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*Moravian Resistance to and Complicity with Segregated Education in the US, 1890s-1920s and Beyond*

The Moravian Church's reputation for "social innovation and egalitarian practices" and access to education "for all throughout the world" is, perhaps, best exemplified in the actions of Rev. Dr. Charles Martin. A Black, West Indian Moravian minister, Martin immigrated to the US, founded Fourth Moravian Church in Harlem for Black Caribbean immigrants in 1908, and connected with the NAACP and other civil rights organizations. He joined white American Moravian leaders who advocated for universal education. However, unlike white Moravian leaders, he opposed racially segregated education.

Records at the Moravian University and Northern Province Moravian Church Archives show strong white American Moravian support for racial segregation during the Jim Crow era. This paper will explore a specific period of conflict, from the 1890s through the 1920s, between anti-segregation views exemplified by Charles Martin and an ally, Rev. Augustus Romig, and support for racial segregation in education exemplified by Moravian leaders and by Moravian College and Theological Seminary faculty, Presidents, and Trustees.