

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

August 12, 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 Sunday, it was a joy to join with Burnaby Chinese EFC as they celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Many have come to Christ through the years at this church, and we pray that its ministry will continue to be effective in the years to come.

Please pray for this church as it also transitions. Pastor Josh and Clara Lok concluded their ministry in the English Ministries at the end of June and an interim English Ministry pastor is being appointed. Interim Senior Pastor, Sam Chan is retiring from his ministry and Pastor Sam and Amelia Lam were installed at our service on Sunday and will give leadership as senior pastor in the days ahead.



We invite you to please pray and partner with Nori and Shelly Anderson, LPD Church Planting missionaries are saving to move from Edmonton Alberta to Port Alberni, with the hopes of laying the foundation for "Port Alberni Impact" in August. They are in need of \$4000.00 for moving expenses and are trusting God for 50 people to partner with them for the amount of \$50.00 per month for the next year or two. Please consider assisting them in this urgent need! You can donate through our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> Please see their newsletter attached to today's email.

Your partnership in prayer and finances does enable us to partner with churches and these 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 LPD Church Planting Missionaries through our LPD Website. Please check under the "Designated Gifts" tab.

Please pray for: Fort Langley EFC, our LPD Church of the Week. Please pray for Pastor Lorin and Jeanette Bergen and team, and for the witness of this church family to Fort Langley and the surrounding region. Thanks FLEFC, for being marvelous hosts to our EFCC Conference last weekend.



Pray also for:

• Fellow LPD Churches, as they conduct VBS, Summer Missions and Camps.

• Churches and pastors in Transition - please pray!:

- Nathan and Amber Kinsey conclude their ministry at Quadra Island Bible Church at the end of August. Please pray for them in their transition and for the church as they seek a transitional pastor.
- Miles and Lorie White have resigned as pastor of Christ Community Church in Ucluelet. Please pray for them in their future and for the church as they seek an interim pastor.
- Steve and Kyla Masoud concluded their ministry as Youth Pastor at Johnston Heights in June.
- Tim and Emily Stewart conclude their ministry at New West EFC at the end of August.
- Tim and Emily Stewart begin ministry as pastor of Parkdale EFC in Victoria on September 1st.
- Daniel and Joyce Wong concluded their ministry at Richmond Chinese EFC at the end of June and Allen and Hannah Chang will conclude their ministry there at the end of August. Pray for these couples as they transition to church planting. Richard and Pam Franklin have been appointed as transitional pastor in the English Ministries of RCEFC.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, began as LPD Church Planting Missionaries on August 1st, and are now in Port Alberni. Please pray for them as they begin laying the foundation for this church plant.
- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant. Pray for the upcoming team of Steve and Gillian Sharpe, Allen and Hannah Chang, and Daniel and Joyce Wong, as they prayerfully prepare for this in the months ahead.
- **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!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

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