

Letters to the Editor

Dear Brother Atwood,

I just completed reading through the Spring 2004 issue and wanted to respond. I found Hans Motel's article most interesting. I too recognize the need for a vision. I found Sam Propsom's response equally interesting. I, too, have a concern that we Moravians along with many in the mainline church have dismissed evangelicals and charismatics. I believe we are missing out on a unique opportunity. Perhaps that is why we will remain a small church. My experiences of both these perspectives has been both positive and negative. Yet, I value what they have contributed to the rounding of my beliefs and understanding of the Gospel. I believe that we Moravians have missed out by focusing on the negative perspectives of these groups. We should endeavor to more closely examine them. They offer a richness to many as witnessed by churches who have embraced that perspective. We struggle and are barely surviving. I would like to encourage Moravians to allow their heart felt feelings of their love for Christ to freely flow. I recognize that to have someone during a church service shout out, "Praise the Lord!" might initially cause a great disturbance. But a simple affirmation of that feeling by the worship leader will keep it under control. At least that has been my experience. There are many times when I too want to shout out and raise my hands in a sense of jubilation and praise for the full measure of refreshment I receive from my Lord. Thank you for your article on Zinzendorf and Judaism. I have always been fascinated with Judaism. There were some very interesting perspectives in the article that I will be thinking about. I look forward to reading the next issue.

Peace,

Bill Pfeiffer

Note from the Editor: Because of the controversial nature of Hinge 11.2, I am planning to leave extra room in the next issue for your letters. Please write in and join the discussion.