

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

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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? When we say that the mission of our Lower Pacific District is to, "By God's grace, to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ," this reflects much more than the efforts of a district superintendent or our office administrator. We are blessed to have a team of people on our district board who are committed to this same end.

From our District Chair, Ron Unruh (Christine); Director of Property and Finance, Bill Steller (Colleen); Director of Church Planting Steve Sharpe (Gillian); Island Liaison, Ben Crumback (Gillian); Chinese Church Liaison, Josh Lok (Clara), Young Pastor Link, Tim Stewart (Emily) or Vice Chair, Charles Labun (Caroline), all are committed to this mission, and each one contributes to this end.

Recently, we have created a new portfolio on our LPD Board. This is Church Chair Liaison. I am really excited about this role. Just as part of my role is to be a "pastor to pastor," so this role will be to come alongside church chairs as a resource, as a sounding board and consultant and as an encouragement.

I am thankful that God has provided a gifted and experienced person to serve in this ministry, in our LPD Board Vice-Chair, **Charles Labun (Caroline)**. Charles brings experience serving on several boards, as former Board Chair of Johnston Heights Church, as an executive in a pharmaceutical company and as a certified life coach. He is also Program Leader-Chronic Self- Disease Management Workshop at the University of Victoria. We will be introducing him and this ministry to your church at our upcoming district conference.



Fort Langley EFC
LPD Church of the Week



Praise points:

The Christopher Yuan conference on Holy Sexuality was a success and gave many an opportunity to dialogue on this important issue. Many LPD and EFCC churches were able to participate through live streaming. The technology for our video streaming in our second venue is working more consistently, relieving much stress!

Prayer requests:

Discernment as we decide as a church how to best respond to the Syrian Refugee crisis.
Provision of individuals with a heart for worship who can get involved with our worship teams.
God's guidance as we vision together ways to see unbelievers come to faith in Christ.

Upcoming/Recent Past events:

Annual General Meeting in February
Refugee Information Night in January

Please join us in praying for Fort Langley EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.

Please also pray for:

- Give thanks that **Pastor Peter (Woongshik) Han** has been accepted in to chaplaincy in the Canadian Forces. Please pray for his as he awaits placement and also for our own **Padre Lt(N) Shiya Janzen (Marshall)** who is currently completing her chaplaincy training in the Navy.
- **Burnaby Chinese EFC**, as they candidate **Pastor Sam Lam (Amelia)** for their **Chinese Ministry Pastor position**.
- **Pastor Edward Lee (Ruby)**, of **Vancouver Chinese EFC**, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery on December 21. Praise the Lord that he was able to return to church on January 10.
- **Pastor James and Gloria Koo**, as Gloria's cancer has returned. Pastor Koo will be visiting Korea next week, in search of medical counsel and assistance. Pray for them as they serve the Lord and trust Him for their future.
- Pray for upcoming ministries in this new season and new year in LPD and other churches. May the truly Good News be shared in both word and deed through our churches and people.
- **Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC**, as her chemotherapy has ended and they trust the Lord in her battle with cancer. Give thanks for a very special and joyous gathering of the family over Christmas.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **LPD Annual Conference** - March 4,5, 2016 on the theme, "Stepping Up Our Walk" at **White Rock Community Church**. **Please check out the attachment!**

We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,
Rob and Karen

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