

# THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT GUY

## UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Staff & Spouse Retreat**—there are 31 adults (including couples, individuals, and young families) planning to attend our retreat in Cypress Hills, March 6-8! Register by **February 11** (<https://form.jotform.com/92835638617267>) and book your accommodations with the Resort (<https://resortatcypresshills.ca>). Details at [www.pdefcc.ca](http://www.pdefcc.ca)

**EFCC Annual Reporting**—61 of our Prairie District's 73 ministry staff personnel have completed their Annual Report for the Ministerial Standing Committee! If you haven't yet, please do it today: <https://www.efccm.ca/wordpress/aboutus/learn-about-the-efcc/efcc-credentialing/mscreport/>

**My Schedule**—I am back home in Smithers now and plan to be in the District, March 1 to April 4.

**Credentialing Status**—Over the next couple of weeks, I hope to contact District pastors about their Credentialing or Ordination status. One of the goals for the Prairie District Board is to increase the number of credentialed pastors/ministry staff in the District.

**Connecting**—While I'm not in the District right now, I am still available for a phone call or a ZOOM meeting. Contact me if you'd like to connect in one of these ways!

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## WHAT I'M LEARNING...

This past Sunday I had the joy of being a part of the ordination service for Mauricio Rosa at First EFC in Calgary (Here's the link <https://youtu.be/D5NM0eYmhPI>). It was memorable and a joy to see so many affirm and bless Mauricio in his calling to be a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

In the message, I spoke on John 13, where Jesus washes His disciples' feet. But first, I spent time on John 12, where Mary washes Jesus' feet with perfume and dries them with her hair. It is such a vibrant picture of thanksgiving and worship and praise for Jesus, who had raised her brother Lazarus from the dead.

Earlier that morning, I was doing my devotions and spending time reading and praying through Psalm 103. And I was struck by the opening verses – **“Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things He does for me.”**

In John 12, Mary is a living example of someone doing this. And I was faced with the questions, *Do I give Jesus all my praise? Do I give Jesus all my worship?*

Lord Jesus, may I never forget all that You've done for me. And may I give You all my worship. Let all that I am praise You!

## CHURCH OF THE WEEK—SASKATOON EFC

This is Chris Wettstein (lead pastor) and Tim Rutley (elder) from Saskatoon EFC. They are praising God for how their church body is experiencing unity through the pandemic and showing this by loving and encouraging each other! Please pray for Saskatoon EFC, for clarity of vision and for God's guidance, and also for godly character for the new leadership team moving forward.



## QUESTION CORNER

Who are the new and younger people in your church who are being prepared to be the next generation of board members, elders, and deacons?