

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

April 28, 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?

This past Wednesday was "Office Professional's Day" This used to be called "Secretaries Day," *but times have changed...*

Though administration is one of the spiritual gifts listed in Scripture, it is also perhaps one of the "unsung" gifts. Though unsung, it is also essential! I also observe that a wide variety of spiritual gifts do not come in the same person. The one gifted in evangelism or in shepherding will likely not be also gifted in administration. That's why we need a team!

Speaking of administration, I am really pleased to announce that our district has been able to hire **Josephine Papp** to be our Office Administrator, officially beginning on May 1. She has been serving in a temporary capacity since Debra Walton left to serve in the EFCC Office, but as of May 1, she is able to join us long-term and for increased hours.

I am thankful for Josephine, and that through her service, we believe that we will be better able to, **"encourage and resource our growing family of churches."**

Josephine comes from Vancouver Island and still enjoys getting home to enjoy the beautiful nature. Her heart's desire that everyone can know the love of Christ, and it is her hope that as she once again joins the work at the Lower Pacific District she can be a part of encouraging and resourcing the local church and church planting. She brings with her a wealth of ministry experience from overseas work, to the rural setting of Vancouver Island, to the hustle and bustle of Mainland Vancouver.

Bringing Josephine on has been a step of faith for our district, but we are confident that this is also a necessary one, as we strive to serve you and our church plants and planters effectively. Josephine's role includes serving church plants in the administration of funds and receipts, payroll for church planters and managing the district's financial resources. She also serves in a secretarial capacity, doing everything from registering pastors to perform marriages to mail lists. I am thankful for both her and her ministry with us. **Welcome aboard, Josephine!**

Your partnership with our Lower Pacific District in supporting Josephine, our office 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: Wildwood Community Church - our LPD Church of the Week. Pray for Pastor Rick (Sandy) McAllister and the church family.

Pray also for:

- **Grace EFC (Mandarin)**, as they have a search for their next lead pastor and for **Advisory Pastor Philip (Karen) Leung. Pastor Bruce (Hannah) Li** will be completing their part-time ministry in July, as they seek the Lord in church planting.
- **Christ Community Church**, in their pastoral search.
- **New Westminster EFC**, as **Ralph and Karen Hardy** serve as interim pastor.
- **Evans and Donnae Hundermark** and family, as they prepare to transition from Mountain View Church towards Foremost EFC at the end of May, and for the church leadership and family, as they too prepare for transition.
- **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.
- **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 chemo. treatment for cancer on May 1.
- **Quadra Island Bible Church**, in their time of pastoral transition and for **transitional pastor, Christian Klaue**.
- **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:

- **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



Wildwood Community Church
Bowser, BC

PRAISE
Praise God for a wonderful Good Friday service in their building, as they joined with Island Gospel Centre. They are thankful for the church's sharing time during the service. It's at this time that we can hear about what God's doing in our brothers & sisters lives, & share in it.

PRAYER
They have a number of folks who are battling illness and would appreciate all prayers for healing. As His church, it is our desire to be everything He has called us to be. Please pray for His empowering in these challenging times.

