

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

January 2012



Come to NWMC Convention !
March 23-25, 2012
Camp Caroline

Convention is...

- 1. Connecting-** All our NWMC churches, from north to south, gathering together to meet, to encourage, to share ideas, to learn about and to care for one another.
- 2. Team-building-** Setting goals, making decisions, solving problems. We are stronger together than we are individually. Each one has a voice and each is a unique part of the body. "To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." 1 Cor 12:7
- 3. Fellowship-** Laughter and hugs are always a part of Convention. Meet some old friends again and find some new ones!
- 4. Inspiration-** Our speaker this year is Brett Ullman, who holds seminars on

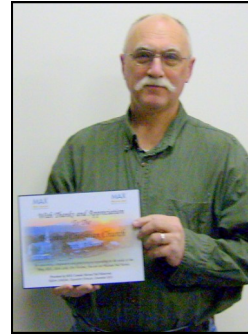


Media, Faith and Culture from coast to coast. He is primarily our Youth Speaker, but will speak to the adults on Saturday afternoon and to everyone on Sunday morning. We are excited to have him and know that we will all benefit from his insights.

Our goal has been to make our Convention family-friendly and to include all ages. This year our Children's Program Director is Alayne Goertzen from the West Zion Church in Carstairs. She has worked with children as a Teacher's Aid, has directed many Children's Christmas Musicals, and has worked for years at Camp Teepee Pole. We know she will do a great job!

Camp Caroline has a gym and pool, so come equipped with gym shoes and swim suits.

The registration fees are \$150 for adults and teens and \$50 for children ages 6-12. Register early with Carol at the office at info@nwmc.ca or phone 403-337-3283. Also check our website at nwmc.ca.



MAX Mutual Aid Heroes!

Each year MAX Canada Mutual Aid Ministries identifies and honours congregations and individuals who have extended support and compassion to those in need of it. This last December our Bethany Christian Church received a plaque that reads:

"With thanks and appreciation to the Bethany Christian Church, Smith, Alberta, for sensitivity, compassion and generosity in responding to the needs of the May, 2011 Slave Lake Fire Victims. You are our Mutual Aid Heroes."

Bethany church opened its doors to those victims who needed showers and clothing, and many of the congregation worked at the Community Centre providing food.

Pastor Joe Mrak is pictured here holding the plaque presented by MAX through their Executive Secretary, Nelson Scheifele.

Men! Join a Work Party!

What: A Mission's Trip

When: January 19-26, 2013

Where: Aleman, El Salvador

Who: 20 men, able to build a home for the pastor.

Contact: **Ciro Serrano**, 403-358-5286
or **Carol** at the NWMC Office:
403-337-3283

Ladies! Plan a weekend away!

What: A Women's Retreat

When: May 25-27, 2012

Where: Camp Silversides on Gull Lake

Speakers: Real Life

Cost: \$135

Real Life are four women who share their Real Life Stories of God's faithfulness amidst life's difficulties by word and song.

Don't miss it!

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Did you know...

***Bluesky Mennonite Church** installed Werner and Linda Janzen as pastor on January 8, 2012.

***Duchess Mennonite Church** installed Sara Driedger as Women's Care Pastor on January 15, 2012.

* Pastor's wives **Doris Lopez** from Calgary and **Yadira Hernandez** from Red Deer held training for Children's ministries at the Medicine Hat Church on December 2-4.

* **Salem Mennonite Church** in Tofield has planned a February 6-13 Missions Trip to Mexico for house-building.

***The Medicine Hat Hispanic Church** is sending 9 people to Honduras from Feb. 10-25 to do evangelism, church leadership training, children's ministry, and provide funds for kid's school supplies and a hospital.

