

A Message From Our President

As we celebrate our 550th year and plan new mission outreach to spread the word of Jesus Christ the Mission Society would like everyone to celebrate and plan with us. What better format than the up-coming "Mission Awareness and Celebration Dinner". Our Mission Awareness and Celebration dinner will be held at:

New Philadelphia Moravian Church at 4440 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

on May 6, 2007,. Mission displays will start at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will celebrate with music from



Nepal music team. Our international dinner will be prepared by the Nepalese student at Salem College. The dinner cost is \$8.00 per person. Please make your reservation by making and mailing your check to: Mission Society of the Moravian Church, 500 S. Church St ,

Winston-Salem, NC 27101 All proceeds from this celebration will go to build and support Moravian music in Nepal and Costa Rica. If you would like to exhibit and share your mission experience we invite you call Sheila Beaman at

773-1732 to reserve a place outside the fellowship hall at New Philadelphia. Please come and share your mission experience, be a catalyst for those who have been thinking about missions. We will also take the opportunity to commission summer mission teams. Please call the Mission Society office, 336-773-1732, if you are going on a mission trip.

Together we can build a mission outreach that will surpass the "Great Missionary Decade" of 1732 to 1741.

Evon Crooks, President, Mission Society, Southern Province

AIDS Ministry: Breaking Down Walls—Bridging Congregations

This new column, AIDS Ministry, will be a regular of the Onward. It will seek to keep us updated to the state of the pandemic of HIV/AIDS and the opportunities to serve through the Moravian Board of World Mission—North America.

HIV and AIDS is a disaster of overwhelming magnitude that has had devastating effects on populations around the world, including our partners in Africa. We see growing risk with our partners in Central America and the Caribbean as well. It even impacts

people in our own neighborhoods. We believe that faith organizations have a crucial role to play in combating this disease, in raising awareness and understanding, breaking down walls that stigmatize and isolate people living with AIDS, promoting strategies for preven-

tion, and in compassionate caring for those who have HIV and AIDS. As part of our vision to serve others, the Board of World Mission is committed to educating ourselves about this disease and supporting our congregations and partner provinces as we confront the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The Board of World Mission is seeking ways for North American congregations to act now and respond to the effects of HIV/AIDS in our sister provinces of Nicaragua, Guyana and South Africa. Expansion of Tanzanian and Honduran HIV/AIDS programs will bring more opportunities for ministry and service.

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