

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

May 6, 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?

Through your partnership in ministry with our district, we are able to assist in the birth of new churches and the revitalization of some that have "grown old."

- Our LPD is financially assisting in the financial support church planters and at both Hope City Church and the Clayton Campus of Langley EFC.
- Our LPD is financially assisting pastoral staff for ministry expansion at both Abbotsford and New Westminster EFCs.
- Our district oversees, administers payroll and funds, and provides tax receipts for four LPD Church Planting Missionaries. These are Phil and Grace Yung and Weston and Rebecca Lundgren (Hope City), Noel and Lynda Macasaet (New Living Assembly) and Jon and Harmony Ng (Servants Canada).
- Our district receives and administers funds and receipts for New Living Assembly, Hope City Church Plant, New Life International Fellowship.
- We are trusting God to add two more church plants and to call more church planting missionaries in the months ahead. Please pray for us in this!
- In all of the above, I am thankful for volunteers who serve faithfully on Advisory Committees, as LPD Board members, and especially to Steve Sharpe, our LPD Director of Church Planting and Development. I am also so thankful for the ministry of Deb Walton, our LPD Office Administrator or who faithfully does the accounting and receipting for all of the above!

Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with these churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant 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.

This Sunday, I look forward to joining Karen at North Delta EFC, our home church, for Mother's Day. We will witness the dedication of two of our granddaughters, Amy and Carrie Stewart. What a blessing!

Please pray for: Christ Community Church in Ucluelet, our LPD Church of the Week

- E4H Church Planting Training at ACTS on May 13-16. This is open to all, and is foundational to all who seek to serve in church planting in any capacity. Some of these, we trust will be planting churches in our area. All are welcome to join us for all or part of this. (see details below).
- 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.

Christ Community Church

LPD Church of the Week



Please pray for:

- The outreach to the community of Ucluelet and to the many visitors to the West Coast.
- Summer ministry programs and opportunities.
- Church Chair Chris (Maggie) Bird and the Elders as they provide leadership.
- For Pastor Miles and Lorie White, who are on temporary leave.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- E4H - Discipleship through Church Planting - Next week - May 13-16 - Here is the link: <http://efccm.ca/pdfs/2016E4Hbrochure.pdf>
- **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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