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Fall 2020

Transitions

Tran-zish-uhn : *the passage from one state to another.*

Don't you just love transitions? Well that is exactly what is happening in the EFCC Prairie District right now. Rob Cave, our district superintendent, accepted a call to serve as lead pastor with Okotoks EFC as of September 1, 2020. That then means transition.

To fill the superintendent role for the transition time, the District Board has decided on a split role. Tim Seim has become interim district superintendent for the Southern Alberta churches and Pastor Bill Klumpenhower (Mont Nebo SK) for our Saskatchewan churches. These roles are part-time and have the goal

of keeping in touch with all of our district churches and pastoral staff during the transition. And as our security backup, Tracy Morris remains in the office as our glue for all things.

The District Board is also using the ministry of Arrow Leadership from Vancouver as a consultant to lead us in assessing our district's purpose, mission, vision, values and board governance during this transition. This consultation will help prepare us for our next superintendent call. Our district chairman, Keith Boschman, has written on that ongoing process in this issue of *The Prairie Profile*, so give it a good read.

Tim Seim & Bill Klumpenhower

Strategic Planning for the Prairie District

Why does the Prairie District exist? What does the Prairie District do? Where is the Prairie District heading? How do we carry out these directions?

These are the questions that the Prairie District Board is currently engaging in to fulfill a strategic planning process with Arrow Leadership. Answering and clarifying these questions are important points of reference for us as an association of churches. The Board desires to care for each church in the District but also to foster a shared vision and direction within the Prairie District. As Evangelical Free churches, we are autonomous fellowships who are trying to be salt and light in our communities. But perhaps, at times, we are more autonomous than we should be. More than ever, we must strive to support each other and work together towards a common purpose and mission.

This strategic planning process is for our collected benefit. The Board is carefully and prayerfully considering how we proceed together into the future as the Prairie District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. This process takes seriously the calling we have as churches to proclaim and live the gospel in our communities and find the best ways forward together. Through deliberation, collaboration and prayer, the Board is working out our purpose, mission, vision and values as a district.

We are also committed to making sure that you are involved and updated with this process. Our

first stage of the process will wrap up in December with renewed and refined draft statements around the Prairie District's purpose, mission, vision, and values. Following this, we would like to hear your feedback on this work. We are aiming for clear and compelling statements that help set our district in a refined direction for the future. If your pastor, church staff, board, or congregation would like to provide input on these statements, please contact the Prairie District office (tmorris@pdefcc.ca) and you will be added to a group that will help in the next phase of the planning process.

The district board remains in regular prayer for each church in the District. We also desire to hear from you if you have needs or concerns. Please contact the Prairie District Office if you would like to reach out to the Board or if you would like to participate in the next stage of the strategic planning process.

Please remain in prayer for our district churches. COVID-19 continues to deeply impact how everyone functions and how ministry happens. Pray that each church can find ways to continue loving each other and honouring Christ in the midst of our communities.

May we look forward in hope and faith as we seek God's leading and direction for our district churches.

Blessings,

Keith Boschman
Prairie District Board Chair

district news

South Calgary Chinese EFC

Randy & Cheryl Rohrick have served in ministry for 36 years in Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and most recently on Vancouver Island near Victoria. They have two married daughters in Calgary and four grandchildren. They are excited about their new opportunity as English lead pastor with SCCEFC!



Neilburg

On October 1, Manitou EFC welcomed their new pastor, Curtis Reimer, his wife Janet, and their two boys. Curtis received an M. Div. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and has served as a lay leader in various capacities.



Okotoks

After five years as superintendent of the Prairie District, Rob Cave became the lead pastor at Okotoks EFC on September 1. Rob and Cherise have three adult sons and one daughter-in-law.



District Conference

Our annual general meeting and conference was wonderfully hosted by Mount Olive EFC in Three Hills, October 16-17. Nearly 50 people attended in person, with another 20 attending the AGM via ZOOM.

God is Not in Lockdown was our theme, and the main conference sessions with guest speaker Bill Taylor (EFCC executive director) and God stories by First Free Calgary, Okotoks EFC, and Turning Point Youth Centre in Meadow Lake were livestreamed and are available at www.pdefcc.ca.



Enchant Isaac and Helen Dyck began their pastoral ministry at Enchant EFC on May 1. Isaac is a graduate

of Briercrest Bible College and has served in several churches and as a camp director over the years, as well as working in the construction field. Isaac and Helen have four sons and 10 grandchildren!

Lethbridge

Following 11 years of ministry at the EFC of Lethbridge, Mark Dyck has resigned as minister of family discipleship. Mark and Bonnie and their sons will remain in the Lethbridge area at this time. We praise God for Mark's faithful service and pray for God's continued leading for their family.

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My COVID Manifest for My Church

by Thom Rainer (November 16, 2020)

I love my church, and I will not stop believing God has full control of this congregation. When everything seems in COVID chaos, I will remember He is always in control.

I love my church, and I will pray for my pastor every day. Pastors are confronted with decisions and conflict daily. I will pray for them regularly.

I love my church, and I will not get into fights and feuds over masks and similar issues. When I act like Christ, I always put others before myself.

I love my church, and I will attend faithfully. Now is the time for the body of Christ to come together. I will be a part of that reunion.

I love my church, and I will continue to support her. I will give abundantly and serve joyfully. My commitment will not wane in trying times.

I love my church, and I will point others to my congregation. I will invite people enthusiastically and be a gospel bearer every week.

I love my church, and I will not engage in gossip and negative conversations. When others attempt to engage me, I will walk away or offer positive words instead.

I love my church, and I will be an encourager to others. I will intentionally encourage through spoken words, notes, and social media.

I love my church, because Christ loves my church. My commitment is firm in good times and in the stresses of COVID. I truly believe God has a better future for my congregation. In His power and strength, I will be a part of it.

<https://churchanswers.com/blog/my-covid-manifesto-for-my-church/>

district finances

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