

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

May 2014

NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

West Zion Church has called Pastor Don & Rhonda Shortt to be their Senior pastor and lead them into the next chapter of their life and ministry. Here is a brief introduction from Pastor Don...

"I Grew up in Red Deer, and became a Christian at Bible Camp when I was about 8. I grew up in a loving family, but we didn't go to church until I was about 16. At 19 I decided to go to Prairie Bible College. I also served with Venture Teams International for two years where I met Rhonda my wife. I finished my Masters degree at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in 2005. I've pastored in four churches, Alix Evangelical Free from 1998 to 2001, Whitecourt Evangelical Free from 2005 to 2010, Grace Baptist in Airdrie from 2010 to 2014 and now West Zion from April 2014 to present. Rhonda and I have three children Samantha, Zachary, and Boaz. It is a great privilege to be called to serve at West Zion, and I look forward to getting to know everyone in the denomination. Don"

May 25 at 10:00 a.m. Installation Service at West Zion Mennonite Church.



The **Medicine Hat** church has called **Rev. James Mack** to be their interim pastor while they continue to search for a fulltime senior pastor. Pastor James attended the South Cluster Leadership meeting with 5 of the leaders/members from the church.



At our March 2014 NWMC Convention we welcomed **Iglesia Menonita de Edmonton** 6110-Fulton Road back into the NWMC as provisional members. During this year we will work through the process of full membership.



We also elected a **New Board Member**, **Pastor Fredy Lopez**, joining Pastor Mark Loewen, Manuel Ramirez, Pastor Nathan Ramer and Judy Harder.



The **Calgary LA GRACIA DE DIOS Hispanic Church** has undertaken the challenge of being on Internet Radio, 24 hours a day. They will be live streaming their worship

services as well as providing programming for women and youth.

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In April the **NWMC Board** met in Duchess to better connect with the pastors and leadership of our churches. A wonderful meal and refreshments were served by

the church. We also welcomed representatives from Rosemary, Coaldale and Newell



congregations. Our goal is to connect well with our congregations and to hear what God is doing in their midst as well as to hear their heart for the ministry opportunities God places before them. **Check our website nwmc.ca for more photos of activities in the churches.**

Coming Up

May 24 at 11:30am Central Cluster at the Red Deer Hispanic Church

May 31 at 11:30am South Cluster at the Heritage Inn, Brooks

June 7 at 11:30 am Northern Cluster at the Horizon Steak House, Valleyview.

July 11-13 Ladies Retreat (Spanish) at Camp Kuriakos

Oct 3-5 Pastor/Spouse Retreat at Providence Retreat Center in Edmonton.

Thank You for your faithfulness in praying for and giving to the Northwest Mennonite Conference.

