

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

November 11, 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? When God calls...

The document now scanned on the right was received by my father on September 13, 1941. He has just become the principle of a middle school in Surrey, and he was called into military service within a week of the start of the school year.

He had volunteered and passed the medical. Now they were calling him to make good on his commitment.

My father served through 1945, first in the Canadian Artillery and later in the Intelligence Corp.

I often think of what it must have been like to get this notice- to resign from one's employment - to quickly put one's affairs in order, and to head off to the military, and to who knows what. He was given three weeks to report. Many were given just three days.

Many of us have committed ourselves to be obedient to the call of God - whenever; whatever; whenever. There comes a time when we move from the hypothetical and possible to the very real.

I am privileged to serve alongside faithful servants who serve faithfully where God has called them - vocational servants as pastors and staff; volunteers who serve in other vocations and also give generously of their time and expertise in the local church.

I am thankful for each one of you, and that God has called us not only belong to Him but into his service!

*"God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful." 1 Cor. 1:9*

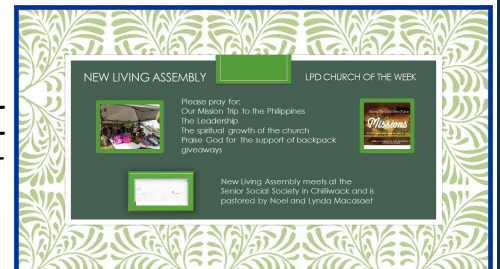
**Last week**, it was a joy to minister at **Johnston Heights Church**, where I spoke in their series on the Book of Acts. This week, I look forward to ministering at **New Westminster EFC**. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord regarding an interim pastor.

**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/>**

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| DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES<br>(National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940)<br>From: The Divisional Registrar,<br>Administrative Division "K",<br>Vancouver, B.C. (Date issued)   | (Notice—Military Training)<br><br>Sept. 13, 1941  | NOTICE OF CALL<br>Serial Number used on<br>"Notice—Medical Examination"<br>to be inserted<br>here<br><br>K 7964/240     |
| BY PROCLAMATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL<br>You have been called out to undergo military training and, in accordance with National War Services Regulations, 1940 (Recruits) have been medically examined and found fit for training. Therefore, you are hereby notified to report, within three clear days, to the Officer Commanding Military Training Centre at <u>Vernon</u> . |   |   |
| "Therefore, you are hereby notified to report on Thursday, OCT. 2, 1941, to the Officer Commanding, Military."   | TO<br><br>John Reay Stewart,<br>25 King Edward Avenue,<br>Fraser Mills, New Westminster, B.C.             | Present this Notice to the Military Authority immediately upon report to the Military Training Centre indicated herein. |
| Training Centre at <u>Vernon</u><br>Transport Warrant No. <u>KW 10845</u>  | is enclosed herewith.<br>(Note: If transportation is not required, Divisional Registrar will strike out.) |   |

### Please Pray for:

- Please pray for Pastor Noel and Lynda Macasaet, and for New Living Assembly, our LPD Church of the Week. Pastor Noel and Lynda leave for a short-term mission to the Philippines this weekend, and they will value your prayers for God's work in them as they go.
- 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.
- New Westminster EFC, as they seek the Lord through their interim period of transition.
- Please pray for Ben and Anna, for Anna as she recovers from minor surgery, and for Ben's parents, Brian and Mary Crumback, as he undergoes chemotherapy and radiation to treat a brain tumor.
- 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. Please check our LPD website, where we have posted resources - under the "Administration Resources" tab. Pastor and church chairs, please see the letter with steps for transition that was sent from our district this week. Our LPD will register immediately when we can after Nov. 28 and we will pass on what we learn to you!**

### Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday School at VCEFC. "The World According to the Gospel,"** with Jonathan Wilson, Pioneer McDonald Professor of Theology at Carey Theological College. This **free** course will be held November 9, 16, 30, 8:00-9:30 pm at Vancouver Chinese EFC. Contact Pastor Dan Williams for more information, or watch the VCEFC website at: <http://www.vcefc.org/>
- **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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