



# BWM NEWS

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21b*

## Unity Mission Conference

Delegates and observers are submitting their information for the conference this November in Cape Town, South Africa, with over 150 of the 200 expected now on the list to attend.

BWM continues to raise funds to help support travel for not only our North American delegates to attend, but also for delegates from our partner provinces, such as those in Western Tanzania and Central America. We feel it is crucial that all areas of the Unity are represented at the conference. Please consider sending a donation to our Bethlehem office to help with this important initiative.



## Tanzania Synod

A total of 191 voting members from throughout the Western Tanzania Province (MCWT) met in Singida for their Provincial Synod April 24-25, 2017. Previous Provincial Chair, the Rev. Ezekiel Yona (on right) was re-elected to a four-year term, along with General Secretary the Rev. Richard Lwali (on left). Almost all of the previous provincial board was also re-elected, including Vice-Chair, the Rev. George Mang’ombe.



The Provincial Board presented their master plan for 5 years, with a primary focus on moving toward a sustainable church, particularly in the areas of institutional strengthening, mission and evangelism, stewardship, and networking. As an important step toward this goal, the Synod approved the formation of a standing committee to research and implement a Moravian Development Trust Fund. The goal

## News & Notes

### HUKWAFWA Program

Judy Ganz was able to meet with David Matavolwa, who helps coordinate the Moravian community outreach in Gininiga and Magu, Tanzania. Especially in Gininiga he sees good progress. Both the goat and the chicken projects are doing well. Br. David commented that they have seen a change in the people from when HUKWAFWA started several years ago. They are healthier and happier. They hope to begin the program in a new village, with help from the current villages, and are very grateful to BWM and the congregations in North America for their support.

### Tanzania Needs

We are grateful for the many people who contribute to projects with our partners. "Dreams" for MCWT include:

- 3 more motorcycles for pastors (\$900 each);
- a fence for the Bishop Kisanji Girl's School (over 200 students now!);
- a new administration building, since the current structure from 1954 is no longer reparable;
- 3-6 patient rooms to be added to the Tabora Dispensary.

We are waiting for proposals for the larger items. If interested, contact Judy for more detail: [judy@mcnp.org](mailto:judy@mcnp.org)

is that this fund will eventually provide income for the church through having a variety of independent businesses.

Bishop Isaac Nicodemo (below), serving in this capacity since 1994, announced to the Synod his upcoming retirement in August of this year. The Province will consider electing another bishop at its next Synod.



A primary issue before the MCWT Province is the provision of pensions for retired pastors. The Provincial Board has established an account for a pension fund. Congregations are asked to

contribute to this fund to help with the retirement needs of their pastors. The BWM holds a small investment for MCWT to also help with this need.

We were able to visit the Tabora Dispensary (right). This has been reopened over the last few years, with the help of the British Mission Board, and already they feel the need to expand. They address basic primary care needs, such as malaria, diarrhea, and infections. They provide prenatal care, as well as help with labor and delivery. They test for HIV and also provide Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission.



MCWT thanked BWM for its quarterly funding, as well as recent support for pastoral and youth workshops, and the outreach to the Sukuma tribe in the region of Lake Victoria. The Unity Synod last year approved their South Central region to now be the Kiwele Mission Area, in addition to mission outreach in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Burundi.

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