THE CRIM STORY

An idea was born and a proposal presented to the Northwest Conference Ministerial annual meeting in 1994 by the Rev. Selmer Jacobson. After acceptance by the ministerial group, plans were made for an exploratory meeting that resulted in the formation of CRIM, an organization specifically designed to meet the needs and desires of retired ministers, missionaries and spouses in the NWC.

CRIM activity would center on a retreat at Covenant Pines Bible Camp, which held its first gathering in the fall of 1994. Each year since then Covenant ministers and other resource people have been used as speakers and presenters with topics designed specifically to meet the needs of those who were retired but still active in daily ministry and service.

Between 40 and 60 individuals have enthusiastically gathered each year in the week following Labor Day for inspiration and fellowship. Each retreat has featured someone sharing his or her journey of faith; a good deal of singing; a conference report, usually by the superintendent; a closing communion service; and a wide variety of speakers and topics. Covenant Pines Bible Camp has provided superb food, support and facilities. The environment has always been one of encouragement, understanding, support, and bonding. Newcomers are enthusiastically and warmly welcomed each year. All retired Covenant ministers, missionaries and spouses are encouraged to participate.