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2007 General Conference Spring Arbor University in Michigan hosted General Conference July 6-13. The Pacific Northwest Conference was represented by 18 voting delegates. The opening service began with a parade of flags celebrating the 77 countries in which the FM Church currently ministers. The General Conference voted to reduce the number of bishops serving the Free Methodist Church of North America from four to three. Delegates then elected sitting bishop David Kendall to the newly-created position of lead bishop. Matthew Thomas and David Roller were elected as additional bishops. Thomas has been a superintendent, church planter, pastor, and missionary to the Philippines. Roller has served for several years as the Latin America Director of FM World Missions. Please remember our new bishops in prayer as they assume this mantle of leadership. You can find more information on General Conference at FMCNA.org.

Senior Adult Retreat Sept 18-21 Rev. Les Krober will be the featured speaker. Other contributors include Supt. Matt Whitehead, Rev. Mark Abbott and The Pilgrims men's chorus. Contact Warm Beach Camp (360-652-7575) for registration information.

Pastors & Spouses Retreat Oct 7-9 Our speaker will be Rev. Bob Lenderman (Quincy FMC). We will also have a musical evening by David Harsh on Monday night. Please note that the time frame is Sunday dinner through Tuesday lunch.

Pastors Prayer Retreat Jan 28-29
Pastors, make sure to save these dates for a Pastors' Prayer Retreat at Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way. More information will be coming to pastors about this important time together, seeking the Lord of the Harvest.



Communion at Leadership Summit

See the Calendar/Events page at pnwc.org for more information about events.

Calendar

September

18-21 Senior Adult Retreat (WBC)
26-27 Women Clergy Retreat (WBC)
29 "Plugged In 2" PNWC youth event (Shoreline)

October

7-9 Pastors and Spouses Retreat (WBC)
26-28 Junior High Retreat (WBC)

November 1-Jan 4 Supt. Whitehead on Sabbatical
9-11 Senior High Retreat (WBC)
29 Lights of Christmas begins (WBC)

December

25-Jan 1 conference office closed

August 2007 Leadership Summit Report

We thank God for His presence and grace at our 2007 Leadership Summit (Annual Conference). This was the 112th time the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church has gathered. The theme for this Leadership Summit was from II Corinthians 5:19 *"God has given us the ministry of reconciliation."* The opening message by SPU professor and PNW elder, Dr. Delia Nüesch-Olver, set the tone for the two days of Leadership Summit. Dr. Nüesch-Olver shared passionately from the Acts story of Peter and Cornelius and related it to the joys and challenges of becoming a multi-cultural conference family. We worshipped, celebrated the ways God was at work in our PNW family, heard testimonies from new converts, honored those who have faithfully served, and enjoyed being together.



Dr. Delia Nüesch-Olver

Ordained Surrounded by family and key mentors, seven persons were ordained as elders at Leadership Summit. New elders are: Beth Armstrong (Anchorage), Rod Brown (Oroville), James Harbour (PNW Conference Office), Maureen Keirnes (Redmond), Morgan MacPherson (Eagle River), Steve Scott (Shoreline), and James Walters (leave of absence). Congratulations to each one, and may God anoint your ministry as you faithfully serve Him.



Morgan MacPherson ordained as elder

Transferred into PNWC We welcome several pastors who transferred their membership into the PNW Conference—Rex Bell (Wenatchee), Ruth Easterling (Burien), Shawn Hall (Centralia), and Scott Hemberry (Longview). We are privileged to have each of these wonderful pastors joining our team. They would appreciate your prayers in the transitions.

New Conference Ministerial Candidates

Our conference received two new CMC's—Brent Johnson (Warm Beach) and Vaughn Stehr (Marysville). Please unite with these developing leaders in pursuit of God's guidance as they continue preparations for pastoral ministry.

Senior Pastor Appointments

The following new senior pastoral appointments were made: Neil (Pat) Jolin to Lynnwood, Scott (Nikki) Hemberry to Longview, and Eric (Virginia) Spangler to Lake Stevens.



New Missionary Julie Yerger

Missionary Commissioning

We were privileged to take part in a commissioning service for Julie Yerger. Julie is preparing to serve as a nurse in Rwanda, beginning in September. You can be in contact with Julie at julieyrn@yahoo.com.

Retired

We were grateful for the opportunity, as a conference family, to say "Thank you" to Roger and Monika Keller for their many years of service to the Free Methodist Church. Roger served in a number of churches in the PNW Conference, as

well as serving as the superintendent in Oregon Conference. We also thanked Jim and Kathleen Parker (currently attending in Issaquah) who served extensively in other conferences.



Rev. Roger & Monika Keller

In Memory

The lives and ministries of elders C. Melvin Foreman and E. Walter Helsel were honored through a Power Point presentation. Rev. Walter Helsel passed away just before Leadership Summit last June. 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.

Dr. Frank Odgen

In honor of his many years of service as a medical missionary in Africa, Hope Africa University in Burundi named its new health sciences facility "Frank Odgen Medical School."

Dave Clark

was named as the new West Coast Regional Bible Quiz Director. Dave has served as quiz coach at the Auburn church for the past 15 years and is also currently serving as PNWC Quiz Director. Congratulations and thank you for your service to our youth and churches!

"In As Much" Award The award for ministry to the poor went to Everett FMC (Senior Pastor Preston McCracken) for their faithful work with the Everett Food Bank, directed by Sue Osborn.



Everett Food Bank

Highlighting Hispanic Ministries

It was wonderful to have a strong contingent of Spanish-speaking people with us for Leadership Summit. There were over 100 people at the Hispanic Leaders luncheon on Saturday. Director of Hispanic Ministries, Rev. Horacio Ahumada, brought an inspirational report, including a testimony and a Mariachi band. God is clearly at work in this area of church planting.



Josslyn Ahumada and Mariachi Band

Bishop Roger Haskins' Transition We pray God's blessing on Bishop Roger and Ellen Haskins as they transition to the senior pastorate at Deer Flat Free Methodist Church in Caldwell, Idaho. We have greatly appreciated Roger's leadership as our bishop and will miss both Roger and Ellen.



Bishop Roger & Ellen Haskins

Bible Quizzing

Approximately 680 youth Bible quizzers and coaches from around the US and Taiwan gathered at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY this past June for the Free Methodist Bible Quiz Finals. The quizzers from PNW that placed in the final individual events were Jolie Cowin (Burien) who took 4th in the Senior Teen Rookie division and Maria Gray (Rainier Avenue) who took 4th in the Young Teen Rookie division. In the team events, Longview took 1st place in the Senior Teen Rookie division and Rainier Avenue took 1st in the Young Teen Rookie division. For more information about starting a Bible Quiz ministry,