

Report F - Recognition

SUBJECT: Recognition

FROM: Southern Province Synod of 2006

"Ye who called, ye who called to Christ's service are,
join together, join together both in work and prayer;
venture all on him, our Lord,
who assures us in his word,
we are always, we are always objects of his care."

The 2006 Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, wishes to express deep and sincere gratitude to the following people who have greatly enriched the lives of all Moravians as well as the lives of countless others.

Reverend Daniel Crews, Provincial Archivist, who has served with competence and attention to detail, as Secretary to Synod for the last nine Synods. His service began in 1977 and continued for twenty-five years. We express our gratitude to Brother Crews.

Norian Denny Fordham, Jr., who was a Moravian musician, and Director of the Moravian Band of the Southern Province for fifteen years. He was also assistant director of the Salem Band. Denny played in the Moravian Band for 63 years. He is fondly remembered by the countless adults he taught to play band instruments when they were children.

Brother Hamilton C. Horton, Jr., who was a Moravian historian, preservationist and band member for sixty-three years. He was a faithful member of Calvary Moravian Church, serving on its various boards and agencies of the Province. He also served numerous terms in the State Senate, where he distinguished himself as an eloquent speaker.

Brother Irvin and Sister Gretta Gene Leinbach, who established the World Mission Shop now known as World Villages. They gave their time and resources to support the store for many years. All who visited the shop were given the opportunity to visit other countries by purchasing items from many parts of the world. We acknowledge Brother and Sister Leinbach in their selfless giving of the World Mission Shop as a vital part of the mission effort of the Moravian Church in America. We have the opportunity to continue to help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

Dr. Julianne Still Thrift, who retires this summer after fifteen years of dedicated leadership and service as President of Salem Academy and College. Dr. Thrift was recognized on the floor of Synod on Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

Thanks be to God for these and all who serve.