

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

May 20, 2016

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 Friday through Monday, I joined about 30 others at the EFCC E4H Church Planting Training at ACTS. This eclectic mix of church planters and candidates for church planting was composed of those of our EFCC Association of churches, Baptists and the Evangelical Anglican Church In America, and ranged from Northern Alberta to Oregon and Alaska. We learned, shared and prayed together, and participants left with a clearer sense of God's call on their lives and as better equipped for church planting.

There are many myths about church planting, and the principles of church planting are relevant to all churches of all sizes and ages.

We were pleased to have **Nori and Shelly Anderson** stay with us as they attended E4H. Steve Sharpe and our assessment team conducted a church planter assessment on them on Friday evening, and our LPD Board approved them as LPD Church Planting Missionaries at our meeting on May 18. Please pray for them, as they look to the Lord to plant a church in Port Alberni in the months ahead.

We welcome Nori and Shelly back aboard to the LPD. They served as pastor at Christ Community Church in Ucluelet in the early 2000's and as God has shaped them and ministered in and through them, they are now called to church planting among us in the LPD. As they headed to the Island, they were delayed due to a ferry "mechanical problem." Welcome back to B.C and the LPD, Nori and Shelly!



This Sunday, I will travel to Medicine Hat Alberta, participate in the "Celebration of Life" for Hunter Hudson, my nephew's son. It would have been Hunter's first birthday. Please pray for Nathan, Laura and family.

Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant two more churches this year. Please see our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be made via PayPal to various projects above. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.

Please pray for: Hope City Church in Burnaby, our LPD Church of the Week

- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Port Alberni, as we explore God's leading for a church plant as well.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), on their short-term mission to Kenya.
- Alberta churches ministering to those displaced by the Fort McMurray fire. (see email for how you can help!)

Hope City Church

LPD Church of the Week

- This Easter our congregation held a special outdoor service as two of our young people made a public confession of faith through baptism.
- Crystal Dumalagan will be joining YWAM's World Explorer Discipleship Training School in Newcastle, Australia starting and then continuing with Hope for the Nations in the Philippines. Please join us as we pray for Crystal and those she will minister to.
- A new elders team has been formed to guide our plant into becoming church affiliated with the LPD & EFCC. Please pray that our team would have wisdom and discernment as we continue to bring the hope of Jesus to Greater Vancouver and beyond.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT** - The Act comes into force on November 28, 2016. Societies (that includes churches) cannot transition before this date, and afterwards, there is a two year (November 28, 2016 - November 26, 2018) period for existing societies to come into compliance with the new Act. We will be providing resources along the way! Please check our LPD website, where we will be posting resources under the "Administration Resources" tab. Watch for a workshop in September!
- **June 1 - LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise! Please register at:** <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>
- **Camp Evergreen, August 1-6, 2016 at Camp Charis.** This is the "official" camp for the Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. Camp Evergreen is also a member of the BC Camping Association. The beauty of this excellent camp is that it can be an extension of the ministry of your local church, and follow up of campers can also be done through your local church. <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>
- **EFCC National Conference, August 4-6, 2016, at Fort Langley EFC.**

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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