

# Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

February 2009

## NWMC Convention 2009 It's for Everyone!

There are some major changes taking place in our Northwest Conference Convention this year. The Board has taken a step of faith in booking Camp Caroline for this year's Convention. Our desire is to make Convention inspirational and family-friendly and to deepen the connection among churches. The theme is "The Race is On!"

There will be activities for every age level. Kathryn Toupin will be planning youth activities and a young Education student, Patricia Charman, will be co-ordinating activities for children. Mal Braun, Nick Dyck and Raul Gurdian will be our speakers.

Our featured guest is Worship Leader Tim Milner. Tim has been writing and recording music for over a decade and you can hear him at [www.myspace.com/timmilnerband](http://www.myspace.com/timmilnerband). Tim majored in pastoral and music studies at Prairie Bible College and has written a book on worship entitled "For the Renown of His Name". He will be leading a workshop on Worship on Saturday afternoon and presenting a Saturday evening concert.

A Treasurer's workshop will be held by Mennonite Foundation, and for those interested in scrapbooking by computer, Arlene Penner will be holding a Creative Memories Digital Scrapbooking Workshop at a time that does not conflict with other workshops.

Delegate Sessions will be held as usual, but there is time allotted for pool, hot tub or gym, so bring your swim suits and gym shoes!

In order to cover the expenses there will be a registration cost of \$150 per adult and \$125 for youth. Children 12 and under go free.

Check our website at [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca) for information and registration forms. Registrations must be into the office by March 16th.

**Register early for this exciting convention!**

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### Wise Words!

People are often unreasonable,  
Illogical and self-centred.

**Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind

People may accuse you of selfish,  
ulterior motives.

**Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful

You will win some false friends

And some true enemies.

**Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and frank

People may cheat you.

**Be honest and frank anyway.**

What you spend years building

Someone could destroy overnight.

**Build anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness

They may be jealous.

**Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today

People will often forget tomorrow.

**Do good anyway.**

Give the world the best you have

And it may never be enough.

**Give the world the best you got**

**anyway.**

You see, in the final analysis

It is between you and God.

**It is never between you and them**

**anyway.**

Mother Teresa.

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Did you know...

\*Office administrator Carol Gelleney is going to Gambia to do project auditing for the Christian Volunteer Movement from Feb.16-March 3. From there she will spend a few days in England. Carol just became a first-time grandmother to baby Jack.

\*You can read back issues of the newsletter on our website at [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca). Look under churches for the link.

\*Yayumi (Uyeno) Davis (former MCC Office Worker) and husband James are expecting a baby in August. They live in Edmonton and attend Edmonton Hispanic Church. \*Mal and Eleanor Braun visited Jim and Belle Mullet and other friends from the former Sharon Mennonite Church in Guernsey, SK. in January.

\*On Saturday, January 24th Pastor Jorge Vallejos baptized four people at the Edmonton Hispanic Church.

\*Those of you who know and love former NWMC Board Member Gordon Grove from Duchess will be pleased to hear that he is gradually improving after his stroke 1 1/2 years ago. He and Karen plan to go to Dalhousie University in Halifax in May and June to live on campus and receive intensive speech therapy. He maintains an enthusiastic and hard-working spirit in spite of his speech limitations. He is back into raising cattle and loving it!

