

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

December 30, 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?



It has been a joy to join with our family and church family over Christmas, and to celebrate Christ's coming, sent from the Father to be our Saviour. It is a special joy to join with our family, knowing that we are both family by birth and marriage and also family in Christ. Our family now consists of 16 members!

As family members have returned to their homes, our thoughts now turn towards 2017, and we trust God for the year ahead. On my heart for the year ahead is Psalm 145, and I have chosen this for our scripture theme for 2017. Part of it reads:

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:3-7).

May God guide and bless you in 2017 - and may He bless others through you! As always, it is our privilege to be alongside as you serve!

Thank you for your generous assistance to Sammy and Eva Kabyemera and their family for the "Kabyemera Christmas Fund." More than \$1800.00 was raised to assist their family be united for Christmas, and Sammy, Eva and family thank you! Christmas celebration will be a little late, as they await the passport for their grandson Joshua.

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/>

Please Pray for:

- Burnaby Chinese Evangelical Free Church, our LPD Church of the Week. *Pray for Pastor Sam and Amelia Lam, Pastor Grace Chang and Interim English Ministry pastor Danny and Erico Wu.*
- LPD Churches, as we prepare for the opportunities and ministries of the New Year.
- Quadra Island Bible Church, in their time of pastoral transition.
- Nori and Shelly Anderson, church planters in Port Alberni, as they have launched their first service of Hope Community Church Sunday evening.
- Christ Community Church, and their search for a pastor.
- New Westminster EFC, as Ralph and Karen Hardy serve as interim pastor through this period of transition.
- Please pray for Ben and Anna Crumback in Sointula. Praise God that Ben's parents and Mary Crumback were home for Christmas after cancer surgery and treatment.
- 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.

Burnaby Chinese EFC

LPD Church of the Week



Please join with us in prayer:

- Praise the Lord for bringing Anna Lui to be our new church secretary in the New Year
- Praise the Lord for a new Board of 8 deacons in the New Year
- Pray for our search for an English Ministry pastor
- Pray for Sunday School teachers for our Chinese, English and children's ministry
- Pray for ways to reach out to the community

NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT - The Act came 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 has transitioned under the new Societies Act, and we have sent information to all pastors and church chairs. Please watch for a workshop in early January

Upcoming Dates: LPD Conference - March 10,11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church.

May God bless and keep you through this weekend and into 2017!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

