



## JANUARY AWARE 2012

### **Wishing Darcy, Carleton, Theodore and George Borden well:**

We thank Carleton and Darcy for their ministry in the Northern Plains Conference. They have served as pastors for our church in Valley City and Argusville (Darcy also served as interim at St. John in Hebron and the Jamestown and Medina parish), and also as the co youth directors for the Conference. We wish them well as they make a move to Pennsylvania and to the historic Falkner Swamp Congregation. May God's blessed Spirit be with them as they journey East and as they embrace their new ministry.

### **We welcome David Hartson as the pastor for the Valley City Congregation:**

David Hartson is joining the Northern Plains Conference pastoral team as the part time licensed pastor for the Valley City Congregation. We welcome David and look forward to future opportunities to work with him in the ministry of the Northern Plains Conference. David will begin January 1, 2012 and an installation service is being planned for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **Friends of the Conference offering invitations have gone out:**

A number of Northern Plains folk have received an invitation to share in the End of the Year Friends of the Conference drive. This vital drive is an opportunity to help the Northern Plains Conference meet its financial challenges for the 2011. Any who did not receive the invitation but would like to join in the Friends of the

Conference Offering are invited to contact the Conference Office.

### **A new round of ALWL classes to begin early in 2012:**

Soon in 2012 we will be starting another four class series of ALWL classes. This four class series is the entry point for all who would like to become an Authorized Lay Worship Leader for the Northern Plains Conference (pulpit supply). The classes have generally been held on Saturday on a date that is convenient for the participants. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this vital ministry please call the Conference Office or fill out and send in the Licensed Ministry, Authorized Lay Worship Leader Prospect form which you will find under resources on the Northern Plains Conference Web Site [www.npcucc.org](http://www.npcucc.org).

### **Kate Huey of the National Church will be hosting a special WebEx**

**Stewardship:** gathering on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm (ct). All lay and pastoral leaders that would like to participate are invited to let the Conference Office know so that a link can be sent to the proper computer. Please watch for more information about this interesting opportunity to explore one of the most vital subjects for the modern church with one of the most well versed leaders. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Articles in the long version of the Aware:  
As I Look At It, Voices From The Prairie

by Frank Picard, Congregations Seeking A Pastor, NYE Imagine article from the

Congregational Vitality News, The Conference seeks your help planning for the National Youth Event.

**The NPC Conference Calendar for January**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1/1	-----	Happy New Year	-----
1/5	10:00 am (ct)	Special SDC/NPC Task Force	WebEx
1/8	10:30 am (ct)	CM attends worship	Valley City
1/8	3:00 pm (ct)	Installation Service	Valley City
1/12	-----	MV Cluster	-----
1/15	11:00 am (ct)	CM attends worship and Annual meeting	Carrington
1/16	10:00 am (ct)	NDCC Board	Jamestown
1/17	12:00 Noon (ct)	Annual Meeting Planning	Aberdeen
1/18	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
1/20	-----	Fargo Cluster	-----
1/22	10:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Hillsboro
1/26	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	-----
1/27	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	-----
1/27	-----	Conference Committees	WebEx
1/28	9:00 am (ct)	Conference Council	WebEx
1/29	11:30 am (ct)	CM attends worship	Parshall/Memorial
1/30	4:00 pm (ct)	SDC/NPC conversation	Watertown
1/31	9:00 am (ct)	SDC/NPC Task Force	Watertown