# **Our History**

The **Lower Pacific District** was founded in 1983. At present we consist of 27 churches and number of church plants located in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and the islands off its eastern shore.

Though our District is compact geographically, we are diverse in ethnicity and size. Our churches range in size from less than 50 to more than 600 in attendance on a given Sunday morning in rural, suburban and urban settings. Our churches also reflect the multicultural diversity of our region, with nine different languages being spoken on Sundays.

#### The churches of our LPD family

Abbotsford EFC Abbotsford Vision Burnaby Chinese EFC Christ Community Church Church of the Sent for Life Coguitlam Chinese EFC Fort Langley EFC Grace Community Church Immanuel Korean Jesus Grace International C Jesus is Our Salvation Church Johnston Heights EFC Jubilee Chapel Langley EFC Mission EFC Mountain View EFC Nanoose Bay EFC

New Life Int'I Fellowship New Westminster EFC North Delta EFC Parkdale EFC Quadra Island Bible Church Richmond Chinese EFC Sointula Community Church Vancouver Chinese EFC White Rock Community Church Wildwood Community Church

#### The Church Plants

Grace EFC The Rock Christian Fellowship Multi-Ethnic Church Plant Langley EFC, Clayton Campus



The Pastors of the LPD on a Pastor's Cruise

## Join in the ministry!

- Through prayer: Pray for our churches, pastors, board members, and church planters. Please see our website or Facebook page.
- Through volunteering: Join our District board team or volunteer. Contact our office for information on opportunities.
- Through giving: Our District is funded by the gifts of churches and individuals. You can partner with us in giving to the following areas:
  - ➡ To Support our District budget. This supports our District Superintendent, Secretary and District ministries.
  - ➡ To our William Johnson Church Ministries Endowment Fund. Today, we have committed \$40,000.00 annually to support church plants and church ministry expansion. We hope to grow this amount!
- Through becoming a Friend of the LPD: receive weekly updates with prayer, praise, and news by email or Facebook. Please contact our office to become a "friend."

#### LOWER PACIFIC DISTRICT

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# LOWER PACIFIC DISTRICT

#### OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CANADA

Unity, Charity, Jesus Christ

Serving Evangelical Free Churches in Southwestern British Columbia



# **Our Purpose**

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

- We recognize that it is by God's grace alone that He has called us into His family and by which He will work, both in and through us.
- We are part of our larger family, the Evangelical Free Church of Canada, and are one of five districts across Canada. Each has it's own region and flavour, but is joined together by a common mission, vision, ethos, and bond in Christ throughout the EFCC family.
- The operational words for our District are to encourage and resource. Our ministry is not to be "over" the local church but to be alongside in service.



Church Planting Boot Camp at TWU/ACTS Seminary



Worship at Richmond Chinese EFC

## We encourage by:

- Providing a "pastor to pastors".
- Organizing opportunities for pastoral and church fellowship and learning.
- Coming alongside your church in times of celebration, transition, and need.

#### We resource churches by:

- Counsel and consultation.
- Resources for revisioning, assessment and renewal.
- Referrals to outsources of help in the wider church community.
- Conflict resolution.
- Teamwork and synergy with EFCC National Ministries and local churches.
- Ministerial fellowship and training.
- Assistance in pastoral searches, placements and transitional ministries.
- Ministerial Credentialing.
- Networking and fellowship with our family of churches.

## We resource church planting by:

- Assessment, Boot camp and Coaching for church planters and church plants.
- Providing LPD Church Planting Missionary status for pioneer planters.
- Financial grants and resources for church planting and ministry expansion.
- Assistance in receipting and organizing.

# **Our Vision**

# That our family of churches will continue to grow!

Our objective is to be used of God to encourage and resource our local churches and their leaders towards health, church planting, cross-cultural, and multi-cultural ministry. The gospel is good news in every language!

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

Our prayer is that the Lord's glory will be reflected among us as His people and from us to the people of our region!



Multi-Ethnic Church Planters Philip and Grace Yung