



“Loving Christ, living the Scriptures, employing our gifts, making disciples”

# Christ the King Moravian Church

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Dear Moravian Pastors and PEC Members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We represent the church family of Christ the King Moravian Church in Durham, North Carolina. Our province's Synod will be in the spring of 2006, and as quickly as time passes, this important meeting will be upon us before we know it. We are praying with anticipation to see what God will do in and through the Southern Province in the coming years. We believe this Synod is crucial in terms of setting our church's course and direction in the beginning of a new century. We desire a renewal that calls us back to our roots as true servants of the Word – a renewal that affirms the essentials of the faith and moves out in bold mission in the name of Christ for the sake of a lost world. Specifically, we are praying that the Holy Spirit will do the following at Synod 2006:

- That He would empower us with courage to address issues of serious importance before the Southern Province.
- That He would give Synod representatives wisdom, discernment, and strength to do the will of our Father in heaven.
- That church congregations and synod representatives would be in preparation prior to Synod, studying issues and seeking God's Will in these matters.
- That God would raise up leaders of His choosing to guide our Province.
- That He would bind us ever tighter in the bond of Christian love and the Truth of His amazing grace.

Our church family has felt for a long time that this coming Synod is a critical one in terms of the life and well-being of the Southern Province. Is a renewal in the *Unitas Fratrum* much like what happened on August 13, 1727, too much to ask the Lord? We say no, it is not too much to ask the Lord! We are praying for a re-emphasis of our historical Moravian theology and reliance upon the Scriptures for our doctrinal foundation, i.e., *Sola Scriptura*. We also pray for re-emphasis upon the clear proclamation of the gospel through the salvation work of Christ alone, i.e., *Sola Christus*.

We have shared this letter with the Board Vice Chairs of the Moravian Churches in the Southern Province and wanted to share it with you as synod delegates. Having expressed our prayers and hopes for Synod 2006, we would like to know what your hopes are for this important synod.

Our church has formed a Denominational Relations Committee to specifically pray for and study the issues occurring in our denomination. If your church has a group with a similar focus, we would like to be in communication with them as we look toward Synod 2006. If you do not have such a group in your church, would you prayerfully consider creating one?

May God bless your church family and the ministry that you do in His Name. May He continue to use the Moravian Church as a light for Christ in a dark world. May He renew our passion to love him without reservation, to share the Truth of His saving power, and to obediently serve Him alone.

Sincerely,

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