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The Lynchburg Ministerial Association was organized on 5 January 1918 as the Ministerial Union of Lynchburg, Virginia. The purpose of the organization was for “the promotion of Christian fellowship among the ministers of Lynchburg and vicinity, the consideration of questions of moral and religious interest, and the prosecution of plans which shall be adopted for the advancement of the Christian religion in this community.” The Association name was changed in 1935 to the Evangelical Ministerial Association of Lynchburg, Virginia and in 1949 to the Lynchburg Ministerial Association. In addition to interdenominational cooperation, the clergy of the Association were involved in social issues such as temperance, censorship and Sunday legislation (blue laws).

In 1967, the Association undertook the planning, financing and construction of a clinic building in Sandy Bay, Nicaragua, as an extension of the Gray Memorial Hospital in Puerto Cabeza. The clinic was a mission of the Moravian Church and the Lynchburg Ministerial Association agreed to support the effort. In addition to money raised toward the construction cost, the Association encouraged active community support in this effort. Medical equipment, clinic furniture, and other necessary items were donated by Lynchburg physicians.

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