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Costa Rica Youth Retreat hit the beach, see page 1

Will's Travels new on the horizon

Probably, even most likely, people would think traveling to Labrador and Alaska during January reveals rather poor planning on my part. Nevertheless, that's where I've been the last two weeks, and I have survived. On January 15, I went to Labrador and temperatures did dip to -5, but the days were sunny. While in Labrador, the Province elected a new Chair, Sister Joan Andersen of Makkovik congregation, and as Vice-chair, Brother Amos Lyall of Happy Valley congregation. Sister Sabina Hunter was re-affirmed in her role as Provincial administrator. Brother Loren Jendro was in Labrador as well, and continues to provide strong leadership as the BWM's liaison with the province. Prayers for Sister Andersen as she assumes her responsibilities!

January 20 I headed west, accompanied by Sister Sabina Hunter from Labrador and Brother Tyron Litton of the Morongo congregation in California. We went to make a proposal to the Alaska province during their an-

nual Synod to form a new joint mission between Labrador, Morongo, and Alaska which will be titled *Moravian First Nations Outreach*. The focus of the mission will be to join forces together to address their common challenges around teenage suicide, sexual abuse, alcoholism, and drug use. The initial step will be setting a meeting of the Steering Committee this year. Members of the Committee are still to be named at this point, but principally consist of First Nation members from the Yupik, Inuit, and Morongo people. The Alaska Province also appointed Brother Tom Conrad to serve on the BWM as Brother David Nanalook has chosen to step back from that responsibility. Temperatures more than rivaled Labrador, getting down to -30 during a short blizzard. However, I'm now back and trust that I've learned my lesson as my next two trips are to Virgin Islands and Thailand.

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