

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

August 26, 2016

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?

**Transitions...** Transitions are a part of life - in family; in work; in church. Moses was succeeded by Joshua and the people entered the Promised Land. Paul was succeeded by Apollos, and the church at Corinth grew. Paul planted. Apollos watered. Transitions are never easy - nor should they be. Transition involves both change and relationships. Some transitions are more difficult than others, however.

When a pastor and family transition from a church, it is different than most other vocations. Often a worker will leave one job and take another, all the while staying in the same community and even church. For a pastor and family, a change of the place of "work" or service will usually mean also a change in community and church. This is hard.

Please pray for our pastors and families in transition. This Sunday, Karen and I will attend **New Westminster EFC**, from which **Tim and Emily** are transitioning. As Tim and Emily have sought the Lord, both about completing God's assignment at New West and seeking his leading for the future, God has made the way clear before them. They begin at **Parkdale EFC** on September 1st. As God has led them, I am confident that God will also lead, both at **Parkdale** and also at **New West**. He will provide vision and also leadership towards his promises and plans for each church.



Your partnership in prayer and finances does enable us to partner with churches and these church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant **two more churches this year**. Please see our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. **Gifts can now be made via PayPal to LPD Church Planting Missionaries through our LPD Website.** Please check under the "Designated Gifts" tab.

**Please pray for: North Delta Evangelical Free Church, our LPD Church of the Week. Please pray for Pastor Mark and Tami Johnson, who have just returned from sabbatical and for Youth Pastor Stewart Warnock. Pray for the continued witness of this church family to the people of North Delta and West Surrey.**

### Pray also for:

- Fellow LPD Churches, as they gear up for fall ministries.
- **Churches and pastors in Transition - please pray!:**
  - Nathan and Amber Kinsey conclude their ministry at **Quadra Island Bible Church** at the end of August, and there will be an appreciation celebration this Sunday. Please pray for them in their transition and for the church as they seek a transitional pastor.
  - Christ Community Church, as they seek an interim pastor.
  - Tim and Emily Stewart conclude their ministry at **New West EFC** this Sunday with a farewell after the morning service.
  - Tim and Emily Stewart begin ministry as pastor of **Parkdale EFC** in Victoria on September 1st.
  - Daniel and Joyce Wong concluded their ministry at **Richmond Chinese EFC** at the end of June and **Allen and Hannah Chang** will conclude their ministry there at the end of August. Pray for these couples as they transition to church planting. **Richard and Pam Franklin** have been appointed as transitional pastor in the English Ministries of RCEFC.
  - Nori and Shelly Anderson, began as LPD Church Planting Missionaries on August 1st, and are now in **Port Alberni**. Please pray for them as they begin laying the foundation for this church plant.
  - **Steveston/South Richmond**, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant. Pray for the upcoming team of **Steve and Gillian Sharpe, Allen and Hannah Chang, and Daniel and Joyce Wong**, as they prayerfully prepare for this in the months ahead.
- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT** - The Act comes into force on November 28, 2016. Societies (that includes churches) cannot transition before this date, and afterwards, there is a two year (November 28, 2016 - November 26, 2018) period for existing societies to come into compliance with the new Act. **We will be providing resources along the way! Please check our LPD website, where we will be posting resources under the "Administration Resources" tab. Watch for a workshop in September!**



**May God bless and keep you through this weekend!**

In Jesus,

**Rob and Karen**

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