

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

March 24, 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?

**Living and Sharing the Gospel.** The theme for our LPD Conference was, "Revitalize - living and sharing the Gospel." Phil Harris shared the five harvest principles, and people shared stories of what God is up to in both established churches and church plants.

Ben and Anna Crumback of **Sointula Community Church** shared about what God has been doing on Malcolm Island. In the city, people become accustomed to churches of different denominations, styles and polity. Not so in a small community!

The Christian community on Malcolm Island has appeared to be divided for many years. Sointula Community Church has had a "counterpoint" in a small work that has met in the fire hall. Over the years, whether it be over charismatic issues or whatever, the two works have represented that the Christians don't seem to get along." This has compromised the Christian message and maligned the Name of the Lord.

At conference, Ben spoke of an opportunity that he had to conduct the graveside service for the lady who had been the leader of the "Fire hall Fellowship" for many years, at the request of her family. Over the years, God has been bringing the Christian community together, and this was another opportunity to demonstrate this. The people of Sointula Community Church also offered to lead in the hosting and provisions for a reception to follow.

The service was held on Monday. It was a rainy and windy day, but the clouds parted and the sun came out, just as the service began. Ben had opportunity to share the gospel before a large gathering, and this was very, very well received by those who attended.

Thank you for praying and please continue to pray for Ben, Anna and the people of Sointula Community Church, as they both live and share the gospel on Malcolm Island.



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:** North Delta EFC - our Church of the Week.

**Pray also for:**

- **Our New LPD Board** - Randy Lemke (Chair), Charles Labun (Vice Chair), Patrick Chan (Director of Property and Finance), Steve Sharpe (Director of Church Planting and Development), Tim Stewart (Innovative Ministries), Ben Crumback (Island Church Liaison), Anthony Yeung (Chinese Church Liaison) - and me.
- **Dan Nicholson**, our EFCC Leadership Catalyst, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- **Christ Community Church**, in their pastoral search.
- **Quadra Island Bible Church**, in their time of pastoral transition and in securing a transitional pastor.
- **Nori and Shelly Anderson**, church planters in in Port Alberni. Pray for financial partners and a Core Team.
- **New Westminster EFC**, as **Ralph and Karen Hardy** serve as interim pastor.
- **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.

### North Delta Evangelical Free Church

Praise God for the good connections we are establishing with our community through the Food Bank that we host.

Praise God for the continued opportunities that are being given to be the hands & feet of Jesus to newly arrived Syrian refugees in our area.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **Island LPD Churches Transitioning to the new BC Societies Act Workshop** at Wildwood Community Church on Thursday, April 20.
- **Gospel Harvest Network Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 2, 8:00AM at Johnston Heights Church. *This is a follow up to our "Revitalize" theme from the LPD Conference, and will focus on implementing the Five Harvest Principles in your life and church. This is a movement of God among us that I am committed to, and I pray that our churches and district region will be transformed through living and sharing the Gospel.*
- **LPD Pastors and Staff Cruise** - Wednesday, May 31 - please mark your calendars.

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

In Jesus,

**Rob and Karen**

