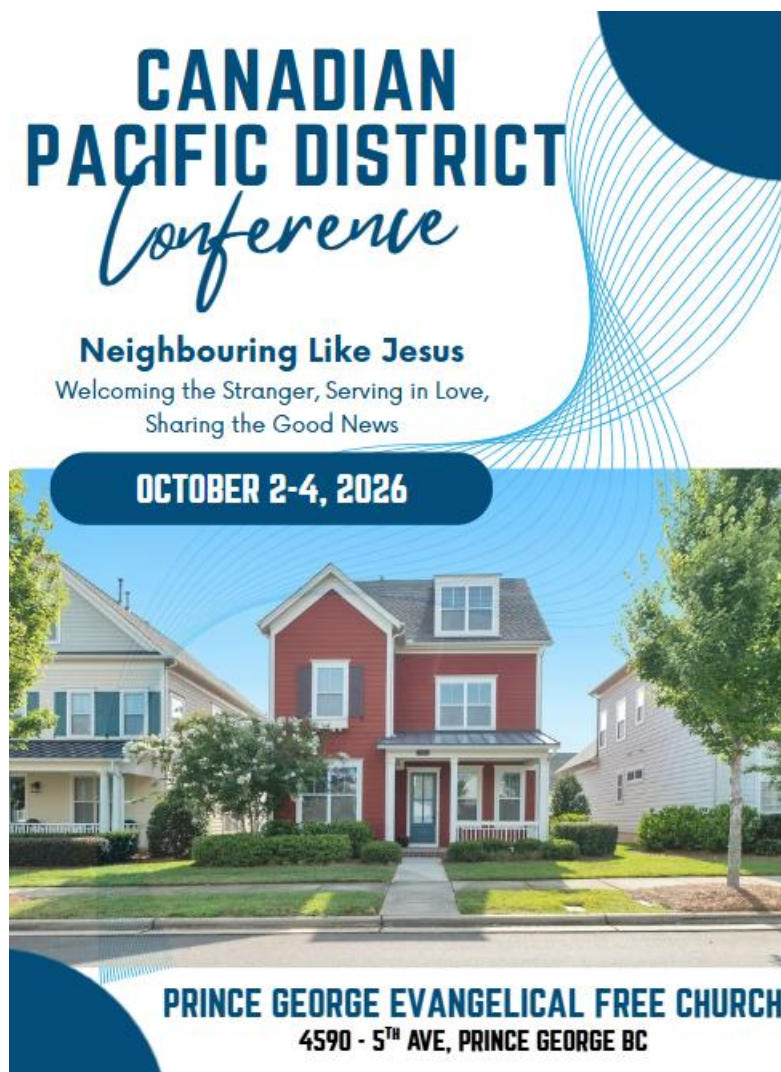


THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CANADA CANADIAN PACIFIC DISTRICT FALL HUDDLE & CONFERENCE



**Pastor & Spouse Huddle ~ Thursday, Oct. 1st & Friday, Oct. 2nd
Conference ~ Friday, Oct. 2nd to Sunday, October 4th, 2026**

AGM ~ Saturday, October 3rd @ 9:30 am

Annual General Meeting Agenda

October 3, 2026 in Prince George, BC

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Opening Prayer**
- 3. Credentials Report**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings**
 - **AGM Minutes from October 4, 2025**
 - **Online SGM Minutes from January 10, 2026**
- 6. Reports:**
 - A. Chairman – Paul Ford
 - B. District Superintendent – Dan Carlaw
 - C. Shuswap/Okanagan Regional Director – Timothy Hill
 - D. Cariboo Regional Director – Matthew Fast
 - E. Central Regional Director – James Clark
 - F. Northern/Peace Regional Director – Barrett Horne
 - G. Church Plant Report – Steve Sharpe
 - H. Administrators / Financial Report – Debra Holbrook
 - I. Nominations Report – Matt Fast
- 7. Election of Officers**
- 8. Election of Nomination Committee for 2026-2027**
- 9. Financial Report: (to be distributed prior to the AGM)**
 - A. Financial Statements for 2025-2026
 - B. Budget for 2026-2027
 - C. Appointment of Internal Financial Reviewers
- 10. Business Arising from Previous AGM:**
 - A. Update on New By-Law Registration with Province
 - B. Update on Research on CPD Coming Under EFCC.
- 11. New Business:**
 - A. Vote to welcome Wayside Crossing in Osoyoos as a Full Member CPD Church
 - B. 2027 District Conference – Vernon, BC
- 12. Motion to Adjourn**

2025 AGM - Minutes
EFCC Canadian Pacific District
Saturday, October 4, 2025 - Salmon Arm, BC

1. **Call To Order** – 9:07am
2. **Devotional and Prayer** – Jerad
 - a. Read Ephesians 4:11-16
 - i. Growing in maturity, the spirit never finishes its work in us; contrast of being tossed to and fro, and being steadfast, speaking the truth and building up in love; living out our unity as brothers and sisters; our trajectory towards Christ
3. **Credential report** – 15 pastors, 30 delegates, 4 board members, 13 guests. 62 total
49 voting delegates
4. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. With amendments to 8.b, 9.a,b and c
M. Trevor Hagan S. Stewart Reimer Carried
5. **Approval of AGM Minutes from October 5, 2024**
M. Tyler Harper S Marilyn Carlaw Carried
6. **Reports** – as presented in AGM package
 - a. Chairman – Jerad Braun
 - b. District Superintendent – Dan Carlaw
 - c. Shuswap/Okanagan Regional Director - *Vacant*
 - d. Cariboo Regional District – Paul Ford
 - e. Central Regional District – James Clark
 - f. Northern/Peace Regional Director – Barrett Horne
 - g. Church Plant Report – Steve Sharpe
 - h. Nominations Report – Matt Fast

Discussion

Motion to approve the reports as presented, including the affirmation of board position nominees

M. Stewart Reimer S. Barrett Horne Carried

Elected Officers:

Chairman: Paul Ford

Vice Chairman: Matthew Fast

Cariboo Regional Director: Matthew Fast

Okanagan Regional Director: Tim Hill

Central Regional Director: James Clark

Treasurer (Interim): James Clark

Continuing Officers:

Secretary: Bailey Ferguson

Northern Regional Director: Barrett Horne

7. Financial Report – Presented by James Clark, supported by Deb Holbrook

a. Financial Statements for 2024-2025

- i. Balance sheet provided – no questions

b. Budget for 2025-2026

- i. Mail in vote to approve 2.5% giving is represented

Discussion

?Laura Bliss (Vernon): Balance sheet has vehicle amortization, but not on the budget

Deb: Due to having no treasurer, it was missed.

Laura: Does amortization need to be included?

Deb: Yes. Will be sorted, and reflected in motion of budget

Motion to approve the budget as presented, with amendment to depreciation line to be determined

M. Barrett Horne S. Tyler Harper Carried

c. Appointment of Internal Financial Reviewers

8. Business Arising from Previous AGM

a. Update on Moving Fiscal Year End – Jerad Braun

- i. Not having a completely competent treasurer, we would not feel comfortable making this big change

b. Proposed By-Law & Constitution Update – Barrett Horne

- i. To be voted on at an online SGM on January 10, 2026

Discussion regarding By-law 5.C wording of quorum

Concern around how *few* people *could* be the ones making significant decisions

Committee and board will continue to discuss

c. CPD Coming under EFCC: Update on Research – Dan Carlaw

- i. Q&A provided
- ii. Conversation still open

Tyler Harper (Chase): Encouragement to board to continue to pursue; greatly sees the benefit

9. New Business

a. DS 3-year re-vote – ballot vote

- i. **Motion to affirm Dan Carlaw as District superintendent in accordance with Article V11.H.1**

m. Board s. Trevor Hagan Carried (Unanimously)

Motion to destroy the ballots

m. Dale Bachmeier s. Scott Ross Carried

b. Wayside Crossing Member church progress

- i. Full member church welcome to be deferred until 2026 AGM

c. Prince George Korean Church Plant – Jerad Braun

- i. Steve Sharpe and Matt Fast will continue to provide oversight and coaching, and as a district please continue to partner in prayer

d. 2026 District Conference – Prince George, BC

Motion to adjourn - 10:54am James Clark

Recording Secretary: Bailey Ferguson

**Canadian Pacific District – Special General Meeting (SGM) Minutes
January 10, 2026 at 9:00 am via Zoom**

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer – Paul Ford

2. Confirmation of Delegates (Roll Call)

3. Approval of Agenda

M. Barrett Horne S. Trevor Hagan Carried

4. Credentials Report

a. 12 pastors; 23 delegates (including 3 board members)

5. Introduction of Scrutineers

a. Bailey Ferguson, Chris Solberg, and Joshua Green

6. Discussion of Bylaw Motion

**Original Motion: "Motion to approve By-Law changes as presented on October 10, 2025"
(Moved and Seconded by the board)**

- a. Questions for understanding language; incorporation, Schedule B, association...
- b. Questions for clarification on what constitutes delegate, pastor...
 - i. Led to amendment to article V.C.
- c. Questions regarding quorum number; apprehension on low number
- d. Clerical amendments presented by Barrett Horne (reflected in revised motion)

7. Vote on amended Bylaw Motion – secret online ballot (needing $\frac{3}{4}$ majority)

Motion to approve By-Law changes as presented on October 10, 2025, with amendments to;

V.C. "A quorum for a General Meeting of the Association shall consist of at least 20 delegates...

to

"A quorum for a General Meeting of the Association shall consist of at least 20 credentialed voters..."

Strike: *BY-LAW II is alterable by special resolution.*

By-Law III.B – full membership to associate membership

By law VI.D – a nominating committee shall be made up of two to four *individuals* from the general membership

M. Barrett Horne S. Trevor Hagan Carried

8. Motion to Destroy (delete) online Voting Ballots

M. Deb Holbrook S. Rob Zuidema Carried

9. Adjournment @ 10:31am

M. Rob Zuidema

Minutes recorded by Bailey Ferguson

The past year has been enjoyable. It was my first year in a two-year term.

In the past year the CPD adopted an updated/revised constitution that seeks to reflect how we desire to operate and be known as an entity. The vote to accept or reject the new constitution took place following a Special AGM held online via the Zoom format and an electronic vote. This worked well in joining us together from the far reaches of our district. The vote approved the new constitution.

The board has been meeting regularly to deal with business in a timely manner.

A concern of mine, as well as Dan's and the rest of the board, is the ongoing financial deficit we carry. Our projected deficit has been reduced this year due to the generosity of our churches and various individuals who also recognize this situation. Thank you for your forward thinking. Although we currently have some funds in reserve, we would like to use them for church planting and other gospel initiatives.

As we think of who we are, there is an inherent individuality simply because of our different locations. But there is also a unity that is ours because of our oneness in Christ and our common ethos. I would like to encourage you to come together, not simply to do business but for mutual edification. Prior to becoming a pastor, I remember thinking of our district conference as something I wanted to be at, more for the fellowship than the business. In that regard, I invite you to register and come even if it is primarily for the fellowship, even though the business aspect is extremely important and needs to be addressed as well.

When we think of the big picture, I'm reminded of Jesus words as he looked out across the crowd gathered around. (John 4:35) Saying that his food was to do 'the will of him who sent me' he continued: "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." As a collective group of churches my hope is that we would have Jesus' vision. Rubbing shoulders with those who don't know Christ can sometimes be a little unsettling, but Jesus left us in the world for that purpose. Let's think locally, but also with our eyes on the horizon. I expect you will be encouraged to do both at this conference.

Enjoying serving together,

Pastor Paul Ford

Introduction:

When I am privileged to commission a new pastor in one of our CPD churches, I typically go to first Peter 5:1-4 for my message that Sunday. The Apostle Peter appeals to his fellow elders to “... *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock*” (1 Peter 5:2-3). The challenge, for those called to lead the people of God, is watch over the flock with a willingness to serve, and an eagerness to serve. And the willingness and eagerness that God supplies are demonstrated not as a dictator, but as an example.

It should come as no surprise then, that our enemy tries to erode our willingness, and our eagerness. Seasons of weariness can test our willingness. Times of conflict can undermine our eagerness. And, when stretched to the limit, the enemy may tempt us to try dictatorial leadership, instead of humble, gentle, and faithful leadership that walks the path ahead as an example.

Probably all of us can relate to recent moments of fatigue, conflict, and general sense of malaise in ministry. AND...I trust you can also relate to the loving presence of the Good Shepherd as He gently encourages us to look to Him, and to press on anticipating His soon return and the blessing of receiving “...*the crown of glory that will never fade away*” (1 Peter 5:4).

I trust the conference weekend that we spend together in Prince George will be a refreshment for you. I am praying that you will leave with a fresh focus on the Good Shepherd, on His invitation to serve with eagerness and willingness, and on the joy of being part of His forever family.

Shepherding the Shepherds:

I continue to find great joy in being a shepherd to shepherds. I consider it a privilege to help bear burdens, to pray for and with my pastors in the ministry seasons they are experiencing, and to listen to stories of how God is at work. This year I was privileged to...

- Commission Pastor Chris Solberg as he moved from Associate Pastor to Lead Pastor of the Gospel Chapel in Vanderhoof.
- Have in-person visits with numerous pastors, pastoral couples, ministry workers, and church leaders as they debrief the happenings of day-to-day ministry.
- Teach a session of our EFCC Ministerial Accreditation Process (MAP) on Ministry Ethics and Integrity.
- Host our annual Pastors' Winter Retreat at Ness Lake Bible Camp.
- Be a chaplaincy coach for Pastor James Clark as he finished his Chaplaincy Practicum with ACTS Seminary.
- Consult with several Pastoral Search Committee's as they navigate the search for a new pastor.

- Interview several potential transitional pastors and interim pastors for those churches without a pastor.
- And much more.

Celebrations!

This year I was privileged to celebrate some significant anniversaries in the CPD:

- Sorrento EFC celebrated their 45th Anniversary on November 30th
- 100 Mile House EFC celebrated their 75th Anniversary on June 27-28th
- Terrace EFC will celebrate their 75th Anniversary this coming Thanksgiving weekend – October 9-11th
- Fort Saint James EFC will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year as well (though sadly I won't be able to attend).

What a joy to see the impact in these communities as God has worked through the faithfulness of His people over many years!

Also...

- On June 14th, the church family at Grace Bible Church (GBC) in Vernon voted to affirm Jerad Braun as their next Senior Pastor, beginning in September. At the same meeting Pastor Pat Stich, who has served as lead pastor faithfully for many years, was affirmed to continue to serve GBC, moving to an Associate Pastor position focussed on leadership training. Congratulations to you both Pat and Jerad, as you step into a new season with the continued blessing of team ministry together in Vernon
- On June 21st, Chris Stefanyk was officially commissioned as full time Pastor of Youth & Young Adults at Broadview EFC in Salmon Arm. Congratulations Chris!

Challenges.

Some things to pray about...

- Finding a qualified Treasurer for the District Board continues to be a challenge. We pursued a couple of leads, but the timing wasn't right for the individuals we contacted. We have hired an accountant to help Deb with expertise when needed, and James continues to allow his name to stand for this role in the meantime. Please pray for God's provision in this area.
- Our expenses continue to outpace our income. Due to a couple of generous donations, we have been able to close the gap in our deficit budget a little bit. But we still aren't breaking even. Thank you to each church in our district family for your faithfulness in giving! Please pray wisdom for us as we steward his area of responsibility.
- At the time of writing Goodlow EFC, North Shuswap Christian Fellowship in Scotch Creek, and Terrace EFC, are all looking for pastoral leadership. Pray for these pastoral searches, and for those leaders who take on extra responsibility in this season of waiting.
- Sage Hills EFC in Ashcroft has invited Rob Best to serve them as half-time interim pastor beginning in July 2026. Pray for Rob & Debbie as they serve this church family. And pray for Paul & Joyce Ford as they step in "retirement." It's their desire to continue to serve the church and community of Ashcroft in whatever ways the Lord reveals.
- At the time of writing Grace Community Church (GCC) in Whitehorse is still waiting on immigration details to be worked out so that they can welcome Tabare & Yara Monzalvo as their new pastoral couple. In the meantime, Interim Pastor Mel Fehr and his wife LaDonna

will be serving GCC for the months of September & October. Please pray for Tabare & Yara, Mel & LaDonna, and the church family in Whitehorse.

Opportunities.

There are three areas of outreach in our district right now that have the potential to result in church plants one day.

- Daniel & Yuna Oh continue to reach out to Koreans, other immigrant families, and the homeless population in Prince George. Please pray for Daniel & Yuna and if you aren't already receiving their newsletters, please ask for one.
- Teo & Brynne Esser started reaching out to their neighbours in the community of Valemount while they waited for their overseas missionary training program to begin. As they've done that, the Lord has been at work and as many as 12-15 people are meeting Bible Study and worship on a semi-regular basis. One of those families is Jose & Rhoda and kids (originally from the Philippines). Teo is mentoring Jose to take the lead of this group when Teo & Brynne leave. Pray for Jose & Rhoda, pray for Teo & Brynne, and pray that the Lord would guide very clearly in the days ahead.
- Matthew Stobbe, pastor in Dawson City, Yukon, has a heart for the community of Mayo, YT. There is almost no gospel witness in this town. Matthew and some of the leadership in Dawson are making periodic trips to Mayo to meet with people, host a Bible Study, and see what God may want to do. Pray for Matthew, his church leadership, and for the few believers in Mayo. May God's will be done in this little community that He loves so much.
- And this past summer at least 3 CPD churches were active in Summer Camp ministry, and 3 CPD churches hosted Athlete's in Action soccer camp outreaches in their community. Two CPD church (and maybe more?) hosted Vacation Bible School outreaches for children. Let's pray that these many gospel seeds planted will take root, grow, and lead to a harvest...for these children, and for their families!

Thank you!

- Thank you to my district board members who faithfully share their time to serve our CPD family. Thanks to Paul Ford (Chair), Matt Fast (Vice-Chair & Cariboo Region Director), Bailey Ferguson (Secretary), James Clark (Interim Treasurer & Central Region Director), Tim Hill (Okanagan Shuswap Region Director), Barrett Horne (Northern Region Director).
- Thank you to Deb Holbrook who administrates the details of our district with competence and joy.
- Thank you to Steve Sharpe who coaches church planters and encourages pastors and leaders to keep disciple-making in focus.
- Thanks to each of our district's shepherds' for loving your people, and for faithfully proclaiming God's word week after week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan

Dan Carlaw

District Superintendent for the CPD

Scotch Creek – North Shuswap Christian Fellowship

The North Shuswap Christian Fellowship in Scotch Creek BC has recently had to say goodbye to our Pastor Scott Ross and his wife Melissa and three young girls. Scott and Melissa have faithfully served our church family and have now accepted a new pastoral position in Prince George. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them Gods richest blessings as they continue to bring the Joy of Jesus to those who do not know Him.

Our church recently met with Dan Carlaw our district superintendent to review and plan next steps as we seek God's direction for our church family in Scotch Creek. We have selected nine church members to represent our church as a pastoral search committee. The committee is comprised of both ladies and men and both long- and short-term members. We have begun to seek a transitional pastor first to guide us through our next phase followed by a search for a long-term pastor to lead us.

We have arranged pulpit supply for the months of July and August and September as we begin our search. Dan Carlaw has been a great resource for us and helped guide us through the recommended processes in search for a new pastor. We provide weekly updates to our church family during our Sunday announcements.

We strongly believe that through constant prayer by our church God will lead a new person to shepherd His flock in the North Shuswap. We would ask you to join with us all in prayer as we seek God's will for our church and its new leader.

Dave Colville – Deacon

Pritchard EFC

Many church-goers in Pritchard travel to Kamloops to attend, and that's a trend Pritchard EFC is trying to address. With various community-oriented activities, they are raising the profile of the church to encourage a restart of their youth group and generate interest in local church attendance. Pray for growth in both spiritual depth and numbers, and that the Lord would enable the church to search for a full-time pastor.

Wayside Crossing – Osoyoos

Wayside Crossing has progressed to the point of applying for full membership in the EFCC and to become part of the Canadian Pacific District. Praise God for growth in leadership and governance, and pray for continued effective involvement in the Osoyoos community through the Wayside Community Services Society.

Sorrento EFC

Sorrento has been going through a period of attrition as members and attendees confront health and age-related concerns, with some compelled to move from their homes into assisted living or nursing homes. Although the congregation is being spread farther apart, there is still commitment for continuing to fellowship together, and the mutual support for these long-term relationships is encouraging. Sorrento EFC is a “niche market”, ministering largely to the growing seniors and retiree population in the area, and there are new faces in the congregation, with older believers attending for that reason. Pray for Sorrento, as health issues are imposing leadership changes and challenges on the church.

A Season of New Beginnings at Grace Bible Church ~ Vernon

The year 2026 appears to be a season of new beginnings for Grace Bible Church. We are experiencing significant transitions in leadership, staffing, ministry direction, financial planning, and, by God's grace, we are praying for continued growth in the family of God.

As we move forward, we continue to encourage everyone to embrace and support our four primary objectives—the **4 P's**:

- **Praise Jesus Christ**
- **Produce Joy-Filled Disciples**
- **Pursue Lost People**
- **Promote Gifted Kingdom Service**

In June, the congregation of Grace Bible Church voted to appoint **Pastor Jerad Braun** as our Lead Pastor and **Pastor Pat Stich** as Pastor of Leadership Development. This transition will officially take place on **September 1, 2026**. Please pray for both pastors, our elders, and the entire church family as we seek a smooth and God-honoring transition.

We are also pleased to be hiring three part-time ministry leaders this August to oversee our Children's Ministry, Junior Youth, and Senior Youth. We are thankful for God's provision and ask you to pray for these new staff members as they begin serving our church family.

In addition, our leadership has been developing an emerging vision currently known as "**Grace + Grounds**." This vision is still taking shape, and there is important work ahead as we continue to pray, seek wisdom, and refine the details together.

At present, our team is obtaining estimates from local contractors so we can better understand the financial implications and prepare a realistic budget. As the vision becomes clearer, we will continue to keep the congregation informed. If, through prayer and discernment, we become convinced that **Grace + Grounds** is God's direction for Grace Bible Church, we will present the proposal to the congregation for discussion and approval before moving forward with any implementation. Please continue to pray that God would grant us wisdom, unity, and discernment as we seek to follow His leading in this exciting season.

The Church on 11th (Williams Lake EFC)

Pastor Trevor Hagan

Williams Lake EFC has had a good year. They have been blessed with being full most Sundays - which presents it's own challenges, but a good problem to have. The church was able to go on a missions trip to Africa this past year and has been active in their community. They have been really concentrating on evangelism and cultivating the soil in their own lives, as well as others lives, that the gospel would grow well. Pastor Trevor and his wife are feeling quite encouraged as well, as they have seen God at work in some tremendous ways.

100 Mile EFC

Pastor Matthew Fast

100 Mile EFC celebrated their 75th anniversary of God's faithfulness this year. They had many travel from far away to attend and it was a wonderful weekend of remembering and looking forward. The year has also been transitional as well though - through the moving on of some key people, some to new chapters and some being taken home to be with our Saviour. The Lord has continued to bless the church though. They have seen some new families begin attending, adding newness to the core group of the church. They have a monthly ministry to the 100 Mile seniors, Matt serves as chaplain of the local hockey team, and they are working to connect with the young families in the community through putting on kid friendly events and hosting different groups in our space (such as music recitals, choir performances, and the festival of the arts). Please pray for a continuance of growth, that God will raise up people from inside and bring more from outside to continue building a healthy and God-devoted church to reach the district of 100 Mile.

Sage Hills EFC (Ashcroft)

Pastor Paul Ford

Sage Hills EFC is also going through a time of change as Pastor Paul Ford announced his retirement this past year. They are currently searching for who God would bring in as the pastor for the next season. God has been growing them as well - bringing to them a couple that is serving Christ with the youth of Ashcroft - as well as bringing new people through their doors on Sundays. Please pray for God's guidance as the church wraps its head around new things, transitions, and the search for a pastor.

Merritt EFC

Pastor Dan Sczebel

Merritt EFC has had great year - one that can only be attributed to God. It has been very busy with both feet on the gas, but a good year. They are currently right at capacity and so are thinking through the potential solutions for the fall. Dan is feeling very encouraged there and eagerly anticipating what the future holds for the church in Merritt.

Prince George Evangelical Free Church - Pastor Ernest Romanchik

Greetings from PGEFC to all our fellow churches. We are grateful to be part of this family and look forward to hosting many of you at the CPD Conference in October!

We've experienced a year of generosity. In 2025, most of our roof was replaced, at significant cost and urgently needing to be addressed. Donations and good stewardship made it possible to do so without incurring any debt. Early this year, a \$60,000 donation came in to specifically cover the remainder of the roof, and we'll have that taken care of in the Fall. There's also been significant giving and gifting to our church to begin replacing our cedar exterior, which is extremely flammable, to Hardie boards, to update and protect our church. We've had a fireplace installed in our coffee fellowship room, money put forward for a brand-new headset mic, and a one-time \$10,000 donation come in anonymously. This is on top of the generosity we've seen from the people within our church going above and beyond to serve and use their gifts and skills to serve. One example is a renovation project that 2 individuals poured themselves into, creating an office for Pastor Daniel Oh, to help his work in reaching primarily the Korean population of PG.

It has also been a year of adjustment for us. Our Board has shifted, with many newer and younger faces. Many Elders, Deaconesses, and Trustees, having served for many years, stepped down or had their terms end. We've welcomed quite a few new members officially while also losing some younger families and couples, mostly due to work-related moves. Our church family looks quite different than it did a year ago, both in attendees and leadership.

We find ourselves grateful, recognizing that God has been so good to us. We have great leaders, a very committed membership, and the Lord provides for us time and time again.

McBride Evangelical Free Church – Pastor Stewart Reimer

The Lord is at work in our midst in spite of the painful things which we continue to grieve and give to Him. I'm so thankful for the many stalwart saints who regularly and faithfully represent Jesus to our community through their regular vocational work done well to the glory of God, often with unique opportunities to show the love of Christ to those they interact with. We rejoice to see new folks show up regularly to hear the gospel proclaimed.

It has also been such a joy to see the many young mothers of our congregation working hard in their homes to nourish and nurture eternal souls for the kingdom of God, what a force to be reckoned with as they disciple the next generation for Jesus!

The Lord has blessed us to re-establish a regular Sunday School program over the last couple of years and we rejoice in the many children who are getting to be encouraged in their growing faith in Jesus.

We had the joy to celebrate four youth baptisms this last year including the two oldest Reimer teens! We also got to welcome a couple of new members to the church and three new weddings in the church family, four new babies and two more on the way!

Since January we've had one of our own homegrown young men, Ezra Keim (graduate of Millar College of the Bible), begin serving as our new ministry intern, working with our youth and children's ministry as well as preaching on occasion. He and his wife Rachelle have been a wonderful blessing in our fellowship.

We have also been learning what it means to send two of our members, Teo and Brynne Esser (and their family), as missionaries to an ethnolinguistic group somewhere in the world who have no ability to access to the gospel. At present this means that they are enrolled in Radius International Ministries where they will go through nine months of intensive missionary training so that they can be equipped to succeed in this endeavour to see a healthy, indigenous, reproducing church planted for the glory of God.

If your church or missions committee is interested in what it means to finish the missionary task world-wide I'm sure that Teo and Brynne would love to come and make a presentation in your church gathering next summer about the huge inequity in funds and effort being directed into other avenues of international Christian work other than bringing the Gospel to language groups who have never yet heard the good news of Jesus.

In the midst of all of this, over the last year Teo and Brynne have been nurturing a small group of disciples in our neighbouring town, Valemount. We are continuing to evaluate if this might be the Lord's timing to begin another work in that community which has been long fractured and seemed somewhat resistant to Christian witness.

Charisa and I (Stewart) ended up being the blessed recipients of the Kerith ministry leaders retreat and will be headed there this November. May the Lord Jesus continue to pour out His mercy and grace in our midst. To God alone be the Glory.

Fort St. James Evangelical Free Church – Pastor Roger Snyman

E-free Fort St. James continues to grow steadily, and we are grateful for God's faithfulness.

One of our primary focuses this year has been to intentionally shift the culture of the church toward the understanding that ministry is the calling of every believer, not just the pastor. To support this vision, we have replaced our committees with ministry teams, appointed and empowered leaders to facilitate each ministry and are in the process of implementing Planning Centre as our primary digital platform for communication, event management, and ministry involvement. We believe these steps and tools will provide greater transparency into each ministry and create clear opportunities for people to serve (this is the hope anyways).

Our ultimate goal is to see every single member actively serving somewhere, whether that's baking for Kids' ministry, washing dishes after a potluck or greeting visitors on a Sunday morning (no bench warming Christianity).

Changing church culture, however, is about as easy as herding cats through a car wash, so prayer is definitely needed for the implementation. Thankfully, the core of our church has embraced the vision, and their support has been invaluable.

Our Kids' Ministry continues to be a tremendous blessing and, on many Sundays, has more attendees than the adult congregation. Our Youth Ministry has reached a point where we are prayerfully considering whether it should primarily function as a Bible study or as an outreach ministry. We consistently have more than 30 teenagers attending Friday evenings, with approximately 90% coming from non-Christian homes. For a small town, that is a big mission field. We are thankful for the energy and excitement these evenings bring, but we also want to ensure we are doing more than simply providing entertainment, we want to faithfully and effectively disciple and reach those who don't know Him yet. Please pray for wisdom as we seek the Lord's direction in this area.

On a personal note, balancing the responsibilities of pastoring while also running the coffee shop has been physically and emotionally demanding. I have felt quite exhausted at times, so I would greatly appreciate prayer for wisdom to know when to rest, how to steward my time well, and how to remain healthy and effective in both ministries.

Smithers Evangelical Free Church – Pastor Dwayne Goertzen

Here are a few highlights from Smithers EFC this past year.

- Pastor Joshua has completed his credentialing work with the EFCC. It will be finalized in October.
- Our church sponsored 9 refugees from South Sudan. It has been amazing to see how God has provided for their needs and to see the welcoming response and generosity of our church. It hasn't always been an easy process, but we believe that we have given them a good start in Canada.
- Our church has started the discussion about succession for Pastor Dwayne. We are trying to map out a process which would transition the senior Pastor role to Pastor Joshua.
- In the midst of very good things happening, we have had our share of trials. Many families in the congregation have been hit with serious issues – deaths, terminal illness and marriage break-ups. Your prayers are always appreciated.

Always delighted to be part of the Canadian Pacific District of the EFCC.

Terrace Evangelical Free Church – Pastor James Clark

God is good all the time. What an encouraging truth that we get to lean on as we continue the work that He has given us to do in Terrace.

There are many things to be thankful for over this last year. The congregation continues to grow. I am excited to report that growth is not just marked by the number of people who are attending, but that people are interacting with the teaching, and there are people who are serving for the first time and others who are serving in new ways. We are richly blessed by the individual giftings of our

congregation. Understanding one's spiritual gifts and how to use them continues to be an area that we can help people with.

Our current financial situation has blessed us with the opportunity to finish our kitchen renovation, and even more importantly, begin looking for an Associate Pastor to join our team. I was also encouraged by the generosity shown towards two of our youth who were seeking to go on a short-term mission to Guatemala. Their trip was paid for through a love offering and a soup and bun fundraiser. This fundamentally impacted these two youth as they were overwhelmed by the love shown to them.

We just completed our first full year of children's ministry since covid. Prior to this it was running every other week. We are blessed to have a leader in place who has a vision for the program and has gathered volunteers who are dedicated to helping the children of the church to understand Jesus better. This has naturally encouraged families to attend more regularly.

Please pray for those who are still being affected by those who left during covid. Loss and grief are still being dealt with here in the congregation. Please also pray for God to make known to us the right candidate for our Associate Pastor position.

This report provides a brief summary of how three of the four Evangelical Free churches in the North are doing. The churches in the district include the Goodlow EFC in Goodlow, BC, the Community Chapel in Dawson City, YT, Grace Community Church in Whitehorse, YT, and Liard EFC in Watson Lake, YT. Regretfully, I have not been able to connect with the Liard EFC church.

Regional Overview

In an effort to strengthen connection between these northern churches I have hosted a series of Zoom conversations between Brad Giesbrecht, an elder at the Goodlow church, Matthew Stobbe, the pastor at the Dawson church, and myself as an elder at Grace. This has enabled us to stay informed about our respective church communities and to support each other and our churches in prayer. It always a privilege and blessing to share news and prayer points between the three churches. It has so far not proven possible to connect with the Watson Lake church.

Goodlow Evangelical Free Church, Goodlow, BC

The Goodlow Evangelical Free Church continues to do well, with strong pulpit and pastoral ministry provided by a committed team of elders.

The church has enjoyed teaming up with a neighbour church in Cecil Lake, including a second year of offering an AWANA Club that has been well received and attended. They also partner with Cecil Lake for an annual Good Friday service.

The church continues its search for a pastor. There have been several conversations with potential candidates, but none so far have been judged to be a good fit. They are now praying about seeking a young Bible College or Seminary graduate who could be mentored and supported by the strong team of elders.

The summer season finds many in the church deeply involved with children and youth camp ministries.

Dawson Community Chapel, Dawson, YT

The Dawson Community Chapel continues to be blessed by the ministry of Matthew Stobbe, who is providing strong pastoral, evangelistic and Bible teaching leadership to the Dawson church. The congregation is growing.

This year they celebrated Kamp Klondike's 50th anniversary, held in conjunction with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (NCEM) missionaries in Fort McPherson, NWT, and InterAct missionaries in Ross River, YT.

As well, Matthew, with the support of the church, is leading an outreach Bible study in the village of Mayo, Yukon, meeting monthly with (so far) 4 interested participants.

Matthew is progressing through the two-year EFCC credentialling process, as well as beginning an online MDiv program via Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Liard Evangelical Free Church, Watson Lake, YT

The Watson Lake church continues to be served by Pastor Ray Laukkannen.

Grace Community Church, Whitehorse, YT

Grace is rejoicing to have concluded its pastoral search, having called Tabaré Curiel to serve as pastor. The church is now involved in helping Tabaré and his wife Yara, who are citizens of Mexico, to obtain the required visas to work in Yukon. In the meantime, the church has seen some growth and continues to rejoice in its multi-ethnic, multi-cultural character, enriched by members from Sierra Leone, India, Sri Lanka, Antigua, South Africa and the Philippines. This year a Conversational English Club was begun to serve new immigrants and international students.

Other ministries include monthly craft social events, women's potlucks and a men's breakfast. One of the blessings of not having a pastor has been seeing folks rise to the occasion of meeting a wide variety of needs, from pastoral visits to preaching, to yard maintenance, to organizing our monthly potlucks, and assisting with children's ministry.

While the church is small in numbers, there is a genuine sense of the Lord's care and provision, along with hopeful anticipation for what the future holds.

Respectfully submitted,
Barrett W Horne
Northern Region Representative
Whitehorse, Yukon

My mandate is to increase the Biblical Literacy, Gospel Clarity, and Cultural Fluency for Disciple Making in the local church. The two platforms for accomplishing the goal are church planting and Disciple Making Cohorts.

CPD Disciple Making Cohorts (Peer Coaching) (1st and 3rd Thursday's)

Cohorts are a great disciple making tool. Pastors that meet regularly together in a learning environment create a safe place for meaningful connection. The impact is a renewed focus on disciple making in the local church.

If you would like to participate in a CPD Cohort, please don't hesitate to call, text, or email.

Church Planting

This Conference we celebrate by extending the right hand of fellowship to Wayside Crossing. The church plant that started the first week of COVID is now affiliating as a member church. Thank you for all those who prayed and supported this work.

This past year the CPD board has learned to implement and execute the newly created CPD Church Planting Policies and Procedures for two church plant opportunities in Valemount and Prince George. In Prince George, I meet weekly with Daniel Oh as he prepares to plant the church by establishing a core group. In Valemount, a potential church planter is being considered to lead a small core group of believers into a church plant and what a partnership with the CPD might look like. Please continue to pray for these and other church planting opportunities in the CPD.

It continues to be a blessing and a pleasure to be working for and with the CPD, the board and especially with Dan Carlaw. Thank you, Dan, for being an amazingly patient and tender-hearted person, that puts God first in every decision made on behalf of our wonderful district.

Dan and I continue to meet, generally via Zoom, on a weekly basis and those meetings are always a source of joy. We laugh, a lot...generally at ourselves as we try to navigate busy schedules, ongoing projects, deadlines, meetings and ensuring that we are listening for the voice and direction of our Lord. I continue to attend the regular board meetings so that I can report on what I am working on and ensure that financial questions can be answered as quickly as possible.

There is much to be joy filled and thankful for. I continued to work with Daron Mayes as he ensures our investments continue to grow and this year, we have now secured the services of an accounting firm in Vernon, BC.

In order to help us not take as much out of our investments as we had in previous years, we now use the interest earned on investments and have that transferred to our operating account while leaving the bulk of the principal investment intact. Making that one change has allowed us to only draw down \$30,000.00 from investments this past fiscal year compared to \$85,000.00 during the last fiscal year.

For the past two years we have been deeply blessed by a private donation to cover the cost of our annual Pastors Retreat at Ness Lake. That, along with another significant one-time donation and the addition of another regular monthly donor has been encouraging. As an individual reading this report, if you would like to consider becoming a regular donor to the CPD or would like to consider discussing leaving a legacy fund, please speak with Paul Ford (Board chair) or Dan Carlaw (District Superintendent). Donations are always welcome and can be sent by e-transfer to office@efcc-cpd.ca.

Thank you to all of our CPD churches for your faithfulness in sending in your portion. It is our goal to be as transparent as possible and to maintain a high level of accountability to you.

Financial Overview – from September 2025 to July 2026

(as our year end is August 31st, official financial documents will be made available at the conference)

1. Income:

- **Individual Church Giving:** Our primary source of income remains the generous tithes and offerings from the individual churches in our district. As our official fiscal year end isn't until August 31st, I cannot include the actual financials in this AGM package however, I can tell that you that from September to June 2026 (10 months) our actual revenue is sitting around 21% above budget; that is mostly due a generous donor but is also attributed to some of the district churches giving slightly over their budgeted amount.
- **Church Plant Giving:** From September to December 2025 we continued to actively support the Osoyoos church plant on a monthly basis. Since January 2026 however, any funds coming into the CPD that were not directly designated to Osoyoos, have gone into building the Church plant fund for future church plants within the district.

2. Expenditures:

- **Operational Expenses:** These include salary, utility bills, and maintenance costs, insurance, accounting fees, etc. Again for the period of September 2025 to June 2026 we are at approximately 96% of our budget therefore, we will almost certainly be over budget by the end of the fiscal year.

Financial Goals

Looking ahead, our financial strategy should focus on the following areas:

- **Income Growth:** Increase our income through increased individual church growth, focussing on more church plants, and finding new areas of fundraising that includes the individual communities.
- **Opportunity to Transfer Investment Assets (Securities, Mutual Funds, or Registered Plan Assets)**

I have been working with our investment manager, Daron Mayes, to formulate a way in which donors could quickly and easily transfer certain assets to the Canadian Pacific District if and when they choose to. There are many benefits to both the donor and the donee when such a transfer takes place and we want to encourage you to speak with your accountant or investment broker before initiating any type of transfer.

Important:

- *For publicly traded securities transferred in-kind to a registered charity, the capital gains inclusion rate is reduced to nil under s.38(a.1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Donors are strongly advised not to sell securities before transferring, as a sale triggers a taxable disposition. Donors are also advised to consult their tax advisor regarding the tax treatment of transfers from registered accounts (RRSP/RRIF/TFSA), as these may result in taxable income upon withdrawal.*
- **Operational Cost Management:** Continued emphasis on wise financial management to control and reduce operational costs without compromising on our mission and services.
- **Community Engagement:** Increasing our investment in community outreach programs, thereby strengthening our ties with the local community and fulfilling our mission of service.

Once again, we thank you for your support as we continue to steward the monies God has entrusted us to further His Kingdom with the Gospel. May your church continue to be a light on the hill that shines brightly for Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Holbrook
District Administrator

NOMINATIONS REPORT
to the
Canadian Pacific District Conference
October 2-4, 2026

Nominations Report:

The nominations committee was compromised of Matthew Fast, Stewart Reimer, Trevor Hagan, Brad Giesbrecht, Tyler Harper, and Dan Carlaw (ex-officio).

This year has been good - of course, not without challenges, but we have seen God work on numerous occasions here in our district. We haven't had a lot of change over in the year or have much change over to vote on either. We are still searching for someone to step into the role of Finance, and so we are very thankful that **James Clarke** has been open to remain as our interim finance person. **Paul Ford** has done a great job giving leadership to this team and we all have enjoyed coming together in prayer and planning throughout our time together. This year the only roles on the board that need addressing, in terms of voting, are the roles of Secretary and Northern Rep - as we have yet to find a person that is able to commit to the finance role. For Secretary, **Bailey Ferguson** has let her name stand for her second two year term - and for Northern Rep, **Barrett Horne** has let his name stand for his second two year term as well. Furthermore, the current nominating committee has agreed to let their names stand for the coming year as well. As always, we seek to honour our Lord and Saviour and are, and would be, grateful for your prayers as we endeavour to continue walking in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Position	Person	Letting Name Stand
Chair	Paul Ford	One Year Remaining
Vice Chair	Matthew Fast	One Year Remaining
Finance	James Clarke (Interim)	
Secretary	Bailey Ferguson	For 2nd Two Year Term
Cariboo Rep	Matthew Fast	One Year Remaining
Okanagan Rep	Tim Hill	One Year Remaining
Central Rep	James Clarke	One Year Remaining
Northern Rep	Barrett Horne	For 2nd Two Year Term
Church Plant	???	???
Superintendent	Dan Carlaw	2nd Year of 2nd Three Year Term
Nominating Committee	Stuart Reimer, Trevor Hagan Brad Giesbrecht, Tyler Harper	For 2027

*Red - Leaving *Blue - Time Remaining *Green - Nomination

Sincerely in Christ,
Matthew Fast (Vice Chair)