the Deaconess Hospital, St Vincentius Hospital and the Academic Hospital, all in Paramaribo, received further book gifts on the same day. The author of the book is Agnes Ritfeld, a long-time pedagogue of the Moravian Church. More [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

ZZg Christmas projects support the Moravian Church in Suriname



In its newsletter, den *ZZg Nieuws* (no. 4-2023; page 4), the mission organisation of the Moravian Church in the Netherlands (ZZg) presents two of its Christmas projects this year. It says: "58 children are being guided towards learning in the Moravian preschools in the Marowijne region of Suriname. The children love going there. The teachers are nice, they sing beautiful songs, they read aloud, they play

together. All of this is done in Dutch. Although this is the national and official language, Dutch is not necessarily spoken by young children at home. Other languages are spoken there. So that children don't have to start learning a new language in primary school, the Moravian Church endeavours to stimulate Dutch in all activities in the pre-schools. However, this requires support." Another ZZg Christmas project is the financial support of a Christian youth party at the end of 2023 at the Moravian youth centre in Paramaribo.

Project to combat the rise in HIV infections in

Suriname



On 15 December 2023, the medical mission in Suriname announced that it had recently become involved in a project to combat the rise in HIV infections in the country. A few weeks ago, the police, health, education and judicial authorities had sounded the alarm: there was an increasing number of HIV infections, especially among young people. This situation should worry

society. Employees of the medical mission in Suriname, in which the Moravian Church plays a key role, then decided to visit schools and provide information about HIV/Aids. The first visits were successful. During lectures, discussions and practical exercises, the pupils and trainees realised how enormously important it is for them to protect themselves against infection with HIV. School staff and staff from polyclinics helped with the visits. Some photos [here](#).

Moravian Church on Tortola: Everyone gets a Christmas present



In the still young congregation *Trinity Moravian Church* on Tortola, British Virgin Islands, it is customary for all congregation members to receive a Christmas gift from the church staff. On Christmas Day, the congregation posted on Facebook: "We had a wonderful time at our service today! The traditional presentation of Christmas gifts to our members took place."

Some pictures [here](#). On 7 January 2024, the message was: "Just think! We are still celebrating Christmas at *Trinity Moravian Church*! Today we gave Christmas presents to those members who were away a fortnight ago and therefore not at the service." Some pictures [here](#). On New Year's Day, the parishioners dressed up and dined together. Some pictures [here](#). On 1 January 2024, a post on Facebook referred to Psalm 124,1: "If the LORD had not been on our side, where would we be?"

Arnab from Kathmandu wins table tennis cup

Once again, a student from the *International Kindergarten & Shristi Academy* of the Moravian Church in Kathmandu-Baneshwar, Nepal, has



won a prize in a sports competition. The private school, which is supported by the two Unity provinces in North America, posted the following on Facebook: "Congratulations, Arnab! You won the trophy at the table tennis championships organised by the *Yuba Club Hakha* in Lalitpur, the third largest city in Nepal, on 5/6 January. Many thanks also to your table tennis teachers and

your personal coach." The school's mission statement says: "Our aim is to develop the whole child to become an expert learner. They should be able to interact socially and emotionally with their environment. Most importantly, the child learns to believe in himself or herself as an individual with God-given potential." The director of the school is Vani Pradhan, the school administrator is her husband, Shanti Kumar Pradhan.

Good water for 200 families in Kuhrpa on the Rio Patuca



Kuhrpa in Honduras lies on the upper reaches of the Rio Patuca. The great distance from the mouth of the Patuca makes this village on the water difficult to access, although a road has recently been built. This was built by colonists who took over the traditional Miskito land. The region is known for its cocoa cultivation.

However, most people live from the cultivation of traditional Miskito rice and bean crops. In Kuhrpa, 200 families are eagerly waiting for water filters, which the Moravian Church is providing through the *Blessings Flow* project. The water in the Rio Patuca has been dirty and contaminated with germs ever since the colonists began clearing the rainforest. 40 per cent of the families interviewed in a study stated that someone in their household had had to miss school or work in the last two weeks due to symptoms of a waterborne disease. A photo from Kuhrpa [here](#), from Warunta [here](#).

Recommendations for the new year from South Africa

Four recommendations for the beginning of the year from the magazine *De Huisvriend* (1936), found on the Facebook pages of the *Mission Museum of the Moravian Church* in Genadendal,



South Africa, are hereby passed on: (1) Regarding anger: Get it out quickly! Run away from the people and shout loudly like a big monkey. And then: Pray to the Father! Before you say anything, take a drink of water. (2) Concerning dissatisfaction: Go to the houses of the poor and see how things are there: household goods, clothes, shoes and food. Ask what the poor earn and calculate whether you

can make ends meet. (3) Concerning arrogance and greed for honour: Go to the cemetery and read what is written on the gravestones there! The stones will show you where all your heart's desires end. (4) Concerning greed: Visit the rich on their deathbeds and find out what use they make of all their money. Even the rich have to leave everything behind. It will be the same with you one day.

News in brief

1. The Moravian Church on the island of Tobago congratulates its members [Deborah Moore-Miggins](#) and [Esther Moore-Roberts](#) on receiving the Tobago Pin of Honour in Gold and Silver respectively. The two sisters were recognised for their work and outstanding achievements in public service (Deborah) and education/religion/culture (Rev. Esther) respectively. The church leadership wrote on Facebook: "Congratulations, sisters! You have given God the honour! Your church and your country are proud of you! Well deserved!"
2. The members of the Moravian Church in the Unity Province of the West Indies East are called to participate in a new provincial mission project (*Provincial Outreach Project*). See [here](#). An introduction to this project took place in an online session on 8 December 2023. The project is an important social project. It is entitled: "Dealing with aggression - conflict resolution in schools". The first session focussed on the topic: "Peace begins with me".
3. At this year's Unity Women's Desk UWD Christmas party on 17 December 2023 in Winston-Salem/NC, there was also a pop-up market (temporary stall) with several One World products. Not only did this market raise additional funds for the organisation, but with this market, girls and women from the Moravian Church helped to empower global change. Some photos [here](#).
4. The Advent celebration of the Moravian Church in Riga, Latvia, took place this year on Saturday, 16 December 2023, in the glass spire of the *Latvian National Library* on the banks of the Daugava River. Under the guidance of Vilis Kolms, the church music director of the Lutheran Church of Latvia, the Advent litany of the Moravian Church was prayed at a height of almost 70 metres - an impressive, truly radiant hour according to the unanimous opinion of those present! In 1729, Latvia was the first country outside Germany where a

Moravian Church was established under the leadership of Christian David, the founder of Moravian Church.

5. The *Calvary Moravian Church* in Bridgetown auf Barbados has a Christmas special on offer for the end of Advent: reasonably priced, natural fruit juices in half-gallon packaging (flavours: Passion Fruit, Golden Apple, Sorrel and Lemonade). See [here](#).
6. In the South African midsummer, the wind choir of the Moravian Congregation Genadendal performed a Christmas serenade on the historic square in the centre of the famous village. "Little children, come, oh come all of you", echoed through the countryside in the Overberg region. See and hear [here](#). There is also a historic nativity scene in the village. See [here](#).
7. There is a short video of the Moravian Church evangelisation choir singing "Peace" in Itunge (Southern Province), Tanzania, on 18 December 2023. See [here](#). The second part of the video shows the ceremonial commissioning of the new bus, which the choir will use on its future concert tours.
8. The leadership of the Moravian Church in Great Britain has published a greeting on Facebook for Christmas 2023. See [here](#). As for the year 2024, it says: "As we approach the new year, may the light of Christ guide us and illuminate our path with faith, hope and love. May the teachings of Christ transform us, strengthen us and inspire us. May they help us to be beacons of compassion and tools for effecting positive change in our congregations and beyond."
9. A detailed report on the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the Sikonge Mission Hospital in October 2023 in the Western Province of the Moravian Church in Tanzania is available at [here](#) (Page 4f; Source: Moravian Messenger, January 2024).
10. The youth centre of the Moravian Church in Paramaribo, Suriname, hosted a big and loud gospel party at the turn of the year 2023/2024. See the short videos [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).
11. The Mission Museum of the Moravian Church in Genadendal, South Africa, writes: "Experience the magic of the Mission Museum from the comfort of your screen! Click on the link [here](#), to access our review of 2023 (eight pages) and discover the hidden treasures from our past. Let's continue to write history together!"
12. The constituent synod of the new South Asia Mission Province of the worldwide Moravian Church is expected to take place in New Delhi, India, from 12 to 16 January 2024. The agenda of the synod includes the election of the first church leadership, the drafting of the first church constitution and the ordination of the first woman to serve in North India. The Unity Synod in Cape Town in September 2023 granted the small Moravian Churches in India and Nepal the status of a missionary province. The Moravian Church in North India and Nepal was supported in its development primarily by the Moravian Church

in Great Britain and to a certain extent also by the Moravian Church in North America.

13. On 7 January 2024 in Bethlehem/PA, C. Hopeton Clennon was unexpectedly called home at the age of 61. Hopeton Clennon, Bishop of the Moravian Church and pastor of the *Central Moravian Church* in Bethlehem/PAn. The Jamaican-born pastor studied theology at the *United Theological College* of the West Indies in his native Kingston. He was ordained a bishop in 1998 and took up his parish ministry in Bethlehem/PA in January 2013, having previously served as a chaplain at Moravian College and *Moravian Theological Seminary* in Bethlehem/PA. Mehr [hier](#) und [hier](#).

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