



Unleash Your Power!

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

13th Moravian Women's Conference *Imagine! Sessions*

You may select 2 morning and 2 afternoon Imagine! Sessions when you register at moravianwomensconference.org. Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday.

Boost Your Unity I.Q. (Afternoon A-1)

Donna Hurt, Mission Society of the Moravian Church, Southern Province

This workshop will focus on the four regions of our Moravian Unity ... African, European, North American, Caribbean & Latin American. Questions answered will include "how did each begin" and "what do they look like today." We'll explore the uniqueness of each region through language and special traditions. The leader will share both humorous and heart-warming stories from her travels across the Unity, then invite participants to do the same. By the end, those attending should have a more informed picture of our Worldwide Church, region by region.

A Conversation with Rachel (Saturday Morning ONLY B-1)

Rachel Held Evans, Author, Conference Keynote Speaker

During this session we'll hear more detail from Rachel on the themes in her Saturday morning keynote address.

Effective Leadership.....God's Way!! (Morning M-1)

The Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province

There have been many changes that have negatively affected and impacted the quality of living as well as threaten our existence in Jesus Christ. Leaders are stretched to harness, re-direct and project God's plan for us all. We must however live as a people with hope and called by God to not just survive, but to thrive. With a large measure of commitment, God will equip and empower His leaders to focus and strategize so that all will experience their full potential in Him.

European Moravian Women: The Power of the Conference (Morning M-2)

Susanna Gärtner, Moravian Church Germany

Learn about the women of the European Province, the important work they are doing, and the history and aims of the European Women's Conference. Experience through pictures the most recent European Women's Conference, "Freedom in Christ," held in Zeist, the Netherlands, in 2018. Engage the power of European women!

Global Mission: Inspired, Called, Determined (Afternoon A-2)

Dena Grillo Fortuzi, Church Leader, The Moravian Church in Albania

For those who would like to know more about the Moravian Church in Albania, its ministry in 25 years and the current situation, this workshop will provide you information on how Albanian Moravian sisters were renewed in the midst of challenges, stood up whenever they fell down, were called to do a hard mission, and still today wave the flag of the Moravian Christians in the country of eagles. Dena will share with us her life in the church, fears, joys and challenges, but mostly, she will tell us how a story, which she calls a love story, began for her 9 years ago.

Fear is Stupid 98% of the Time (Afternoon A-3)

Lucetta Zaytoun, Founder, Your Life In Bold, LLC

In this session, participants will learn how to push past fear and move forward in their lives! You will learn three tangible ways to bust up fear, which will banish your self-doubt and strengthen your faith. Letting go of fear and anxiety also increases your leadership skills. You will also find yourself helping others because of your new confidence. As you let go of fear you will do more bold things in your life, which will have you fall in love your life! And who doesn't need more of that?

Finding Your Voice as a Young Christian Woman (Afternoon A-4)

Ruth Cole Burcaw, Cooperative Ministries, Moravian Church Southern Province and daughter Jessy Burcaw, Elementary School Teacher, Missionary, and Member of Unity Moravian Church

Attendees will explore what it means to be a young Christian woman in today's world. How can you cut through the noise, distractions, and challenges of life and hone in on your call to live your faith? This mother-daughter team will draw from their experiences and provide helpful resources and inspiration for young Moravians.

Hope Amid Suffering: The Church and Mental Illness (Morning M-3)

The Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek, VP for Academic Affairs / Dean of Faculty, Associate Professor of Church History, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

What does it look like for individuals and communities of faith to maintain hope amid the suffering often brought by mental illnesses? What helps? What deepens suffering? This workshop will explore past and present Christian responses to mental illness and invite participants to think about needs, resources, and responses within their own communities.

If My Body is a Temple, Am I Treating It Sacredly or Sacrificially? (Morning M-4)

The Rev. Katie Van Der Linden, Pastor, Ebenezer Moravian Church, Northern Province

Our Bodies are our greatest gifts; are we grateful? Do we treat it like the image of God or desecrate it with unhealthy living and taking it for granted? Being healthy takes a huge commitment and priority shift that many of us don't even know where to begin. If we start with scripture, shift our focus from negative to positive and discover our own personal motivations, we can make huge steps to being where we want to be. Imagine coming to the next conference a completely new woman?! It can happen and you will gain the tools and knowledge to start and maintain the journey.

Inextricably Woven Into God's Plan (Afternoon A-5)

The Rev. Sanette Fleming, Pastor, Schoeneck Moravian Church, Northern Province

It is impossible to disentangle or separate out women in the plan of God from before creation, throughout human history, and even unto the time when Christ shall return to claim His bride- the Church. Unfortunately, the gifts, talents, and power Christ has entrusted to us has remained largely dormant in part because women have not been adequately taught God's perspective and intentional

purpose for their lives. Thus, via the Biblical witness, I intend to journey with the women who participate in this workshop, to demonstrate that We Are all Inextricable Woven into God's Plan. Thereby, removing any preconceived notions and hindrances to us unleashing our God-ordained power.

Keeping Up With the Spirit (Morning M-5)

The Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Executive Director, Tricklebee Café, Northern Province

God's Spirit has long been at work in the world far beyond the bounds of conventional church. Mother Spirit invites us—playfully and incessantly—to follow Her lead and participate in the good work of the gospel: feeding, welcoming, comforting, healing, & befriending those who are neglected and abused. Hear my story of leaving a parish context and following my call to start a pay-what-you-can restaurant where all may eat regardless of their ability to pay. Hear stories of the ways in which God's kin(g)dom is revealed through chopping vegetables, sipping tea, and sharing a common table with diverse neighbors. This workshop will inspire you to fearlessly make tangible that wild dream God has placed in your heart.

Make Yourself Available for God's Revival Power: Fasting and Prayer (Morning M-6)

Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford, Pastor, Mount Tabor Moravian Church, EWI Province

To be sure God listens to our prayers, we must belong to God and pray to God the Father in Jesus' name. Before God comes in revival power, the Holy Spirit calls us to repent, fast, and pray in the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14. The steps of successful fasting and prayer begin with readying ourselves for the revival power of God and making yourself available as the Holy Spirit calls us. Together we will work through vital questions about fasting and prayer.

Ordinary People *** Extraordinary Experiences (Morning M-7)**

Judy A Anderson, Main Street Moravian Church, Northern Province

Ask for God's guidance and PRAY! Get outside the box, leave your comfort zone. Get out into your community, learn about the needs. Build on the skills that the GEMS in the pew have. Be a welcoming & safe faith community. Learn by doing, make mistakes. Take risks. It's a God Thing!

Be Completely Alive – Thrive! (Afternoon A-6)

The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop, Worldwide Unity

Using biblical texts, we will explore the spiritual resources that help us to not only live but to thrive! Jesus came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. As women of faith, we will look at ways to unleash God's power to grow and flourish.

Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes (Afternoon A-7)

Dr. Jean Straker, ERMW/Health & Wellness coordinator

At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify the risk factors, signs, symptoms, and complications of diabetes. We will discuss the importance of nutrition and exercise, identify useful strategies to manage, prevent, or slow down the progression of diabetes.

Those Powerful Moravian Women (Morning M-8)

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An exploration of some of the most powerful and influential women throughout the history of the Moravian Church. A few of these characters will surprise you!

UnLeashed: Defining your Power, Renewing your Passion (Morning M-9)

The Rev. Nasel Ephraim, Pastor, Redeemer Moravian Church, Northern Province

For most of us, it's not that we don't have potential for greatness. But the question or barrier remains how do we develop our best selves? In this session you will learn how to grow and commit to the steps to unleash your potential. Think about the transformation that could occur if you choose to tap into the power within to UnLeash your gifts and talents. Join me as we discover steps to increase your impact on the world and live a more fulfilling life.

Unleashing Your Influence: Advocacy in Action (Afternoon A-8)

The Rev. Suzanne P. Miller, Southern Province

Are you interested in connecting your faith with actions in the community? Do the thoughts of engaging in advocacy make your stomach queasy? Are you passionate about a topic or cause, but are not sure how to share your thoughts with elected officials? Would you like to attend a protest or march, but are not sure how to get involved? We will engage with Scripture to empower our faith to act in our local community. We will brainstorm and share ideas about ways to engage with elected officials and causes you care about. We will also look at current events to find ways that you can respond in your own community to needs you see around you. You will leave with Scriptural support for your actions and a game plan to take the next steps for advocacy in your own community.

Unleashing Your Power with Chair Yoga (Afternoon A-9)

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Pryor, Pastor, Great Kills Moravian Church, Northern Province

Gentle movement to awaken the body and spirit. A workshop for every body in every body. You may wish to wear clothes/shoes that allow for comfort, play, and freedom of movement. Bring a sweater or light blanket for warmth/support. No experience or special equipment needed. Please ensure physicians consent and inform instructor of any medical conditions or allergies that might impact your participation in class.

Unleashing the Power of Anointing with Biblical Oils (Morning M-10)

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Pryor, Pastor, Great Kills Moravian Church, Northern Province

Participants will discover how the ancient Israelites used certain natural oils for healing and blessing, discuss the potential for ancient and modern uses of the oils mentioned in scripture, and learn how to use the oils of the Bible in anointing and healing prayer. Each participant will have the opportunity to make and take home their own anointing oil.

Women's Work: An Open Dialogue about Women's Ministry in the Moravian Church (Afternoon A-10)

Peggy Dodson, Chair, Moravian Women's Conference Planning Committee & Member, Home Moravian Church and daughter Frances Beasley, Co-President, Women's Fellowship, Home Moravian Church, Southern Province

From casseroles to power-full mission, let's dialogue about the importance, value and strength of sisterhood in the Moravian Church as we fulfill God's plan for us and the work of the Church in 2018 and beyond.

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