February 2019

February brings many changes to the Unity Women’s Desk, and we ask Sisters and Brothers everywhere to pray that God will guide our continued efforts to stand with our Sisters throughout the world and support them as beloved and strong members of Christ’s body.

Continue to raise prayers of gratitude for the leadership of founding Coordinator Patricia Garner and Advisory Board members Angelene Swart and Sallie Greenfield. At our Advisory Board meeting on January 31, 2019, Julie Tomberlin was installed as Coordinator, and Bishop Blair Couch and Rachel Lwali were installed as Advisory Board Members. They join continuing Advisory Board members Erdmute Frank and Muriel Held. Liz Venable was elected as Secretary and Jean Richardson as Treasurer. Please lift up these Sisters in your prayers as they coordinate your response to the needs and hopes of Moravian women everywhere.

Pray for UWD Provincial Coordinators world-wide, as they do such important work for the UWD, meeting face to face with women and girls who need scholarships or loans, helping them apply, and encouraging women to plan projects to strengthen their congregations and communities. If you do not know the Provincial Coordinator in your area, please write to the UWD at Unitywomen2011@gmail.com.

Pray for our Sub-Desk Coordinators as they seek ways to assist the Provincial Coordinators and as they help the Advisory Board find the best ways to help the women in their Regions. (If all these coordinators seem confusing, please check our website for an explanation!!)

Pray for Moravian schools everywhere, for girls who attend these schools and also who need assistance to attend them in the future. Pray for a new Moravian school in Ifakara, Tanzania, the PREISWERK GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL, that opened on January 7, 2019. The UWD is supporting several girls in their first class. Pray for the school’s leaders and teachers as well as the students. Prayers of gratitude also for the new building at the Moravian Herrnhuter Academy in Zanzibar, Tanzania and its 220 pupils in kindergarten and primary school. We want to pray for all Moravian schools and schools where Moravian girls study. Please send us the names of schools from your area that we should pray for! (pictures too!)

Pray for those affected by the fire in Wuppertal, South Africa on December 30, 2018. Pray for those whose businesses were destroyed, including some owned by our Sisters there, that they would be able to rebuild soon and help their community recover. Check with your local church to see how you can help; the American Board of World Mission is collecting donations from the United States. Pray also for those in Cuba affected by the recent tornado, and for all those affected by natural disasters.

Pray for unity in local congregations and provinces of the Moravian Church as there are internal conflicts challenging our Sisters and Brothers in many places, including Honduras, Nicaragua,
and the United States. Help us to discuss our differences with love and patience and to focus on the true essentials as we follow Christ.

Pray for Diacony House in Paramaribo, Suriname, which serves many poor people from interior regions of the country. It is in need of numerous repairs to serve patients properly. Pray for Moravians serving at hospitals and clinics throughout the world and for those they serve.

Pray for the women and all the refugees in the UNHCR Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. The Moravian Church in Malawi is offering training opportunities for these refugees in health, nutrition, parenting, protection from domestic violence, English, and entrepreneurship. The women of the German Moravian Church have chosen to support the work in this refugee camp as their project for 2019. Pray for refugees throughout the world.

Pray for the midwives in Honduras and Tanzania who have received or will soon receive birthing kits packed and transported with love by many Sisters and Brothers in Ohio, NC, Florida, Honduras, and Tanzania. May the Lord bless this ministry for mothers and infants.

Joan Smith has asked that we pray for Jamaica’s preparations for the Biennial Synod which will be in April, 2019.

March 8 is International Women’s Day, which has been observed since the early 1900's. It is “a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.” Pray for all those planning services and celebrations and supporting positive change for women everywhere.

World Day of Prayer is March 1, 2019. Plan to join with women in more than 170 countries on this day as they study Luke 14:15-24 and worship as sisters in Christ. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. Women of Slovenia have written the program for 2019 - please visit the website and prepare to join in March 1. Invite some sisters to join you in this Bible Study and resources written by the women of Slovenia here: https://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html.

Continue to pray for Sisters planning the 2019 Moravian Women’s conference in Winston-Salem, NC June 20-23, 2019 and for those making preparations to attend. Some of our international Sisters face challenges getting visas, and we pray for success in acquiring them.

Please let us know how we can pray for Sisters in your community and Province!

Continue to pray for the Unity Women’s Desk.

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