

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

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NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

Keith & Stephanie Dillabough have joined our NWMC Family to serve as Pastor of Family Ministries at **West Zion Mennonite Church** in Carstairs. They began on Sept 8 and were officially installed at a service on Oct. 18th. Pastor Keith writes, "I am privileged and honoured to be part of the Pastoral Staff at West Zion Mennonite Church, it has been a joy to work with Pastor Don and our secretary Ardith Neufeld. My family and I moved here to Carstairs at the beginning of September and have felt love and support from the



Church. I did not grow up in a Christian home but through the witness of a friend I came to know the Lord as my Savior in the summer of 1989 at the age of 19. At this time I left the life that I knew and immediately went to Briercrest Bible College. I was on Staff at Briercrest from 1992 until 2005. I married my best friend since grade three on May 2, 1992, so Stephanie and I have been married now for 23 wonderful years. I have two children a son who is 19 this year and in his first year of university at Trinity Western, and a daughter who is 16 and in grade 11. She is enjoying the privilege of being able to attend a

Christian School for her last two years, at Olds Koinonia Christian School. I am grateful for the family God has given me and am honoured to have had the privilege to watch my Kids grow as they committed their lives to the Lord. A double honour is that I have had the joy to baptize both of them. I am a grad from Briercrest Bible College and their Seminary with my Mdiv in Pastoral counselling. I have been pastoring in Valleyview Alberta at Emmanuel Baptist as the pastor of Youth and Family Ministry for the past 10 and a half years and have greatly enjoyed the ministry there working as the community youth Pastor. Over the past couple of years we as a family have considered a change and desired to be closer to family as they are aging. As our parents are from Calgary and Lethbridge, Carstairs was a wise choice and a blessing as the position was exactly what my heart desired. We look forward to being here long term, working alongside the Staff, Elders and the Body. And we look forward to being part of the North West Mennonite Conference."



On June 21, **Lilia Osorio** was installed as an associate to her husband, Pastor Daniel at the **Brooks New Land Ministries..**

Roany Lopez Dickson is the new pastor at our

Edmonton Spanish congregation "**Iglesia Evangelica Manantial De Vida**". He began his ministry on October 1 and will be officially installed on Sunday November 8. He will be serving 1/2 time. The congregation has requested our help for his salary. Thank You to all the congregations that were able to help with this. If individuals or congregations wish to give further assistance, donations can be sent to our NWMC office .

Roany is from the Dominican Republic and has been serving the Lord since 2000, and feels blessed to be able to serve as the pastor. He has been married for 6 years now, but his wife and daughter are still in the Dominican Republic, and expected to come here within the next year. Please Pray for them that this process can happen quickly. Roany feels that to pastor the Edmonton Hispanic Church is a challenge and a huge blessing. He is confident in knowing the Lord will be with them and he is counting on the prayers of our (NWMC) family in Jesus Christ.



This past April Eleanor Braun, wife of our former Conference Pastor **Mal Braun** passed into the presence of the Lord. She has been greatly missed by many. Please remember Pastor Mal in prayer.

Pastor Joe & Cathy Mrak have resigned as pastor from the Bethany Christian Church in Smith. For the time being Joe is work with a lumber company, pray for them as they discern God's leading into the future. Thank You for serving the church for the past 7 years.



Please also pray for the **Bethany Christian Church** as they enter into a search for their next pastor.

Coming Up

Jan 9-17, 2016 Missions Trip to El Salvador

April 1-3 2016 Annual Youth Rally and Convention at Camp Caroline

May 27 -29 Ladies Retreat (English) at Camp Silversides.

July Ladies Retreat (Spanish)

Thank You for your faithfulness in praying and giving in 2015.

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