

Joint Board

The Joint Board consists of the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees. Meetings are held on an as needed basis for the transaction of business that requires action of both boards. Meetings may be called by either board and are presided over by the President of the Trustees and the Vice President of Elders.

The following items were addressed by the Joint Board during 2015:

Board Member Orientation

On February 01, the Joint Board convened for the annual Board Member Orientation luncheon following the 11 a.m. service that day. The board gave thanks and blessings to departing Elders Alice Mosebach and Martha Jones, as well as Trustees Camie Modjadidi, Richard Pearce, and John Kintzer. New Elders Julie Atwood, Elizabeth Derbak and Trustees Steve Krawiec, Jan Cole, and Sharon Upton were welcomed and Joint Board Member binders were distributed. The Board Membership Orientation committee is to be commended for organizing another successful event.

Strategic plan

Central Church's previous Strategic Plan had expired in June of 2014. In 2015 the Joint Board continued their work on the Strategic Plan which began in November of 2014 where the board's two day retreat meeting was held at the Moravian Seminary. In May the Joint Board Executive Committee met to finalize the format of the plan and schedule two dates for congregational forums. The two forums were held on September 27 in the sanctuary after the 11 a.m. service and October 11 in the Christian Education Building's Benigna Auditorium following the 9 a.m. service. Copies of the plan were made available in the sanctuary amen pews several weeks prior to these meetings. Both forums were led by Pastor Hopeton who provided details by way of a power point presentation. A question and comment session followed the presentation. The final document will be available for affirmation at the 2016 Church Council.

Moravian College Overseas students

In June Bryon Grigsby, President of Moravian College, proposed a partnership with Central Church to provide a college education for Moravian International students from places such as Tanzania, Nepal, and possibly Cuba. Moravian College would be

offering tuition and housing grants and asked if the church could provide funding for incidentals. The plan is to bring in 2 students every 2 years with the hopes of beginning in the Fall semester of 2016. The Elders and Trustees independently agreed to explore ways to support this endeavor through our Mission committee as well as possible partnerships with other BAM churches.

Pastor Janel Rice's 10th Anniversary

On June 14 our congregation celebrated the 10th anniversary of Pastor Janel's ordination as a Moravian Minister. The service in the sanctuary featured, the Reverend Charles Rice, Ursinus College Chaplain and mentor to Pastor Janel. The congregation presented Pastor Janel with a gift of a large stained glass Moravian Seal. A reception including refreshments followed the service.

Pastoral Call

It was with mixed emotions that we received notice on July 3 that Pastor Janel Rice had accepted a call to serve as Pastor at Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Pastor Janel's last service at Central Church was September 6 which was followed by a reception on the church green.

In August, the Joint Board met at College Hill Moravian Church (due to Musikfest activities in downtown Bethlehem) with Eastern District Board President, David Bennett and district representative Ralph Wanamaker. This was a preliminary meeting to explain the call process to the board members and entertain questions regarding the process. One of the elements of the call process is a congregational survey that is performed through the District's website. This survey was open for several weeks to the Central congregation and upon completion the EDB reviewed the accumulated information and prepared to present candidates. Meetings were held in October and November with David Bennett and Ralph Wanamaker and the eventual candidate. After prayerful debate and discussion, a call was issued and affirmed to the candidate. On November 12, Brother David Bennett advised that The Rev. Dr. M. Lynnette Delbridge had accepted the call to serve as pastor at Central Moravian Church. Sr. Lynnette and her husband, the Rev. Andrew Meckstroth, will be relocating to the Lehigh Valley with their two school-aged daughters, Helen and Carol. Pastor Lynnette's installation service is scheduled for February 7, 2016, at 11 a.m.

275 Capital Campaign

Members of the board approved the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to explore the possibility of a capital campaign in conjunction with the 275th anniversary of Central Moravian Church. The Ad Hoc committee agreed to form a steering committee which will begin the workings of the campaign under the guidance of Lee Williamson. More information will be made available during 2016.

Christian Spring

Negotiations continued during the year and approvals finally received by the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners to allow for the sale of the 26 acres of land to proceed. It is anticipated that, after deed and other documentation preparation, the sale of the land will take place in January of 2016.

The Joint Board greatly appreciates the outstanding support of the congregation, volunteers, pastors, and staff of our church. We give thanks and blessings to Pastor Janel Rice for her 10 years of service to our congregation. Best wishes to her and her family as they enter into their new ministry at Calvary Moravian Church. We also would like to acknowledge with gratitude the support of our Sr. Pastor, Hopeton Clennon for seamlessly continuing his service to our congregation in spite of the loss of his full time pastoral colleague. A thank you also goes to Sr. Maggie Wellert for her support as Parish Pastor since joining our staff in October.

We also wish to acknowledge with great thanks the following:

Becky Owens for providing our congregation and the community with consistently outstanding music programs.

Mike Wall and John Geier for their dedicated oversight and upkeep of our facilities.

George Mowers for the skillful ease in which he oversees our business and finances.

Richard Miller for his musical talents and assistance in the office.

Cindy Gibson for her abilities to efficiently organize and operate our church office activities.

We also wish to acknowledge our gratitude to all the volunteers serving on committees, as sacristans, as musicians and others who are in year round service to our congregation. Our church is truly blessed to be

supported by such a group of caring, talented, and exceptionally dedicated individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry W. Worrich, President

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of fourteen members of Central Moravian Church. The Trustees are especially charged with the managing of the temporal affairs of the church. As such, the board is intentionally made up of a diverse group of individuals with expertise in many backgrounds such as finance, law, insurance, marketing, and fundraising. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month. The Trustees convened ten times in 2016. The January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the June meeting was also not held since there was a lack of a quorum as a result of members being unavailable due to family vacations.

Each month the board hears reports from the president, the Senior pastor, and the various committees which provide oversight of our church's operations. The main focus of this body is the oversight of the churches financial health. George Mowers provides the board with complete and accurate financial reports on a monthly basis. Br. George is to be commended for expertise, knowledge, and dedication in this area.

At the February meeting, the board's new members are present for the first time since their confirmation at Church Council. The reorganization of the Trustees takes place as the outgoing president, Camie Modjadidi's term has ended. We wish to thank Sr. Camie for her tireless leadership during 2014. After the completion of the board's reorganization, the business of the church began for 2015.

Along with the usual business of the Trustees, some additional items were addressed throughout the year. The City of Bethlehem began a sidewalk and utility project along Main Street, beginning at Church Street through Broad Street. The church was also notified by the city that the sidewalks in front of the church office and 63 W. Church Street would need to be replaced. Work in both of these areas was completed in the Spring.

On July 3 we received notice that Pastor Janel Rice had accepted a call to serve as Pastor at Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Trustees, as part of the Joint Board, began preparation for the call process. The Trustees also, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee prepared for the October hiring of the Rev. Maggie Wellert to assist Pastor Hopeton with pastoral duties while the call process continued.

With the impending sale of 26 acres of the land at Christian Spring to Natural Lands Trust, a non profit land preservation organization, it was decided to attempt to minimize expenses for the property during 2015. Although the building would remain available for meeting and other activities to continue to take place, it was decided to not incur the expense of opening and closing the pool for this year. Negotiations continued during the year with Bethlehem Township and approvals finally received to allow for the sale to proceed. It is anticipated that the sale of the land will take place in January of 2016.

The Trustees would like to offer special thanks to the entire staff. We are particularly appreciative of their work through the very busy latter part of this year by picking up additional duties which were required in the absence of a second full time pastor. We would also like to acknowledge with extreme thanks the work of departing Trustees, Joan Carson, who not only served as board secretary, but, also chaired and served on many, many committees. I would also like to express my individual gratitude to the pastors, staff, Joint Board, and Trustees for their professionalism and support in guiding me through this year as president. I was humbled to be asked and honored to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry W. Worrich, President

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee retained the services of Campbell, Rappold, and Yurasits LLP to audit the general, special, and investment accounts of our church for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. CR&Y has been our auditor for a number of years which provides familiarity and continuity in reviewing our financial records and controls.

A clean report was issued for fiscal 2014. This is typical for Central Moravian Church. The clean report provides assurance that our records are accurate and maintained in a timely manner. Further, our financial protocols are appropriate and followed. A copy of the audit is available in the church office for review.

A note of thanks to George Mowers is in order. His diligence and commitment to serving our congregation is appreciated. Without the accurate and complete records George maintains the auditors would not be able to issue an unqualified positive opinion after the annual audit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Phillips, Chair

Audit Committee: Hopeton Clennon, John Kintzer (T),
George Mowers, Steve Schlack (E), Anthony
Thompson (T)

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee meets on a quarterly schedule in January, April, July, and October to evaluate the performance of the Church's portfolio and make any needed adjustments. Members of the committee include David Beckwith, Don Brown, Mark Parseghian, Hal Smith, David Weikert, Terry Worrich, and Anne Zug.

The committee is assisted by Wayne Achey, a Senior Vice President of Investments at Merrill Lynch, and a Central member. As a financial adviser, Mr. Achey prepares presentations for the quarterly committee meetings that give the members several suggestions and options that they can consider and evaluate to help maximize the return of the portfolio.

Monthly investment reports of the portfolio from Merrill Lynch are provided to each member of the committee and also to the Financial Secretary, George Mowers. Investment results are shared with the Board of Trustees through the Financial Secretary's monthly Board report. The Board is also informed on the committee's actions by reports on the quarterly meetings.

The investment portfolio is divided into separate funds including: Endowment Fund, Preservation Income Fund, Holding Account, Central Mission Fund, Central Steps Fund, and Preservation Fund. The following table indicates the opening and closing balances of the managed funds as well as an increasing amount that was withdrawn from the accounts to help cover church expenses in 2015.

Investment	Opening Balance on January 1, 2015	Closing Balance on December 31, 2015	Funds withdrawn to support the Budget
Endowment Fund	3,076,475	2,785,267	193,716
Preservation Income	13,482	2,711	59,712
Holding Account	34,070	27,456	16,176
Central Mission	20,617	42,576	20,150
Central Steps	307,107	228,324	36,283
Preservation Fund	1,030,379	1,045,650	49,019

The Investment Committee operates within a set of guidelines that help keep the investments balanced in a combination of stocks, bonds, and funds that promote diversification to help balance risk. Many thanks to the committee members who help keep our portfolio strategy on course.

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Brown, Chair

Stewardship Committee

2015 Results:

Each year, the Stewardship Committee spends much of their effort on an annual fund appeal to inform members on the use of their annual financial support to the church operating budget. The 2015 Budget was adopted by the Church Council in January 2015. It called for financial contributions from members and friends of \$626,302, which represented an increase of \$21,421 (3.4%) from the 2014 budget. The total amount given from members and friends as of December 31, 2015, was \$508,559.

Financial contributions from members and friends consist of payments on pledges, dollars given from members who do not pledge (outright gifts), offering plate contributions from visitors who attend services, and contributions to the operating budget given by some of the church groups who raise money through their group activities. In 2015, contributions from members and friends represented 75% of the total dollars needed to support the church operations.

2016 Church Budget - Contributions from Members and Friends of Central

The 2016 Church Council will be asked to approve the 2016 operating budget. The amount budgeted to come from contributions from members and friends is \$637,413. This is an increase of \$11,111 from last year (9.8%). As of December 31, 2015, \$258,819 has been pledged from 177 household giving units. We need to receive an additional non-pledged support of \$378,594 from members and friends to meet our budgeted contributions from the members and friends line item. Our current pledged support, represents 40% of the contributions needed from members and friends to meet the 2016 operating budget. In past years, members have pledged 55% or more, by the end of December.

Many thanks to those who have already pledged their financial support and to the members of the Stewardship Committee: Joan Carson, Lousia Frey, Martha Griffis, Tom Tenges, Michelle Trent, Dave Weikert and Pastor Hopeton Clennon. Special thanks to George Mowers and Cindy Gibson for helping to assemble numbers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Upton, Chair

Contribution Analysis

GIVING RANGES	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
less than \$1	148	141	150	166	94	83	134	153	158	217	210	219
1 - 100	154	133	125	125	114	116	112	83	106	106	85	73
101 - 200	57	69	52	46	60	54	50	59	42	41	52	34
201 - 300	53	54	58	55	45	42	55	48	39	43	44	34
301 - 400	29	33	42	32	37	37	28	28	39	27	25	21
401 - 500	31	31	22	28	30	30	35	31	20	16	29	32
501 - 600	38	39	34	33	33	30	29	24	23	28	18	22
601 - 700	20	17	18	20	22	17	13	15	19	8	15	10
701 - 800	22	16	20	21	17	11	16	15	18	19	17	11
801 - 900	14	12	14	13	12	13	11	10	5	11	6	7
901-1000	20	22	8	11	15	16	16	14	11	12	12	9
1001 - 1100	20	13	23	12	14	22	25	15	12	9	11	12
1101 - 1200	16	18	20	21	14	10	7	15	7	17	11	14
1201 - 1300	18	11	11	9	16	11	6	16	13	7	9	11
1301 - 1400	6	16	15	11	6	8	10	3	9	7	8	5
1401 - 1500	5	12	16	12	6	7	10	8	9	5	10	7
1501 - 2000	41	33	44	36	43	31	33	29	31	31	32	31
2001 - 3000	34	35	34	37	33	40	44	38	35	40	37	34
3001 - 4000	19	16	17	22	24	23	17	18	19	16	9	12
4001 - 5000	9	11	9	7	11	11	12	11	9	12	11	10
5001 - 7500	6	6	11	12	10	11	10	7	5	10	9	9
7501 - 10000	3	4	2	4	3	4	0	1	2	1	2	1
>10000	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	6	4	4	4
Total Giving Units (1)	766	746	749	736	663	630	676	655	637	687	666	622
Average Contribution (2)	\$744	\$824	\$838	\$857	\$967	\$1,009	\$854	\$837	\$899	\$778	\$783	\$791
Total Contributions	\$569,774	\$614,994	\$627,442	\$631,022	\$641,122	\$635,363	\$577,593	\$548,389	\$572,748	\$534,720	\$521,311	\$492,078
(1) Number of giving units as those assigned by contribution envelope numbers												
(2) Total giving divided by giving units												

Budget and Finance

Looking at the past several years, a disturbing change in direction has emerged regarding the Operating Budget of Central Moravian Church. After a small surplus of \$131 in 2011, followed by a slightly larger surplus of \$639 in 2012, and capped with a surplus of \$1,487 in 2013, a trend reversal in 2014 occurred with a deficit of \$15,514. Fiscal Year 2015 ended with another deficit of \$14,464.

Total Income was under budget by \$31,023 or 3.7%. Throughout the year, **Envelope Giving** was consistently below budget requirements and ended the year \$31,441 or 5.8% under budget. This had serious implications for the Budget and Finance Committee in establishing the 2016 Budget. However, **Other Contributions** (special envelopes and cash plate offering) were over budget by \$2,609 or 3.0% with an increase over 2014. **Institutional Receipts** (Moravian College, Moravian Academy, ArtsQuest, Bach Choir, 63 W. Church Street rental, and wedding income) were over budget by \$5,795 or 6.9% thus with Other Contribution, helped to offset the envelope shortfall. **Endowment Income** was under budget by \$7,986 or 6.8%, a significant decrease over 2014.

Total Expenses were under budget by \$16,561 or 2.0%. **Salary and Benefits** were under budget primarily due savings from Pastor Rice leaving. **Facilities-Operations** were under budget by \$982 or 0.9% due to utility costs savings for gas and electric in all buildings in 2015. **Facilities-Maintenance** was over budget by \$14,287 or 18.0% due to expenditures for repairs in the Sanctuary, Church Office, Christian Education Building, and 63 W. Church Street.

Programs were under budget by \$6,822 or 8.2% due to less expenses for Music, Christian Education, and Mission & Outreach programs.

Church Office Administration expenses once again came in under budget this year by \$4,787 or 13.7%. In 2015, Central paid 100% of the amount requested for the **Province & District Administration and Benevolent Ministries**, a decrease from the previous year of \$10,046 or 8.81%.

Total Income less Capital Projects Income was \$797,469, a decrease from last year of \$10,727. **Total Expenses less Capital Projects Expenses** were \$811,931, a decrease from last year of \$11,777. As a result, Fiscal Year 2015 ended with a deficit of \$14,464 which will require the use of \$14,439 from the Memorials and Undesignated Funds and the remaining \$25 from accumulated monies in the Prior Year Surplus Fund to balance the budget. A total of \$29,978 in Memorials, Undesignated, and Accumulated Surplus Funds were used to balance the Operating Budgets for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Capital Projects, although not part of the Operating Budget, totaled \$17,555 for capital improvements to buildings on the Church Street Campus. Moravian Academy reimbursements totaled \$24,612 for their share of the CE Building expenses. Central's share was funded by income from the Preservation Fund.

No contributions to the Operating Budget are used for the care and operation of the Christian Spring property. The Trustees continue the process of selling a majority of the property which will raise funds to repay the \$325,000 line-of-credit loan from the Endowment Fund. The Joint Board is in the process of reviewing the financial, facility, and program options regarding the house and remaining property.

George Mowers, Financial Secretary

Michelle M.L. Trent, Treasurer and Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
Financial Disclosure
For the year ended December 31, 2015

	2012 Actual (Rounded)	2013 Actual (Rounded)	2014 Actual (Rounded)	2015 Actual (Rounded)	15 vs 14 Change (Rounded)	2015 Budget (Rounded)	2015 Actual +/- %	Budget \$
Beginning Balance	131	770	2,257	0				
<u>INCOME</u>								
Envelope Giving	572,748	534,720	521,311	508,559	-12,752	540,000	-5.8%	-31,441
Other Contributions	65,910	80,547	83,570	88,911	5,341	86,302	3.0%	2,609
Capital Projects Income	30,611	29,798	175,704	17,555	-158,149	0		
Institutional Receipts	82,032	88,324	85,145	89,945	4,800	84,150	6.9%	5,795
Endowment Income	76,559	103,272	118,170	110,054	-8,116	118,040	-6.8%	-7,986
TOTAL INCOME	\$827,861	\$836,662	\$983,900	\$815,024		\$828,492		
Less Capital Projects Income	-30,611	-29,798	-175,704	-17,555		0		
NET TOTAL INCOME	\$797,250	\$806,864	\$808,196	\$797,469	-10,727	\$828,492	-3.7%	-31,023
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
Pastoral Staff Sal. & Ben	194,625	191,868	192,693	172,878	-19,815	196,984	-12.2%	-24,106
Music Staff Sal. & Ben.	71,505	73,757	71,920	77,207	5,287	78,005	-1.0%	-798
Support Staff Sal. & Ben.	142,748	136,528	142,836	150,888	8,052	144,238	4.6%	6,650
Total Salary & Benefits	\$408,878	\$402,153	\$407,449	\$400,972	-6,477	\$419,227	-4.4%	-18,255
Total Facilities - Operations	\$86,443	\$99,535	\$103,288	\$106,645	3,357	\$107,627	-0.9%	-982
Total Facilities - Maintenance	\$71,706	\$76,726	\$79,255	\$93,827	14,572	\$79,540	18.0%	14,287
Capital Projects Expense	\$30,611	\$29,798	\$175,704	\$17,555	-158,149	\$0		
Ministry & Worship Program	12,927	28,125	27,009	18,765	-8,244	17,800	5.4%	965
Music Program	33,939	34,517	34,517	34,493	-24	37,517	-8.1%	-3,024
Christian Education Program	9,022	6,330	7,918	6,991	-927	10,917	-36.0%	-3,926
Mission & Outreach Program	19,125	15,397	17,520	16,062	-1,458	16,900	-5.0%	-838
Total Programs	\$75,012	\$84,368	\$86,964	\$76,312	-10,652	\$83,134	-8.2%	-6,822
Total Church Office Administration	\$31,061	\$29,768	\$32,744	\$30,213	-2,530	\$35,000	-13.7%	-4,787
Province & District Admin.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		
Benevolent Ministries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		
Provincial Women's Board	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		
Total Province & District	\$118,261	\$112,827	\$114,010	\$103,964	-10,046	\$103,964	-0.0%	-0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$821,973	\$835,176	\$999,414	\$829,487		\$828,492		
Less Capital Projects Expense	-30,611	-29,798	-175,704	-17,555		0		
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	\$791,361	\$805,377	\$823,709	\$811,931	-11,777	\$828,492	-2.0%	-16,561
Current year surplus(deficit)	5,889	1,487	-15,514	-14,464		0		
Adjustment from reserves (1)(2)(4)	-5,250	0	13,257	14,439		0		
Adjustment from Prior Year (3)(5)			2,257	25				
Net surplus(deficit)	\$639	\$1,487	\$0	-\$0		\$0		
Ending Balance	770	2,257	0	-0				

(1) In FY2013, \$5,250 was taken from 2012 surplus for HHV Campaign contributions entered as Envelope Giving in 2012
(2) In FY2014, \$12,657 was taken from Memorials and Undesignated Funds to balance the Budget
(3) In FY2014, \$2,257 was transferred from Prior Year Surplus to balance the Budget
(4) In FY2015, \$14,439 was taken from Memorials and Undesignated Funds to balance the Budget
(5) In FY2015, \$25 was transferred from Prior Year Surplus to balance the Budget

CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH

2015 Giving to Mission Causes Outside the Budget

Blanket Sunday	\$2,830
Blanket Sunday - from Busy Workers	\$2,000
Blanket Sunday - from Peanut Makers	\$200
CD Ministry Fund	\$226
Central Emergency Shelter	\$594
Central Santa Project	\$8,500
Chautauqua Program	\$364
CROP Walk	\$2,700
CROP Walk - from Busy Workers	\$1,000
Esperanza	\$420
Esperanza Good Work Program - from Busy Workers	\$500
Esperanza Healthy Food Program - from Busy Workers	\$1,000
Food Bank	\$5,580
Food Bank - from Busy Workers	\$750
Food Bank - from the Ladies Sewing Society	\$100
Food Bank - from the Moravian Women	\$300
Hoffman Fund for Tanzania	\$576
Jamaican Service Trip - from Pancake Breakfast	\$950
Johnston Festival for Nepal	\$653
Moravian Open Door - from Youth Group	\$403
Moravian Women for Orphans Fund	\$2,534
Moravian Youth Rally - from Twenty Minute Society	\$750
Nepali Outreach	\$8,258
Nepali Outreach - from Busy Workers	\$500
Old Chapel Choir Anniversary Singstude	\$94
Orphans Fund	\$1,281
Preservation Fund - from The Candlemakers	\$600
Pastor's Discretionary Fund - from Busy Workers	\$500
Seifert Fund for Christian Education	\$2,110
Sikonge Mama's Fund	\$2,110
Star & Candle Shoppe for Seifert Fund for CE programs	\$3,000
Star & Candle Shoppe for Tanzanian construction	\$500
Syrian Resettlement Project	\$20
Tanzanian Construction - from Busy Workers	\$850
Tanzania Well Project	\$2,148
Camp Hope Scholarships - from Busy Workers	\$400
Youth Group Fund for Camp Hope Schlorships	\$1,440
Total	\$56,741

2015 Giving to Mission Causes Within the Budget

2015 Budget for Hoffmans work in Sikonge	\$8,000	
2015 Budget for Nepal Moravian Outreach	\$2,000	
2015 Budget for Moravian Archives	\$1,670	
2015 Budget for World Wide Unity	\$1,252	
2015 Budget - Food Bank from Social Action Committee	\$505	
2015 Budget for Esperanza	\$500	
2015 Budget - New Bethany Ministries	\$400	
2015 Budget - Victory House	\$400	
2015 Budget - Bread For The World	\$400	
2015 Budget - Moravian Open Door	\$400	
2015 Budget - gift cards for Victory House	\$14	
	Total	<u>\$15,541</u>
	Total 2015 Giving to Mission Causes	<u>\$72,282</u>

This list is not meant to be a comprehensive accounting of all non-budgetary contributions. Omissions and duplicate accounting may exist. It does not include the value of the non-monetary gifts of time, energy, and enthusiasm by individuals and organizations of Central.

2015 Other Giving to Central Moravian Church

Giving to the Operating Budget -

Busy Workers	\$2,000
Putz Committee	\$830
Special Concerts Music Programs	\$1,662
Star & Candle Shoppe	\$5,000
The Candlemakers	\$600
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	2015 Total
	\$10,092

2016 Budget Overview

Income:

Envelope Giving and Other Contributions anticipated for 2016 are increased \$40,832 or 6.83% from 2015 actual levels. Due to the decrease over the years of Envelope Giving and the increase of Other Contributions, the Budget & Finance Committee decided to combine reporting of these income areas of the budget. This newly combined category includes any gifts to Central from envelopes, cash plate offerings, special giving envelopes, and donations through charitable trusts received by the Church.

The **Institutional Receipts** are budgeted at \$90,930 or up 1.10% after modest increases from 2015 contracted rates for ArtsQuest, Bach Choir, Moravian Academy, and Moravian College, and an anticipated increase in wedding income.

Endowment Income is budgeted to be on par with 2015 budgeted levels.

Total Income is planned up \$49,803 or 6.25% in 2016 compared to 2015 actual.

Expenses:

Total Salary & Benefits will be 7.51% or \$30,097 higher in 2016. This includes a 2.0% salary increase for all staff members and the return to a second, full-time pastor for 11 months of the year.

Total Facilities Operations are budgeted to be 3.77% or \$4,025 higher in 2016.

Total Facilities Maintenance & Supplies are budgeted to decrease \$9,461 or 10.08% from 2015 actual levels, since one-time, unexpected expenses were incurred during this past year which will not be recurring in 2016. However, the proposed Total Facilities Maintenance & Supplies budget for 2016 is actually increased \$4,825 or 6.10% over 2015 budgeted levels.

Total Program and Outreach is budgeted to increase \$9,495 or 12.44% in 2016. The Ministry and Worship budget increase of \$3,278 or 17.47% is mainly due to the Eastern District Synod and the inclusion of a Parish Pastor for part of the year. The Music Program budget remains basically unchanged. The Christian Education Program budget is increased \$3,356 or 48% over 2015 actual reflecting a more enhanced program including the new position of Church School Superintendent. The Mission and Outreach budget increase of \$2,838 or 17.67% reflects an additional \$2,000 for Mission Committee travel expenses for the Hoffmans' mission trips to Sikonge.

Total Church Office Administration is budgeted at \$33,430 which is an increase of \$3,217 or 10.65% over 2015 actual, but significantly lower than the 2015 budget figure.

Total Province & District Administration expenses are planned at \$101,930 which represent a decrease of \$2,034 or 1.96% over 2015. Central continues to pay 100% of the Church's required commitment for administration and benevolent ministries.

Total Expenses are planned up \$35,340 or 4.35% in 2016 compared to 2015 actual.

George Mowers, Financial Secretary

Michelle M.L. Trent, Treasurer and Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH

Proposed Budget

For the year ended December 31, 2016

(approved by Elders 01/12/2016 and Trustees 12/16/2015)

<u>INCOME</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016	Actual 2015 vs Proposed 2016	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Actual	Proposed	\$	%
Envelope Giving and Other Contributions	638,658	615,267	604,881	626,302	597,470	638,302	40,832	6.83%
Capital Projects Contributions	30,611	29,798	175,704		17,555			
Institutional Receipts	82,032	88,324	85,145	84,150	89,945	90,930	985	1.10%
Endowment Income	76,559	103,272	118,170	118,040	110,054	118,040	7,986	7.26%
TOTAL INCOME	\$827,861	\$836,662	\$983,900	\$828,492	\$815,024	\$847,272		
Less Capital Projects Income	-30,611	-29,798	-175,704	0	-17,555	0		
NET TOTAL INCOME	\$797,250	\$806,864	\$808,196	\$828,492	\$797,469	\$847,272	49,803	6.25%
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
Pastoral Staff Sal. & Ben	194,625	191,868	192,693	196,984	172,878	197,380	24,502	14.17%
Music Staff Sal. & Ben.	71,505	73,757	71,920	78,005	77,207	81,355	4,148	5.37%
Support Staff Sal. & Ben.	142,748	136,528	142,836	144,238	150,888	152,334	1,446	0.96%
Total Salary & Benefits	\$408,878	\$402,153	\$407,449	\$419,227	\$400,972	\$431,069	30,097	7.51%
Total Facilities Operations	\$86,443	\$99,535	\$103,288	\$107,627	\$106,645	\$110,670	4,025	3.77%
Total Facilities Maintenance & Supplies (6)	\$71,706	\$76,726	\$79,255	\$79,541	\$93,827	\$84,366	-9,461	-10.08%
Capital Projects Expense	\$30,611	\$29,798	\$175,704	\$0	\$17,555	\$0	\$0	
Ministry & Worship (1)	12,927	28,125	27,009	17,800	18,765	22,043	3,278	17.47%
Music Program (2)	33,939	34,517	34,517	37,517	34,493	34,517	24	0.07%
Christian Ed. Program (3)	9,022	6,330	7,918	10,917	6,991	10,347	3,356	48.00%
Mission & Outreach Program (4)	19,125	15,397	17,520	16,900	16,062	18,900	2,838	17.67%
Total Program & Outreach	\$75,012	\$84,368	\$86,964	\$83,134	\$76,312	\$85,807	9,495	12.44%
Total Church Office Administration	\$31,061	\$29,768	\$32,744	\$35,000	\$30,213	\$33,430	3,217	10.65%
Prov. & District Admin.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Benevolent Ministries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Provincial Women's Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Province & District Administration (5)	\$118,261	\$112,827	\$114,010	\$103,964	\$103,964	\$101,930	-2,034	-1.96%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$821,973	\$835,176	\$999,414	\$828,492	\$829,488	\$847,272		
Less Capital Projects Expense	-30,611	-29,798	-175,704	0	-17,555	0		
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	\$791,361	\$805,377	\$823,709	\$828,492	\$811,932	\$847,272	35,340	4.35%
Current year Surplus(deficit)	5,889	1,487	-15,514	0	-14,464	0		
Adjustment from reserves	0	0	13,257	0	14,439	0		
Adjustment from Prior Year	0	0	2,257		25			
Net surplus(deficit)	\$5,889	\$1,487	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

(1) Primarily Christmas, Easter, Lovefeasts, Bulletins, Daily Texts, Hospitality, Membership, Stewardship, Church Family Life, Elders, Planned Giving, Visitation Ministry

(2) Lead singers, soloists, instrumentalists, accompanist, substitute organist, materials & supplies

(3) Church School, youth programs and staff, adult education, child care

(4) Mission, Communications, Social Action, Social Agencies, Esperanza, Moravian Archives, World Wide Unity

(5) Beginning 2011, Total Provincial and District contributions to administration and benevolent ministries

(6) Includes basic buildings & grounds maintenance, supplies, service contracts

Note: Due to the decrease in Envelope Giving and the increase in Other Contributions, the Budget & Finance Committee decided to combine reporting to better reflect actual giving to Central.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Buildings & Grounds Committee is composed of representatives from the Boards of Elders and Trustees, as well as, at-large members. Its purpose is to oversee the policies and practices related to the stewardship of our historic Church Street Campus. In that capacity, we serve as partners with the Church staff, particularly Mike Wall, Facilities Administrator.

Since 2009, the Committee has referred to the Stone House Assessment as its resource to determine the most prudent use of limited funds for planned capital and repair projects, as well as, ongoing facility maintenance. In 2015, the Committee developed two documents designed to complement the Stone House Assessment – a “Project Request Process” which prescribes a path for bringing newly proposed projects/campus needs to the attention of the B&G Committee for consideration; and a “Purchasing Policy” which formalizes guidelines on determining use of maintenance and capital expenditures.

Among the other highlights of the Committee’s work in 2015:

- We conducted inspections of the buildings and campus, developing an extensive list of maintenance and repair deficiencies requiring attention;
- We evaluated the use of our facilities by outside organizations, including “community partners,” seeking to assure respectful use of our buildings by those organizations;
- We submitted recommendations to the Capital Campaign Steering Committee for several high priority capital improvement projects which could be included in the 275th Anniversary Campaign – once again including the need for additional funding for the Preservation Fund.

Major projects addressed in 2015 included:

- Completion of the HVAC installation in the Christian Education Building – this was a major project with a number of complications, causing significant additional costs;

- Replacement and repair of the sidewalks and curbing along Central Church and BAM properties on Main Street – this was part of a City program to upgrade the streetscape from Church to Broad Streets; a portion of the cost will be shared with BAM;
- Replacement of sidewalks in front of 63/73 West Church Street – the pavements were in poor and unsafe condition, and replacement was mandated by the City;
- Repointing and repairs to the exterior brownstone steps at the west end of the Church – this has been an ongoing project, with funding coming through a previous capital campaign;
- Major welding repairs, reconditioning and painting of the iron fence around the Church – underwriting of this project also qualified under the “Brownstone Steps Campaign.”

Appreciation is extended to members of the Committee for assuming the responsibility of serving as devoted stewards of Central’s historic campus.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom A. Tenges, Chair

Committee Members: Tom Tenges (T) Chair, Bobb Carson, Co-Chair, Tim Brady, Secretary, Hopeton Clennon, John Mast (T), Robert Phillips (T), Steve Schlack (E), Mary Catherine Tachovsky, Mike Wall Terry Worrich (T)

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee met numerous times this past year.

Our Major Accomplishments included:

Working with Pastor Hopeton, to review and discuss job descriptions for both full time and part time employees.

A tentative job description was also reviewed and discussed with reference to the call of a new pastor.

Terry Worrich and Anne had an exit interview with Pastor Janel. Her insights were very helpful.

The hiring of Richard Miller as a part time assist for Cindy and of Parish Pastor Maggie to work with Hopeton were completed on schedule.

We also reviewed the employees medical insurance. This full time employee only coverage is offered to Becky, Cindy and John. Becky and John must pay for the insurance coverage of their children who are included in the program.

Objectives for 2016:

The Committee will be investigating competitive full time employee medical insurance programs and deductibles for next year on a more timely basis.

We will review the financial functions with George to determine how we can assist him. He has no back up so are already working to secure the services of a part time person. We expect this person to become familiar with his job and the many financial responsibilities which he does for us.

Finally, the to-do list also contains a personnel review of the facilities management program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Zug, Chair
Committee Members: Pat Herman, Bill Sachs, Terry Worrich, Pastor Hopeton



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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH • Northern Province

Dear partners in ministry,

Grace, mercy, and peace in the name of the God who calls us into being and sends us out to share Good News! I write this letter to you on the day after we observed World Communion Sunday. In the church where I worshipped, we remembered the church gathered in all corners of the world, and prayed for our partners in ministry and those who are in need of special intercession. The horizon of our worship was stretched beyond the local congregation to include the District, the Province, the Unity, and all of God's Creation.

The notion of broadening our horizons and thinking of the whole church is what undergirds our Common Ministries Commitment. The three words of this phrase are powerful in isolation; put together they give voice to our understanding that being part of the wider church is important and helps build up the Body of Christ. We hold in **common** ministries that we could not do as a single congregation. We support **ministries**, not just line items in a budget. We make a **commitment** to God and one another through our full participation in the ministries we hold in common. Together, we form the Moravian Church Northern Province – as we are and as we pray God will fashion us to be. Each congregation makes a commitment, not just to the province, but also to every other congregation to join together in all that God calls us to share in ministry.

I invite you to join me in supporting the ministries we hold in common and make a commitment to fully fund your congregation's share. Indeed, part of the commitment we all make as congregations of the province is to support the work we can only accomplish through all of us joining together. We count on your full participation and we are blessed by the partnership to which you join yourselves.

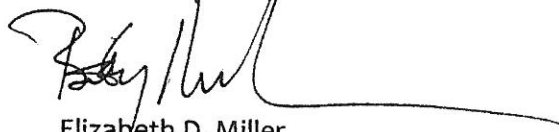
As in the past, we fund our common ministries through every congregation giving a percentage of its Line 1 income. The 2016 budget was built on your Line 1 income from 2014. The *percentage* of your Line 1 income remains the same as last year. The *amount* you are asked to offer changes based on the fluctuation of Line 1 income. As with good stewardship practices, you give to the province as you have received. The provincial budget process begins with what we can expect to receive from you. Like personal budgets, the province lives within the expected receipts, which means we must make choices based on prayerful priorities. When one congregation does not meet its full share, we all suffer. When all congregations offer 100% of their requested support, we all rejoice together. There is no buffer built into the budget to cover any shortfall in giving. We need all of you offering yourselves fully to our common ministry to support the many ministries God is calling us to offer the world.

The provincial elders have approved a budget for 2016 in the amount of \$2,136,010, which is based on anticipated common ministry receipts of \$1.69 million. The difference comes from other sources of income available to the province, including investments and other development funds. We reduced our budget by \$200,000, based on common ministries commitment reductions of \$100,000 and a reduction of \$100,000 from other income sources. Unfortunately, a number of congregations received less financial support in 2014, which results in less support of our common ministries. The detailed budget will be sent to you in December with the distribution of the Mission and Ministries Budget, offering further explanation of what ministries we support together. We made the difficult decision to decrease funding to our core agencies (the Board of World Mission, Moravian Theological Seminary, Interprovincial Board of Communication, Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation, and the Provincial Women's Board) by 5% across the board. The ministries they offer are part of who we are and how we bear witness to God's love and grace; however, our capacity to fund those ministries does not begin to express our appreciation for the work they do in Christ's name. Some of the ministries we continue to support are the Task Forces called for by the 2014 Provincial Synod to strengthen Deacon Supervision, enhance Spiritual Formation, foster Healthy Congregations and explore the unique opportunities and burdens of our clergy serving part-time. In addition, we continue to explore our Identity, Purpose, and Organization (IPO), although at a significantly reduced level.

Again this year we are sending out this entire mailing via e-mail. You are receiving this letter because you are a Pastor, Vice-Chair of Elders, President of Trustees, or Treasurer. It is imperative that you access the specifics of your congregation's share of the provincial budget on the Moravian Church Northern Province Portal. You have access through a specific password; if you experience difficulty with the portal, contact Tammy Curcio (portal@mcnp.org) in our Finance Office.

As you prayerfully determine your local budgets and include your share of our provincial budgets, I invite you to stretch your horizon beyond the local congregation to support the province and the wider world of God's amazing creation. Thank you for your faithfulness; thank you for your support; thank you for your **commitment** to the **common ministries** of the province.

Grace and peace



Elizabeth D. Miller
President



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September 2015

TO: EASTERN DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS

FROM: THE EASTERN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD
DAVID E. BENNETT, PRESIDENT

RE: 2016 FUNDING OF OUR COMMON MINISTRIES

Greetings Friends and Partners in Ministry:

I write on behalf of the Eastern District Executive Board to thank you for this last year of ministry partnership and invite your full participation in the common ministries for 2016. The ministry partnership that we share with you is one which makes possible the mission endeavors discerned by the Eastern District Synod in support of congregational redevelopment and in simply being Christ's Church in the world today. Consistent with the structure of the 2015 Eastern District budget and in response to the mandates of the 2012 Eastern District Synod, the common ministry for 2016 is presented with the following highlights:

- ❖ As directed by the 2012 Eastern District Synod, the 2016 common ministry budget will be supplemented, if necessary, through the use of unrestricted district reserves at a maximum spending rate of 3.65%.
- ❖ As directed by the 2012 Eastern District Synod, all commission ministries will work collaboratively and be funded through pooled District Service Ministry assessment funding.
- ❖ As directed by the 2012 Eastern District Synod, our efforts to focus staff, commissions, and significant district common ministry funding upon congregational revitalization through the A.I.D. program will continue. Additional redevelopment programming resources were offered at the 2015 Eastern District Conference.
- ❖ Desiring to address financial needs for Moravian Open Door and its breakfast program, and to do so without placing an additional burden upon our congregations, funds from our Service Ministries line items were reallocated to the Benevolence portion of our budget so as to enhance our support for Moravian Open Door. We were able to do this due to the more effective and collaborative way in which our six district commissions are functioning together.
- ❖ Therefore, the 2016 Eastern District common ministry assessment to each congregation will remain at the 2015 level.

As a result, the total common ministry assessment for 2016 will be \$36.50 per communicant member for a non-Ohio congregation and \$25.50 for an Ohio congregation. (A communicant member is by Book of Order understood to be a member who is 18 years or older.)

It is worth noting that this will be the seventh consecutive year that the Eastern District common ministry assessment has either not increased or has been decreased. Our present district budget, therefore, has little room for further cuts without affecting the very health and welfare of our common ministry. Therefore, it is vitally important that all of our congregations fully support the district common ministry as our success relies heavily upon the faithfulness of all of our congregations.

We encourage congregations to look seriously at employing the benefits of the new Past Due Balance Policy which offers 20% forgiveness of the Provincial and District Administrative Past Due Balances for each year that a congregation meets all District/Provincial assessments and pastoral benefits submissions in full. This policy supports our collaboration in district and provincial ministry, while providing much needed relief from past due balances.

On behalf of the Eastern District Executive Board, we are grateful for each congregation as a ministry partner. It is through our confederal partnership demonstrated at the 2012 Eastern District Synod that our common ministry has been able to endure the hardship of a difficult and unpredictable economy. At that synod delegates directed the EDEB to use reserves prudently to stabilize budgetary needs, as well as to nurture collaboration between all district commissions so as to enhance effectiveness and conserve resources. Those two actions alone have had a tremendous impact upon not only district finances, but also the level of our engagement of congregations through such means as the AID program and the 2015 Eastern District Conference. For that wisdom and vision, we are grateful. For your continued support of our district common ministry with time, talent, and treasure, we thank you.

Our common ministry reflects an important, shared value that Christ calls us to do together that which we cannot do alone. The 2016 Common Ministry budget reflects the vision set forth by the delegates of the 2012 Eastern District Synod, as well as the current vision of the Eastern District Executive Board. We are appreciative of our district and provincial staff members, the Provincial Elders Conference, and interprovincial agencies whose dedication and leadership skill makes congregational revitalization efforts possible, despite limited financial resources. In that regard, I continue to be humbled time and time again as I witness how our fellowship in Christ conquers whatever are the dilemmas of the day. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Your brother in Christ,



David E. Bennett
President
Eastern District Executive Board

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OUR COMMON MINISTRY

One of the noblest characters of the Moravian Church is found not only in how we as individual congregations touch lives within our own communities, but also how we collaborate denominationally to make a regional, national, and even global impact. Our common ministry reflects an important, shared value that Christ calls us to do together that which we cannot do alone. It is in this way that our common ministry contributions express not only our ministry partnership with one another, but more importantly the kinship we proclaim in Christ Jesus.

ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

These monies are allocated for such items as district synods; the cost of travel and expenses of meetings of the District Board; making grants to congregations; paying liability insurance; the cost of having our district represented on various boards, committees, and agencies; subsidy in support of Moravian Open Door administration and legal and intervention expenses; as well as salaries, benefits, and program costs for the Eastern District Director of Christian Education and the Eastern District Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT

Utilizing the services of district professional staff and the consultation of the district commissions, these monies fund ministry assessment, appreciative inquiry sessions, and ministry plan development of churches in need of congregational revitalization and redevelopment. The A.I.D. Program and other district initiatives directed toward congregational health and revitalization were reaffirmed as a priority by the 2012 Eastern District Synod.

SERVICE & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES

DISTRICT PROGRAM

Provides support for miscellaneous programming efforts, including Pastoral development events, summer urban internships, support for state councils of churches and ecumenical agencies, as well as continuing education at Moravian Theological Seminary.

DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

This commission is the program agency of our district. Staffed by Marie Coutts, the District's Director of Christian Education, and Cynthia Geyer, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, this commission sponsors district-wide programming development, ministry support and development within our congregations, specialized congregational consultation, training for Christian educators, training for youth and young adult leaders, and youth and young adult mission team development.

DISTRICT EVANGELISM COMMISSION

This item pays for meeting and program expenses for evangelistic efforts in the Eastern District including the Evangelism workshop and congregational grants for evangelistic efforts.

DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The commission is charged with emphasizing the vital role of stewardship in the congregational life of the churches of the Eastern District. Under the leadership of Gary Marsh, the Provincial Director of Stewardship, this commission meets with local Joint Boards to provide encouragement and training in the area of stewardship development. This commission also sponsors periodic Eastern District Stewardship Conferences.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES COMMISSION *(formerly Urban Ministries Commission)*

Although this commission initially provided ministry development insight and training to churches uniquely located in urban settings, this commission now also consults with congregations who desire to

better understand the demographics of their own community. Serving as a partner in the Eastern District AID program, this commission provides new insights to congregations seeking to engage their neighborhood in service and mission.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMISSION

This commission explores social and cultural issues which make up the context for ministry in this day and time. Because of the needs of an ever-changing world, this commission leads our congregations in being proactive in addressing concerns at the intersection of church and society. To that end, they provide congregations information, aid congregations in setting realistic goals for social justice ministries, and develop opportunities for collaboration between our Eastern District congregations.

LAY MINISTRY COMMISSION

This commission aids congregations in engaging, networking, and deploying lay people in extraordinary ministry opportunities. This commission works collaboratively across the district to link and coordinate uniquely gifted individuals who can, together, establish new and relevant ministries which serve both the needs of the church and the community. Northeast Moravian Disaster Response (NEMDR) is an arm of this commission and actively engages lay people in disaster response nationwide.

OHIO MORAVIAN MINISTRIES COMMISSION (Ohio only)

This item is for youth ministry, camp support, mission society support, matching grant programs for Ohio Congregations. These monies are collected by the Eastern District Executive Board and returned to the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission.

DISTRICT HOMES FOR THE AGED

This contribution assists Moravian Manor and Moravian Hall Square Retirement Community in providing care for needy residents where costs are not fully covered by personal and social security resources. Contributions for maintenance to the Sperling-Zimmerman Home also originate from these monies.

HOPE CONFERENCE AND RENEWAL CENTER (all congregations except Ohio)

These monies subsidize the cost of the administration and management of the Hope Conference and Renewal Center.

STATE COUNCILS OF CHURCHES

This item includes contributions to State Councils of Churches in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. These monies provide an ecumenical service and witness which otherwise would not be available to us as individual congregations. Services provided include consultation on migrant ministries and information on public policy issues.

INNER CITY YOUTH

This significant ministry for congregations in urban areas was started by the "Moravian Women" who annually contribute between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for this ministry. As the years have passed, requests have increased to approximately two and one half times the monies available. The District Synod of 2004 established support for this important ministry through an assessment. This initiative funds new youth ministry initiatives for congregations in urban areas where youth programming is lacking or non-existent.

MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR

Moravian Open Door is a not-for-profit (501(c)3) organization committed to providing transitional housing and supportive services to the homeless, distressed and underserved population of New York City. Our ministry serves those individuals who are fifty and older with the goal of helping them regain their independence and security, and assisting them in moving to appropriate, permanent facilities.

September 2015

2016 Funding of our Common Ministries

Central Moravian Church - 0004

Members 18+: 807

Provincial Common Ministries

	2016 Total Provincial Quota	Your Church's Provincial Total ¹	Your Church's Share Per Month
Common Ministries Commitment** Includes Provincial Administration, Unity Assessments, The Moravian, Board of Communications, Ministerial Education, Moravian Theological Seminary, Ecumenical Agencies, World Mission, Provincial Archives, Music Foundation, and Provincial Women's Board.	\$1,690,039	\$73,423.79	\$6,118.65
**Through your full support, together we touch and bless lives far beyond your church community; shared ministries that have long been a part of our Moravian history and faith tradition.			
Make Provincial checks payable to: Moravian Church Northern Province Mail Provincial checks to: Treasurer P.O. Box 1245 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245			

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Calculated @ 100%

Eastern District Common Ministries

	2016 Total District Quota	Your Church's District Total	You Church's Share Per Month	Your Church's Share Per Capita
District Administration**	\$158,642	\$12,508.50	\$1,042.38	\$15.50
District Service Ministries Includes Program, Hope Conference Center, Senior Living Communities, State Councils of Churches, Christian Education Commission, Church and Society Commission, Evangelism Commission, Lay Ministry Commission, Stewardship Commission and Community Ministries Commission	\$145,352	\$15,938.25	\$1,328.19	\$19.75
District Benevolences Includes Moravian Open Door and Inner City Youth	\$11,258	\$1,008.75	\$84.06	\$1.25
Total District Common Ministries	\$315,252	\$29,455.50	\$2,454.63	\$36.50
<p>**Through your full support, together we touch and bless lives far beyond your church community; shared ministries that have long been part of our Moravian history and faith tradition.</p>				
<p><i>Make District checks payable to:</i> Eastern District Executive Board</p> <p><i>Mail District checks to:</i> Treasurer P.O. Box 1245 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245</p>				

Bethlehem 275th Anniversary Committee

In order to prepare for the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem the archivist of the Northern Province/BAM was asked to form a committee. In a first phase, representatives of all Moravian congregations and institutions in Bethlehem were invited to attend several brainstorming meetings at the Moravian Archives. To implement the ideas put forward by the large group, a steering committee was formed consisting of: Paul Peucker (Chair, Moravian Archives), *Bill Burkhardt* (Edgeboro), Hopeton Clennon (Central), Frank Crouch (College/Seminary), *Chris Giesler* (Edgeboro), Myra Jones (Edgeboro), Andrew Mengel (Central), Alexandra Newell (Central), Becky Owens (Central), Dan Soos (BAM), Jerry Still (Advent), and Audrey Wanamaker (Westside) [the names in italics left the committee before the end of 2015].

The anniversary will be celebrated in 2016 and 2017. Bethlehem was founded and named in 1741 but the Moravian congregation was not formally organized by Zinzendorf until June 25, 1742. This latter date has traditionally been celebrated as the anniversary of the Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

This anniversary is an opportunity for Moravians in Bethlehem to work together, to celebrate who we are today, and to look forward into the future. We will have common events; some of our churches and institutions will have additional events and activities.

We are currently planning and preparing for the following main events:

- **April 2, 2016:** One-day display of original 1741 deed for the purchase of Bethlehem, at Moravian Archives (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- **October 28, 2016:** Anniversary concert during Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music as a kick-off event for the anniversary celebrations
- **March 8 – April 6, 2017:** Lenten series: ministers' exchange. Topic: the future of our congregations
- **June 24, 2017:** Moravian Days
- **June 25, 2017:** Anniversary Lovefeast at 3 p.m. for all Moravian churches at Johnston Hall/Moravian College

A full program will be published soon. Volunteers are needed and anyone interested is welcome to contact the committee members. During the anniversary we hope to raise money to establish a fund for the care of the homeless.

In addition to the events that we as Moravians are planning, the City of Bethlehem has a separate committee that is preparing for the city's celebrations of its founding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Peucker, Archivist of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province

Almoners Fund of the Bethlehem Area Moravians

The Almoners Fund is managed by Board members elected by each of the six churches of the Bethlehem Area Moravians (BAM). The Board works quietly and confidentially to carry out the purpose of the Fund and responds to requests made by the pastors of the local congregations to assist members who are in temporary financial need.

The board meets 4-times a year. Many of the requests presented to the board were handled by telephone or e-mail.

The program to provide \$1,500 for each BAM congregation to assist the pastors with request for immediate financial assistance was continued. These discretionary funds are administered by the pastors and are not to be used for the congregation's general or benevolence budgets. This program does not replace the current Almoners program, but supplements it. Requests for larger grants or short-term assistance are handled through the normal process.

During 2015, the Almoners expended a total \$76,587.13 to assist 13 individuals in financial need. Some were one-time grants, while others were for a set period of time. Of those assisted, 9 were from our congregation.

Financial gifts, no matter how large or small, are always welcome.

BAM Almoners Fund, Inc.
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Respectfully Submitted,
David Williams, Board Representative

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering

Last winter, Central accepted the mission to help the homeless women by opening the doors of the Benigna Auditorium on Saturday nights from the beginning of December thru the end of March. The shelter offers them a warm overnight stay, with a hot dinner and breakfast. And sometimes an extended stay into late Sunday afternoon for the adverse winter snow and ice days.

The statistics are remarkable. Over the 4-month period, 185 times we gave women shelter from the cold; we were blessed with over 200 volunteers who accumulated 1,200 volunteer hours at the shelter. Last year's mission to assist the homeless women in Bethlehem was a great success; thanks to the generosity of the people that volunteered their time and talents. Besides the volunteers from Central we had a wonderful outpouring from other churches and community organizations. These included a Senior Girl Scout troop from St. Catherine's of Sienna Church, a group from a local synagogue that prepared a complete home cooked turkey dinner, and a young teenager from our congregation that spent all of her own money to buy and prepare a taco dinner with dessert for all of the women guests. We also had a group of Ursinus College Students that volunteered multiple times to stay overnight and assist with all of the shelter tasks. We had many other people that contributed meals, breakfast items, stocked the pantry with clothing and personal items, organized social activities including bingo night, even delivered extra supplies during a snowstorm, donated gift cards, and helped in so many other ways. Carol Holbert and Rose Warner know they will be blessed again this year with the outpouring of volunteers and the assistance that they need to make the 2016 women's shelter a big success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Holbert and Rose Warner, Co-Chairs

Bethlehem Interfaith Resettlement Committee

This past fall with the help of Pastor Hopeton, a committee was formed with the purpose of helping to resettle refugees in need of a safe new home, freedom from fear and freedom to worship as they wish. This committee, met other churches in the process of learning more about how we might help, as a result we have joined with three other area churches to form the Bethlehem Interfaith Committee. The other churches are Trinity Episcopal, Life in Christ and the Universalist Unitarian.

By the end of 2015 we felt ready to receive our final approval by Lutheran Family and Child Services, which is scheduled to happen the end of January 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Whilden and Louisa Frey

Birthday Greeters

Volunteers send birthday greetings to Central members on behalf of the church.

There are currently 10 volunteers, each sending 8 to 10 cards a month. A list with members names, addresses and birth dates are sent to each volunteer, along with postage stamps for mailings. Volunteers can use their own cards or printed Moravian verse cards with envelopes are available upon request.

New volunteers are always welcome! Contact Shirley Trumbauer at 610-381-3434 to sign up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Trumbauer, Chair

Blood Bank

The Central Moravian Church Blood Bank is a service for all Central members. It provides free blood products whenever they are needed for our Church members. **You do not have to be a donor** to receive this service. However, donors are the key to making this service successful for the community. Whole blood donations may be made once every 8 weeks. Platelets may be given 24 times per year. Every day 450 donations of blood products are needed to supply the needs of our area hospitals.

Our donors in 2015 have made 50 donation visits to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center with a goal of 50, compared to 49 last year (goal 60). Our goal for 2016 is 50. Let's have another good year and surpass our goal.

Thanks to all donors for their wonderful gift to our Church Blood Bank and the community. **We are always looking for more donors to help support this great cause.** Craig Mosebach is our Blood Bank coordinator.

Below is a list of donors and the number of donations they made in 2015:

Baker, Frank	1
Boyer, Frank	4
Clendenning, Steve	3
Foltz, Robert	1
Griffis, Jeff	2
Hochella, David	2
Hochella, Grace	2
Hospador, Andrew	1
Mehler, Frances	4
Mosebach, Craig	19
Ritter, Guinevere	1
Stehley, Katie	4
Tenges, Tom	3
Vavra, Erin	2
Woodring, Sallie	1
Total	49

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Mosebach, Coordinator

Busy Workers' Society

2015 was another busy year for the Busy Workers. Our two major sales (the Plant/Attic Treasures sale in May and the Annual Christmas Sale in December) were financially successful. Profits from the Plant & Attic Treasures Sale were up approximately \$1000 from the sale in 2014. Financial figures are not complete yet for our 2015 Christmas Sale, but all our wreaths were gone by 10:15 a.m. on sale day, and we sold many miniature Boxwood trees and Star & Candle trees. Once again this year, we were able to sell some of our remaining Christmas items through the Star and Candle Shoppe (thank you, Shelley Watson!) Thanks, also, to Vangie Sweitzer, who allowed all the profit from our sales of her Christmas in Bethlehem book to be claimed by Busy Workers and used for our charitable giving. We participated in the BAM Christmas Craft Festival and a Moravian Village craft display and sale. The financial success of all these sales allows Busy Workers to continue with our tradition of charitable contributions, as listed below. And we feel good about the fact that our total giving for 2015 is approximately \$4000 greater than the amount we gave away in 2014!

Moravian Theological Seminary – Scholarships in honor of Emily & Ned Wallace:	\$ 5000
CWS Blanket Sunday	2,000
Sikonge – Construction needs for widow of Evangelist	850
Esperanza – After School Healthy Food Project	1,000
Esperanza – Good Works project	500
Moravian Blessing Sign for C. E. Building Sign & Installation	490
Nepali Mission – Books for Kindergarten	250
Nepali Mission – Projector for Kindergarten	250
Victory House –	1,000
Andrew Mengel – Cuba Mission Trip	500
Nepali Earthquake Relief – Board of World Mission	500
Nepali Earthquake Relief – Nepali Moravian Outreach	500
Moravian Theological Seminary	1,500
Anniversary event for Pastor Janel Rice	250
New Bethany Ministries	500
Unity Womens' Desk	500
Central Church Food Bank	500
Truth for Women	500
Bicycle for Tanzanian student	75
CMC Orphan Fund – Education	250

Air Conditioner for Esperanza client	170
Camp Hope Scholarships for Central Moravian children	400
CWS CROP Walk	1,000
Pastor's Discretionary Fund (in memory of Busy Workers: Jane Quier, Marjorie Mott, Virginia Laidman, Marion Bray & Hallie Iobst)	500
Central Moravian Church for use of Christian Spring facility	100
Central Church Food Bank in honor of NC Traveling group	250
30% of BAM Christmas Craft Festival profits, to Esperanza and Bethlehem Emergency Shelter	96
Central Moravian Church, donation toward Operating Budget	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 16, 931

In addition to this total, Busy Workers also donated \$588 for Sanctuary flowers in memory of departed Busy Workers and friends.

Busy Workers welcomed a number of guests to our sessions this year, to get to know them better and to find out more about their organizations. On occasion, the Pastoral Staff stopped in to visit and we had the pleasure this year of welcoming Parish Pastor Maggie Wellert to a BW session. Other visitors included Vani and Shanti Pradhan, who brought slides showing the terrible damage caused by the earthquake in Nepal; Dr. Christine Nelson, Director of Development at Moravian Theological Seminary; Craig & Alice Mosebach, with pictures and stories about the Nepali kindergarten; Dr. Charles Mbwangi, an ob-gyn doctor from Tanzania making his first visit to Bethlehem; Kay Killar from Samaritan Creations visited us from Bangkok, Thailand. She and her husband run a mission program designed to help young women learn life skills to allow them to leave their lives of prostitution; Pastor Rhonda Robinson from Esperanza, telling us about its after school programs – healthy snacks, tutoring, and providing a safe place for many children of all ages. It has become necessary for volunteer tutors to pay for and undergo background checks prior to tutoring the children; Busy Workers has a standing offer to help with these costs for Central members who wish to tutor at Esperanza but cannot afford to pay for the background checks.

Once again this year, Busy Workers volunteered to provide soup for the annual Birthday Social in February, and hosted one of the Lenten Dinners in

March. We hosted a traveling group from North Carolina, many from Winston-Salem area Moravian Churches, who were visiting Moravian sites in the North. And our annual pot-luck picnic at Christian Spring featured a going-away cake & party for Pastor Janel Rice.

Busy Workers made some 'capital' purchases this year: at our sales it is very handy, even when it's not raining, to have tents outside the Old Chapel and/or C. E. building. We purchased two pop-up tents this past year, and have loaned them out to other church groups, as well. We also purchased some large trash receptacles for use during our sales.

And probably our most notable purchase was a new sign with the Moravian Blessing written on it; the sign now hangs in Nitschmann Hall, so that everyone can read the words and sing along.

Under the guiding hand of Jane Hammond, a number of Busy Workers have been learning the fine art of making the Anna Nitschmann doll, and sewing her clothes. We have actually sold some dolls this year, for the first time in a long time, and some of our dolls are currently on display in an exhibit in the Moravian Museum. Several of our members will be involved with this exhibit in January, 2016.

In another historical note, we've observed that there is no mention or history of the Busy Workers' Society in the Moravian Archives. We hope to gather some information, pictures of some of our crafts, etc. to donate to the Archives. We've been around since 1884, so it seems reasonable to be included with all the rest of Moravian history.

A small group of Busy Workers continues to prepare & freeze meals for church members who need some assistance as they recuperate from illness, hospitalization, etc. Contact Dorothy Stutzenberger for more details about this Moravian Meals on Wheels program.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues; during 2015 we have given away 30 prayer shawls, and some members have attended the valley-wide Prayer Shawl gathering in October. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact one of the ministers.

We do appreciate the support we receive from the staff and the whole congregation: your donations of

baked goods for our sales, and coming out to shop at our sales not only helps financially; we get to know more of you a lot better. And a huge thank you for all those perennial plants and attic treasures in the spring!! It's amazing how profitable all those little items can be. Our Plant & Attic Treasures sale for 2016 will be the Saturday before Mothers' Day (May 7), so if you're cleaning up after Christmas and find a few items you'd like to 're-gift' please consider saving them for our sale in May! Donation dates & times will be listed in the Belfry and Sunday Times.

As 2015 ends, one of our officers, Cathleen Rannels, will be stepping down from her position as Treasurer. She has kept impeccable records and has a real knack for explaining her Treasurer's reports so that we all can understand. She has also guided us through establishing a revised investment portfolio. (Many years ago, some Busy Workers set aside money in a stock account, to provide flowers for departed Busy Workers. And, over time, just as financial advisors tell you, that fund has grown. Interest from that account not only can pay for Sanctuary flowers, but can also be used for other charitable donations as the group sees fit.) Our thanks to Cathy for her leadership and for helping to train our new Treasurer, Susan Jones.

As indicated in our donations list, we have lost 5 devoted Busy Workers in 2015, and we will miss their presence and their friendship. We do, however, continue to grow as an organization and recently have welcomed several new members. Hallie Iobst used to say, "If you can cut & paste, you are welcome in our group." Busy Workers certainly make many handcrafted items...but we are much more than that. The fellowship we experience on Wednesday mornings is also very important and we would encourage you to come, visit, and find your place in our group. Contact any one of us for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Carson, President
Margaret Krawiec, Vice-President, Kathryn Samuels,
Recording Secretary, Sallie Woodring, Corresponding
Secretary, Cathy Rannels, Treasurer, Virginia Delph,
Assistant Treasurer

CD Recording Ministry Committee

The committee records the 11 a.m. (10 a.m. in the summer) service each week as well as other special services and events throughout the year.

Approximately a dozen copies are mailed each week to members who are out of town or cannot otherwise attend Sunday services. The new recorder has the capability to record onto other media which may allow for other uses such as Central's website, Moravian College Vespers, and other events.

Thank you to Dan Diehl, and Bob Wascura for their diligence in recording CDs which are copied and mailed by Cindy Gibson from the church office. Volunteers to join the committee for this important ministry are always welcome. Training on the use of our equipment is relatively easy and would be provided.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Worrich, Chair

Cynthia's Boutique

2015 was a year of growth for the boutique. Donations from Central, Wesley Methodist and Moravian Village amounted to 380 bags and boxes - more than double our 2014 total.

We were able to obtain a bit more space and are in the process of improving our fixtures. This will enable us to better serve our clients who have increased from 15 to a high of 34.

Goods and clothing not of use to our clients were distributed as follows:

Goodwill - 57 bags
ARM - 22 bags plus suits/coats on hangers
Esperanza - 17 bags
Central's Emergency Shelter - 3 boxes/bags of clothing & bedding
Lehigh Valley Hospital - large bag of new stuffed animals
We also served 4 special needs cases.

Volunteer: Gina Kelechava
Drivers: Bob Adams, C McGorry

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte C. McGorry

Flower Distribution Committee

The Flower Distribution Committee wishes to thankfully acknowledge those who generously gave the altar vases this year, commemorating special people and events in their lives. Our statistics tell us that 259 bouquets were distributed within 18 institutions during the past 12 months and, with the selfless support of our congregation, we covered these institutions, some several times. We thank each of our Pastors this year: Hopeton, Reed, Janel and Maggie, who kept the committee informed and who gladly took bouquets with them on their hospital visitations. We thank our fellow congregants who graciously came to obtain flowers so that they could visit their shut-in friends and family members and to commemorate birthdays. Flowers went to our folks in St. Luke's Hospital-Bethlehem, Anderson Campus and Quakertown, Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital, Old Orchard, Life Quest, Grand View, Phoebe-Richland, Christopher Dock, Gracedale, Moravian Village, Moravian Village Rehab., Kirkland, Blough Nursing Home, Muhlenberg Hospital, Hershey Cardiac Rehab Hospital, King's Daughters, and a hospital in New England. We are thankful for this opportunity to be of service and we prayerfully hope to continue to be faithful in the Lord's work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothea Lovis and Cheryl Tubio, Co-Chairs

Food Bank

The Central Moravian Church Food Bank is still expanding and growing. We receive regular supplies of food from both Second Harvest Food Bank and Central congregation. We appreciate both the food and monetary donations received to help feed our brothers and sisters in the community. Thank you especially to The Busy Workers and the 20-Minute Society for all your financial help. A big thank you to the staff at Moravian Village for the cans of vegetables and soup we received in December. We also thank the members of the congregation for their continued support via money and canned foods. We thank Bob Adams, Tim Brady and Nate Bissey for their help each month with delivery. We offer special thanks to Bob for shopping when we need it.

From July 2015 to December 2015, Pennsylvania was still without a budget and if this goes on, we may run into problems with getting our food from Second Harvest. The money the State gives to Second Harvest is distributed among all the agencies. It helps us purchase food as well as get the State food that is offered. We may be asking the congregation for specific items if this stalemate continues.

The Food Bank fed an average of 75 families a month in 2015 for an average total of 165 persons each month.

We are still serving to a lot of the elderly, who are shut-ins at the high-rise apartments on Main Street. We pack bags for them and the Bethlehem Senior Center staff picks up the bags from us. They give us a list each month and distribute the bags to their residents.

We also signed up an average of 8 new families each month in 2015, with a record 14 new families signing up in November. Our space is getting small even as our client numbers grow. We no longer have a place for the clients to come in from the bad weather as that room is used by Cynthia's Boutique, and we no longer offer clothing to our clients, as that ministry currently fills that need. We still have a freezer that supplies frozen meats and vegetables to our clients. The guideline is that if they get frozen meat or vegetable, they cannot have the canned equivalent. We also get a monthly donation of bread from Primo Hoagies on Catasauqua Road in Bethlehem.

As always, we appreciate the donations we get, either monetary or food. We can always use brown paper bags and plastic bags.

We are continually in need of volunteers, especially shoppers and substitutes, so if you or someone you know would like to help out, we'd really appreciate it. Our volunteers are now mainly non-Central members as we went on a volunteer website to recruit. If your child is in high school and needs community service hours, please call Diane Berl at 484-515-8138 as we have had a few of our youth do this to satisfy their service hours. Diane will sign off on the paperwork for any student that comes to the Food Bank to volunteer.

Thank you for all your help in 2015 and we hope to be able to continue serving our brothers and sisters in the community in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Berl and Joan Kolessar, Co-Directors

Knitting into the Mystery

The Prayer Shawl ministry is a ministry of the Busy Workers' Society. Shawls are given to those who are in need of prayerful comfort - because of surgery, serious illness, or the loss of a loved one. Sometimes, we give a shawl to celebrate something, like the birth of a child.

We have a Meditative Prayer Shawl knitting group that meets on the third Thursday of each month to knit and have fellowship together. We share what's happening in our lives as we have some refreshments and then meditate silently for 45 minutes as we listen to soft music and knit our shawls.

For any questions or if you wish to join our group, please call Dorothy Stutzenberger at 610-865-5956.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Stutzenberger

Moravian Ladies Sewing Society

From the sale of Polly Heckewelder dolls in 2015, we are sharing \$1200 as listed:

Central Moravian Church	\$375
Central Moravian Church Food Bank	100
Central Moravian Church, Admin. Assistant	100
Central Moravian Church Sexton	50
Edgeboro Moravian Church	50
Board of World Mission, Women's Desk	50
Moravian Museum	25
Moravian Open Door	50
Moravian Archives	50
Moravian Hall Square Samaritan Fund	50
Moravian Village Samaritan Fund	50
Camp Hope	50
Nepali Moravian Outreach	100
Esperanza for Bethlehem	100

The Sewing Society is trying to get the word out that we are still making Polly dolls and have been since 1872. In 2015, we helped Historic Bethlehem sponsor a temporary exhibit on dolls in the Moravian Museum. It will run until March 31, 2016. As part of the exhibit, a Polly Tea Party will be held on February 14, 2016, at 2 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their Polly dolls. We also demonstrated the making of a

Polly doll at the BAM Craft Festival in October and at the Moravian Village Moravian Fair in December. Our Society was invited and three of our members presented a dialogue on the history and making of a Polly doll at the annual convention of the United Federation of Doll Collectors in Kansas City in July. It provided an excellent opportunity to tell about Moravians. In 2016 another magazine article will appear on the Polly doll. This article will be in the April issue of *Antique Doll Collector*.

Two new members joined us in 2015. We welcome any sewers to join us to observe, work and fellowship any Tuesday morning 9 - 11:30 a.m. in the church office conference room, 73 W. Church Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Brown, President

Moravian Meals on Wheels

Moravian Meals on Wheels (MMW) was established to provide meals for those people in our congregation who have a need for some help - such as a time of sickness, an accident or return from the hospital. Caregivers of these people often don't realize that they need some relief, but it is important to support the caregiver, also.

Our committee has found that there are people in the congregation who have ongoing need and we have provided meals on a weekly basis to those people. We need your help in caring for our congregation. Please let us know of anyone (including yourself) who would benefit from this service. Please call Dorothy Stutzenberger at 610-865-5956. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Stutzenberger

Moravian Women

Moravian Women encourages the spiritual growth and witness of women of the church through study, fellowship and service. They contribute financially to local and denominational causes, our congregation and Provincial Women's projects. Throughout the year Moravian Women's six circles meet monthly for Bible Study, for learning about our world-wide mission work, and for enjoying one another's friendship and support.

In 2015 Moravian Women:

- Held a homemade soup sale on February 8 for the congregation and additional soup to Central's Women's Shelter for their suppers.
- Attended the Moravian Women's Conference, "Walk in the Light" in eastern Maryland June 25-28 and the Moravian Women's Fall Workshop at East Hills Moravian Church September 25.
- Began its annual appeal for Tanzanian Orphans during the worship services November 1.
- Boxed trimmed candles November 2 for delivery to local homebound members and mailing to those out of town.
- Signed up 48 church members to pray during the 24 hours of the Unity Prayer Watch on December 27.

Charitable gifts in 2015:

Central Moravian Food Bank	\$300
New Bethany Meal Program	100
Victory House Meal Program	100
Trinity Episcopal Church Meal Program	100
Morningstar Senior Living (Hall Square)	100
Moravian Village of Bethlehem	100

Budgeted contributions to the Northern Provincial Moravian Women includes \$300 for inner city and ministerial projects and \$100 to the Lib Miller Fund which financially helps Moravian women from other countries attend MW conferences.

Memorial gifts were given in loving memory of Nanette Weidner, member and former president of Central's Moravian Women, who served the board and her circle with hard work and devotion for many years; and to the Tanzanian Wells Project in memory of Cas Woodbridge, husband of Helen, a long-time faithful board member and circle leader.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Prochnau, President

Peanut Makers

This group gets together the third Wednesday of the month, September through November, and January through April to roast peanuts and cashews to raise money for different projects of the church. This year we lost one of our faithful members iwth the passing of Nan Weidner in November.

The price for peanuts is \$2.50 ½ lb. and cashews are \$4 ½ lb. For the year, we cooked 176 lbs. of peanuts and 256 lbs. of cashews. Anyone interested in working with the Peanut Makers, please call Jean Jackson at 610-868-3773.

Our contributions for this year were:

Church World Blankets	\$200
Moravian Open Door	200
Nepali	200
Good Samaritan Fund of Moravian Hall Square	50
Appreciation Gifts	<u>100</u>
Total	\$750

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean G. Jackson

Prayer Chain

During 2015, we maintained an email prayer chain with over 60 addresses of members sharing prayer concerns for the congregation and community. We shared messages regarding people in our church family, as well as any friends or family members that ask for prayer. I check the obituary's each morning to make sure a church member is not listed. I receive names from Sunday's offering plate and of course the pastors send prayer requests as well. I get many calls and emails for prayer concerns. A prayer concern is sent weekly and sometimes everyday.

Besides the email prayer chain, there is a phone chain. I have four captains that I call with prayer concerns, and they in turn call others on the phone list. At this time we have about 20 names on the phone prayer chain.

If you would like to be part of this important ministry, just call and I will add your name to the list, either email or phone chain. Prayer is an important part of our lives. If you ever have a prayer concern, please call me or send an email to mgrandma13@gmail.com or call 610-954-7836.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Devey, Prayer Chain Coordinator

Putz Committee

Special thanks to our Putz Committee, all builders and moss-gathers, volunteer coordinator Richard Miller, and all our wonderful volunteers who helped to make 2015 a very successful year.

We estimate that over 4,000 people saw the putz from 25 states, Washington DC, and 7 foreign countries. This included 14 bus tours, several community groups, and six Moravian Academy tours.

We collected approximately \$2,500 from donations and will be receiving money from the bus tours to help support putz operational costs and improvements.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Schwab, Chair

Star and Candle Shoppe

The Star and Candle Shoppe opened November 28th for its 2015 season. The shop was open Thursday through Sunday for November and December and other times for bus tours when needed.

A variety of crafters provided handmade items for us to sell. People generously contributed to the attic treasures. We also offered for sale special handcrafted items from Nepal and Tanzania, as well as CD's and books from the church.

Again this year we had a successful season and wish to thank all who volunteered at the Shoppe.

This year we provided substantial gifts to Central Moravian Church, the Christopher Scott Seifert Fund for Christian Education and the Women's Shelter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelly D. Watson, Shoppe Manager

Twenty Minute Society

The Twenty Minute Society distributed \$7,850 to help 15 people and organizations for 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Thomas, President
Officers: Barbara Heske, Jane Hammond, Beth Boyer, Tekla Culpepper

Widows' Group

The Widows' Group meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Chapel basement. All widows are welcome to attend. We meet to share in fellowship, help provide comfort and the guidance of experience to new widows, and keep informed of ways in which to live our changed lives to the fullest.

Our meetings include a coffee time of fellowship, devotions, and discussion or a planned program. Sometimes the planned programs are an excursion to a site that most of us would not visit alone, not especially for safety but because it is often more pleasant to visit with others included!

For more information, please contact Doris Tatham at 610-868-4786 or Emma Williams at 610-861-0635.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Tatham and Emma Williams, Conveners