



Serving Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta

Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

strengthening pastors encouraging leaders developing churches



Fall 2017

Superintendent Rob & Cherise Cave

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

October 13-15 brought pastors and delegates from across the district to the annual district conference. Pastor Matt Round and his team of volunteers from the EFC of Medicine Hat did a wonderful job of welcoming, hosting, feeding, and leading in worship the 75 people in attendance.

Bill Taylor was our keynote speaker, and he challenged us to reflect on our roots as a gospel-loving, gospel-proclaiming people. The good news of Jesus encompasses not just our lives but the lives of all people, because it is good news for all people. It is news our world needs, and God has called us to carry it to everyone with whom we come in contact.

Breakout sessions were led by Dan Nicholson (EFCC Leadership Catalyst) on *Healthy Church Boards* and Dave Acree (EFCC Prayer and Spiritual Life Catalyst) on *Neighbor-Nudging Prayer*.

Many thanks to the board members who have faithfully served our body of churches throughout 2017.

- Dave Acree (chair) Lethbridge
- Harry Unger (vice chair) Taber
- Doug Munton (treasurer) Lethbridge
- George Mills (secretary) Bow Island
- Dave Bustin, Okotoks
- Matt Round, Medicine Hat
- Percy Lee, South Calgary Chinese
- Larry Walker, Lashburn
- Wayne Josefson, Regina
- Bill Klumpenhowe, Mont Nebo

Larry Walker and Harry Unger were thanked for their years of service as they step down from the board.

A panel of four pastors (Ian Lawson, Lethbridge; Glenn Gerbrandt, Lashburn; Alvin Bueckert, Three Hills; Matt Round, Medicine Hat) shared with vulnerability about the challenges and encouragements they face personally and in ministry.

Here are some highlights that conference attendees mentioned:

- Meeting with a body of believers from across the district
- Connecting again with everyone
- Hearing the very heart of God through the many servants who are faithfully following His calling
- Being together to encourage and reconnect; host church did an amazing job of welcoming and caring for all of us
- Hearing the panel of pastors from different generations share

Mark your calendar for next year's conference, October 12-13 at First EFC in Calgary!

Send your ministry staff to the Prairie District Staff & Spouse Retreat

at the Resort at Cypress Hills

March 4-6, 2018

These days away to rest and reflect with other pastoral staff will have a lasting impact in the life, health and ministry of those who serve your church!

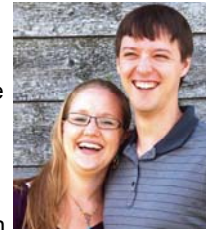
Registration info will be sent to your church.



DISTRICT NEWS

Bow Island

David Todd is the new youth pastor. He has a B.A. in Biblical Studies from Briercrest College and an M.A. in Theological Studies (Old Testament) from Briercrest Seminary. David and Kyla have been married for seven years and are expecting their first child in March!



Crowsnest Pass

Marshall and Mallory Banting served in youth ministry at Saskatoon EFC for several years and have recently moved to the Crowsnest Pass in Alberta to pastor Compass Fellowship.



Foremost

Evans and Donnae Hundermark are the new pastoral couple at Foremost EFC. Evans studied at Cape Town Baptist Seminary and has pastored churches in Cape Town,

Zimbabwe, and Chilliwack, BC (Mountain View EFC). The Hundermark family includes four children ranging from 10 to 20 years old, and they enjoy camping, fishing, and hunting together.

Lethbridge

Lead Pastor Ian Lawson has resigned effective late January 2018 following nearly 20 years of faithful ministry at the EFC of Lethbridge. Pray for Ian and the church family as they walk through this time of transition.

Neilburg

Mel and Maureen Letkeman served in the pastoral role at Manitou EFC since 2010 and completed their ministry this past year. Brett and Ashleigh Dafeo concluded their youth ministry role in August. Thanks to the Letkemans and Dafeos for their much appreciated service in Neilburg!

Pray for Pastoral Searches

Saskatchewan: Big River; Meadow Lake; Osler

Alberta: Delia Christian Fellowship; Enchant; Lethbridge; Taber

Okotoks

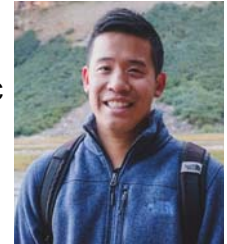
Dan and Cheryl Schroeder have concluded nearly three decades of fruitful youth ministry at Okotoks EFC. Pray for the Schroeders as they seek God's leading for the future.

Orion

Michael and Cynthia Clark began their pastoral role at Orion EFC in June. Welcome to the Prairie District!

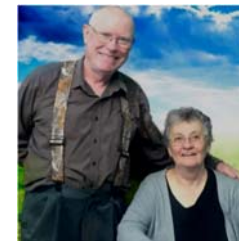
South Calgary Chinese

Originally from Vancouver, Adriel Liu interned as a youth worker at South Calgary Chinese EFC while completing an M. Div. degree at Ambrose Seminary. He began as youth pastor in July and is engaged to be married to Louise in April 2018.



Taber

Harry and Wanda Unger have completed nine years of effective ministry at Taber EFC. Their faithful service is gratefully recognized!



Three Hills

Bill Watson is the new pastor to seniors at Mount Olive EFC. Married to Joanne, they have five children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Over the past 31 years,

Bill and Joanne served in two EFC churches and one Gospel Chapel, all in Manitoba. They retired to Three Hills and discovered there is still work to do!

Financial Update

August 1—October 31, 2017

Equal Shares Budget \$30,825.00

Equal Shares Giving \$29,192.64

Below budget **-\$ 1,632.36**

Equal Shares for the district are \$5 per member per month (\$60 per member per year).

Send all gifts to financial secretary

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