

# Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter  
May 2024

NWMC 2024 Annual Convention and Youth Rally took place March 22-24 at Camp Caroline. Our theme from Psalm 8 looked at AI in God's Design. While AI is impressive it is our responsibility to control its use wisely. God is vastly superior

to AI and in creation we see the glory of His splendor. Pastor Colin Green did an excellent message introducing the theme, Pastor Alvin Penner lead us in an AI workshop and Pastor Dave Peters closed the weekend tying it triumphal entry and Communion.

During the weekend the first draft of a Confession of Faith was presented for pastors and churches to study and provide feedback.



Great Worship Sessions

Awesome Food & Fellowship

Pastor Keith Dillabough capably lead the sessions for the Youth Rally and Tammy Loewen and her team did a great job with the children.



Thanks to all the hosting congregations providing volunteers, music ministry and making this a great weekend for our churches to come together.

## NWMC Men's Work Trip

July 8 -12- 2024

The Hines Creek Lighthouse Christian Fellowship is experiencing exciting growth. In preparation for future growth and needs they are planning 3 phases for facility needs.

**Phase 1** - July 8-12, 2024 The foundation of the building needs to be rebuilt in preparation for a future sanctuary addition.

Needed: Men to help with manual labour

\$15,000 to help cover the cost of this project.

**Phase 2** - Reroofing the building with Metal Roofing and attic insulation.

Needed: Men to help with manual labour

\$6,800 for materials—(Roofing \$5,000 insulation \$1,800)

Tentative dates in September 2024 subject to the completion of harvest.

*If sufficient volunteers are available in July*

*Phase 1 & 2 will be done together.*

**Phase 3** - adding a larger sanctuary projected for 2025. Much of the material is being donated or purchased at reduced prices.

Dates and costs still to be determined .

### Why should you consider volunteering and/or donating?

To bless a sister congregation

To be part of what God is doing in their community.

To be blessed by connecting with other men in work and fellowship.

The congregation is experiencing steady growth. Sanctuary seating is at 25. currently frequent attendance is in the mid 30's and at times higher. The foyer is being used for additional seating. The community is beginning to recognise that God's is doing something significant. The town may be small but there is a large area that will benefit from a local center of biblical worship. Phase 1 and 2 are essential in preparation for creating a larger worship space.

If you would like to donate to the cost of supplies, please send donations to NWMC at [info@nwmc.ca](mailto:info@nwmc.ca) and designate it to Hines Creek Lighthouse Fellowship Building Fund.

If you are available to help please let Pastor Joe know via email at [jcmrak1@telus.net](mailto:jcmrak1@telus.net) or phone 780 715 4615 so that billeting and meals can be arranged.





#### Convention Continued

The Calgary Word of Life Church was welcomed into full membership of NWMC. It is our prayer that we will mutually be blessed and strengthened.

Dedication of the 2024 NWMC Board.

**NWMC  
Ladies Retreat  
May 24-26**

at Camp Little Red. To register and for more information go to the events page on our website [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca)



#### First Meeting of the 2024 NWMC Board & Staff.

Moderator: Mark Loewen  
Secretary: Terry Jackson  
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Dave & Joanne Peters.



## Thank You

for your faithfulness in praying and giving.

**The Northwest Mennonite Conference  
has been blessed Through You!**

## Financial Update

**NWMC 2024 Budget is \$243,200**

- \$140,000 (from congregation support)
- \$ 22,000 (from individual donations)
- \$ 57,000 (from events and registration)
- \$ 8,500 (from interest)
- \$ 15,700 (shortfall projected)

### **Income**

- \$ 82,000 Budgeted from Jan. - April
- \$ 78,000 Received from Jan. - April
- \$ 4,000 Shortfall to budget

## Coming Up

May 24-26, 2024

**Ladies Retreat**

Check our website [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca) events to register.

October 18-20, 2024

**Pastor & Spouse Retreat in Banff**

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