

The NWMC Youth Rally will be an amazing opportunity to connect with other youth and with God. Come find out the exciting things our Youth Ministry leaders have planned!

Youth age 12-18 \$140 early bird
After March 1, \$150.

Registration at www.nwmc.ca



BIO:

David Gross is a Born-Again Christian, family man, businessman. David is not a pastor or a preacher; but he feels God's calling on his heart to do workshops for churches that are feeling the pressure of emptying pews. David talks about the needs of the different generations and how they affect churches; and why people are fearful to tell others of God's promise of everlasting life through him.

David is supported by his wife of 26 years, Janice, and their 4 children: Annalyn, Jenna and her husband Shane, Joel and Christen.

David grew up on the family farm in Southern Alberta. He attended Olds College, where he graduated with diplomas in Crop Production and Agronomy.

David and Janice has work in, owned and operated different business through out the years. Janice, currently works as a Educational Assistant with elementary school children at St. Joseph School in Coaldale, AB.

Together they currently own and operate two businesses. Maccabee & Co Inc. an agriculture based construction company and International Ag University (IAU & Co. Inc.). IAU works in the Agriculture industry helping companies develop systems and processes, staff and managers through mentoring and developmental training programs.

David and Janice attend Coaldale Mennonite Church and have held various positions. Janice as Sunday school teacher, worship committee, worship team and choir. David has been Vice Chair, served on building, finance and maintenance committees.

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Mission Opportunity #1 to help **Hines Creek Christian Fellowship** pay down their mortgage. This congregation is small and has been growing since they moved into their building. It is the only gospel church in Hines Creek and they have a strong

commitment to reach their community for Christ. They want to be the church that the community needs. It is proposed that in the near future a large local mining project will be developed. They have the opportunity to reach people for Christ now and this would greatly increase their mission field. Would you be willing to support them with a missions offering? The total cost for this project was \$55,000 (purchase \$50,000, plus \$5,000 for legal costs and required renovations). Please consider and pray what God would have you do.



Please note that at Convention we will be taking a Special Offering to bless this Ministry.



Mission Opportunity #2 to **volunteer for summer ministry**. Some of our congregations due to size find it challenging to have enough volunteers for an effective Vacation Bible School.

One possibility would be for 2 congregations to work together, serving one community one week and the other the next week. One congregation is inviting another church to participate with them in this way.

The benefit of this would be building good connections with a sister congregation of our conference while having a spiritual impact upon the lives of children.

Another possibility under consideration of the NWMC Board would be to have a team of volunteers that would prepare a full program and go out to the churches to help with the teaching and leading while working alongside local volunteers. Time commitment would depend on the number of congregations involved.

The benefit of this would be an opportunity to serve God and the conference as a practical mission experience and personal growth spiritually as well as in developing your gifts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

Pastoral News

Pastor Roany & Betty Lopez have completed their ministry at Iglesia Manantial de Vida in Edmonton as of Dec 31, 2016.



Edmonton Christian Life Community Church continues to search for a 1/2 time pastor. Check our website for details.



Pastor Galen & Donna Sharp will be retiring from ministry at **Bluesky Christian Fellowship** in April.

Pastor Todd & Colleen De Haan will be completing their ministry as Transitional pastor in **Bethany Christian Church, Smith**. They have started a pastoral search. For details check out our website.



We would ask that you be in prayer for these pastors as they seek to discern God's direction and also pray for the congregations as they seek the right person to provide pastoral leadership

Coming Up

March 24-26, 2017 Annual Youth Rally and Convention at Camp Caroline
May 26 -27 Ladies Retreat (English) at Camp Silversides.
April 29 Fraternity Leadership Summit in Brooks
July 15 Ladies Retreat (Spanish) in Red Deer
August 4-6 Duchess Mennonite 100th Anniversary
August 18-20 Spanish Family Camp
October 20-22 Pastor Spouse networking retreat

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

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



Thank You for your faithfulness in praying and giving.
The Northwest Mennonite Conference
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Points of Connection

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NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

God is at work in and through the congregations. God is bringing people to faith in Christ. A number of baptisms will be taking place in different congregations. We praise God for each new believer. At the same time we see ministries of discipleship to encourage the growth and spiritual development of believers. These are days of blessing from God.



Our **NWMC Convention and Youth Rally** is coming up soon. Our theme this year is **“Shatter”** Based on 2Corinthians 12:9. The **Worship Team** from Iglesia Fuente de Vida, Red Deer will serve us through the weekend, **Pastor Jose Gurdian** will be preaching Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon **David Gross** will be leading a workshop, **“How Relevant Is The Church”**.. See his bio on the next page.

Adults \$160 Children age 6-11 \$50
Children under 5 are free.
Registration at www.nwmc.ca

At this convention we will welcome the **Hope Mennonite Fellowship** of North Battleford Sask. into Provisional Membership. We hope that they will find in our family of churches a spiritual home that will bless and encourage them in the



mission God has for them. Their pastors are **Gerhard & Kathy Luitjens,** and **Abel & Sonya Zabaleta.**

