

Office of the Unity Board Administrator



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TO ALL PROVINCES OF THE WORLDWIDE MORAVIAN UNITY

Sisters and Brothers, members of the Unity Board.

Ref.: Unity Prayer Day Offering 2023

The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2023 will go to kickstarting the fundraising for the Moravian Unity Disaster Relief Fund (MUDRF).

At the Unity Synod 2016, a resolution was passed, stating as follows:

Resolution US2016.7: Moravian Unity Disaster Relief Fund

Whereas natural disasters and manmade disasters occur in areas, where the Moravian Church is present; and

Whereas Moravian Provinces, in the event of natural or manmade disasters, experience expectations of assistance from victims of the disasters, without often being able to meet the expectations due to limited financial resources; and

Whereas it is the call and duty of the Moravian Church to offer any possible assistance to humanity when needed; be it

Resolved that Unity Synod tasks the Unity Board, or a sub-committee or special working group appointed by the Unity Board to:

- Establish a Moravian Disaster Relief Fund (MUDRF) and to identify internal Moravian and external international funding sources, including entities that provide matching funds for disaster relief.
- Make efforts to establish a capital of 500.000 USD as the first goal, and possibly later a larger capital is established.
- Create a communication plan within the Unity for responding to disasters wherever they may occur within the Unity.
- Involve the Unity Mission Development Board (UMDB) in decision-making about and coordination of response to disasters within the provinces of the Unity, in cooperation with national and international relief agencies, and to include the delivery of resources, funds and supplies.

- Establish response teams within the regions of the Unity and to provide a disaster recovery plan template for their activities. These teams will consist of Moravians experienced in disaster relief work and with good knowledge of the Region and of the Unity.
- With the agreement of the MCF Board, to situate the capital of MUDRF with MCF, and the financial operation with MCF under direction of the Unity Board.
- Assist Moravian provinces to seek support for disaster relief from the MUDRF, and national and international agencies, in the event of natural disasters or manmade disasters occurring in the area of operation of the Moravian Provinces.

The task is to establish the said Moravian Unity Disaster Relief Fund (MUDRF). The establishment of the fund has been delayed due to pandemic, which hindered progress.

Early 2023, a committee will meet and work on establishing the MUDRF.

The task is to set up the fund, to create rules for the fund etc. All this depends on creating a fund of money, which can be utilized for the disaster relief, whenever and wherever it occurs.

In order to start building up the fund, the Unity Prayer Day Offering 2023 will be donated to this new fund in the Worldwide Moravian Church.

We encourage all provinces to promote the Unity Prayer Day Offering 2023 in order to hopefully raise a sizable amount of money, which can then be increased through other means of funding.

Should questions arise, please contact the Unity Board Administrator, Rev. Dr. Jørgen Bøytler boytler@ebu.de

Fraternal greetings



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