

# Points of Connection

## Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

April 2012

### Introducing:

### Bluesky's New Pastor

Werner and Linda Janzen have had an interesting life, living in a variety of places and serving in different capacities. They both grew up on a farm; she in Laird, SK, and he near Coaldale, AB. They met at the Swift Current Bible Institute and married the following year.

Werner had a love for the Lord as he grew up, and out of that grew a desire to serve people. He entered University in the pre-Social Work program, but eventually graduated in Education from the University of Lethbridge.

While beginning his teaching career in Saskatchewan he was given opportunity to preach in the local church. He found this fulfilling, and, after 4 years of teaching he took a leave of absence to attend Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana for a rewarding year, then returned to teaching to fulfill his contract. Meanwhile in

the church he was active in preaching, teaching, and music.

He continued to be drawn towards ministry, and six years later he accepted a call to pastor a church in Plum Coulee, MB. Four years later they moved to Flat Rock, B.C. for several more years of ministry.

Werner returned to teaching, mostly in Saskatchewan and northern B.C. He usually taught Junior High English, Socials and Phys Ed. About half his teaching career was in Christian Schools where he also taught Bible.

Linda has been a Teacher's Aid, a bank teller, and has worked for H&R Block doing income tax. She is gifted in leading Praise and Worship.

They are enthusiastic about having taken Missions Trips to Brooklyn, New York four times, and to Germany several times with YWAM.

We are pleased that Werner and Linda have accepted the call to our Bluesky Church, and affirm them in their gifts and calling.



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