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Moravian Music Sunday – May 19, 2019

Theme: Christ Makes All Things New

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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 2019 is May 19. 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/moravian-music-sunday). We'll be happy to send you a "hard copy" upon your request. *If May 19 isn't a convenient time for your celebration of Moravian Music Sunday, please do celebrate it any other time you wish.*

This year we take as our theme the joyful realization that Christ makes all things new. The suggested order of worship includes hymns and anthems that are keyed to the Revised Common Lectionary and also speak to our theme.

There are also 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;
- 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!