

## A Final Word

One of the sad realities of life is that there are times when we have to say good-bye, and this is one of them. I became editor of *The Hinge* in the spring of 2001, shortly after George Bush was inaugurated, and it seems fitting that I lay down my office after eight years, too. For the next two years, at least, I will be focusing on my duties at Wake Forest University School of Divinity where I teach Moravian Studies and theology.

During the past eight years, I have been blessed to serve with an excellent editorial board that has helped expand the scope of *The Hinge*. It is now truly an international journal for Moravians to discuss contemporary theological issues. Thanks to the Center for Moravian Studies at Moravian Theological Seminary, all pastors in the Northern and Southern Provinces receive *The Hinge* free of charge. It is also distributed in Europe, and we hope to expand our presence in all areas of the Unity. Our new relationship with ITD is going well.

*The Hinge* has addressed a number of sensitive issues over the years, including homosexuality, abortion, doctor-assisted suicide, salvation through Christ alone, religious violence, war and peace, and worship. Unlike other church and academic publications, *The Hinge* has sought multiple perspectives on these issues and has attempted to promote discussion in the context of Christian love. Readers can expect *The Hinge* to continue in this mission.

There will be one change from the past. Rather than a solo editor, there will be an editorial team in the future. Ginny Tobiassen, Janel Rice, and Christian Rice have agreed to serve as editors. Jane Burcaw, who has done such a masterful job of managing production and distribution of *The Hinge* will continue in that role. All of the people who have been involved in this work over the past two decades have been volunteers who offer this gift to the Moravian Church out of love for the church. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has written articles, responses, book reviews, and letters.

— Craig D. Atwood, editor

P.S. My book *Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius* (Penn State, 2009) is now available on-line at Amazon.com and other retailers.