

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

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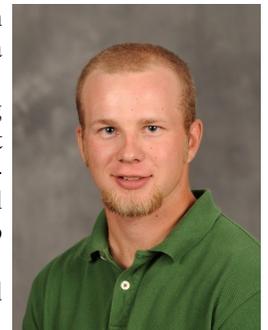
This was no ordinary convention!
The NWMC 2009 Convention was different in a number of ways. For the first time it was held at Camp Caroline which meant there was no host church tied up with meal prep, setup and cleanup. Also, this convention was open to all ages. Whereas youth have been included for a good number of years, this year we had children's activities planned as well. The pool and gym were a bonus. Kathryn Toupin planned the youth activities and Patricia Charmin kept the children busy and happy. Charles Hansen's term as moderator was renewed. The other board members are Verne Mack, Shelley Knoedel and pastorsCiro Serrano and Mark Loewen. Speakers spoke to the theme, "The race is on!" and the West Zion and Red Deer Praise Teams led in worship. Tim Milner and wife Doralee blessed us with a Saturday workshop, evening concert and Sunday morning worship. The general concensus was that the changes were positive and that Convention should continue to be a family event.



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