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Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites’ Annual Jeanette Barres Zug Lecture

BETHLEHEM, PA October 2021 – Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites (HBMS) invites you to discover how Moravians dealt with times of crisis at the annual Jeanette Barres Zug lecture on Sunday, October 24 at 1:00pm. Join us at Moravian University’s Peter Hall or through Zoom. This year’s lecture focuses on the unique response Moravians in the Lehigh Valley had to worldwide conflict between 1915 and 1920 presented by Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch.

Newspaper headlines were splashed with details of the Great Migration of African Americans from the South to the North; violence against Black people, their neighborhoods and businesses; the temperance movement and prohibition; women’s suffrage and access to the ballot box; the influenza pandemic that killed millions; unionization and corporate backlash to the steel industry; and the country’s participation in World War I. During all this crisis, Moravians of the Lehigh Valley forged ahead and crafted their own response to the unrest. What, exactly, did Moravians do during these five years? How does their response fit within the context of their 300-year-old history? Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch seeks to answer these questions and share findings from his 2020-2021 research sabbatical.

Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch has served at Moravian Theological Seminary since 1996, joining the faculty after receiving a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Duke University. He also served as VP and Dean of the Seminary from 2001-2020. Frank has lectured widely and published articles on the Moravian Church’s theology and practices-past and present-with respect to gender, race, and sexuality, and in 2020-2021 he completed a research sabbatical on Moravians, race, and racism. Following retirement in June 2021, he plans to continue his research and keep walking the Lehigh River canal path and trails along the Monocacy Creek.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the lecture at the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem. Admission is free for members of Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites and Moravian Historical Society, $15 for future members. Registration is required as space is limited. Peter Hall is located at 348 Main Street, Bethlehem and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem is located at 66 W. Church Street, Bethlehem.

Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites is a not-for-profit institution that brings to life three centuries of American history. Historic Bethlehem tells the story of a small town of great influence, home to some of our nation’s early settlers, to the first pumped municipal water system in the American colonies, and to one of the world’s greatest industrial companies. Historic Bethlehem is located in eastern Pennsylvania, only an hour’s drive north from Philadelphia and 2 hours west of New York City. Historic Bethlehem is an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and part of a National Historic Landmark District - a designated site on the US World Heritage Tentative List. HBMS is proud to be a part of the effort to bring World Heritage Site status to Historic Moravian Bethlehem. We are pleased to share that as of Spring
2021, HBMS will be working in tandem with international Moravian Sites – Herrnhutt, Germany and Gracehill, Northern Ireland to prepare a joint serial nomination to the World Heritage List – a first for the United States.

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