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Moravian Music Sunday – May 14, 2017

Theme: Twenty-Five Moravian Music Festivals!

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To: Pastors -- Moravian Church in America

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Recognizing that music is a means of proclaiming the Gospel, we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday on the fifth Sunday of Easter, which in 2017 is May 14. Materials designed to assist your worship planning team in the preparation for Moravian Music Sunday are available on the Moravian Music Foundation's website (www.MoravianMusic.org). We'll be happy to send you a "hard copy" upon your request! *A special note: If May 14 isn't a convenient time for your celebration of Moravian Music Sunday, please do celebrate it at any time that "works" for your congregation!*

This year we take as our theme the celebration of 25 Moravian Music Festivals, spanning 67 years (1950 – 2017). The suggested order of worship includes hymns and anthems that have been introduced and loved at these Festivals.

There are many Moravians living today who are writing hymn texts and music, anthems, instrumental music, sacred songs, and all sorts of music – probably someone in your own congregation! While we are offering some suggestions for specific hymns and anthems, we encourage you to seek out those gifted composers and authors in your own congregation and celebrate their gifts. And we encourage *you* – the pastor – to write a hymn for your congregation's use, as so many Moravian pastors have done over the centuries.

To help in your planning, we're including the following in on our website --

- A suggested order of service, which can easily be adapted for use in a lovefeast;
- A short liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday, which may be used as part of whatever order of service you use;
- A "statement to be read" which focuses attention on Moravian music in the perspective of faith and worship; *or, you might invite someone who has participated in a Moravian Music Festival to speak about their experiences;*
- Information regarding the music suggested for Moravian Music Sunday, which you may use in your newsletter or bulletin; and
- A camera-ready "front-and-back" bulletin insert, describing Moravian music and the Moravian Music Foundation.

We would appreciate receiving bulletins or reports on what you choose to do for Moravian Music Sunday. What you do may serve as a model for someone else! Many thanks, and may God continue to bless your ministry!