

Coming Up

February 3-14, 2019 NWMC Mission trip to Haiti. 13 teams are preparing to go.

March 22-24 , 2019 NWMC Convention and Youth Rally at Camp Caroline. “

Theme

“TRUTH MATTERS”

Details of these events will be posted on our website as they become available www.nwmc.ca

Financial Update

Thank You for your faithfulness in praying and giving. The Northwest Mennonite Conference has been blessed Through You

NWMC 2018 Budget is \$200,100

\$120,000 about 60% comes from Churches
\$ 15,000 about 7.5% comes from individual donations
\$ 48,000 about 24% comes from events & registration.
\$ 3,500 about 1.75% comes from interest earnings
\$ 13,600 about 7% shortfall projected

Income to End of October

\$ 103,817.00 from congregations
\$ 6,284.00 from donations
\$ 46,770.00 from events & registrations
\$ 1,405.00 interest income

Income \$ 158,276

You are invited to consider making a donation directly to the NWMC as God enables you to give above your congregational giving.

As our Conference Pastor, Dave & Joanne Peters visit our congregations they frequently post on Facebook (Dave W Peters) You are welcome to send a friend request or follow them and pray for their ministry in the churches.

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Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

November 2018

NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

Farewell Pastor Freddy & Doris. They resigned from Igleia La Gracia de Dios Fellowship Church effective July 1, 2018. Since then they have ministered at various places in California and have recently moved to Costa Rica.

“Through this letter is a pleasure to greet you and wishing you a lot of blessings in your life, ministry and family. At the same time, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to God and to you for giving us the opportunity to work together in the ministry. Each experience that we lived in our gatherings, activities and in general were a blessing to our lives and the memories of your friendship and love towards us. We wish that God blesses you abundantly.

It’s a new season in our ministry, we are listening to Gods voice and his will, we ask for prayers for us. We are so thankful for everything we have lived in Canada, especially serving God together. Many blessings. Sincerely, Fredy and Doris Lopez.”



Name Change. The Chestermere congregation was required to make a name change. They are now the **“Rockyview Hispanic Mennonite Church.”** They will continue to meet at the EMC Church near Conrich, on Range Rd 284.

Sabbaticals. During the past year several pastors were given a Sabbatical. This reflects that they have been serving for several years, and it reflects that congregations are serious about having healthy pastors. This year Nathan Ramer-Duchess, Aaron Kuafman - Edson, and Jose Gurdian - Red Deer. There are some that will be taking a sabbatical in the near future. Praise God that these congregations are taking care of their pastors so that the pastors are better able to take care of them.

Prayer Needs

Pray for the churches seeking pastoral leadership. **Bluesky Christian Fellowship** and **Edmonton Christian Life Church** are both seeking 1/2 time pastors. **Edmonton Manantial de Vida** is seeking a pastor to serve voluntarily.

Pray for these ministries to be provided with the needed leadership and resources.

Building Project. Red Deer “Iglesia Fuente de Vida Hispanic” Church is in the process of purchasing property on which they plan to build a new building.



Baptism. Through the year, a number of people in various churches were baptized upon their personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ. West Zion Photos from their Campout 2018

Our NWMC **Pastor Spouse Retreat** took place in Banff October 12-14.

All of our pastoral couples were able to attend as well as several youth leaders and lay leaders where there is no pastor currently. We are thankful for the donors that have enabled us to keep the costs down as well as being able to bless these leaders.



We will be in Banff again October 19 –21, 2019. Irwin’s Mountain Inn continues to provide us with the best option for holding this event.

Church Planting and Support

Our NWMC mission is to enable and empower our congregations to become communities of Christ’s healing and hope in the world and to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world.

A non-budget fund has been approved by the Conference Board to enable us to support this church planting mission.

Currently we invite donations to help with the ministry plant in Medicine Hat. They are able to pay rent for a building. The Lethbridge congregation has been providing their pastors and people. They have done a good work and it is time to move to the next phase in establishing a congregation.

Please send your donations to the NWMC Office Box 1316 Didsbury Alberta T0M 0W0. Funds will be distributed by the Conference office under the direction of the Board.

Abel & Sonya Zabaleta, with their 3 boys are planning to return to the mission field in Africa for a 3 year term. They will be sent as “Mission Partners” of the **Hope Mennonite Fellowship in North Battleford.** (Serving under Global Outreach Mission) If you are interested in hearing what God is doing in that part of the world and an invitation to join in and partner them you may contact them at 306-490-7027.



“We are grateful to our home church, Hope Mennonite for accepting us as their mission partners. We look forward to continuing to work with them. We recognize that we are accountable to them for our ministry priorities, activities and use of resources. We look forward to coordinating time during home assignments to re-connect with partners and continue to invite others to join in reaching out to the nations.

As a church, Hope Mennonite Fellowship is providing information for prayer to the NWMC for prayer requests.

We would also welcome the opportunity to share personally with other congregations within the denomination who could be encouraged and challenged to hear of the vision and opportunities to participate in meaningful ways. We do have a giving page and short bio on the Global Outreach Mission page also that can be linked to @ [Abel & Sonya Zabaleta - Global Outreach Mission](#) “