

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

September 9, 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?

Thirty three years ago, some dear brothers and sisters left the ministry, familiarity and stability of Vancouver Chinese EFC to become founding members of a church plant. This church came to be known as Richmond Chinese EFC.

It was a bold move, but people believed that God was calling and they trusted Him to provide. Thank God they did!

This Sunday, Richmond Chinese is celebrating its 33rd anniversary, and on this day, they will also pray for God's blessings upon Allen and Hannah Chang, as they conclude their ministry at RCEFC, and step forward to become church planters. Allen and Hannah have been affirmed in their calling through the assessment process of our LPD Church Planting Assessment Team, they have attended E4H (the EFCC Church Planter training) and they are receiving coaching from our district player-coach, Steve Sharpe.

RICHMOND CHINESE EFC
LPD CHURCH OF THE WEEK

1. RCEFC celebrates our 33rd anniversary on Sept 11. Praise God for His provision and guidance throughout this time.
2. Pray for the search for a Pastor of English Ministries.
3. Pray for the current pastors - Pastor Anthony Yeung (Lead Pastor), Pastor Kwok Yin Ho (Pastor of Chinese Ministries), Pastor Richard Franklin (Interim Pastor of English Ministries), asking God to grant them wisdom and strength for ministry at the church.
4. Pray for Church-wide Annual Missions Conference - October 23 with the theme "Opportunity on your doorstep" - speakers : Rev. Keith Lee, Peter Trinh.
5. Pray for God's guidance in deacons election at end of October.
6. Pray for various fellowships and AWANA, resuming in September after summer break.

Please pray for RCEFC, our LPD Church of the Week, as they celebrate 33 years of ministry and move forward into their next chapter of service. Pray also for Allen and Hannah Chang, as they step out in faith to become church planters in Steveston, along with Daniel and Joyce Wong and Steve and Gillian Sharpe.

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.

Pray also for:

- Fellow LPD Churches, as they gear up for fall ministries. From barbeques to Alpha, churches are seeking to reach out to and serve the people of our communities in the Name of Christ.
 - Quadra Island Bible Church, as they seek a transitional pastor.
 - Christ Community Church, as they seek an interim pastor.
 - 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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