

district news

Calgary

The church family at Northeast Calgary EFC gathered to celebrate the installation of their new pastor, Cecilia Hui Wong-Po (pictured with her husband Wayne), on March 10.



Lethbridge

Justine Dueck began as pastor of children's ministries in January. She has a BA in English literature from the University of Lethbridge and a Foundations of Ministry certificate from Ambrose University. She worked as a children's and young adult pastor for 10 years with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Justine is married to Byron and they have a one-year-old son!



Kylie Dubber, pastor of cross-cultural engagement at EFCL, received her ministry credential from two members of the EFCC Ministerial Standing Committee, Trevor Brawdy and Ken Dosso!



Three Hills

Paris Perry started at Mount Olive EFC as executive pastor on January 1. Paris has a Master's degree in Leadership and Management



from Briercrest Seminary and has served in various ministry capacities, most recently as the senior pastor of Nicola Valley EFC in Merritt, BC. Paris and his wife, Heather, have been married for 35 years.

Bow Island

Assistant Pastor David Todd (pictured with Lead Pastor George Mills) received his EFCC Ordination credential on February 11. Since it was Super Bowl Sunday, the church family had a little fun dousing Pastor David with pretend Gatorade (cotton balls) to celebrate this milestone!



Three Hills

Mount Olive EFC recently held a Ministry Staff Commissioning Service for four staff members who have joined the team over the past few years:

- Alexis Goodbrand (Children's Ministry Coordinator)
- David Stauffer (Worship Coordinator)
- Josh Schweer (Youth Pastor)
- Paris Perry (Executive Pastor)

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PRAIRIE PROFILE

Spring 2024



The Prairie District...

PURPOSE: to nurture the establishment and health of Evangelical Free churches in Saskatchewan and southern Alberta.

MISSION: to cultivate authentic relationships, discern healthy direction, and resource churches and leaders.

VISION: to see a healthy, gospel-sharing church reaching every community in our district.



Trevor & Bonita Brawdy
District Superintendent

Thoughts from the district guy...

Jesus our Rest was the theme for our Staff & Spouse Retreat held at The Resort at Cypress Hills in early March. However, the days leading up to the retreat were not particularly restful, as Alberta and Saskatchewan were hit with snowstorms that wreaked havoc on roads and eventually led to a number of ministry staff from across the district having to cancel plans to attend.

In the end, though, 23 people were able to make it to Cypress Hills, braving the roads and enduring the broken down furnace that made our initial meeting room a frigid 53 degrees Fahrenheit when we arrived. After our first evening of intros and games, we settled in to Matthew 11, as we considered and discussed the invitation Jesus makes to us to come to Him and find rest for our souls. In other sessions, we spent time in Hebrews 1-4, where we saw presented the divinity of Jesus and then the humanity of Jesus. Attendees spent time in the Word and in prayer in small groups and also on their own and were encouraged that Jesus does not only offer us rest – He is our rest.

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 4:14-16).



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ways to get involved!

Through the course of every month—and throughout the year—there are many ways for you to be connected and get involved with events happening in the EFCC Prairie District! And it does not matter whether you are a pastor, a board member, or a regular attendee of an EFCC church! Contact Trevor (trevor.brawdy@pdefcc.ca) to find out more about any of these opportunities!

Every month at the Monterey Park church building—located at 3125 Catalina Blvd NE in Calgary—we hold a Seeking & Seeding Prayer Meeting. Please join us for a potluck supper together, followed by a devotional and prayer time, seeking God's will, leading, and provision for a church plant in this needy area of Calgary, out of this building that the Prairie District owns. Over the past year we've enjoyed the fellowship and getting to know brothers and sisters from our Calgary churches!

We also have a ZOOM prayer meeting with the folks at Regina EFC. We meet one Saturday morning each month to hear how God is working and to pray for this group as they seek a pastor. You are welcome to join us!

Every quarter, current and retired pastors and ministry staff are invited to join us at regional Ministerial Meetings taking place in Saskatoon, Calgary, and Taber.

Steve Sharpe, the EFCC Church Planting Catalyst, leads a bi-

weekly cohort of people who are seeking to better carry out Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. We ask tough questions, we discuss together, and we support and pray for each other. This group is not only for pastors – we welcome anyone who is seeking to better make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in checking it out, contact Trevor or PD Board Church Planting Catalyst Calvin Sun (calvin.sun@sccefc.ca).

And a new opportunity has been launched for our Church Board Chairs across the Prairie District. Once a quarter Trevor and the EFCC Leadership Catalyst, Terry Kaufman, host a ZOOM meeting so that we can better listen to, resource and equip our board chairs, as well as give them an opportunity to connect with one another. Let Trevor know if you want to be a part of these meetings. The next ZOOM call is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at 7pm.



Trevor enjoyed lunch with ministry staff from South Calgary Chinese EFC: Marco Chen, Wilson Kwok, Open Yung, Jason Tam and Vicky Lok!

District Finances

August 1, 2023—March 15, 2024

Equal Shares Budget	\$78,000.00
Equal Shares Giving	\$66,418.06
<i>Below budget</i>	<i>\$11,581.94</i>

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

All Equal Shares and other donations should be mailed to our financial secretary:

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Kerith Creek Alberta kerithretreats.ca 1-800-550-5655 info@kerithretreats.ca

The seven-day retreat schedule with up to four couples offers personalized care and group instruction, along with ample time for prayer and reflection. Pausing from the busyness of ministry life has helped guests examine and overcome the distractions that have hindered their personal lives and relationships, returning to home and ministry feeling refreshed and renewed through God's Spirit.

Clergy Care Line clergycare.ca 1-888-525-3749 info@clergycare.ca

Confidential counselling for pastors, ministry leaders and their immediate family members, provided free of charge by Master's level registered Christian counselors Monday to Friday (8am-4pm Pacific).

Focus on Pastors clergycare.ca/resources Free monthly e-newsletter designed to provide encouragement in a pastor's personal and ministry life.

Anapau House colemanchristianassembly.ca/anapau-house.html anapauhouse@gmail.com

This house in Coleman, AB is near the scenic and historic Crowsnest Pass. It is a ministry extension of Coleman Christian Assembly and is offered free of charge to missionaries and full-time Christian workers to provide an opportunity for refreshment before returning to ministry, commitments and demands.

Fairhaven Leadership Retreat Centre fairhavencanada.com 1-250-260-1616

Encouraging the health and renewal of Christian leaders, providing counselling and a variety of retreats (leisure sabbath, self-directed, guided, etc.), Fairhaven is located near the city of Vernon and Silver Star Ski Resort in British Columbia.

dates to note

April 8

- Church Board Chair ZOOM call @ 7pm

March 21

- Calgary area Ministerial meeting at South Calgary Chinese EFC @ 10am
- Seeking & Seeding meeting at Monterey Park building @ 7pm

March 27

- Southern Alberta regional Ministerial meeting at Taber EFC (10am)

June 12-13

- New Pastor Orientation in Langley BC (required for EFCC credentialing)

June 13-15

- EFCC Conference in Surrey BC

October 18-19

- Prairie District Conference at EFC of Lethbridge