Notes from the Editor

This issue of *The Hinge* contains the 2004 Moses Lectures in Moravian theology sponsored by the Center for Moravian Studies at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. I was greatly honored to be asked to deliver the lectures in 2004, and I am presenting them here without revision. Audio tapes and a DVD recording of the lectures are available from Moravian Seminary for a small fee.

I am very grateful to have two servants of the church whom I admire respond to my thoughts. Br. Motel represents the wisdom of many years working on behalf of our world-wide Unity and Br. Knapp represents the vigor and creativity that we need today and tomorrow. The lectures and the responses highlight the need for the Moravian Church to be more intentional in its scholarly work as a support for its pastoral work. Br. Knapp asks when are we going to translate Zinzendorf and other Moravian writers. It is merely a matter of time, money, and will.

We also need to recognize that there are about a dozen ordained Moravians with Ph.D.s in one of the theological disciplines (New Testament, Old Testament, Theology, and History) who are not teaching at any of our three Moravian institutions of higher learning. Some are pastors; others have left the church because there was no place for them. None of them were supported by the church during their graduate studies. Much of the best scholarship on the Moravians today comes from non-members, such as Jon Sensbach and Katherine Faull.

Despite the lack of attention we have given to Moravian scholarship in recent decades, there are some theological resources for the Moravian Church that may be helpful to you. I am honored that I have been entrusted with the task of editing *The Hinge*, which has served as a resource for pastors and laity alike for nearly fifteen years. Currently we mail out over 400 copies of *The Hinge*, and the high quality of the letters in response to issue 11.2 on resolution 6 testify to the benefit of this kind of theological dialog. I devoted extra space for letters so that they could all be printed in their entirety. Most of the letters are from laity, and we hope that pastors will continue to make *The Hinge* available to their congregations.

Another valuable resource is *ITD: International Theological Dialog*, which is a joint effort of Moravian scholars in Europe and America. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Arthur Freeman is the American editor and the Rev. Dr. Hartmut Beck serves as the editor in Europe. Two issues appear each year, both in English and German. To subscribe, send $14 to Br. Freeman at 1753 North Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Also very useful is the *Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society*, which members of the society receive. Contact Susan Dreydoppel to join the society: 214 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA 18064. You may also be interested in a study guide that I prepared on the Ground of the Unity and the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living. It is titled "Jesus Still Lead On: An Introduction to Moravian Belief," and Comenius Films released a wonderful documentary on Zinzendorf that includes discussion of his theology.

— Craig D. Atwood