

Good Friday morning friends,

Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on news and items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.

This was the week of the annual EFCC Church Planting Boot Camp at ACTS. Fifteen registered for this, and we are trusting that God will be both raising up church planters and better equipping church leaders for God's work. LPD Director of Church Planting and Development, and church planter at the Rock Christian Fellowship, Steve Sharpe has been staying with us this week, as he has been a presenter at the Boot Camp. Pray for Steve and Gillian, as they serve in the growth and development of the Rock, and encourage and coach other church planters.

Last Sunday, I was glad to join Pastor Namgyu (Heejoung) Lee and the people of The Church of the Sent For Life Proclamation for their two morning worship services in Langley. I am thankful for the fresh work God has been doing in this church that ministers to Korean-Canadians in our region. Please pray for Pastor Namgyu, as he revises his dissertation for his PhD in New Testament Studies, and trusts God to both continue pastoring and also to be a blessing to the wider Kingdom through training Korean-Canadian pastors and leaders for the future. I was taken at the theme of The Church of the Sent for Life Proclamation for this year— "One Word; One heart; One mind and One fruit." This is an appropriate theme for all our district churches, and so much in keeping with the *Character and Calling of the EFCC*. I attach a copy of our EFCC Character and Calling for your reference.



Next week, several of us will be heading to the EFCC Theological Summit at Okotoks EFC. The theme is "Men and Women in Ministry," and I pray for a very healthy and Spirit-directed dialogue on this topic, one that has potential to be divisive among evangelical Christians. May we meet, dialogue and move forward together in the spirit of our EFCC Character and Calling. I look forward to our time together and to moving forward together as the in the movement of God we call the EFCC.

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God sightings and prayer:

- * Please pray for EFCC Theological Summit, this week at Okotoks EFC. EFCC Pastors and leaders will be gathering for this time of biblical discussion and dialogue. This year's theme is, "Men and Women in Ministry."
- * Thank you again for your assistance to Andrew Mutuma of Jesus Grace International Church in bringing his family to Canada from Kenya. They have received assistance from a number of people and churches, for which we are thankful.
- * Please pray for the Elders at Johnston Heights Church, as they seek the Lord in their lead pastor search process.
- * Please pray for Ranjith (Priyantha) Perera, and the ministry of New Life International Fellowship (Sri Lankan). We had a positive annual meeting last week, and are thankful for the outreach to our Sri Lankan neighbours.
- * Please pray for Senior Pastor searches at Vancouver Chinese EFC and Burnaby Chinese EFC.

Please remember:

⇒ Tuesday, May 28. LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise. Please set this day aside for a day with your colleagues and friends in the Lower Pacific District from both the Mainland and the Islands. Please see the attached info!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

Have you checked out the **LPD on Facebook**? We invite you to become a friend. Just click on the icon, and watch for updates!



Here are a few summer mission opportunities for coming alongside a sister church in our district.



- **Raise the roof at Sointula Community Church** (Malcolm Island). The church would welcome a team to come and install a new roof on their church—supply and install would be even better. Their resources of both people and money are limited.
- **Camp Evergreen, August 5-10** -this camp is affiliated with our **Lower Pacific District**, provides a quality Christian camp experience for children and leadership training for youth. Follow-up of campers through your local church is natural! For more info, please visit the website at: <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>



- **International Churches in our LPD.** On Sundays, there eight or more languages spoken in our LPD Churches. Please visit our website for info on churches and consider visiting a Chinese-speaking, Korean -speaking or even a Swahili-speaking church one Sunday. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Jesus Grace International Church →

← Grace EFC at Richmond Public Market



- Is your church doing DVBS this summer? Why not also take it on the road. Several youth groups have taken DVBS programs to Island Churches, or have worked in partnership with other churches.

Please contact our office for more info on these opportunities: