

## **2026 Unity Offering – Sun. March 1, 2026**

**The 2026 Unity Offering has been designated to the Moravian Unity Cultural Heritage Foundation (MUCHF).** The purpose of MUCHF is supporting preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures considered cultural heritage, belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.

The Moravian Church is a living and vibrant part of the body of Christ with 300 years of history. From the beginning, our Moravian forefathers erected buildings for worship, settlements, and mission stations, in which Moravians lived and developed the Moravian way of life. These buildings and structures have been proven to be extraordinarily important to maintain, and valuable for society far beyond the limits of the Moravian constituency.

Many Moravian provinces today have properties including settlements, mission stations, church buildings, etc. dating back to the 18th & 19th centuries, which are considered cultural heritage of historical and sociological importance. As a sign of the significance of Moravian Church Cultural Heritage, the settlements of Bethlehem (Pennsylvania), Christiansfeld (Denmark), Gracehill (Northern Ireland), and Herrnhut (Germany) have been named UNESCO World Heritage sites. Several other settlements, mission stations, and church buildings around the world are also considered important to our cultural heritage.

Provinces and congregations face challenges in restoring, maintaining, and revitalizing some of the structures due to financial constraints, due to lack of architectural staff, lack of sufficient knowhow concerning historic craftsmanship, conservation principles, national conservation legislation, possible avenues of funding, and knowledge of experience from other provinces concerning restoration issues of Moravian buildings.

To fulfill its purpose, MUCHF needs to hire an administrator who, on behalf of the MUCHF Board, will:

- Identify internal Moravian and external national and international funding sources and making efforts to establish working capital.
- Identify and assemble a group of international experts in Moravian Architecture, Church History, restoration, historic craftsmanship, cultural heritage management and other relevant subjects to offer guidance and advice to the provinces.
- Establish a central register of structures to be considered as cultural heritage within the Unity.

**The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2026 will enable MUCHF to hire an administrator, who will start working for the benefit of the Moravian Church Cultural Heritage around the world.**