

WE ARE enriched through sharing our lives and resources together.

4. Belonging Matters because together we are resourced by our larger EFCC (Home Office) family.

- We receive leadership in our worldwide ministries
- We receive the help of a Leadership Catalyst, our National Ministries Director, our Communications Director, and our Stewardship Director
- We receive the oversight of our national group insurance and

- benefits plan for church staff
- We have leaders who are guarding the gate with our theological and ethos oversight for our credentialing and ordination process

WE ARE assisted through our belonging together in God's bigger ministry team.

Blessings,

Tim Seim
Interim District Superintendent

Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

strengthening pastors encouraging leaders developing churches



Serving Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta



Summer 2021

Tim & Lynn Seim
Interim—AB

Bill & Trish Klumpenhower
Interim—SK

Save the Date!

Prairie District Conference October 15—16, 2021 at Okotoks EFC

As an association of churches, our minds remain fixed on being faithful to fulfill the mission to share the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ. The heart and desire to make disciples will remain important as we proceed into the future.

This year's District Conference will be oriented around this theme of fostering a heart for discipleship. Last conference we outlined a framework for church planting and continuing the gospel-sharing efforts of our churches. We want our District to grow and multiply, but this will only start when we share a heart for disciple-making, leading others into new life found in Jesus Christ.

Heart for Disciple-Making

"A series of interactive sessions designed to help us develop a renewed heart to make disciples of Jesus and nurture skills to implement this heart in our ministry contexts."

Pastors Orientation

~ required for EFCC Credentialing ~

for ministry staff who are new to the EFCC since 2019
or who have never attended an Orientation (date and location TBD)

Update on Superintendent Search

On June 5, the Prairie District Board met to review the Superintendent job description. With this in place, the position posting has been communicated to the EFCC Home Office and a number of seminaries in Canada. Please continue to pray for God to lead candidates to consider serving in this way and for God to supply the right person for this important role.

Belonging Matters

Do we really need each other in the EFCC family?

The simple answer to that question is yes. Jesus spoke of His church as one spiritual family of redeemed people, and the New Testament calls us to be serving together as His church. The image of God's church portrayed in 1 Corinthians 12 as one body with many parts certainly is instructive to us who make up the Church of Christ today. It is a call not to independence but to interdependence.

Your Prairie District Board recently asked ourselves this question. Here are some thoughts to ponder:

1. Belonging Matters because together we achieve more.

Together we are encouraged in our gospel proclamation to our world. Together we are stronger in the mission of Jesus to disciple and thus see new churches begun to reach new people.

WE ARE partners in the advancement of the Gospel.

2. Belonging Matters because together we have stronger safeguards.

Just as it is risky for an individual believer to be isolated from others, it is also risky for an individual church to go it alone. Together we remind ourselves of the value of being Kingdom-minded and to think beyond ourselves and not to become too inward focused. We are local churches but we are also part of God's universal Church.

WE ARE the EFCC family of believers.

3. Belonging Matters because together we have greater access to resources in District ministry.

- We have leadership through the role of the Prairie District Superintendent and District board
- We have access to the Prairie District Trust Foundation funding to help with expanding facilities for ministry
- We have help with legal issues when CRA inquiries come to our churches and pastors
- We have local EFCC churches in your area for encouragement and support

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district news

New Life—Calgary

Pastor Yansong William Xu began as Assistant Pastor on March 1 following a 20-month internship at New Life. He received his MDiv from Ambrose Seminary in May 2020. Pastor William and his wife, Ruifen, have one son.



South Calgary Chinese EFC

Calvin Sun completed an internship and was hired as English Assistant Pastor on April 1. With two decades experience as an art director and motion designer, Calvin is interested in the intersection between faith, technology, art and play. He earned a master's degree in intercultural ministries from Ambrose Seminary in 2020. Calvin is married to Crystal, who is the Children's Ministry Director at SCCEFC.



Elim EFC—Fosston

Our deepest sympathies to Pastor Bill Dyck on the passing of his wife, Sarah, on May 17. Bill and Sarah ministered together in Fosston for over 50 years.

Mount Olive EFC—Three Hills

Alexis Elliott is the Children's Ministries Director. Alexis received a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Millar College of the Bible (Sunnybrae) this year and she will be married to Jonathan Goodbrand on June 26!



David Stauffer is the new Worship Coordinator at Mount Olive. He

graduated from Pacific Life Bible College in BC with a bachelor's degree in Biblical and Theological Studies and served as Associate Pastor of Community Outreach at



Redemption Community Church in Surrey, BC. David and his wife, Ellen, have a two-year-old daughter and are expecting a baby in August!

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Laurence Johnston began serving as Pastor on May 1. He graduated from Briercrest in 2004 and has served at Alliance churches in Moose Jaw, Daysland (AB) and Penticton. Laurence and his wife, Marci, have been married for 29 years and have two adult children and a daughter-in-law. They are looking forward to becoming grandparents this summer!



Congratulations...

The EFCC Ministerial Standing Committee recently approved the following:

Certificate of Ministry

- Kenton Barkman, Mount Olive, Three Hills
- Jon Chalmers, Brooks
- Todd De Haan, Lethbridge
- Monica Loewen, Lethbridge
- Adriel Lui, South Calgary Chinese
- Brett McCoy, Taber
- Eileen Wu Wong, Calgary Chinese
- Simon Xiang, South Calgary Chinese

Transfer of Ordination

- Randy Rohrick, South Calgary Chinese

district finances

Aug 1, 2020—May 31, 2021

Equal Shares Budget	\$ 104,000.00
Equal Shares Giving	\$ 100,202.59
<i>below budget</i>	\$ 3,797.41

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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

Send all gifts to our financial secretary:

Rachel Hawthorn finance@pdefcc.ca
c/o SABC, Box 99, Lomond AB T0L 1G0

Church, send your ministry staff to the Prairie District Staff & Spouse Retreat

at the Resort at Cypress Hills

March 6-8, 2022

The last district staff & spouse retreat was held in 2019!
IT'S TIME TO RE-CONNECT...

These days away to rest and reflect with other EFCC pastoral staff from across Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta will have a lasting impact in the life, health and ministry of those who serve your church! Watch for more details in the fall and plan to invest in this time of refreshment for your ministry staff.

