

## Letters to the Editor

I have been catching up on some reading in these early days of the new year. Specifically, I had not yet read the Fall issue of the *The Hinge*, and I read with much interest your lead article. I agree with so very much of what you had written. I was not able to attend the Moses Lectures this past year, but was delighted to be able to read that content. We do have much to embrace from our unique history and faith tradition, especially as given through the lives and ministries of leaders such as Comenius, Zinzendorf and Luke. These “saints” may well be able to help lead us through the malaise of doctrinal disputes that remain before us. Thank you for your excellent work. As Matt said, we do need scholars who will help us to stay engaged, and, as you wrote, scholars who will seriously study and write what will be a guiding benefit to all. It was not your article and responses, though, which caused me to write. It was more driven from the letters to the editor received after the summer publication. I went back to review the summer 2004 issue and read what I had earlier missed, that you had found it difficult to secure responses from those opposed to Resolution 6 because, as some told you privately, it might affect their careers. I do not know who you spoke to, and, to be honest, I have probably spoken to some of the same folk who have chosen not to go on record aside from their private vote, but please know that there are some of us who would have been honored to add to the mix of response. Several of us participated in committee at the 2002 Provincial Synod (N) and also spoke at plenary sessions as the resolves were discussed. I deeply appreciated what Glenn Hertzog wrote, but must agree with the response of Lee Sprinkle who expressed very well that some of the strongest concerns expressed during the discussion of Resolution 6 were based on the content of Resolutions 7-9 to follow. That was the essence of my argument against the word “celebrate” as Resolution 6 was discussed. Anyway, there are folk out there who are willing to be heard with the secure knowledge that, although we may not be agreed with, it will not affect our future job security!! Blessings to you in the new year and thanks for the ministry of *The Hinge*.

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*Editor's note: Thank you to all who gave verbal expressions of gratitude for Hinge 11.2 and to those who are using Hinge 11.3 (Moses Lectures) in church classes. You may also access the Moses Lectures online at [www.moravians.org](http://www.moravians.org).*