

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

January 3, 2017

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? Bi-vocational ministry** - bridging two worlds. When we think of bi-vocational ministry, our minds might turn to the Apostle Paul - a tentmaker and a missionary apostle. He was not "above" any job, and had learned to be content to do as needed and as God provided. In our LPD, we also have bi-vocational pastors.

Last Sunday, it was joy to join **Colin and Beth Peters** and the people of **Grace Community Church** in Pitt Meadows. Colin and Beth have served as church planters and pastor at this church since 1996. When not pastoring, Colin can be found at a construction site, where he is using his skills as a carpenter. We appreciate Colin and Beth and their commitment to the "priesthood of all believers" and mutual ministry.



**Christ Community Church** in Ucluelet is now in the process of seeking to call a bi-vocational pastor serve in their church and community, and will value your prayers in this. They are interviewing a potential candidate, and seek the Lord for provision of a part-time job and housing for their pastor in the months ahead.

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: Parkdale EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.** Pray for Pastor Tim and Emily Stewart and their family,

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**Pray also for:**

- **Dan Nicholson**, our EFCC Leadership Catalyst, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- **Josephine Papp**, as she begins work as our LPD Office Administrator and for **Debra Walton**, as she begins work at the EFCC Office. We are thankful for both of these servants, and wish Debra well as she now serves in the wider EFCC.
- **Christ Community Church**, as they prepare to invite a pastoral candidate.
- **Quadra Island Bible Church**, in their time of pastoral transition.
- **Nori and Shelly Anderson**, church planters in in Port Alberni, as they launch Hope Community Church.
- **New Westminster EFC**, as **Ralph and Karen Hardy** serve as interim pastor.
- Please pray for **Ben and Anna Crumback** in **Sointula**. We praise God for a clean bill of health for Ben! Also remember Ben's dad, who is recovering from 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.
- Pray for me (**Rob**), as I minister at **Coquitlam Chinese EFC** on Sunday as they celebrate their 24th anniversary as a church.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **LPD Conference** - March 10,11- 2017 at Johnston Heights Church. Please look for info on our LPD website. You can also register online!

*May God bless and keep you through this weekend and through the week ahead!*

In Jesus,

*Rob and Karen*

