

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

September 2, 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?

**Family** - It was a joy to join in the farewell service for Tim and Emily Stewart and family, as they concluded their ministry at **New Westminster EFC** on Sunday.

It was a "bittersweet" day. There is deep love, affection and respect for one another, and Tim and Emily are sad to leave. The church family is also sad to see them go.

On the other hand, there is a confidence that God has led **Tim and Emily to Parkdale EFC**, and there is peace in knowing that God will take care of everyone and both New Westminster EFC and Parkdale EFC.

This Sunday, I look forward to donning my "D.S. hat," and preaching at New West as they as God's family seek the Lord for the next steps in their new chapter.

*Please pray for our district churches - and pastors -undergoing transition at this time.*



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: The Church of the Sent for Life Proclamation, our LPD Church of the Week. Please pray for Pastor Namgyu and Heejoung Lee, and for the church family, as they celebrate the 16th anniversary of their church on September 18. Pray for the continued witness of this church family to Korean immigrants and others in Langley and beyond.*

Pray for the Friend Day on September 18, the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church, which is an outreach activity, and for the church team and house group leaders who will start their ministry again beginning next week.

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Pray for the purchase of the church building. Praise God for summer short mission in the reservation of Lululeit First Nation, sharing the Gospel through cleaning the village, free music lesson, and concert with Korean dinner.

### Pray also for:

- Fellow LPD Churches, as they gear up for fall ministries.
- Churches and pastors in Transition - please pray!
  - Danny and Erico Wu began ministry as Interim Pastor of English Ministries at Burnaby Chinese EFC on September 1st.
  - Nathan and Amber Kinsey concluded 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.
  - Christ Community Church, as they seek an interim pastor.
  - Tim and Emily Stewart concluded 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** conclude their ministry with a farewell service and fellowship lunch on September 11. 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**. Pray for the leadership 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. Please check the link to the government website on our district website. There is a "transition package" available as of August 29. Purchasing this will have the government staff send you your currently registered constitution and bylaws - just in case you can't find these :). Watch for a template to be provided by our district as we prepare for the change as well.

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

In Jesus,

**Rob and Karen**

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