

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

October 7, 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?

Last weekend, it was a joy to be at Parkdale EFC, to participate in the installation of Tim and Emily Stewart. This was a special day for Karen and me

We are thankful for how God has led in the lives and ministry of Tim and Emily, and for the opportunity they have had to serve at North Delta EFC, New Westminster EFC and now at Parkdale EFC. We are grateful for those who have served at Parkdale through the years and for the legacy that they have left through the different seasons of the church's life and ministry. As Paul writes,

*What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Cor. 3:5-9).*

We are thankful for each pastor, each church staff member and each volunteer leader in each district church and church plant. Please remember to thank your leaders, on this, "Clergy Appreciation Month."



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:

- Abbotsford EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.
  - Nova Strom and family, and the White Rock Community Church family, as they grieve the passing of Ken. Pray for the Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 8, 1:00PM at Gracepoint Church.
  - Brian and Mary Crumback, parents of Ben (Anna) Crumback of Sointula Community Church. Brian is now to undergo chemotherapy and radiation to treat brain tumor.
  - Quadra Island Bible Church, as they seek a transitional pastor.
  - Christ Community Church, as they seek an interim pastor.
  - New Westminster EFC, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
  - Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in Port Alberni.
  - 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.
- **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 posted new resources this week - a FAQ from the Law for Non Profits - under the "Administration Resources" tab. Please check the link to the government website on our district website. Watch for a template to be provided by our district as we prepare for the change as well.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Celebration of Life for Ken Strom, Saturday, October 8, 1:00PM at Gracepoint Church.
- Pastor and Staff Cruise - Wednesday, October 26 - see attachment!
- LPD Conference - March 10, 11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church.

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!



**Prayer For:**

1. Good attendance at Village Kids and Village Kitchen outreach ministries starting up Oct 6.
2. A good response to the World Relief presentation on Thanksgiving Oct 9.

**Praise For:**

1. A good turnout at our Annual Fall Picnic held September 18.
2. The many babies and children in our Sunday morning AbbyKids and AbbyTots
3. A good report, turnout and participation at our AGM last week.

Fall Picnic held in the gym due to poor weather

**Abbotsford EFC**  
LPD Church of the Week

The churches in Abbotsford are getting together to communicate a common message