

Highlights for Prayer and Praise in the LPD:



Several LPD pastors and leaders were among the more than 40 who attended the recent **EFCC Church Planting Boot Camp** at ACTS Seminaries. While some of these will apply what they have learned to their current ministry settings, others are actively seeking the Lord regarding his leading for the future. The Boot Camp is part of the “ABC’s” for church planters – Assessment – Boot Camp – Coaching.

New Westminster EFC has called **Tim (Emily) Stewart** to serve as their lead pastor, beginning on May 1st. Tim and Emily are the son and daughter-in-law of LPD D.S. Rob (Karen) Stewart, and will be officially installed as pastor in August, after their return from leading an EFCCM summer mission team to St. Petersburg, Russia in July.



Fort Langley EFC installed **Lorin (Jeanette) Bergen** as Lead Pastor on June 3. The Bergens come to us from North Surrey, where they had church planted and served for 18 years. We are thankful for how God has led, and we look forward to God’s continued fresh work in the days ahead. Welcome Lorin, Jeanette, and daughters Emily and Tasha!



Philip and Grace Yung have resigned from their ministry at **Vancouver Chinese EFC**, believing that God is calling them to church planting. They have been invited to both train for and be a part of an **International Church Plant** in our region, a joint venture of the LPD, ANACEFC, the EFCC and Ambassador Church (an EFCA Church in Brea California, where Philip and Grace will train in a residency program). Please pray for us, as we step forward in faith together, and pray that God will be preparing hearts.



Stephen Leung has just been accepted as a LPD Church Planting Missionary, as he lays the foundation for a **Mandarin Church Plant** in our region. This is a joint venture and partnership of our district and ANACEFC. There are more than 400,000 Chinese-Canadians in Greater Vancouver, and more than 120,000 of these speak Mandarin. Please pray for Stephen and team, as they seek to reach our Mandarin neighbours through “Grace EFC.”



Abbotsford EFC celebrated their 50th Anniversary on the weekend of May 18-20. Guests included former pastors Dean (Bettyann) Johnson and Tim (Lynn) Seim, and many who had been impacted by the church over the years. Please pray for **Pastor Randy (Allana) Lemke** and the leadership team, as they look to the Lord for the years ahead.

Langley EFC is launching a second ministry campus, beginning September 2nd. This will be known as the “**Clayton Campus**,” while the existing LEFC location is now known as the “**City Park Campus**.” For the Clayton Campus, LEFC has called Tim West to serve as Community Life Pastor. Welcome Tim and Jodi, and children Kaden, Colbie and Kinley! Please pray for LEFC, as they take this step of faith, and watch their website for news of prayer walks and preparations for this outreach.



Miles and Lorie White serve as pastor of **Christ Community Church**. We are thankful for the way the Lord is leading, and we are thankful for the ministry of Miles, Lorie and family, and for Christ Community Church. Miles began his full-time ministry on September 1st.



Lower S'Pacifcics

News from your Lower Pacific District Family

June 2012

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



We are sending this edition of the Lower S'Pacifcics to you on June 20, the first day of summer. It is sunny today, *but what ever happened to spring?*

Summer comes with the anticipation of different things. We hope for some vacation - and also hope for some good weather!

We may also hope to connect with family at weddings or other special events, or to connect with the EFCC Family at our **National Conference** on July 27-29. You also might be looking forward to a week at our district **Camp Evergreen** (for children aged 6-13 and LTD Program for youth ages 14-17) on **August 6-12** (see: <http://efccassoc.blogspot.ca/> for details), or to a mission trip to a sister district church, to Mexico or even to Russia.

Summer also brings a time of many ministry opportunities! Many district churches will be hosting **Vacation Bible School** programs and other ministries. Here are a few. **Langley EFC** will be offering "**Afternoons in the Park**," a program of crafts, games and sports for children and also friendship to parents. **Quadra Island Bible Church** will be partnering with **Central EFC** in their VBS ministries, **Sointula Community Church** will be hosting a VBS Team from Camp Homewood (using donated VBS materials from **Johnston Heights Church**), and **Christ Community Church** in Ucluelet will be hosting a summer mission team from **Trinity Evangelical Free Church** in Redlands, California.

Please pray for one another, and these summer outreaches! Also, as you have opportunity to travel about our region over the summer, please visit churches on the Islands, should you be out that way, or even drive by district churches and stop to pray for them as you have opportunity. For a list and map of churches, please see our district website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

May God bless you over the summer months, and may September bring reports of both a fruitful and restorative summer for you and your church. We are thankful for you, and for the partnership in the ministry that we share in our Lower Pacific District, as a part of the EFCC.

Yours and Christ's servants,

Rob and Karen Stewart,
LPD Superintendent



Ben and Anna Crumback continue to minister to the people of Malcolm Island through **Sointula Community Church**. Their ministry is a rather unique one, as Ben and Anna creatively build relationships and reach out to their community. We are thankful for God's good work, and for weekly reports of lives being touched through the ministry of the church. Please pray for Sointula Community Church - our furthest district "outpost."

Please pray for potential church plants and churches considering joining our LPD. As you can see, there are several on the go!

Want to know more?

Please call or email us at our office to be added to the "Friends of the LPD" email newsletter list. It will keep you up-to-date on all the news and prayer requests in our district.

Please remember our District's need in your church budgets and personal giving. It is our desire to invest **Endowment Funds** to support your local churches in church planting and ministry expansion and not to fund District operational expenses. With the many church plants underway, our resources are being stretched! **Please check our website for info on how you can partner in ministry through giving. Thank you!**

- Please pray for our **LPD Board** as we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ.

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