

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

April 7, 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?

Transition in ministry. More than ten years ago, I was introduced to a pastor visiting from Zimbabwe, Africa. He is the brother-in-law of a pastor who was serving in our district at the time.

I introduced Evans Hundermark to Tim Horton's, and this was another step in this pastor's call to Canada, to the LPD and to **Mountain View Church**. In 2007, Evans, Donnae and their family emigrated to Canada and have served at Mountain View Church ever since.

They have adjusted well to Canada and have now served faithfully at Mountain View for almost 10 years. Evans loves the mountains, anything outdoors and camping, and he can be often seen in work boots and a flannel shirt.

In recent months, **Evans and Donnae** have felt a sense of release from their ministry at Mountain View, and they, along with the Elders have sought the Lord for his leading. God has indeed led, and Evans and Donnae have accepted a call to **Foremost EFC** in Foremost, Alberta (*funny how no one questions it being God's call when one moves from BC to Alberta*).

While we will miss Evans, Donnae and family, we are pleased that there is a conviction that this transition is both God's will and God's timing. As God has been leading Evans and Donnae, so He has been leading Mountain View EFC, and we know that He is preparing a successor. (1 Corinthians 3:5-11).

Transition for pastors is always a challenge, even in the very best of circumstances. Most people, when they change employment, can retain their church family, their home and their community. For pastors, a change of ministry usually involves a change of ministry role, church family and community all at once. This is always a major transition, so please pray for Evans, Donnae and family, as they prepare to conclude their ministry at Mountain View at the end of May. Please also pray for youth pastor, **Will Burgess**, as he navigates Evan's transition, and also as he prepares to get married on May 6 to **Christine Fraser**. Pray also for church chair, David (Barb) Rahn, and the Elders Team, as they provide servant-leadership through this time of change.



Evans Hundermark - ordained to serve

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Please Pray for: Quadra Island Bible Church - our LPD Church of the Week.

Pray also for:

- **Phil Harris, Dave Penner, Neil Bassingthwaite,** and the team that has left for a short-term mission to the Philippines. This is an extension of the EFCC "Revitalize" and includes team members from several churches in the EFCC.
- **Our 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.
- **Christ Community Church**, in their pastoral search.
- **New Westminster EFC**, as **Ralph and Karen Hardy** serve as interim pastor.
- **Dan and Erico Wu**, who have been called to serve at **Burnaby Chinese EFC** as pastor of English Ministries.
- **Dan Nicholson**, our EFCC Leadership Catalyst, who is undergoing a treatment for cancer and is waiting for a CT Scan.
- **Quadra Island Bible Church**, in their time of pastoral transition and in securing a transitional pastor.
- **Nori and Shelly Anderson**, as they transition from their church planting ministry in 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.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Island LPD Churches Transitioning to the new BC Societies Act Workshop at Wildwood Community Church on Thursday, April 20.**
- **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

Quadra Island Bible Church

Prayer

~They are in a time of transition & are seeking a transitional pastor.
~A local principal, Christian Klaue, is coming to help with leadership team building for the next 10 weeks.

Praise

~For God's power & grace as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.
~In the interim they have been blessed with speakers that have been fitted by the Holy Spirit to speak into their hearts & lives.
~In the last year they have had 9 attenders seek membership.

