

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

October 18, 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?

Last weekend, it was a joy to join with New Westminster EFC, as they celebrated their 75th anniversary. This church, planted by church planting pioneers, is now in the process of revitalization, with a younger pastor (Tim and Emily Stewart) and intern (Henry and Kim Ngugi). Pray for this church, as they seek to reach out to the changing communities of South Burnaby and New West.

It was also a joy to be with Vancouver Chinese EFC, as they celebrated their 40th anniversary. In 1975, this congregation of immigrants from Hong Kong became church planting pioneers in birthing Vancouver Chinese EFC. They purchased a church building from Bethel EFC in Vancouver, a church that had been planted by other pioneers in 1936. Many of these were of Norwegian descent. As this group of pioneers aged and settled in, the church, in turn, declined, and after 39 years, closed.

Pray for Vancouver Chinese EFC, that they will out to another generations and thrive in Christ through their next 40 years.



Finally, it was a joy to join Grace Evangelical Free Church in Richmond, for their thanksgiving lunch and installation of Pastor Stephen and Pastor Bruce and Hannah as their first pastoral team. In January Of 2013, this church had a core of 5 people, including Pastor Stephen Leung. God has blessed, and through the ministry of LPD Church Planting Missionaries, Pastor Stephen, Pastor Bruce, and a wonderful team of volunteers, the church has grown, people have been saved and the church has now organized as a member church of the LPD/EFCC. We are thankful for this step of faith for Grace EFC, and for the fruit of new and growing disciples through this work.

Please join us in praying for Grace Community Church (in Pitt Meadows), our LPD Church of the Week.

Please also pray for:

- Prairie District of the EFCC, who have their annual conference this weekend. Tim and Lynn Seim are retiring as D.S, and Ron and Cherise Cave will be installed.
- Praise God that Grace EFC Congregation unanimously called LPD Church Planting Missionaries, Stephen Leung and Bruce (Hannah) Li as their pastors, and that the church began functioning as an autonomous and inter-dependent church on October 1st.
- Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC, as she battles cancer.
- For Pastor Nathan (Amber) Kinsey of Quadra Island Bible Church, as he prepares for an upcoming mission to India - October 22 - November 9. *(Please see the email to which this is attached for details.)*

Grace Community Church

LPD Church of the Week



Please join in a prayer of thankfulness for Grace Community Church in Pitt Meadows, and Pastor Colin and Beth Peters, and in particular for:

- The continued work of God in His people's hearts
- The spiritual growth of young couples
- The spiritually active and Godly older people
- The 50 kids who attend Sunday School
- The diversity of the church in age/country of origin
- Fellowship lunch held twice a month
- Church camp and the 6 who were baptised
- Upcoming 20 year celebration/thanksgiving dinner in November
- Discernment as they face the issue of space
- The welcoming and active church family who share in church ministry



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. (see attachment with info)**
- **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>
Please note that the early registration deadline is Sunday, October 11, and register early at \$25.00.

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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