

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

October 21, 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?

Revitalize: 1. to give new life to. 2. to give new vitality or vigor to.

Last June, EFCC leaders from districts and national office gathered together to seek the Lord on a "strategic plan for the EFCC." This can sound like a lofty and even elusive goal.

We left our meetings, not with a strategic plan per se, but with a conviction of what God is calling us to as the movement we call the EFCC.

The word we arrived at is "revitalize." In this, we are not speaking of another program to transform or to grow churches - we have all had enough of these over the years. Instead it is a conviction that we are being called to return to our focus on living and proclaiming the GOSPEL - the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ. We, as leaders in the EFCC are committed to this, are glad to participate, to equip and also to be accountable to you and to one another in sharing our faith.

You will be learning more about Revitalize on the Pastor and Staff Cruise, Wednesday, October 30 and at our LPD Conference on March 10,11, 2017.

Last Sunday, I was at Johnston Heights Church, and was encouraged to hear the reports of those being equipped for and sharing the Good News. Weekly, people have been coming to Christ. Pastor Phil Harris has been leading this ministry, and he will be sharing something of what he has been learning on the Cruise next week.

For news on our LPD and how you can be a part of what God is doing, please visit : <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>

Your partnership with our Lower Pacific District and church plants through prayer and finances is appreciated. Thank you! Gifts can now be made via PayPal to LPD or to Church Planting Projects through our LPD Website. Please check "Donate" on the LPD website main page and under the "Designated Gifts" tab to donate to church plants. <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>



Pray also for:

- Mountain View Church, our LPD Church of the Week.
- James and Kathleen Ngenda, and their family in the tragic death of their son Noah. James and Kathleen Ngenda are EFCCM missionaries to Nigeria, and their home church is Fort Langley EFC.
- Quadra Island Bible Church, as they seek a transitional pastor.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in in Port Alberni.
- Christ Community Church, and their search for a pastor.
- Brian and Mary Crumback, parents of Ben (Anna) Crumback of Sointula Community Church. Brian is to begin chemotherapy and radiation to treat a brain tumor.
- Nova Strom and family, and the White Rock Community Church family, as they grieve the passing of Ken.
- New Westminster EFC, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
- Steveston/South Richmond. Pray for the leadership 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.

Please pray with us for:

- God's financial provision for the challenges ahead
- Desire to walk more deeply with Jesus
- Wisdom and a sensitive ear to the Spirit for the year ahead
- We praise God for newcomers to our church and growth in our youth ministry, as well as our new youth pastor and for our vibrant church!

Events:

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and were able to collect a large amount of food for the food bank. We look forward to a Soup & Chili potluck on 6th November. We have an exciting Christmas series called "The Journey" planned that will end with a Christmas Banquet & Service on Friday 23rd December.

Mountain View Church
LPD Church of the Week

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. Please check our LPD website, where we post resources - under the "Administration Resources" tab. Please watch for a letter with steps for transition to be sent from our district next week.

Upcoming Dates:

- "Always Prepared" - with Steve Kim of Apologetics Canada, at Fort Langley EFC, Saturday, October 22. <http://www.flefc.org/events/equipping-day-always-prepared>
- **Pastor and Staff Cruise** - Wednesday, October 26 - see attachment! Come for fellowship, news on the BC Societies Act and on "Revitalize," where God is moving in the hearts and lives of the EFCC. Please register online at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/>
- **LPD Conference** - March 10,11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church.

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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