

NWMC LADIES RETREAT

When: May 26 - 28, 2017
 Where: Camp Silverside
 Cost: \$147

SHATTER

Guest Speaker: Julianne Gilchrist

Register online @ www.nwmc.ca
 Check out www.nwmc.ca or www.facebook.com/NWMC Ladies Retreat for more information
 Contact Carol 403-337-3283 info@nwmc.ca

Youth Rally 2017 was an amazing weekend. About 100 youth took part in a variety of activities such as an amazing race, pool and gym competitions. Through out the weekend they were challenged with worship sessions and speakers along the theme of "Shatter" based on 2 Cor.



12:9. Leading up to the Youth Rally the youth groups entered their tshirt design. The chosen design went to West Zion created by Macaella Roy



Pastor Keith Dillabough and the winning team of the youth competitions.



Convention 2017 was based on 2 Cor. 12:9 and the theme "Shatter". The attendance utilised all available rooms and meeting places. The presence of God and the spirit of unity and joy in the people gathered created an inspiring weekend.



We were blessed by the volunteers of several churches hosting the convention and by the planned activities and sessions.



Photos are of Pastor Jose Gurdian & brother Raul. The Red Deer worship team, the assembly, David Gross.



THANK YOU

Hines Creek Christian Fellowship Is very thankful for the prayer and financial support they received. Praise God for your help in raising \$26,048.37 towards the mortgage. This will be a great help in being able to serve the community more freely.



At Convention our Moderator Pastor mark Lowen was able to share this good news with Pastor Mike Ansley.

SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Praise God! We have been approved under **Canada Summer Jobs** to hire 1 person for 9 weeks, and 3 children's workers for 6 weeks, all at \$15 per hour based on 40 hours per week. To be eligible for the summer worker program the applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30, must be a full-time student before and after the work.

Our hope is to have a team that would prepare a Vacation Bible School program and go out to the churches to help with the teaching and leading while working alongside local volunteers. Some other areas of local involvement to help the church may also be involved.



The benefit of this would be an opportunity to serve God and the conference as a practical mission experience. It would be helpful in developing gifts and ability and encourage spiritual growth. If you are interested, please contact us and provide your personal testimony, why you want to do this and what you could bring to the team. A letter of reference and affirmation from your pastor will be required from successful applicants.

Our cost would be a bit over \$3000 to make up the gap in the grant and promised wage, plus funds needed for travel expenses.

If your congregation is interested, please let us know. The local church would need to provide some volunteers, billeting/meals for the team and cover the cost of materials needed locally.

Coming Up

May 26 -27 Ladies Retreat (English) at Camp Silversides. (register at nwmc.ca)

April 29 Fraternity Leadership Summit in Brooks

July 15 Ladies Retreat (Spanish) in Red Deer (register with your local Ladies Leader)

August 4-6 Duchess Mennonite 100th Anniversary

August 18-20 Spanish Family Camp

October 20-22 Pastor Spouse Retreat

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 2017 Budget is \$198,000
 \$120,000, about 60% comes from Churches
 \$38,000, about 19% comes from individual donations
 \$40,000 about 21% comes from event registration fees.

Income to Date

\$24,000 from congregations
 \$28,000 from events & registrations
 \$4,000 from donations

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

Summer Missions is not in our budget. The Summer Job grants require that we add to the grant. We will need just over \$3,000 to top up the wages. In addition, we will need to cover travel expenses. Would you consider making a donation to help students in ministry?



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.

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Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

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NEWS & PRAISE & PRAYER

We WELCOME Pastor Damon & Sarah Ramer to our NWMC



“Hello, we are the latest Ramers to the Northwest Mennonite Conference. My wife and I have been married for 9 years this July, our three children, Kairi (4), Callum(2) and Cooper(5mths), joined us during our time of ministry and schooling in Saskatchewan. I am a native of Duchess AB, and spent my formative years at DMC before heading to Briercrest College and Seminary first in 2004 until 2008. DMC is where I held my first positions in leadership, preached my first sermons, attended and taught bible study, and was supported in my pursuit of knowing Jesus. After College, I was in ministry for 7 years in Regina SK, with 4 years also working with a Korean congregation, until returning to Seminary in 2015. Sarah grew up in Charlottetown PEI and went to Briercrest College for 2 years studying vocal performance. After we were married Sarah studied education at the U of R and has been teaching for 4 years, between time of being at home with our kids. Kairi enjoys pretending, Callum is frequently a dinosaur, and Cooper is just happy to be here. “



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

Pastor Todd & Colleen De Haan will be serving the Bluesky Christian Fellowship starting June, 2017.

