

Spiritual Formation Class and Systematic Theology Class These two classes are being offered in PNWC this fall. The primary purpose is ministerial preparation, but anyone can audit the classes. Contact the conference office for more information.

Asia Trip Supt. Matt Whitehead, Timberlake Senior Pastor Gary Gonzales, and Free Methodist Foundation President Gene Keene will be traveling to Thailand and India Oct 23-Nov 4. They will be in Thailand for the Mission Thailand Annual Meeting, conferring with FM leaders in Mumbai, India, and hosting a Pastor's Conference for Bishop Joab Lohara in Hyderabad, India. Please remember Matt, Gary and Gene in your prayers as they minister in Asia.



Supt Whitehead, Arlene Weigand, Asst. Supt. Jim Harbour

Arlene Weigand Update Many of you have been praying for Arlene Weigand who serves as the Resident Life Coordinator at Antioch House and also works half time at the conference office. Arlene

was diagnosed with cancer in June. When she had to have her hair shaved off, we turned it into a party! You can see updates on Arlene's health at www.CarePages.com. Create your own account name and then sign into Arlene's page at arleneyw2006. Thank you for your continued prayers!

See the [calendar/events page at pnwc.org](#) for more information on all of these events.

Calendar

September

12-15 Senior Adult Retreat (WBC)

October

1-3 Pastors and Spouses Retreat
7 Missions Dessert (Shoreline)
14 PNWC Youth *Plugged In* (FFMC)
27-29 Junior High Retreat (WBC)

November

10-12 Senior High Retreat (WBC)
30 Lights of Christmas begins

December

25-Jan 1 conference office closed



Pastor Rod Brown and Rev. Rick Miles

2006 Leadership Summit Report

The theme for our 2006 Pacific Northwest Conference Leadership Summit was *"Being Transformed into God's Likeness."* We are so thankful for the ways God blessed Leadership Summit. Over \$40,000 was raised for Urban Impact in a spontaneous love offering. SPU President Phillip Eaton spoke Saturday morning about the importance of living in the Gospel story as we follow Christ in our complicated culture. The reports of transformation in the lives of individuals from our PNW churches were a highlight of our time together. Many responded to the open altar at the two services on Friday.



Anna Schoenhals Kalepo elder ordination

Ordained Seven persons were ordained as elders at Leadership Summit. Horacio Ahumada (Dir. of Hispanic Church Plant-

ing), Danelle Green (Snohomish), Anna Schoenhals Kalepo (White Center), Laura E. Lozano-Ahumada (Hispanic Ministries), Henriët Schapelhouman (Redmond), Carol Stickney (Sunnyside), Ryan Willson (Tonasket and Dept. of World Missions, Malawi). Congratulations to each one, and may God anoint your ministry as you faithfully serve Him.

Commissioning Service We were privileged to take part in a commissioning service for the Ryan and Jen Willson family. The Willsons, who have been serving at Tonasket, are raising support to go to Malawi early next year. They would love to share their story at your church or via their newsletter. You can contact them at rwillso@spu.edu.

Transferred Into PNWC We welcome several pastors who transferred their membership into the PNW Conference—Jose Castillo (Quincy), Paul Drewer (Bellingham), Ron Kocher (Auburn), and Leslie Kroker (Wenatchee). We are privileged to have each of these wonderful pastors joining our team.

New Conference Ministerial Candidates Our conference received 7 new CMC's—Eric Barnes (Warm Beach), Julie Gray (Rainier Avenue), John Johnstone (Centralia), Jennifer Montzingo (Seattle First), Brenda Nagunst (Eagle River), Rita Nussli (Rainier Avenue), Cindra Patterson

(Redmond). Please pray for God's strength, protection and guidance for these developing leaders.

Senior Pastor Appointments The following senior pastor new appointments were made; Ron (Brownie) Kocher to Auburn, Paul (Mindy) Drewer to Bellingham, Rod (Kathy) Brown to Oroville, Preston (Marsha) McCracken to Everett, Josh (Amanda) Brooks as co-pastor to Warm Beach.

Retired We were grateful for the opportunity as a conference community to say, "Thank you" to two pastors and their spouses who retired—Paul & Joan DeMerchant from Bellingham and Wes & Leona Nelson from Mount Vernon.

In Memory

The lives and ministries of John Cross, elder, Andrew Lambert, elder, Naomi, Thorsen, elder, and Glen Williamson, elder, were honored through a Power Point presentation. Rev. Walter Helsel passed away on July 15 and will be remembered next year at Leadership Summit. These faithful servants of Christ are now in God's presence. We are deeply grateful for the godly heritage that they have provided for us.

"In As Much" Award The award for ministry to the poor went to Day Creek Chapel for their faithful work (spurred by "Grandma & Grandpa" Tidrington) with Operation Nightwatch over the past several years.

2007 General Conference Delegates The following were elected as delegates

to General Conference in Spring Arbor, MI, July 7-13, 2007: Ministerial delegates—Matt Whitehead, Mark Abbott, Paul Olver, Ed McDowell, John Clark, Mike Henry, Jim Stegman, Bonnie Brann, Delia Nüesch-Olver. First ministerial reserve delegate—Gary Gonzales. Lay delegates—Phil Eaton, Frank Kline, Darlene Brooks, Frank Cranston, Arnie Brann, David Goodnight, Cindy Rodriguez, Doty Marston, Carol Bartlett. First lay reserve delegate—Darlene Hartley).

New Conference Positions

Jim Harbour began July 1 as the full time Assistant Superintendent and Director of Conference Ministries. You can reach him at jim@pnwc.org.



Asst. Supt. Jim Harbour

Horacio Ahumada began work for PNWC July 1 as Director of Hispanic Church Planting. His wife, Laura, will also be contributing to this initiative to reach the growing population of Hispanic people in our area with the Good News of salvation. Contact at fham69@hotmail.com.



Rev. Horacio Ahumada

Neil Jolin Appointed Lynnwood Pastor

The Ministerial Appointments Committee is pleased to announce that, since conference, Pastor Neil Jolin has been appointed to a one-year interim appointment as Senior Pastor at the Lynnwood Free Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing on Neil and Pat Jolin and the Lynnwood Free Methodist congregation. Please pray for the Jolins and all of the pastors who are beginning a new ministry this summer or fall.

Update from White Center CPP (from Pastor Sara Schoenhals) Highlights of the summer include a day camp (provided by the Snohomish FM Church), a White Center weekend carnival, Family Sundays at the park (with a special baptism at the beach in August), and our upcoming one year celebration/block party on Sept. 10th. God continues to open new doors of ministry and we boldly press ahead, praising God for allowing us to walk beside a growing number of individuals and families seeking transformation in Jesus Christ.

Update from Kirkland, the Lakes CPP (from Pastor Doug Murren) The Lakes has been laying a faithful foundation for growth. We are beginning servant outreach events and feel it is the right time to engage the community aggressively. It has not been an easy process, but we all sense God's affirmation on this church plant.

Bible Quizzing Bible quizzers in grades 4-12 across the conference will be studying the book of Acts this year and participating in quiz tournaments monthly from September through April. Please contact Dave Clark at (253) 833-4614 as soon as possible if you want information on Free Methodist Bible Quizzing.

Senior Adult Retreat The principal speaker will be Rev. John Clark. Other contributors include Supt. Matt Whitehead, Rev. Mark Abbott and The Pilgrims men's chorus. Contact Warm Beach Camp for registration information.

The MEG Board invites you to dinner—Friday October 13. Local or Conference Ministerial Candidates, Consecrated Deacons, and those who are exploring a call to any of these positions are encouraged to attend. This event is a key element in our conference training and enrichment plan for leaders. More information will be coming to senior pastors in late August.

Pastor & Spouses' Retreat Oct 1-3—Our speakers, back by popular demand, are Denny & Cheryl Wayman. We will also have a musical evening by Bronn Journey. Note that the time frame this year is Sunday dinner through Tuesday lunch.