

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

September 30, 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?



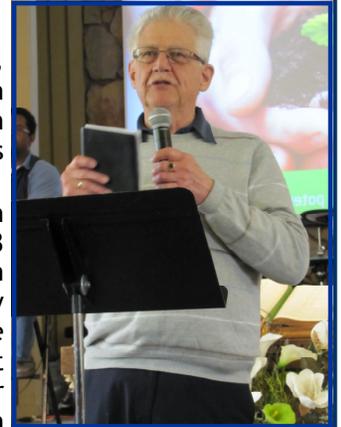
This weekend, Karen and I look forward to travelling to Victoria, to have time with Tim, Emily, and our grandchildren, Miriam Malcolm, and Wesley. I will also be preaching at Parkdale EFC on Sunday morning and leading in the installation of Tim and Emily as pastor of Parkdale.

In 1980, Karen and I moved to Victoria, as I began ministry with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. We had been married only 13 months, and began attending Parkdale EFC. Ken and Nova Strom were pastoring, and they and their four daughters were greatly loved and appreciated by the church family. Soon, Ken invited me to serve as an elder. We so much appreciated our five years at

Parkdale, before moving to the mainland to pastor at North Delta EFC. While at Parkdale, our first two children, Jon and Tim were born, and both were dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Ken Strom.

Over the years, Ken and Nova have always taken a keen interest in our family, have prayed for and have encouraged us. Ken has served on our LPD Board, and since his sudden passing on Sunday, September 25, I have heard from pastors who were interned and mentored by Ken and from a pastor who says that he is in the EFCC today because of Ken's encouragement. Ken and Nova have most recently served as Assistant Pastor of White Rock Community Church.

The legacy of Ken and Nova continues throughout our district and beyond, and we thank God for them!



Other LPD News:

Last week, our district board was pleased to give approval to the proposal for the Steveston Church Planting Project, and also for a draft working budget. **Gifts can now be given to this project through our LPD Office by mail, or through our LPD website.** Please pray for Allen and Hannah Chang, Daniel and Joyce Wong, Steve and Gillian Sharpe and team as they venture forward by faith in what we are convinced that God has called them to. Pray for them and for Steveston!

Your partnership with us in church planting through prayer and finances enables us to partner with churches and these church planters stepping forward in faith. Thank you! 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 Projects through our LPD Website.** Please check under the "Designated Gifts" tab. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Last Sunday, it was a joy to minister at Vancouver Chinese EFC, where I spoke in the English Service.

Pray also for:

- Langley EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.
 - Nova Strom and family, as they grieve the passing of Ken. Also remember the White Rock Community Church family.
 - Brian and Mary Crumback, parents of Ben (Anna) Crumback of Sointula Community Church. Brian is recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.
 - Quadra Island Bible Church, as they confirm a transitional pastor.
 - Christ Community Church, as they seek an interim pastor.
 - New Westminster EFC, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
 - Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in Port Alberni.
 - 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. Please check our LPD website, where **we posted new resources this week - a FAQ from the Law for Non Profits** - under the "Administration Resources" tab. **Please check the link to the government website on our district website. 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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