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Save the date: 2025 Annual Conference of the Herrnhuter Missionshilfe



From June 27 to 29, 2025, the annual conference and general meeting of the Herrnhuter Missionshilfe will take place in Herrnhut. We are very much looking forward to seeing many familiar faces again and to meeting new people in an open, committed circle of supporters of our worldwide work. This year, we are pleased to welcome special guests from our partner countries: Jonah Sinyangwe and Belinda

Gondwe from Malawi and Edger Teacher from Tanzania. Their reports will provide direct insights into the project work on site and make our partnership tangible and alive. The general meeting will also provide an opportunity to learn about developments over the past months and to set the course for the future together.

Emergency Aid after Earthquake: Support for Congregations in Myanmar



A severe earthquake struck Myanmar in March, claiming over 3,000 lives and leaving behind widespread destruction, particularly in rural areas. Many villages were razed to the ground and countless families lost their homes. There is a shortage of food, clean water, medical care, and emergency shelter. Despite difficult political conditions, the small Moravian Church in Myanmar is actively helping those affected on

the ground. With the support of your donations from Germany, initial emergency aid measures have been implemented. These include the distribution of food parcels and medicines, access to drinking water, and the construction of temporary shelters.

The situation remains tense, and many people are still in urgent need of help. Herrnhuter Missionshilfe is in close contact with its local partners and is continuously reviewing further support options.

Strengthening practical training: New workshop for sanitary installation at the AWTC



A new workshop for plumbing training is currently being built at the Atsikana Walani Training Centre (AWTC) in Malawi. The foundations have already been laid, thanks to financial support from the Dutch partner organization ZZG. Plumbing is one of the skilled trades that is still heavily dominated by men in many countries. The AWTC is committed to training young women in such fields in a

practical, qualified, and future-oriented manner. The new workshop is an important step toward opening up concrete career prospects for young women from disadvantaged backgrounds, including girls from the nearby Dzaleka refugee camp. Through practical training, they have the opportunity to acquire craft skills, gain self-confidence, and secure their own livelihood in the future.

Vocational training with a future: solar technology training empowers young professionals in Tanzania



A new practical training program in solar energy is offering young people in Tanzania the chance of a sustainable career. The project is financed by Herrnhuter Missionshilfe and implemented in cooperation with the Moravian Church Tanzania and the local organization TAREA (Tanzania Renewable Energy Association). The program focuses on practical training at vocational training centers in Namtumbo, Mbeya, and

currently also in Songea. There, participants receive targeted training in the installation, maintenance, and application of solar-powered energy systems. An integral part of the training is accompanying internships at regional solar companies, which build a direct bridge between theory and professional practice. The aim is to qualify young skilled workers who will actively contribute to the energy transition in Tanzania in the future – through the expansion of renewable energies, greater

security of supply, and new jobs. There are plans to expand the program to other training centers in the coming year.

Star Mountain: Once again, a Dabkeh highlight



Hundreds of dance enthusiasts gathered at the Popular Art Center in Ramallah on Sunday, May 11, 2025, for a lively and joyful show. Among them were 15 students from the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center (Palestine, West Bank), who were celebrating the completion of their Dabkeh training, which lasted several months.

They and the other course graduates delivered an impressive Dabkeh performance that showcased their artistic abilities. The course graduates also demonstrated their ability to interact with the audience, who responded with enthusiastic applause. The joyful show concluded with the presentation of certificates, which gave due recognition to the commitment, musicality, and athleticism of the course graduates throughout their training. Some pictures [here](#).

Fight against malaria at Sikonge Hospital



The quarterly magazine of the Moravian Church in Denmark, BDM (No. 2-2025), reports that the Sikonge Hospital of the Moravian Church in Tanzania's Western Province is successfully fighting malaria. See the Danish article [here](#) (page 3). The story is about Daniel and Agnes, a married couple. Both are disabled:

Agnes cannot stand on her feet; she moves around on all fours with flip-flops on her hands. Daniel can only walk slowly with the aid of a homemade stick after an accident. They live on the outskirts of Sikonge and have five children: two girls and three boys. In November 2024, they noticed that the condition of their son Zacharias and their daughter Mwaka deteriorated dramatically within a day (hot forehead and glassy eyes). When they learned that free treatment was available at the Sikonge Hospital for the Needy, they took their children there. Both children had malaria. After a week, they were healthy again.

The Moravian Church in Brazil is growing in all directions

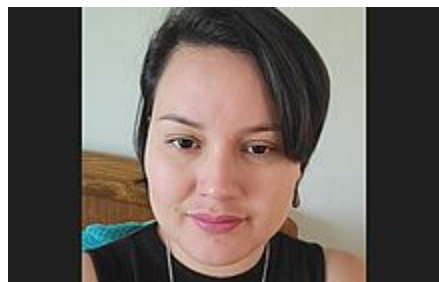


The Moravian Church in Brazil is growing in all directions. The Board of World Mission reports: The Moravian Church in Brazil is steadily expanding its presence, guided by a long-term vision based on witness, community service, and intercultural mission. It has already celebrated baptisms, held outdoor evangelistic services, and organized transformative meetings for men

and women. Its commitment includes support for addiction, distributing food donations, and events for children. The church has also sent its first intercultural missionary to Bolivia. And it plans to evangelize indigenous communities in the Amazon region. There are also plans to establish a theological seminary and build health facilities. In all of this, the Moravian Church in Brazil is concerned with spiritual growth so that it can be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

Angelica Regalado-Cieza ends her service on the Board of World Mission

The Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church in North America writes: "With deep gratitude for her many years of faithful service, we announce the departure of Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza from our leadership team. She has been a committed and compassionate leader whose contributions have had a lasting impact on our work. She strengthened our organization's global partnerships and built new relationships based on respect and trust. Her presence and vision were instrumental in fostering connections that are not only lasting but life-changing for all involved. Angelica, who is originally from Peru, led our scholarship program and was instrumental in its growth. We thank Angelica for all she has brought to our work and wish her blessings on her journey ahead. She has recently accepted a call to [community](#) (pastoral ministry) at the Fries Memorial Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC, beginning in June 2025."



Tinker workshop at the Moravian Institute in Rajipur



The Moravian Institute, a traditional boarding school run by the Moravian Church in Rajpur near Dehradun in northern India, has been working with the business community for many years. Now it has also entered into a partnership with the Swedish Organization for Individual Relief (**SOIR-IM**), a global aid organization founded in Sweden. The organization is

committed to working with the most vulnerable groups in society, especially women and young people, people with disabilities, and Tibetan refugees in difficult situations. On Saturday, May 10, 2025, students in grades 6 to 9 who are studying robotics and AI as a focus subject took part in a “tinkering workshop” offered by SOIR-IM staff. The aim of the workshop, which lasted several hours, was to give participants practical experience in using the latest technology. Some pictures can be found [here](#).

Important mission events in the Netherlands



The Moravian Church in the Netherlands recently reported in its newsletter (EBGNieuws 2025-2): "The first and second meetings of the preparatory committee for the Moravian Church's central mission festival in Zeist on September 20, 2015, have now taken place. A theme has also been chosen: Living everywhere, at home nowhere (based on a song by Huub

Oosterhuis). The theme was inspired by members of the Moravian Church in the diaspora, who live scattered far from their original communities." There was also talk of the upcoming general meeting of the Zeister Missionsgesellschaft: "The 2025 general meeting will take place on Saturday, June 21, in Zeist. An important topic of discussion will be the organization's new policy starting in 2026. The invitation to members will be sent out by email one month before the meeting."

Historical commemoration in the Netherlands: 80th anniversary of the death of Anton de Kom

On April 24, 2025, the Netherlands and Suriname commemorated the 80th anniversary of the death of Anton de Kom (1898-1945), a Surinamese writer who fought against



colonialism with his pen and his actions and was also active in the resistance against Nazi Germany. In 1934, he published his book *We, the Slaves of Suriname*, an indictment of the colonial system and the very first history book about Suriname written by a Surinamese author. To this day, the book opens people's eyes to how power, violence, and inequality

were perpetuated. During the German occupation of the Netherlands, Anton de Kom joined the resistance. He wrote for an underground newspaper, which cost him his freedom and his life. He was arrested, deported, and died on April 24, 1945, in the Sandbostel concentration camp, a branch of the Neuengamme concentration camp. It was not until 1960 that his body was identified in a mass grave. More [here](#) and [here](#). His daughter Judith de Kom fought to have the injustice done to her father recognized. In 2023, the Rutte cabinet apologized to Anton de Kom's family.

News in Brief

1. The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an international movement that now also exists in South Africa. The main aim of U3A is to educate and support retired people. On May 6, 2025, a group from U3A South Africa visited the Moravian Church Mission Museum in Genadendal to learn about the rich history of the Moravian Church in South Africa and its significance for nation building in South Africa. Members of the local brass band played several pieces for the elderly visitors in the large church hall. A short video can be viewed [here](#).
2. Mother's Day was celebrated on May 11, 2025, in the Bethlehem congregation of the Iglesia Morava en Cuba. According to Facebook, it was a blessed day: "All the brothers had come up with something for the women during the service," it said. "Thank you, Lord, we praise you, King of kings and Lord of lords!" Pictures and videos [here](#).
3. In mid-May 20225, it will be ten years since Shop Karibu opened in Christiansfeld, Denmark. The shop sells African goods and is run entirely by volunteers. All profits go to East Africa. See [here](#).
4. On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the 90th birthday of Eenok Haamer, the recently deceased long-time chief elder of the Moravian Church in Estonia, who was also of great importance to the Lutheran Church in the country, a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. local time at his grave in Mustvee. See [here](#).
5. On Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 11 a.m. local time, the Moravian Church in Kuusalu, Estonia, invites you to the 12th Summer Festival of the Moravian

- Church in the country. The theme of the day is: A creed for the whole world. The day will end with a concert at 5 p.m. More about the program [here](#).
6. The Moravian Church in Denmark invites you to its central mission festival in Christiansfeld near Kolding on Sunday, May 25, 2025, starting at 10 a.m. The theme will focus on the Moravian Church in Burundi. Edouard Nsengiyumva, president of the Moravian Church in Burundi, will be a guest at the festival. The detailed program in Danish can be found [here](#).
 7. The Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church in North America has published its Mission Message, Spring 2025, by email. See in English [here](#).
 8. The Moravian Church in Northern India mourns the loss of a prominent member, the talented singer Dihualung Kamei, who belonged to the congregation in Delhi. Obituary [here](#). A video with one of his songs (Oh Du, mein Gott) [here](#). Dihualung Kamei lived from 1980 to May 2, 2025. His funeral took place on May 10, 2025, in Munrika Village, a district of the metropolis of New Delhi.
 9. The Moravian Church in Genadendal, South Africa, was filled to capacity on May 9, 2025, when Charlyn Dyers, professor of linguistics at the University of the Western Cape, gave a lecture on 100 years of Afrikaans. The local brass band provided musical accompaniment for the event. Jerome Slamet, bishop of the Moravian Church, gave a welcoming speech along with several other speakers. A photo can be found [here](#).
 10. The Barbados Police Band will give a concert on May 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. (local time) at the Mount Tabor Moravian Church in Bridgetown/St. John. Poster [here](#).
 11. The Moravian Church in Latvia invites you to a community evening at the Ziemei manor house in northeastern Latvia near the Estonian border on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. Gundars Ceipe, their leader, will be there. He will give a talk, read from his book, and show a new documentary film about the Moravian Church in Latvia. There will also be singing and an opportunity for discussion. Poster [here](#).
 12. To help visitors explore Mamre (South Africa) and its sights, the Mamre Moravian Church has teamed up with tourism partners to create a walking trail. The Cultural Heritage Walk is a leisurely, family-friendly tour through the village. Those who take it will be transported back in time to the 1730s, when Moravian missionaries settled in the Cape. More [here](#).

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