

# Points of Connection

## Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

April 2010



### NWMC Board

Left to right:  
Ciro Serrano,  
Nathan Ramer,  
Mark Loewen,  
Charles Hansen,  
Karin Duguid,  
Jose Gurdian

### New Board Members!

One of the blessings of being on staff with NWMC is the opportunity to work with different board members. The Board meets about nine times a year at the office in Carstairs. Board members travel from all over the province, often leaving their homes at 5 or 6 a.m. in order to be in Carstairs by 9 a.m. Then, after an all-day meeting, they again travel several hours to return home. We appreciate the dedication and sacrifice shown by the various board members over the years, and thank the Lord for giving safety in traveling in all kinds of weather.

Charles Hansen of Duchess has served as Moderator for several years and we're thankful he has agreed to serve once again. Pastors **Ciro Serrano** of Red Deer and **Mark Loewen** of Tofield continue to fulfill their terms.

Our new Board Members are **Nathan Ramer**, **Karin Duguid** and **Jose Gurdian**.

**Nathan Ramer** is from Duchess where he serves as Youth Pastor and Office Administrator. He and his wife **Erin** have two pre-school daughters.

**Karen Duguid** was born and raised as a missionary kid in Bonaire and as an adult she and her husband **Doug** served as missionaries in Aruba and Venezuela. She presently resides in Carstairs.

**Jose Gurdian** is the pastor of the Hispanic Evangelical Church in Medicine Hat. Jose and **Carmen** and their three children came to Canada from Costa Rica in 2005. Pastor Jose has been the heart and motivation behind the new Church Plant in Brooks.

Pray for the Board as they lead the Conference in decision-making.



Almost 200 people, adults, youth, and children, attended the 2010 NWMC Convention at Camp Caroline at the end of March.

Inspirational messages, workshops, business meetings, youth and children's activities were all part of the program.

A Saturday evening Variety Night received excellent participation and enthusiastic response from the crowd. It was a great time to be encouraged and to connect with other Northwest churches.



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*Did you know...*

\***Hines Creek Lighthouse Fellowship** was officially accepted as provisional members at our Annual Convention. Welcome Hines Creek!

\***Pastor Santos and Sandra Diaz** took a Praise Team from Chestermere to a Good Friday service in Saskatoon at the invitation of Pastor Eduardo Guinez.

\***Pray for Marion Yoder** and her husband Ed of Smith, AB as she continues her battle with cancer.

\***Chris Van Woudenberg and Daryl Fortune** of Edson, AB are taking a group of youth to **Creation Fest July 21-14/10**. If you'd like to join them email Chris at [vanwocm@yahoo.com](mailto:vanwocm@yahoo.com) or phone or text him at 1-780-712-3774.

