

*Dear friends,*

It's time for our LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise on Wednesday, June 3rd!

Once again, I invite you to invest a day with your colleagues and brothers and sisters in ministry. Just as believers do not flourish apart from fellowship with others in church, so pastors and church leaders will not flourish apart from fellowship with other pastors and leaders.



**“OUR CRUISE SHIP – THE COASTAL  
INSPIRATION”**

As many of you have experienced, the cruise provides for a day together for LPD pastors, ministry staff and colleagues in the EFCC. It is a day out of the office, a day for investing in developing deeper relationships among co-workers in ministry - relationships that will sustain us in the days ahead. *You need this, and your colleagues need you!*

*Here's the plan:*

On Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, I am trusting that Island pastors and staff can meet at Duke Point (Nanaimo) and travel together on the 10:15 AM ferry to Tsawwassen. At Tsawwassen, mainland pastors and staff will join us for the 12:45 PM return trip to Duke Point (Nanaimo). This will give both island and lower mainland pastors and staff more than two hours together individually, as well as a valuable couple of hours as a whole group. Mainlanders will then return to Tsawwassen on the 3:15 PM sailing.

The major goal of the day is our fellowship, prayer and encouragement together. We can all get bogged down in the “demands” of ministry, but on this cruise, we look forward to focusing on the theme of **“LeadBeyond - a shared initiative of you, our district and the EFCC.”** Many of you have recently participated in a survey on leadership development needs, both now and the future, and I am pleased that **EFCC Leadership Catalyst, Dan Nicholson** can be with us to share findings with us, answer questions and engage our input and participation in this initiative.

*(Please see over for travel and booking info.)*

## Travel Info:

Lower mainland pastors, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 27, to Rob Stewart or Debra at the LPD office (604-582-1925), and Island pastors, please RSVP to Ben Crumback by phone or email by the same date. ***Islanders***, *please plan to arrive at the Duke Point terminal by 9:45 AM, to catch the 10:15 AM ferry.* ***Mainlanders***, *please plan to meet at the Tsawwassen Terminal by 12:15 PM! We will gather at the foot passenger entrance.* ***Fares*** are approximately \$17.05 per person each way (includes Nanaimo Port Fee). Mainlanders, we have booked a group fare of \$14.45 per person (includes Nanaimo Port Fee) each way. Please have ***exact fare*** ready for Debra. (Islanders, we can book a group fare for you as well - if we have 16 passengers signed up one week in advance).

For those who are in multi-staff churches, please pass this note on to other staff members, just in case they were missed. It would be good to see all church staff, children's, worship, youth, associate, and senior pastors together. Also, some of you have asked about inviting your spouse along. They are welcome to attend as well. We are all in the same boat!

*Thanks for your help in this. May God use this Cruise in a special way. Please give me a call if you need more info or if I can be of assistance.*

In Christ's family,

Rob

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds .Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24,25).*