

*Our LPD: "By God's grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ."*

Sept 25, 2015

Good Friday morning friends, Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.

### What's God Up To In Our LPD Family?

This Sunday, Grace EFC, our Mandarin church plant in Richmond, that has now expanded to Fort Langley (meeting at Fort Langley EFC), meets for a special congregational meeting. Since this church was birthed, our Lower Pacific District has resourced and encouraged them as a church plant. We have handled the receipting and disbursement of their finances and have employed Pastor Stephen Leung and later Pastor Bruce (Hannah) Li as LPD Church Planting Missionaries.

Sunday, the congregation meets to officially call Pastor Stephen and Pastor Bruce to be their pastors, and effective October 1st, the church, now registered with CRA, will manage and receipt their church finances. We are thankful for this step in the life and ministry of Grace EFC, and even more thankful for the people who have come to Christ through the people of this church and its ministry.



**Last Sunday**, it was a joy to participate in the installation of Henry and Kim Ngugi at New West EFC, alongside Pastor Tim (Emily) Stewart. Pray that the church might seize this opportunity that God has given and, under Christ's Lordship, unite to live and share the good news in the community of New Westminster and south Burnaby. Our LPD is thankful to be a financial sponsor of the church calling Henry and Kim.

**This Sunday**, I look forward to preaching at and meeting with Redeemer's Grace Assembly, a Filipino Church in Surrey that is prayerfully considering joining our district

**Please join us in praying for Hope City Church - our LPD Church of the Week.** Pray for Church Planting Pastor Philip (Grace Yung), and the team as they lead this church in reaching out to central Burnaby and beyond.

#### **Please also pray for:**

- EFCC Leadership Catalyst Dan (June) Nicholson, and the LeadBeyond Team. You will hear more about this initiative in the weeks ahead and on the upcoming Pastor and Staff Cruise.
- Grace EFC, as they meet as a congregation to call LPD Church Planting Missionaries, Stephen Leung and Bruce (Hannah) Li as their pastors.
- Campus Pastor Matt and Val Myers and the people of the Clayton Campus of Langley EFC.
- Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC, as Connie battles cancer.
- ANACEFC (Association of North American Chinese Evangelical Free Churches) annual conference at Vancouver Chinese EFC, September 23-25. Pray for our Chinese churches and leaders.
- For Pastor Nathan (Amber) Kinsey of Quadra Island Bible Church, as he prepares for an upcoming mission to India.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **LPD Pastors and Staff Cruise - Wednesday, October 28.**
- **LPD/EFCC Pastor Orientation, Monday November 2 at the EFCC Office - a requirement for all seeking credentialing with the EFCC.**
- **Holy Sexuality Conference - November 7 at Fort Langley EFC.** Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this timely conference on biblically ministering in our times. **Here is the link to the online brochure:** <http://www.flefc.org/events/holy-sexuality-conference-with-dr-christopher-yuan>

**We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!**

**May God bless and keep you through this weekend!**

In Jesus,

**Rob and Karen**

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**HOPECITY CHURCH**  
LPD Church of the Week

Please pray for:

- Discernment as we search for a pastor of spiritual formation to join our team
- Community and mission as we launch of life groups for the new year
- Finding opportunities to serve our local neighbourhood

We are two weeks into a teaching/life group series on the missional church. We are praying God would continue to shape us as disciple-makers in Greater Vancouver.