

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

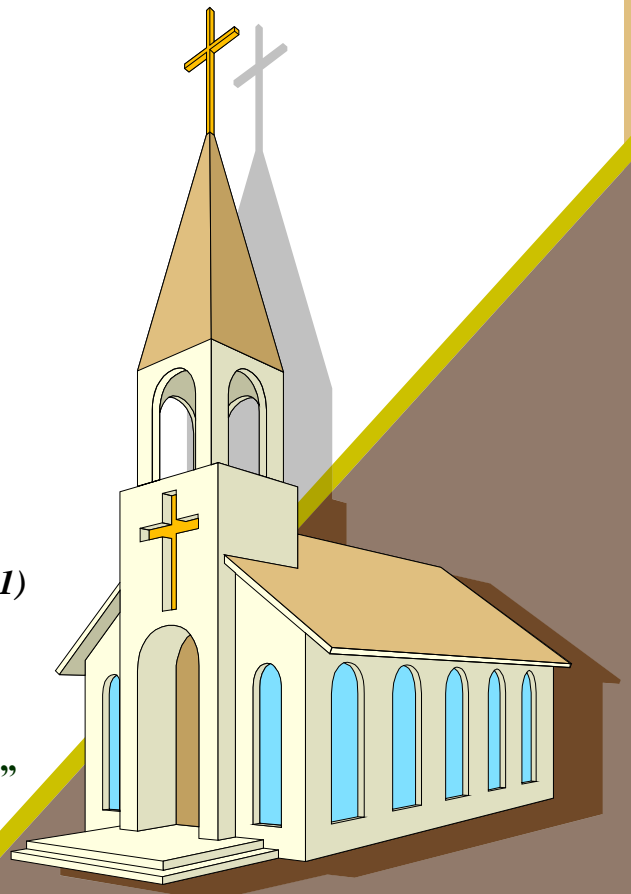
Welcome: *“New every morning is the love, our wakening and uprising prove, through sleep and darkness safely brought; Restored to life and power and thought.”* With thankful hearts we worship today; Giving thanks for the blessing and the blessings of life. Welcome to everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad.

Pastor: *Rev. Ezra Parris*
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Let mutual love continue. *(Hebrews 13:1)*

Provincial Theme 2022: *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 111:1 – 2):

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the congregation.

Congregation: *The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

Opening Hymn: 12 – “*Lord Thy Word Abideth*”

The Fifth Order of Public Worship (p. 24 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

– *Kyle Blackman-Gibbons*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are in the household of faith.*” (Galatians 6:10)

Offertory Hymn: 474 – “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – *Rhys Hoyte*

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

Presentation – Sunday School/Youth

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 112 – *Asha Jones*

An Item of Special Music

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1 – 10 – *Jamario Lewis*

Hymn of Preparation: 237 – “*Make me a Captive Lord*”

Sermon – – *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*

Hymn of Reflection: 663 – “*Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep*”

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 686 – “*God Make My Life A Shining Light*”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



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Blessed are those who
fear the Lord; who
find great delight in
his commands. Their
children will be
mighty in the land;
the generation of the
upright will be blessed
– Psalm 112:1-2

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Opening Hymn 12 –

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By Thy Word imparted
To the simple hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning,
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!



THE FIFTH ORDER

(Also for Youth Services)

All standing.

Blessed be the Lord: for he has showed me his marvellous loving-kindness.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Let us pray.

We give thanks Lord God for the many blessings of this life: for health and strength and all our powers of mind and body; for our homes and loved ones and for the wonderful joy of friendship; for our work and the opportunity of service; for the beauty of the world; for the kindness, generosity and sympathy shown to us by so many along life's journey.

Give us thankful hearts for all your goodness, and help us by the way we live to repay some of the debt we owe; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of confession and forgiveness:

Lord God, you know all there is to know about us; we confess our sin which separates us from you and divide us from one another. So often we see the faults in other people but fail to see our own: we are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness. Help us to trust that no wrong we have done, or good we have failed to do, is too great for you to forgive.

In faith we pray that you will forgive all that we have been, change what we are, direct what we shall be, making us strong to serve you and our neighbours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer, in one of the following versions:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Commandments:

In the Ten Commandments we find God's principles for living:
God said: "I am the Lord your God – there is none other."

Lord, help us to love you with our whole being.

Worship only God.

Lord, help us to put you first.

Use God's name with respect.

Lord, help us to control our language.

Keep God's holy day special.

Lord, help us to use this day for worship, rest and recreation.

Respect your parents.

Lord, help us to love and honour those who care for us.

Do not kill.

Lord, help us to respect the sanctity of all life.

Do not commit adultery.

Lord, help us to honour and trust the marriage relationship.

Do not steal.

Lord, help us to be honest in all our actions.

Do not tell lies.

Lord, help us to be truthful.

Do not be envious of what other people have.

Lord, help us to appreciate what we have.

Now let us take these principles and make them our standard of life.

May our words, our thoughts and our actions be acceptable in the sight of God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: BUCKLAND

In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.

Help us, that with eager mind
We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.

Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.

May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.

W. C. Piggott (1872 – 1943)

The Beatitudes:

Jesus came preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, and taught his disciples, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.
for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Remain seated.

Let us pray.

TUNE: BE STILL

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.*

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God of love and power, we pray for the leaders of the nations; may they know your will, respect human rights, and seek to lead their people in the paths of truth, freedom and peace.

The following to be said or sung to the last bars of “Be Still”

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

We pray for our family circle and our friends, knowing that your love for them is greater than ours; give them now and always the fullness of your blessing.

Be still, for the *presence* of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

We remember all who are sick, or in any kind of trouble, especially those known to us..... Give relief to all in pain, friendship to the lonely, and reassurance to those in doubt or distress of mind. Make our love strong so that seeing need, we will not pass by on the other side.

Be still, for the *presence* of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Grant that this day we may do whatever duty lies before us with cheerfulness and sincerity of heart; and fearlessly do what we know is right, so that we may come to the ending of the day unashamed and with a quiet mind.

TUNE: BE STILL

*Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.*

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Let us say together:

Lord, as we go from this service in church, strengthen us for service in the world: that the words of our worship may find expression in our daily life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

“Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are in the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

Offertory Hymn: 474 –

COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Presentation – Sunday School/Youth



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 112

1. Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5. A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
6. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
7. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
8. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
10. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.



An Item of Special Music



Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1 – 10

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
5. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
6. Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
7. With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
8. Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.
9. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.
10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.



Hymn of Preparation: 237 –

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.

It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.



Sermon – – *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*



Hymn of Reflection: 663 –

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Savior, Thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live;
And the hands outstretched to bless
Bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise Thee every day,
Gladly all Thy will obey,
Like Thy blessed ones above
Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear,
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the strait and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go,
Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 686 –

God make my life a shining light,
Within the world to glow;
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

God make my life a lovely flower
That giveth joy to all;
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although the place be small.

God make my life a happy song
That comforteth the sad;
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad.

God make my life a sturdy staff,
Whereon the weak my rest;
That so what health and strength I have
May serve my neighbours best.

God make my life a tuneful hymn
Of tenderness and praise,
Of faith that never waxeth dim,
In all his wondrous ways.



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Today: Nigel Codrington

Advanced: Carl Cadogan & Ruby Connell (29th), Dalrymple Boyce (31st), Cheryl Cadogan-McClean (Sept. 1st), Cianna Downes (3rd)

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School – Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† This Week:

† Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

† Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School – Summer Sundays (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of August 2022:

- † Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
- † The Choir will be on break for the month of August.
- † Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2022



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women’s Fellowship will hold a Farmer’s Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - † Assistant Treasurer Sis. Lisa Maryse Roberts has requested and was granted leave of absence from her role as the Assistant Treasurer of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province effective August 29, 2022, for an unspecified period.
 - † Day of Prayer: The Provincial Day of Prayer continues on Thursday, September 1, 2022. This prayer event will be hosted by the Barbados Conference and will provide one opportunity for communal prayer at 6:00 p.m. The link will be shared in due course.
 - † Consecration: Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested by the Provincial Board to consecrate the Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd to the Presbyterate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The Presbyterate is the second order of ministry in the Moravian Church. The service of consecration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Friedensthal Moravian Church in St. Croix.
 - † *Please pray for Sis. Roberts, Sis. Ross-Floyd and family, the Provincial Board and the Province as a whole as we seek to answer the call of God on our lives.*
3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - † For our Green Offering last month, some \$1,070 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter and the next one, a Brown Sunday, is planned for the Fourth Sunday in September.

- † We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women’s Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - † We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - † Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
5. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.
 - † Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - † Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
 - † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - † Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - † You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
3. **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
4. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Ruth Bishop and family on the passing of her brother. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held here at Sharon on Friday, September 2, 2022 commencing at 10:00 a.m. with interment following, at Coral Ridge; Sis Wendy Davis and family on the passing of her mother.*
5. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
6. **God's covering during the Hurricane Season**
7. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- ✚ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.**
- ✚ **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- ✚ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- ✚ **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- ✚ **Books:**
 - 📖 **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25; Provocation– \$20.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water– \$35.**
- ✚ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

- 1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.**
- 2. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.**
- 4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
- 5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
- 6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members**
- 7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
- 8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.**
- 9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
- 10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**

