

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

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NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

The annual Pastor/Spouse Retreat took place on Oct 3-5 at providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Arnie Weber from Life Talk Counseling Services in Brooks led us through sessions designed to help us take care of our souls. Included in the weekend were times of sharing and prayer for each other as well as the congregations. Relationships were renewed, new ones started and connections made as we shared in fellowship and around the tables. Visits to other congregations were arranged and support for one other was evident. The unity among the 41 pastors, spouses, and youth leaders was simply awesome. On Sunday morning we gathered at the Table of the Lord to share and to treasure our precious faith in Jesus Christ.



We are so grateful for the churches in sending their pastors/spouses and youth leaders, for the support from Mennonite Foundation and several others who gave generously to make everything a wonderful experience.



We Praise God for the great unity of spirit that has been building over the past years. We are have a great deal of distance between congregations, we have different languages, but our spiritual unity in Jesus Christ binds us together.

The Hispanic Evangelical Church in Medicine Hat has called Oscar & Monica to be their Pastor and lead them into the next chapter of their life and ministry. They have extensive experience in ministry in various countries. Bolivia has been home for them and now they are anticipating serving our Lord and His church in Canada. We will introduce them more fully in our next News Letter. They are tentatively planning for an **Installation Service for January 11, 2015.**

Youth Pastor, **Josh Tiel from West Zion** has submitted his resignation, effective Dec. 31, 2014. A farewell is being planned for him following the Worship Service on Dec. 14.



Pray for the **Community Christian Life Church** in Edmonton as they seek to build a congregation that will effectively reach out to the Chinese and English communities around them. They are seeking a pastor to work with Pastor Ken & Jodi in this venture.



Pray also for the Edmonton Spanish congregation "**Iglesia Evangelica Manantial De Vida**" This past year they were welcomed back into the NWMC as Provisional Members and will be accepted into Full Membership at our 2015 Convention. This congregation has come through a lot of change that has firmly committed them to the Northwest Mennonite Conference. They have requested our help in rebuilding, already the other Spanish churches are committing to help them and to hold them accountable. It is our hope that all of our churches will encourage them and support them for one year in hiring a 1/2 time pastor.

Continue to pray for Pastor **Daryl & Helen King**. Both of them have had serious surgeries this fall and their ability to make a living has been deeply affected. Mike & Diane Ansley have come along side them to help them with the work in Hines Creek.



Former Conference Pastor **Mal & Eleanor Braun** would also greatly appreciate your prayers as they deal with health issues. At this time the greatest concern is for Eleanor as she is suffering from a failing liver.

Coming Up

March 27-29 Annual Youth Rally and Convention at Camp Caroline

May 29-30 Men's event (Spanish)

May 29-31 Ladies Retreat (English) at Camp Silversides.

July 17-19 Ladies Retreat (Spanish)

Pray for Conference Pastor Dave & Joanne Peters as they travel extensively on your behalf to visit the congregations and to meet with and encourage the pastoral families.

Thank You for your faithfulness in praying and giving in 2014. The Northwest Mennonite Conference has been blessed Through You

Check our website nwmc.ca for more photos of activities in the churches.

