

COUNCIL

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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!!

EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 22-24

ALL HOUSE COUNCIL GATHERING -
All members of the four house councils will meet for an orientation and welcome gathering. See below for details and call me to register.
PRINCE RUPERT

MARCH - TBA

NATIVE MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE - House Chairs and Board Members gathering
VANCOUVER



APRIL 11-13

PRINCE RUPERT PRESBYTERY SPRING MEETING - Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Emmanuel United Church.

HARTLEY BAY



APRIL 25-27

NATIVE MINISTRIES ANNUAL MEETING
WILLIAMS LAKE

MAY 9-13

RIGHT RELATIONS CONFERENCE - Not specific to NMC. We are looking for 3 native and 3 non-aboriginals from BC. info to come
PINAWA, MB

MAY 22-25

BC CONFERENCE - Capilano College.
N. VANCOUVER

MAY 29-31

URBAN MINISTRIES CONFERENCE - Not specific to NMC. Sponsored by Vancouver School of Theology and Native Ministries Consortium. Purpose is to develop relationships between urban ministry groups.
VANCOUVER

FOR YOUR INFORMATION & THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

All House Gathering

Our first gathering of the year promises to be filled with useful information for having productive and consistent future gatherings. After a long process of finding members to sit on House Councils, we are now prepared to begin the journey.

All members of the 4 Councils will descend on The Crest Hotel in Prince Rupert, (the weekend after the All Native Tournament), to attend the orientation gathering. Members will learn how gatherings should be run using respectful, practical and cultural procedures. All members will be able to meet one another and learn more about their specific house. Dinner kicks off the weekend at 6 PM Friday, February 22nd, 2008. The evening will be a time of touching base with one another and worship. Saturday morning we will meet as a whole group following breakfast. Starting at 1 in the afternoon, each house will meet on their own. (See the following schedule for your house). Please let me know as soon as possible if you can attend so I could work on your travel and accommodation.

INDIVIDUAL HOUSE MEETINGS in Prince Rupert

House of Learning - Saturday, 1:00 PM
House of Healing - Saturday, 2:30 PM
House of Sharing - Saturday, 4:00 PM
House of Caring - Saturday, 7:00 PM

INSURANCE - THE TOTAL FIGURES 2007 (church and/or manse)

Port Simpson - valued \$934,904/ premium \$2,202
Hartley Bay - valued \$314,840/ premium \$1,267
Klemtu - valued \$435,202/ premium \$1,728
Hazelton - valued \$240,560/ premium \$922
Kispiox - valued \$593,789/ premium \$2,336
Bella Bella - valued \$835,857/ premium \$3,264
Skidegate - valued \$623,883/ premium \$2,471
Haisla - valued \$674,034/ premium \$2,644
Bella Coola - valued \$206,123/ premium \$790
Kitsegukla - valued \$263,017/ premium \$1,068

Please be advised that the manse needs to be occupied for at least 6 months of the year to be valid.

Want the details? Ask House of Caring!

GRANTS AVAILABLE - don't be shy to apply!

VAN DUSEN - For leadership/ congregation development. Applications due on the 5th of every month for review on the last Wednesday of that month. Up to \$3000.00 each time.

REAL PROPERTY (soon to change) - Available for property maintenance and upgrades. Must be in by September 30. There is no limit on the amount of the grant but must be 'necessary' work to be done.

MISSION AND SERVICE GRANT - Grant available for support to ministry in your community. Must be in by Fall Presbytery for consideration. No limit but should be around 20-25% of annual budget

TECHNICAL GRANT - Monthly grant available to purchase any technical equipment needed for your church. Please have actual estimates of cost when applying. Should be in by the 1st of the month.

SOME FACTS ON KEVIN ARNETT

Some of you will be asked about Kevin Arnett, the ex-United Church minister, who makes allegations against the UCC in regards to Residential Schools. As a church, we believe and have support, that his actions are self serving and not beneficial for any of our people. Give me a call for further info.