

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter
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2013 NWMC Convention highlights!

Convention began with an inspirational message by Pastor Daniel Ramirez from Brooks stressing the power of love in our ability to serve with excellence. On Sunday morning our Conference Pastor, David Peters, closed our convention challenging the delegates to serve with excellence by serving our best, serving with integrity and serving in love.

Our youth pastors, Nathan Ramer from Duchess and Josh Tiel from West Zion (Carstairs) lead the youth sessions challenging them to Rally to Jesus.

The fellowship enjoyed by delegates between the sessions and late into the nights indicated a great spirit of unity. We may be separated by great distances, we may have various cultures, but we do have a common faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to make Him known.

At the convention the delegates elected two new members to the Board, Judy Harder and Manuel Ramirez. We are thankful for the years that Ciro Serrano and Karen Duguid faithfully served. Their contribution in leadership has served us well. May God bless them as they pursue the ministries God will lead them into. Thank You for serving well.

We welcome Judy Harder and Manuel Ramirez



Judy writes, "I am a retired school teacher, having taught in numerous different locations from grades 1-12. Teaching was my passion and I enjoyed my years in the class room. Church has been a very integral part of my life's journey: teaching Sunday School, working with the youth, serving on different committees. I served as youth worker for three years for the General Conference of Mennonites in Alberta which involved working with individual church youth groups, provincial youth activities, and summer camps at Camp Valaqua. Missions has always been a great interest of mine. I taught in a mission school in Japan for TEAM for a year. I had the



privilege of starting and teaching in a mission school in Burkina Faso, West Africa for three years under AIMM. Now that I am retired, I am doing more things out of the home. I have the joy of hosting guests in my 5 bedroom home. I host a weekly Bible study, monthly missions prayer meeting, and enjoy having guests for meals. My church involvements are more behind the scenes at this time. Serving on the NWMC board is a totally new chapter on life's journey for me and I look forward to being a part of this ministry.



Manuel lives in Red Deer attending the Spanish Christian Church, Iglesia Hispana "Fuente De Vida". He works at the Aspen Heights School as head caretaker. He has been a vital part of the church, serving on the leadership board and involvement in missions. Manuel has a great love for the Lord and the church. Please pray for the NWMC Board as they seek to lead our Conference for the glory of God.

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Did you know...



***Bluesky Mennonite Church** installed Galen & Donna Smart as pastor on April 14, 2013.

***The Medicine Hat Hispanic Church** is planning a missions trip to Mexico this August. Check our website (nwmc.ca) for details as they become available.



Ladies Retreat! Relationships Are His Idea

What: A Women's Retreat

When: May 3-5, 2013

Where: Camp Silversides on Gull Lake

Speakers: Sharon Neufeld

Cost: \$135

Don't miss it!

***West Zion Mennonite Church** has started their building program. This will provide them with much needed space for all the programs they run. They are experiencing healthy growth during this time as they continue to search for a lead pastor.