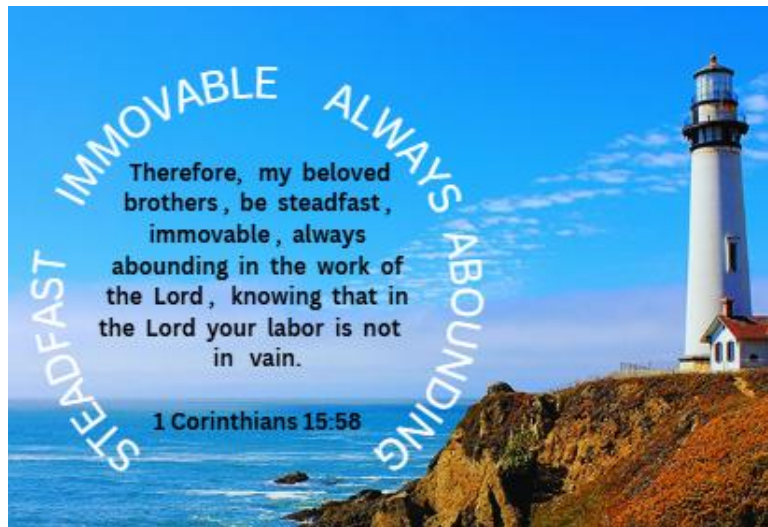


# THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CANADA CANADIAN PACIFIC DISTRICT FALL HUDDLE & CONFERENCE

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**Broadview Evangelical Free Church**  
350 – 30<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Salmon Arm, BC  
**Fri. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sun. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Pastor & Spouse Huddle**  
**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**AGM Sat. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 9:00 am**



**Agenda**  
The Evangelical Free Church of Canada Canadian Pacific District  
Annual General Meeting  
October 4, 2025  
Salmon Arm, BC

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Devotional & Opening Prayer**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Adoption of AGM Minutes from October 5, 2024**
- 5. Reports:**
  - A. Chairman – Jerad Braun
  - B. District Superintendent – Dan Carlaw
  - C. Shuswap/Okanagan Regional Director
  - D. Cariboo Regional Director – Paul Ford
  - E. Central Regional Director – James Clark
  - F. Northern/Peace Regional Director – Barrett Horne
  - G. Church Plant Report – Steve Sharpe / Dan Williams
  - H. Nominations Report – Matt Fast
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Financial Report:**
  - A. Financial Statements for 2024-2025
  - B. Budget for 2025-2026
  - C. Appointment of Internal Financial Reviewers
- 8. Business Arising From Previous AGM:**
  - A. Update on Moving Fiscal Year End.
  - B. Proposed By-Law Update (To be voted on at an online SGM in November).
  - C. Update on Research on CPD Coming Under EFCC.
- 9. New Business:**
  - A. Vote to Renew Dan Carlaw's DS Contract? "Motion to affirm Dan Carlaw as District Superintendent in accordance with Article V11.H.1."
  - B. Welcome Wayside Crossing in Osoyoos as a Full Member CPD Church?
  - C. Approve Prince George Korean Church as a New CPD Church Plant?
  - D. 2026 District Conference – Prince George, BC
- 10. Motion to Adjourn**

## MINUTES

The Canadian Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada

### Annual General Meeting

October 5, 2024

Williams Lake, BC

1. **Call to Order** – 9:13AM
2. **Devotional & Prayer** – Jerad Braun, (hoping there won't be throwing of pumpkins or gourds), read Matthew 9:35. We are an evangelicalistic people. Jesus' compassion is for Kingdom-sake, redemption. Our interaction with society needs to be led by and for Jesus, not just for compassion sake.
3. **MOTION to Approve the Agenda as amended:** M-S-C (Shaun Wick/Ernest Romanchik) **MOTION** to change agenda to reflect that Tim Bourke is no longer treasurer, and Deb Holbrook finished year-end financials and will give report. Add credential report. M-S-C (Tyler Harper/Chris Solberg)
4. **MOTION to Adopt the AGM Minutes for September 30, 2024.** M-S-C  
(Dwayne Goertzen/Trevor Hagen)
5. **Credential Report:** 17 Pastors, 24 Delegates, 2 Board members (some Board members registered as Pastors), 8 guests. Total 51 people.
6. **Reports** (presented in AGM package):
  - A. Chairman Jerad Braun
  - B. District Superintendent Dan Carlaw
  - C. Shuswap/Okanagan Regional Director Scott Ross
  - D. Central Regional Director James Clark
  - E. Cariboo Regional Director Paul Ford
  - F. Northern/Peace Regional Director John Marshall
  - G. Church Plant Report Dan Williams

**Superintendent Report:** Verbal by Dan Carlaw (p.8) – LPD & Wayside Crossing partnership is good. LPD has effective structures and policies in place, and we need them too. Steve is working with us, to have by end of year.

Challenges: Rising costs. Third year in deficit budget. Church-planting funds are dwindling. Pray wisdom for the Board. We need a treasurer, but James Clark has stepped in for now, thank you James!

Thanks: Deb Holbrook for **all** the work you do for our District!!! Delighted with current Pastors. Encouraged and optimistic, 6 pastors installed last year, looking for 3 currently. Thanks to wife Marilyn for freeing me to do my job.

Questions:

? Tyler Harper: What would it take from churches to meet church-plant need?

Ans: When we ask local church missions committees, encourage CPD church planting as priority. We have 3 new, renew or sharing planting inquiries. On paper we (District) can't commit. But we know Who has all the funds. This can build family.

? Tyler Harper: Specific, quantify please.

Ans: No numbers crunched, but \$500/year is a start.

Comment: Neil Bassingthwaite: "Fair Share" recommends 2.5% of budget to District and 2.5% of budget to National. Those currently stand at 1% each.

Ans: Will talk more about this in new business.

Comment: James Clark – discuss in churches about New missionaries vs. CPD plants.

Ans: Historically we react vs. be proactive.

**Church Plant Report** – Verbal by Dan Williams. Thank you for over 4 years of support.

Thanks that Sharon can be here too. Favourite photographs/snapshots:

- Walking Main Street, a lady shares that a woman she's discipling has dreams of Jesus.
- Widow joining church after one conversation with Kleenex at the register. She soon brought someone else with her.
- At Bible study, Dan wasn't optimistic. Person #1 said, "Why am I sitting here?! I should be enough." Person #2 said Dan's accepted as Pastor in the neighbourhood.

"There's not been a revival yet in the post-Christian era." Stay tuned for more miraculous snap-shots to come!

**MOTION to approve all reports:** M-S-C (Matt Fast, Stewart Reimer)

6. **Nominations Committee Report:** Matt Fast. It's been a challenging year.

A. Chair	Jerad Braun	One year remaining
B. Vice-Chair	Matt Fast	One year remaining
C. Finance	James Clark interim	Tim Bourke resigned
D. Secretary	Bailey Ferguson	Two year term -Faith Scarrott resigned
E. Cariboo Rep	Paul Ford	Two year term
F. Okanagan Rep	Scott Ross	Two year term
G. Central Rep	James Clark	One year remaining
H. Northern Rep	Barrett Horne	Two year term
I. Church Plant	None	
J. Superintendent	Dan Carlaw	One year remaining (3-year term)

Call for nominations from the floor – asked three times- none.

All nominees declared by acclamation.

7. **A. Financial Report** – presented by Deb Holbrook & helped by James Clark

\* Clarify that Deb does bookkeeping all the time, and just jumped into Treasurer with Tim Bourke's recent resignation.

\* Net assets \$368,467.92

\* Discussed restricted funds with Accountant Daron Mayes: Church-planting \$76,410.30 & Other \$145,357.40.

Questions:

? Tyler – What is “other” for?

Ans: Went back to 2005 in archives, board & AGM electronic and paper minutes and found no clear motion. Maybe it’s from 3 or 4 properties where a percentage of sale went to restricted? It’s up to the Board to determine if “other” could move into church plant or operating. Or delegates recommend the Board make a designation.

? Darren Charton– Can’t just decide to move restricted unless it’s in Policy?

Followup – Bill Taylor. Differentiate between restricted and designated. The Board can unrestrict, but should have motion on the books.

In Comparative income, church donations exceeded by +/- \$6000. Thank you!  
Expenses, Church health & Good News Grant were reduced.

**MOTION to approve the financial statements for 2023-2024.** M-S-C (Tyler Harper/Barrett Horne)

**B. Budget for 2024-2025:** We currently use the “butts in seats” model, possibly next year can move to the % model. Thank you to churches who sent in actual attendance numbers.

? Tyler: Do we get reminder emails?

Ans: Yes, we send them to churches.

Sadly, we’ve had to reduce EFCC contributions to Neil Bassingswaite from \$1000/month to \$500/month.

The Good News and Intern bursaries have been reduced.

Increase to Dan & Deb’s wages, 3% cost-of-living.

Deficit is still in play.

**MOTION to approve the 2024-2025 Budget.** M-S-C (Paul Ford/Shawn Wick)

C. Appointment of Internal Financial Reviewers

Questions:

? Barrett Horne – Are there audit requirements and if so, do they happen?

Ans.: There are no requirements. We don’t do audits because they are expensive. The constitution wording was changed a few years ago to financial Review, from Audit.

? Brad Giesbrecht – On page 2 of 3, wages went down on paper?

Ans.: Last year a bonus was given to Deb, under Actual. There is no 3% raise on the bonus, but yes, there is a COF 3% raise.

**MOTION to appoint internal financial reviewers.** M-S-C (James Clark/Chris Solberg)

## 8. New Business:

- A. Proposed change to the CPD member church giving formula from “butt-in-seats” to “Fair Share” percentage model. Rationale discussed, no formal vote on it yet.
- B. Fiscal Year End – The year-end happens four weeks before the AGM. It would mean a constitutional/*by-law* change, but the tight timeline makes year-end tough. Fiscal year end closes August 31. September 1 is the new year, but the August bank statements don’t arrive until mid-September, so there’s only a couple weeks to get things in order for the AGM. Looked at getting a new Accountant, but they refused to take us on due to the timeline.

Discussion

? Stewart Reimer – Can we have a motion to change it?

Ans.- We need government approval to change year-end. Might have 2 year ends within the same year.

Board needs to determine what is best timing for fiscal year-end (May 31?)

Board needs to look at what’s needed for change to Constitution/*By-laws*.

Delegates need to know 3 months ahead.

Annual meeting must be within 6 months of year-end.

Current Constitution/*By-laws* says we must hold AGM late September-Early October.

? Josh Dekker – Can we have a vote before the AGM?

Ans.- Constitution/*By-laws* state a Special General Meeting can happen by mail.

Delegates are in place for one year, until next AGM.

? Ron Mose – Is there a cost associated with changing the Constitution/*By-laws*? Would it affect budget?

Ans.- Not expensive.

**MOTION that the CPD Board prepare the necessary changes to move the fiscal year-end.** M-S-C (Stewart Reimer/Barrett Horne)

- C. DS Renewable Contract: This is an anomaly with Workplace BC. This contract would fail in court. Relational piece for DS. Discovery piece for Board. It’s a longstanding tradition, most districts do this. We should consider “hired until fired/finished”.

Shaun Wick – We should do away with terms. George Budd did away with terms for the Executive Director. Board responsibility of due diligence to hold DS accountable.

Became a popularity contest. Not having terms enables DS to tell us hard things that won’t affect him for re-election. We trust Board and adore Dan & Marilyn. Tenure DS, remove stress.

In *By-laws*.

? Tyler Harper – Has CPD Board considered dissolving as a society and the DS becoming an employee of Home Office, under their umbrella? It works well for Manitoba. Requests consideration.

Comment: Barrett Horne – Review *By-laws* and add flexibility.

Comment: Teo Esser – DS term, encourage Board to keep DS accountable.

Ans.: It would be a mindset change for Board.

? Darren Charton – Review *By-laws*, to make one submission. Highly recommend removing DS term.

**D. 2025 District Conference in Salmon Arm, BC  
October 2-5, 2025**

Dave Sager closed in prayer.

**MOTION to adjourn** 10:44AM Debra Holbrook

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Carlaw

	ACTION ITEMS	OWNER	DATE ASSIGNED	DATE COMPLETED
1.	Consider dissolving society and DS become employee of Home Office	Board	October 2024 CPD AGM	
2.	Review By-laws, mid-year voting accommodation (email, Zoom, etc.)	Board	October 2024 CPD AGM	
3.	Privacy laws regarding publishing wages in budget papers. Ask Cathy in Home Office	Treasurer	October 2024 Shaun Wick CPD AGM	
4.	Fiscal year-end changes	Board	October 2024 CPD AGM	
5.	Look at restricted funds movement?	Board	October 2024 CPD AGM	

**Chairman's Report**  
To the  
**Canadian Pacific District Conference**  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

It has continued to be a joy to serve on the CPD Board. I'm thankful to the Brothers and Sisters that I have the privilege to serve alongside. God has gifted each one for their roles in both their local churches and their roles on the CPD Board.

We have continued to struggle to have consistent Treasurer. The whole of the Board is very grateful to have Deb Holbrook, CPD Administrator, stepping in and doing much of the work of the Treasurer position. James Clark, Central Region Director, has also stepped in to fulfill the role. We had a short stint of a few months where Les Headrick, member of Grace Bible Church in Vernon, stepped in to discern whether or not the role would be a good fit for him. Due to being stretched too thin Les found it necessary to decline the position. James Clark continues to hold the title while much of the work is accomplished by Deb Holbrook. In short, please help us recruit a new Treasurer!

A few items that we were tasked with at the last AGM were:

**1) Look into moving the fiscal year end of the CPD to a more suitable time of year.**

- In the absence of a skilled Treasurer we have decided to wait on making this move

**2) Consider dissolving the CPD into National.**

- We have explored through conversation with both Bill Taylor as well as the Central District who have previously come under National. The consensus of the Board is that this past year was not a great time to further explore making that change.

**3) Update the Constitution and Bylaws**

- This process has been underway for a number of months. You should be receiving the updates for your approval at this coming AGM

**4) Write and approve church planting policies for the CPD**

- This process has been underway for a number of months. You should be receiving the policies for your approval at this coming AGM

There are many other areas of concern that we have given our time to as well. We continue to move forward on bringing the Osoyoos Church plant fully under the umbrella of the CPD. We have been in conversation about a partnering with a Korean Church Plant in Prince George. We have also explored un-restricting some of the restricted funds. Along with this we have explored ways to use the interest from our GIC's to help offset the deficit budget. It has been a joy to serve on the Board in this capacity. I am thankful for each person on the Board and the Gifts and talents they share with the District. May God be glorified as we seek to please Him and love his Church well.

In Him and for Him,  
Jerad Braun  
CPD Board Chairman



If there's one thing I've learned in my time as Superintendent, it's that there may be no such thing as a "normal routine" in our District. Each year brings a blend of the expected and the unexpected. That reality can trigger both the joy of new adventures, as well as the invitation to be anxious about how things will be worked out. In it all, I find myself repeatedly praying:

*"Lord, thank You that You know the beginning from the end. Thank You that Your power is made perfect in weakness. Please grant us wisdom and help us to trust You more."*

Here are a few reflections on where we are at as family right now:

### **A Season of Ordination**

Our new Accreditation process is in full swing and has been well received by those participating from our district. The Ministerial Standing Committee (MSC) and the Church Vitality Committee (CVC) made up of our DS's and Home Office Leadership are continuing to work out the details of this first full run through, what we trust will be, a formative, encouraging, family-building-group-learning, exercise. For those who were already deeply into the old process of ordination, they were given until the end of June 2025 to complete their papers and Ordination Council. As a result, I had the privilege of presenting Certificates of Ordination transfer to Pastor Rob Wiebe in Granisle and Pastor Trevor Hagan in Williams Lake. I was also blessed to present Certificates of Ordination for the first time to Pastor Jerad Braun in Vernon, and Pastor James Clark in Terrace. It's been a joy to celebrate the godly shepherds God has blessed these church families with!

### **A Season of Conflict**

This has also been a season of conflict within our EFCC family. Some challenges have emerged from decisions impacting our broader movement; others stem from internal tensions in individual churches. I've been involved, to varying degrees, in many of these situations over the past year. At the time of writing this report, not all of them are resolved yet. Our district is not alone in these experiences. In response, the CVC is working with Christian conflict resolution specialists to provide deeper training in navigating conflict in Christ-honouring ways. You'll be hearing more about this initiative in the near future.

### **A Season of Searching**

Several churches in our district are actively seeking new pastors. As I write this, **Nicola Valley EFC (Merritt)** is preparing to host a pastoral candidate. **Grace Community Church (Whitehorse)**, **Goodlow EFC**, **Terrace EFC** (Associate), and **Sage Hills EFC (Ashcroft)** are also in search. By the time we gather in Salmon Arm, we may have the joy of welcoming some new pastors into our family. In the meantime, please join me in praying for these searching churches. Searching seasons can be challenging for churches, but also fruitful. There's a "coming together" that often happens in these circumstances that is good for the overall health of the church.

### **A Season of Being Reminded**

In all these circumstances—celebration, conflict, and transition—we are reminded that God is sovereign and still on His throne. It's easy to believe in sovereignty when all is well. That conviction is tested though, when resolve to our challenges seems distant. In these seasons we can know, with certainty, that God is at work for His glory and our good. And, as someone reminded me recently, "If it's not good yet, then God's not done yet."

In the midst of these “seasons”, good things continue to happen.

- There continues to be a sense of family and togetherness in our district. I continually hear reports of pastoral colleagues reaching out to one another for encouragement, advice, and prayer. The bi-weekly peer coaching calls, and once-per-month virtual coffee visits, are well received by those who attend.
- For the second year in a row we enjoy a Shuswap Joint Outdoor Worship Service and BBQ! On June 1<sup>st</sup> roughly 100 people from Scotch Creek, Sorrento, Chase, and Pritchard gathered at Memorial Park in Chase to enjoy singing, communion, time in the Word, and....fellowship with burgers afterwards! From what I could tell, everyone left encouraged.
- A number of our churches are seeing growth, including stories of conversions and baptism! It's a blessing to hear these stories.

### **A Season of Thanksgiving**

We have so much to be thankful for!

- Thank you to my district board who have served us so faithfully! Thanks to Jerad Braun (Chair), Matt Fast (Vice-Chair), Bailley Ferguson (Secretary), James Clark (Interim Treasurer & Central Region Director), Paul Ford (Cariboo Region Director), Barrett Horne (Northern Region Director).
- Thank you to Deb Holbrook who faithfully ensures we are “dotting our ‘i’s’ and “crossing our ‘t’s’.”
- Thank you to Steve Sharpe who has been a great help and encouragement in our efforts to support church planting and increase our disciple making quotient.
- Thank you to those who make up our Church Plant Advisory Team for Wayside Crossing in Osoyoos.
- Thanks to all of you who both pray and participate in our district family. You've caught the vision for doing ministry together instead of alone. I'm so grateful for you.
- And thanks to all of you who faithfully invest in your own church's expression of Jesus in your community.

### **A Season to Pray**

Truly, every season is a season for prayer. Our dependence on Jesus never ends. Please keep the following in your prayers:

- That our sense of “family” in the CPD continues to grow.
- That a spirit of unity and shared purpose would deepen throughout the EFCC.
- That our churches would experience health—**not merely the absence of conflict**, but health marked by obedience to the **Great Commandment** (Matt. 22:37–40) and the **Great Commission** (Matt. 28:18–20).
- That *“the Lord of the harvest would send forth workers into His harvest field”* (Luke 10:2).

Thanks for your faithful encouragement and support. I'm grateful to be serving the CPD as your Superintendent!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Carlaw

**Regional Report for the Okanagan and Shuswap Region**

**Pastor Tyler Harper of Chase EFC**

Chase continues to be a 'hard ground' community with each of the three churches in our community struggling to move forward in health. Chase often feels like a community of 'dry bones'. Yet, we serve a God who raises the dead and breathes life into places of death (Ezekiel 37). This summer we were able to partner with Athletes in Action to run a five day youth soccer camp in our village. We had 18 youths register for the camp, the vast majority of whom are not from Christians homes and some heard the gospel for the first time. We praise God for those children who professed faith in Jesus for the first time. As a church we are deeply grateful to CPD for the Good News Grant that helped cover the cost of this event. We are now starting a Jr Youth Group (aged 9-12), with a significant number of kids who attended this camp. God has also brought new believers and people seeking faith into our fellowship. This fall we are welcoming seven candidates into the baptism process.

As a church we ask for prayer support for those who have recently been baptized, that they would continue to grow in faith in Jesus. Second, please pray for those young people who attended our soccer camp that they would respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Finally, please pray that many young people would join and participate in our new Jr Youth program, learning about the God who loves us and reveals Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Glory only to God!

**Pastor Timothy Hill of Sorrento EFC**

The things happening lately have been a mix of trials and losses tempered by answers to prayer and encouragements. We have had three deaths in the past two months, including two that we saw coming but did not expect them to be imminent, and one that came rather unexpectedly. For a small congregation, this has been a trying and impacting time. In just the past few weeks, injuries and illnesses have sidelined several of our folks, and at one time we had enough members in hospital to open a branch church on the fourth floor of the hospital.

At the same time, though, we've seen our people rise to the challenges by both prayer and actions. We're seeing greater reliance on the Holy Spirit, our prayer chain is more active than ever, and people are caring for one another's needs in both practical and spiritual ways. I'm so proud of them!

We had an encouraging visit with Shaun and Sondi Carlaw in late July. Their presentation had a great impact on us. Since then I've had a couple of people approach me with an idea about going to Hungary and engaging with them in their ministry.

So, some stresses and losses, some grieving going on, but we're also seeing renewed closeness in our fellowship, and a desire to step up and be counted. All in all, I think we're going to come through this time rejoicing in God's goodness.

### **Pastor Lawrence Jensen of Broadview EFC in Salmon Arm**

BEFC had a mortgage burning celebration recently and we were thankful to look back and see how the LORD has provided faithfully both for the church and our shared ministry with King's Christian School. Now with those funds available from the monthly mortgage payments we put together a 5yr plan to invest in future ministry both at the church and in the Salmon Arm community. The congregation is eagerly looking forward to what Jesus has in store for the future.

We're also very encouraged to watch the LORD Jesus open the eyes and hearts of people as they discover the abundant Life in Christ; not only did He die for us but He rose again to impart His resurrection Life to us as the source of the Christian's Life. Many young (in the faith) believers are discovering this liberating truth which is evidenced in baptisms and an urgency to share this message with their friends and family members. Praise the LORD indeed.

For Prayer:

- Over this last year our community has faced the tragic deaths of a few young people; falling through the ice on the lake, car accidents and falling from a cliff near here. This has affected so many in the congregation and we've been looking for ways to support the families involved, seeking His comfort and guidance.

- We've also been walking alongside many folks in the congregation who've lost loved ones, spouses or children. This has been a difficult season; however we continue to seek to be instruments of His Life and Love to those who are grieving.

### **Pastor Scott Ross of North Shuswap Christian Fellowship in Scotch Creek**

We've seen steady attendance throughout the year, including several new visitors and families joining us on Sundays. Our outreach initiatives were well-received and created meaningful connections. We continue to be encouraged by God's faithfulness in our volunteers and continuing to see baptisms and new members yearly. The last year has been a season of transition and change in the culture of our congregation and the addressing and modification of key fundamentals moving forward.

Please pray for continued momentum in our outreach efforts, particularly as we head into the fall ministry season. We're currently in a season of discerning several future needs for our congregation. Several in our church family are walking through health challenges or personal transitions—pray for healing, peace, and support. Please also pray for wisdom as we consider long-term vision and how best to engage our community with the hope of the gospel.

We're grateful for the broader fellowship and for the prayers and partnership of other churches in the district!

### **Pastor Pat Stich of Grace Bible Church of Vernon**

- **New Believers:** We praise God for a couple of new believers added to our church family.
- **Baptisms:** We celebrated baptisms—praise God for lives publicly declaring their faith!
- **Pastoral Ordination:** We rejoiced as one of our pastors (Jerad) was officially ordained this year.
- **Shoebox Ministry:** A record number of Shoeboxes, 388, were packed and sent—thank you for your generosity!

- **Youth Pastor Search:** We have begun the process of searching for a new Youth Pastor. Please pray for wisdom and discernment.
- **Family Camp:** A great time of fellowship and spiritual renewal was had at this year's Family Camp. We had 85 campers and 41 more joined our Sunday BBQ.
- **Vacation Bible School:** We welcomed **110 kids** to VBS—an exciting week of faith, fun, and learning!
- **Administration:** We are thankful that we have the best administrator in the district.
- **Future Ministry:** We are partnering with Safe Families Canada's Vernon chapter to help local families that are in distress.

**Prince George EFCC – Pastor Ernest**

It has been a great year for us here in PG and it feels as though the hand of the Lord is upon us. We've seen our attendance growth continue, a massive increase in membership, steady flow of baptisms, faithful giving to meet our budget, and even weddings and births happening throughout the year! We were fortunate to add an Elder earlier this year and a new (and young!) missionary couple that is from our own church.

While we recognize how blessed it's been, our challenges are also real and felt. Most expensively, much of our roof needs replacement and will cost over \$100,000. We've spent a lot of time in hospitals and traveling for surgeries, and while we've had very few funerals for the first time in a while, it seems like we have a few saints on the edge of eternity. Our Sunday School ministry is new this year but struggling to find consistency in attendance, vary from 4 one week to 11 the next.

Yet even in the more challenging aspects of church life, we see the Lord's goodness. We have the money to repair the roof through good stewardship, grants, and increased giving. Our Sunday School ministry exists and teaches sound doctrine to children, something we didn't have a year ago. Our saints that are suffering are doing it well, modelling the faith in their trials and encouraging us to pray more.

We as a church love and are committed to the EFCC and these sentiments have only grown over the year as our national family has faced challenges. We want to express our thankfulness to our leaders and the fellow churches that make up the EFCC and strive for doctrinal purity and brotherly unity.

From myself personally, I've been so incredibly blessed by our local district. It's leadership, and the men who pastor in the other churches in our district, have made these couple of years in the EFCC a joy for me personally. The PGEFC church family has been abundantly kind to my family and a strong support as they've pushed me to preach the word unashamedly and with all boldness. It has been a wonderful couple of years in Prince George, in the EFCC, and in the service of the Lord.

**Smithers EFCC – Pastor Dwayne**

We have put more focus on training the past couple of years. That included hosting the EFCC lay leadership training I and II. Our church also hosted Kidz at Heart training for our children's workers. The emphasis is on formational training (helping children fall in love with Jesus) and not just informational training. This was the first of 7 modules which we will host over the next couple of years.

We baptized about 10 people last year and have a baptismal service coming up with 4 more people taking this step. Our church is also anticipating the arrival of 9 refugees from the Sudan – hopefully this summer. This will be revolutionary for them and for us. We appreciate prayer for God's provision – especially for places to live in a tight housing market.

## **Gospel Chapel Vanderhoof – Pastor Shaun**

This has been a great year for The Gospel Chapel Evangelical Free Church, and we give God praise for how He continues to work in our midst. Our church is in a good season, and we are thankful for the growth we see among our people. God has increased our family, and far more importantly, we witness people coming to and growing in faith. We have celebrated several baptism services and welcomed new members into our church.

There is, of course, expectation of transition as Pastor Shaun may be entering into a new role this Fall. Pastor Chris has done an exceptional job preparing the church for this potential transition and has taken on greater responsibility while Pastor Shaun has been away on EFCC related business. We anticipate God's clear leading as to our next Lead Pastor should this transition occur.

There is unity and joy within the congregation, and a fervent desire to support our EFCC district and national family. The congregation exhibits a strong desire to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in our community, and to engage in our community. We are grateful for the godly men and women that God has given us as our leaders and are actively seeking to mentor and prepare next generations to step into these leadership roles in the coming years. We thank God for you, our CPD family and thank you for your encouragement and prayers.

## **McBride EFCC – Pastor Stewart**

The McBride Church family has been in a state of flux as we are excited to see Pastor Teo and Brynne Esser making plans to transition into a frontier missionary role among the unreached. This is an exciting and also sorrowful season for all of us as we make preparations in this direction with them for missionary training. Seeing the unreached have access to the gospel is a costly endeavour and we are inspired by their willingness to spend themselves in the cause and their faith as they follow the Lord into many unknowns.

We are in the process of looking for a half-time ministry worker to join our team in the Robson Valley to help fill some of the gaps left as Teo moves on. We have definitely faced continued challenges as we seek to do ministry together as a congregation and are seeing how crucial our regular gathering is to the health of our relationships as the Body of Christ and our ability to trust one another and work together.

We celebrated a wonderful church family wedding this June and are excited for four or five baptisms this summer. We continue to battle to make prayer a greater focus for ourselves as leaders and as a congregation. We are excited to celebrate our third church family campout this August which has been great opportunity to connect and spend quality time together as a church. We also have got to celebrate four baby dedications this year. Something is in the water in McBride!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Glory be to God in Christ Jesus and in His Church!

## **Fort St. James EFCC – Pastor Roger**

It's hard to believe it's only been a year since Williams Lake—so much has happened since then.

Our little church is growing—both in maturity and in numbers. Since then, we've appointed another elder and established ministry leadership teams. While still new (our second meeting is tonight), it has already drawn the core of the church together and spread ministry responsibilities more evenly—no longer just leadership or a few faithful volunteers carrying the weight.

We also completed a major sanctuary renovation: new flooring, a rebuilt stage, and upgraded sound and visual equipment. Next up: a dedicated social space, especially for youth on Fridays, but also for the congregation as more people are coming early and staying late on Sundays.

Instead of relying solely on volunteers, we hired skilled men from within our congregation to handle the construction—ensuring quality work and a quick turnaround.

Our midweek home groups have had a tremendous impact, fostering deeper engagement and relationships. The recently launched men's prayer meeting has been steadily growing, offering real camaraderie and spiritual support between men. We are hoping to see more men step up as the ladies are leading the spiritual 'revolution' currently.

We've also begun connecting more intentionally with other local churches and some First Nations communities. These relationships are opening doors for ministry to those often overlooked—and there's something beautiful unfolding there. Time will tell, but I find great joy in these opportunities.

This season has been marked by peace and steady growth—free from major disruptions—and for that, I'm truly grateful. There's a clear sense of unity, and our congregation is awakening slowly to the call of active, living faith—not just bench warming Christianity. Please continue to pray for unity among the churches in our town. There's a stirring of the Spirit, and I believe lasting change is possible—if we lay down our individual agendas and pursue the call together.

## **Church of the Way Granisle – Pastor Rob**

About a year ago I was asked to officiate a celebration of life for a member of a local native band, same one our daughter-in-law Kian belongs to. That family has a mixture of born-again Christians, committed Catholics, Catholics in name only, and traditional native spiritism. Quite an interesting melting pot to be asked to speak the Gospel into. One member who embraces traditional native spirituality commented that he saw a spiritual want in the community and asked if I might consider starting a Bible Study on the reserve. My response was that I certainly would want the support of Chief and Council. This past weekend I again officiated a celebration of life, this time for Kiana's Grandma Bev. Once again, there were born again saints, and many who had little interest in spiritual matters except in difficult times such as these. In it all, I am sensing what I believe is a Holy Spirit prompt to not wait for Chief and Council to move but make appointment to speak to them.

In August, the Lord took one of our members, Glenda home. She was active in organizing the quilting ministry that meets every Monday from Early September until May long weekend. Without her, another in the group needed to step up and coordinate. A committed group of 5 or 6, some from the community, some from the church continued to gather, sew, tie knots, and fellowship,



discussion often about Jesus. Altogether, they produced around 100 blankets, donating most to care homes, seniors' homes, in Burns Lake, Smithers, Houston, and other outreach agencies such as the unwed pregnant mothers home in Burns Lake.

For several years, Tammy has been crocheting up a storm, mostly blankets. She uses it as a kind of MS therapy. On Mothers Day, and Fathers Day she blessed the oldest Mom and the oldest Dad in our congregation with a blanket. Both loved their gifts and said they appreciated them a great deal as they often find it difficult to stay warm.

A year ago January I was approached by a gentleman in the community asking if I'd be willing to help him get his class 2 driver's license. His wife has attended COTW from time to time, is a believer, but struggles with some mental health issues making it difficult for her to attend regularly. My new friend, Chuck was successful in his bid for a license upgrade, and when our driver retired, was hired to drive our school bus. From time to time, when we are in Granisle for the weekend, he will stop by for a cup or 2 of coffee, talk business, and seek marital help. He asked me to be his spiritual mentor and help him be the husband he ought to be. During one of our visits, I asked if he knew Jesus. He replied, "That's a good question. To be honest, I'd have to say no. But, I suppose, it's time that I did." So, there in my church office, he bowed his head, confessed his sin, repented, and accepted Jesus' gift of forgiveness. I've given him many wonderful resources and continue to answer faith questions when we are together.

Two years ago March, God laid on my heart to take initiative and call the church to prayer. Six or seven souls meet every Wednesday evening at 7 for about an hour to fellowship and pray for one another. Sometimes I share a significant Scripture verse or two to focus attention. In my absence, my dear brother, Bart, the man we prayed for yesterday facilitates the meeting. We pray for healing for each other, those in the church, and loved ones around us. We also pray for renewal in our area. Again, I am sensing the Holy Spirit may be telling me a next step is to resurrect the Sunday morning Bible Study we had going before Covid shut things down. I am taking these Bible Study prompts to the Lord for confirmation but it does seem right at this time.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Dan & Marilyn were with us to celebrate the conclusion of my ordination transfer from Mennonite Church British Columbia. It was a blessing to receive this confirmation from the conference, the congregation, and my family. Two of our sons played on the worship team, and my parents were there from Burns Lake to speak words of blessings for us. We pray that we will continue to be the blessing God has called us to be, both in Granisle and our home community.

## **Terrace EFCC – Pastor James**

Blessings to you brothers and sisters of the CPD!

It has been an exciting year here at Terrace EFree. We instated a Deacons Board at the beginning of the year. This has removed any concern that is not about the spiritual growth and well-being of the church away from the elders. The Deacons care for all of the practical goings on of the church, and our Deacons have enjoyed being drawn together into a leadership team where they feel more supported. This has given us an opportunity to explore what it means to be an Elder of the church, and I have seen our Elders really stretch themselves as they try and embrace this new focus.

We have been blessed with a couple of baptisms, some new folks stepping out into leadership for the first time, and the forming of two new worship teams! We are also in the planning stages of

starting a once-a-month Sunday afternoon service that will be preached in Tagalog to help us reach the growing Filipino population of our city. God willing, this new service will start in September. A couple of our worship leaders are also going to start a casual Sunday night worship sing-a-long. This is a place in which they hope to encourage people to worship through music, and for those who are learning instruments to play and sharpen their skills.

On a personal note, I am blessed to have finished the process of ordination. This has led to a number of really good conversations with my congregants.

Next year, 2026, marks our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving God in Terrace. It will be a great time of reflection, introspection, and looking forward to what God has in store for the church. We are going to take this opportunity to work on a vision discovery process.

## **Sage Hills**

Could we say summer is here? Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for everything. Sometimes laughter fills our conversation, other times mirth.

Thinking back to covid, it has felt like our church has been suffering from 'spiritual long covid'. After some significantly difficult months I think we are starting to 'laugh again'! We are witnessing some growth, more people are getting involved and others are wanting to be. It is exciting to hear suggestions coming from the congregation and with the suggestions, a willingness to be part of the solution. This is an answer to significant prayer.

The Lord's help and his wisdom are witnessed in the enthusiasm of some who can see beyond the immediate and dream of a bright future.

Some recent events included an area wide multi church gathering. Although it was hampered by bad weather it was a great time for those who braved it.

Another was a church sponsored bursary for an underprivileged high school grad who has responded to coaching and discipline by the principle and is succeeding.

The first of 2 major goals I've been promoting is the need to build community. Intentional once per month events such as a simple lunch following the church service, a monthly benevolent offering in addition to our budgeted benevolent amount and a designated testimony Sunday in place of the Sunday sermon are the ingredients. A large percentage of our church have lived less than three years in the community. Hence the importance of developing community.

The second goal relates to my preaching. As much as is possible and practical, I am endeavoring to tie Old Testament theology and examples with related New Testament passages bringing practicality to the pew. My hope is that this method of presentation will enrich the listeners' experience by bringing the word to life in a more robust and life changing manner. So far it has been well received with good feedback.

I look forward to a great summer with some relaxation and renewal mixed in with whatever else happens.

On a personal note, Joyce and I would covet your prayers for our youngest daughter who lives with stage 4 cancer and the continual unknowns and changes in plans that come with that. Her faith is strong and sees this time in much the same way the apostle Paul did- as a time of opportunity because of her 'chains'. Thanks!

Paul Ford, Pastor

## **100 Mile EFC**

This past year has been a good year for us here at 100 Mile EFC. There have been challenges and things to work through, but God has been so good. We have been able to launch a monthly senior's event, we have welcomed more people into membership, and seen a growing desire form in the hearts of our people to become more than a church in a town but a light on a hill.

We have had our share of hard moments as we are an aging congregation, often involving medical concerns, but God has brought us through in so many ways and continues to be faithful. Our prayer is that we wouldn't allow our aging to become an obstacle to serving our community or growing as a church family - that God would be at work in us and through us would bring more people - of whatever age or station - into his Kingdom. Our desire is to be people of the Word and people of the Way - that by this tandem we would faithfully serve God.

So we are looking to kick off revitalized home groups, community-serving opportunities, and dig into greater evangelism and discipleship in the coming year. We are a group that loves to worship, loves to fellowship, and yet we - like many others - still have growth and work to do for Christ. Each morning that we wake up here tells us that there is more he has for us to do, to be, to live out. We desire to live in that reality as a church.

Please pray for 100 Mile EFC, that God would continue working in and through us as his church in this community.

Matt Fast, Pastor

## **Williams Lake**

Busy is a key word.

The school associated with the church is coming to its year end with many needs. They are in need of staff (principle, teachers) for the fall and it seems like some restructuring, or at least unity moving forward (don't know any details).

The church continues to grow with new members being added.

Officiating at a couple's wedding in early summer will help fill and bring joy to his schedule.

Counseling is also part of his regular routine along with a lot of meetings over the next couple weeks. All in all, it sounds like the pastor and church are doing well.

(Unfortunately Trevor's and my [Paul] schedules didn't line up for a more detailed report).

Trevor Hagan, Pastor

## **Nicola Valley**

Their pastor search continues with one candidate recently chosen to interview and explore further.

Youth will carry on over the summer with a blank slate. Two churches will join their youth activities for the summer.

Two VBS programs will operate, one focusing more on a sports camp style.

Josh and wife are expecting their 3rd child mid August.

A personal challenge for Josh is with regard to rewriting or formulating a job description. This has been in conjunction with Steve Sharp. It has been a little frustrating as Josh is struggling with writing definitive things down so that the elders can latch on to them.

Seems like things are quite positive.

In the absence of a senior pastor, several others from within and outside the church have been filling in Sunday morning.

Josh Dekker, Pastor of youth and families(?)

This report summarizes the developments across the four Evangelical Free churches in the North—Goodlow EFC (BC), Liard EFC (Watson Lake, YT), Dawson Community Chapel (Dawson City, YT), and Grace Community Church (Whitehorse, YT)—during the first half of 2025.

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## **Regional Overview**

In an effort to strengthen connection between these northern churches I have, since January, initiated a monthly Zoom meeting intended to foster a sense of prayerful care between our respective churches. It has been a privilege to share news and prayer points between the Goodlow, Dawson and Whitehorse congregations. We have struggled to find a workable time to meet with Watson Lake.

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### **Goodlow Evangelical Free Church (Goodlow, BC)**

*Brad Giesbrecht, Elder*

The congregation remains active and spiritually healthy despite being without a permanent pastor. While initial pastoral candidates were considered earlier in the year—including two highly educated Canadian citizens originally from Ghana and Sri Lanka—no candidates are currently under active consideration.

However, the elders continue to provide strong preaching, and the church remains encouraged. Notably, one of the elders preached at a funeral in Fort St. John attended by 500 people, leading to gospel conversations and a visitor attending church the following Sunday.

In our last conversation, the church was actively getting ready for the summer season of Broken Wheel Bible Camp, and volunteers remain engaged. A small, faithful men's prayer group meets weekly, and efforts are underway to revitalize a similar women's group.

Encouragingly, a retired pastor from Red Deer has expressed interest in serving as an interim pastor. This opportunity will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting.

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### **Liard Evangelical Free Church (Watson Lake, YT)**

*Ray Laukkanen, Pastor*

Direct contact with Ray has been limited, and scheduling challenges have so far prevented his participation in the Zoom leadership calls. Nevertheless, in our recent conversation, he expressed gratitude for how the church is doing. I am hopeful of more opportunities to connect in the future.

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### **Dawson Community Chapel (Dawson City, YT)**

*Matthew Stobbe, Pastor*

Matt, Micah, and their son Josiah continue to thrive in Dawson. The church remains welcoming and is showing modest but encouraging signs of growth, including more children and new attendees on Sundays (averaging 25–30). The congregation is actively involved in ministry preparation for their upcoming summer Bible camp.

The Stobbes are adjusting well to life in the community. Though Matt's employment with Air North ended due to changes within the company, he has transitioned to a part-time position with a tractor parts supplier, which provides stable hours and fits well with his bi-vocational ministry role.

Their housing situation is in transition. They are currently sharing a home with an elderly woman who owns the property. She is expected to move into an adjacent, more accessible unit once construction is completed—hopefully before Matt’s parents visit in late July. Prayer for a smooth transition is appreciated.

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### **Grace Community Church (Whitehorse, YT)**

*John Vogt, Leadership Team President*

GCC continues without a permanent pastor but is sustained by a strong team of lay leaders and Bible teachers. Sunday attendance generally ranges from 25–35, with 5–8 children, though special services can see over 70 attendees.

The congregation is notably diverse—culturally, ethnically, generationally, and socio-economically—featuring members from various backgrounds, including Sierra Leone, South Africa, India, Korea, Ukraine, and several others. This diversity is a strength, offering rich potential for outreach and growth.

One significant development is the formation of a Building Committee to explore facility upgrades aimed at enhancing ministry to children and youth.

There are also pastoral concerns: one elder has stepped back due to possible early signs of dementia, and another elderly member is recovering from a serious stroke. Nonetheless, the church has seen signs of spiritual renewal, with some individuals re-engaging in faith and church life.

The main prayer need remains the discernment and provision of a pastor who can help the church realize its evangelistic and community-building potential.

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### **Conclusion**

The distance between these four congregations presents a significant challenge to foster connections. It is a 15 hour drive from Whitehorse to Goodlow—and 5 or 6 hours to either Dawson or Watson Lake. So I am grateful for the opportunity to at least share and pray together via Zoom. And, while it is certainly the case that these churches in the North face challenges—particularly around pastoral leadership and geographic isolation—there is a consistent sense of hope, resilience, and faithful engagement in ministry. Each church is navigating its context with creativity and commitment.

Please continue to pray for wisdom, pastoral provision, and strengthening of the bonds among these northern churches.

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*Respectfully submitted,*

**Barrett Horne**

Northern Regional Liaison  
Evangelical Free Church of Canada

**Finance/Administrators Report**  
To the  
**Canadian Pacific District Conference**  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

This year we started out with our dedicated Pastor James Clark in the position of Treasurer for the CPD. This is not James' passion, and he took it on so that we could fulfil the legal obligation of having a named treasurer. We then found someone whose skillset fit the bill, and we were excited to welcome a new board appointed interim treasurer. Unfortunately, as time marched on, it became apparent that he was not going to be able to dedicate the time necessary to fulfil the role. He had also recently lost his wife due to cancer and simply needed more time to heal. Pastor James once again took on the role (thank you James) but hasn't been able to be brought up to speed quickly enough for this report so, it was decided that I would attempt to communicate our financial situation, and share my personal administrative thoughts with you, our delegates, through this report.

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 meet, generally via Zoom, on a weekly basis and he has asked me to sit in on a number of different committees. Being a part of the regular board meetings ensures that financial questions can be answered fairly quickly and it also allows me to help give direction when financial motions are being made so that, when it comes time for the annual financial review to take place, motions are in a format that they approve of. It is a blessing to watch how our CPD board cares for the district churches and pastors!

I also have the blessing of being a part of the Osoyoos Church Plant advisory committee. This is providing me with invaluable experience in how to ensure we set up future church plants, from a financial perspective, to ensure we are compliant with government rules and with the ability to provide clear reporting to both the board and you, the district delegates, on how church planting is going.

It has also been a blessing to be part of the Prince George Korean Church Plant Assessment Team. What a joy to hear the heart of a church planter and be able to be on the ground floor of witnessing a church, that Lord willing, will grow in both numbers and souls saved for the furtherment of the Kingdom.

There is much to be joy filled and thankful for. There are also some areas of frustration that have allowed even more opportunity for personal growth. While I have been stretched in the area of helping to manage the CPD finances, I am learning so much from others that have come alongside me in support. Thank you to Daron Mayes (our financial investor) who allows me to pick his brain



and ask questions anytime I need to. Thank you to Josephine Pratt who serves within the Lower Pacific District. My connection to Josephine came through the Osoyoos church plant and she is an amazing fount of knowledge and, thank you to Cathy de la Rambelje, the director of finance and operations at the national office, for allowing me to ask questions and learn from her vast knowledge as well.

While this AGM package of information does not yet contain the proposed budget for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, I can tell you that we are once again looking at a deficit budget. Nobody likes to hear that but, that is the simple fact of where we are at.

Our board has worked hard this past year and as part of the budget, we are proposing that we accept the Prince George Korean Church Plant and that does come with a financial commitment. This year we also switched from the \$2.25 per bum in a seat method of calculating each churches financial giving to the district, to a 2.5% of the churches budget method of calculation. This was done as a means of keeping the general tithe amount, to both the District and National, at 5% or ½ tithe. Thank you to those churches that provided your budget number to me; that helped in setting the CPD annual budget.

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.

I would also like to remind churches to please ensure their final 2024-2025 cheque is into the office by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, so that it reflects upon the giving in this current fiscal year. If the cheque arrives to the office after that date, it will need to be entered into next years budget and will show a deficit in your church's giving total for 2024-2025 year. As our current postal system is fairly unstable, may I recommend you send those monthly cheques in earlier than later. Alternatively, you may send an e-transfer to [office@efcc-cpd.ca](mailto:office@efcc-cpd.ca) however, you should leave at least three days for that transfer to actually arrive. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you choose to send your donation via e-transfer please ensure you include your CHURCH name in the memo line along with any instructions. IE: is a portion for Church Plant

## **Financial Overview – from September 2024 to July 2025**

**(as our year end is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. This fiscal year September to July 2025 (10 months), we received a total of \$81,428.97 compared to the budgeted amount of \$89,947.00 reflecting a negative difference of \$8,518.03 budget to date.

- **Church Plant Giving:** We have received and greatly appreciated your generous offerings for the Osoyoos church plant. Those donations amounting to \$ 6,140.00 compared to the budgeted amount of \$8,800.00 reflecting a negative difference of \$2,660.00 budget to date.
- **Investments and Other Income:** Unfortunately, I cannot accurately provide the interest earned on investments at this time. This will be part of the official financial documents provided at the conference.

## 2. Expenditures:

- **Operational Expenses:** These include salary, utility bills, and maintenance costs, insurance, accounting fees, etc, amounting to \$155,511.60 compared to the budgeted expenses amount of \$168,903.64 to date. At this point in time, that means that we are under budget on expenses by \$13,392.04.

## 3. Net Position:

- **Surplus/Deficit:** After accounting for all income and expenditures, we have a net deficit of \$53,737.63 to date (September 2024 to July 2025). This is a concern as we approach the next 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.
- **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.

The board wishes to once again 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

**Church Plant Report**  
To the  
**Canadian Pacific District Conference**  
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As I reflect on my past year I feel encouraged and grateful for the opportunity to serve the EFCC family of churches. My mandate is to increase the Biblical Literacy, Gospel Clarity, and Cultural Diversity for Disciple Making in the local church. To accomplish this lofty goal I remind myself that “Clear is Kind!” “Grace is Costly!” “Orthodoxy is Orthopraxis!” My experience is the most common barrier or obstacle is Missional Drift (and the lack of awareness that drift has occurred).

As you all know the EFCC began with a missional mandate. “The Evangelical Church is for believers only and also for all believers.” And membership in a local church is rooted in a common faith in God’s Word and a common commitment to Jesus Christ. Over the past several decades some North American evangelical churches, while holding firm to doctrinal orthodoxy and agreement with a Statement of Faith, have not remained committed to their evangelical responsibility as disciple makers. The Great Commission is to make disciples (out of believers). The challenge is that a lot of evangelical church members are believers only.

It only takes a small (but important) shift to lead to missional drift. For example, a slight shift in hermeneutics by an Irish Cleric John Nelson Darby and the Schofield Reference Bible 1909 led to the rise of Dispensationalism in North America. I would encourage you to share the gospel in your community with clarity so that lost people come to faith in Jesus Christ. Then encourage all believers to become fully committed disciples. And all disciples to become disciple makers. It only takes a small (but important) shift to get the church back on track!

**CPD Online Peer Coaching (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday’s)**

It has been 2 years meeting regularly. I have gotten to gain friends and build relationships with my co-workers in Christ. It is a privilege to know CPD leaders better and become a better leader. Here are some learning insights I gathered in these meetings:

**7Nov** Disciple Making is like making a grilled cheese. Use the correct amount of heat

**21Nov** Leadership ‘trust’ is built on vulnerability, transparency, and accountability

**5Dec** Disciple Making is both doing the right things and doing things right

**19Dec** Jesus anticipates an ROI on his discipleship

**16Jan** Disciple Making is more mental transformation than behavior modification

**6Feb** Being part of a family is risky business

**6Mar** What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Disciple Making

**20Mar** What is the role of science in Disciple Making

**3Apr** Leadership is clarity = clear is kind

**17Apr** What is the difference between gate keeping and holding people accountable

**1May** How to measure missional drift

**15May** What makes a church a church in the EFCC

**19Jun** How do manage well the summer exodus in the Christian recreation schedule

**3Jul** Recharging your ministry fuel tank is more than extra sleep

If you would like to participate in these CPD Online Peer Coaching meetings (or start a new group), please don't hesitate to call, text, or email.

### **Church Planting**

This past year I facilitated Church Planter Assessments for Kelvin Fung Jan 2025 (CD) and Daniel Oh / Yun Hee Feb 2025 (CPD). The Church Planter Assessment for Amir and Nadia Younas (PD) resulted in a coaching relationship with the church plant in N/E Calgary. My five year coaching relationship with Pastor Dan Williams / Wayside Crossing (Osoyoos) will be transitioning when their application for affiliation is accepted. I am very encouraged by the growth in Dan, the church, and the CPD Board in their learning journey and the updates to the CPD Church Planting Policies and Process. The CPD has a bright church planting future.

### **CPD Local Churches**

**NVEFC (Merritt)** This past year I continued working with my three-fold mandate: (1) Guide the Pastoral Search Committee to call a disciple making lead pastor; (2) Help the NVEFC Elders board increase the disciple making culture in the church; (3) Mentor Associate Pastor Josh Dekker during the absence of a lead pastor. This relationship will update when the church successful calls a new lead pastor.

**GBC (Vernon), TEFC (Terrace) & CEFC (Chase)** The Disciple Making Workshop at last years CPD Conference resulted in opportunities in Terrace (Jan 205) and Vernon (Mar 2025) to facilitate a Disciple Making Workshop in the local church. In the first session we examined Disciple Making ABC's, how to generate **A**wareness; create **B**asic Training; and have meaningful **C**oaching conversations. The second session was focused on Gospel Clarity; (1) What is the Gospel?, (2) How to live the Gospel?, (3) How to share the Gospel? I have presented some of this Disciple Making material at Chase EFC when invited for pulpit supply.

### **The EFCC Disciple Making National Team [we are disciples who make disciples]**

The National Disciple Making Team made progress moving disciple making from the fringe towards the main stream in local churches. We have created some inroads and onramps though the production of a **Disciple Making Manual** in 3 sections: (1) Disciple Making Content; (2) Healthy Disciple Making Cultural Environment; (3) Required Learning Commitments to community connection, personal learning and development, and perseverance to the process.

In the second half of 2025, I will be focusing on the start of **Disciple Making Podcasts**.

**Steven Sharpe – EFCC Disciple Maker**

**NOMINATIONS REPORT**  
to the  
**Canadian Pacific District Conference**  
October 3-5, 2025

Nominations Report:

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

This year was a great year - though we had our trials. We are saying goodbye to our Board Chair (**Jerad Braun**) and we have been on quite the journey with the finance position as well. **Les Headrick** had stepped in as interim finance, but wasn't able to continue with us longterm. So a big thank you to both **Deb Holbrook** and **James Clark** for how they have stepped up to the plate again for us. These trials haven't diminished the desire to see God at work in our district - to be churches that are unified and passionate about God's mission. With that, we do have some changes in District Board positions that are pending. We are excited to put forward **Paul Ford's** name to become our next Board Chair and **Tim Hill** as our Okanagan Rep - as well as have **James Clark** back as our Central Rep and **Matthew Fast** as Vice Chair (as well as stepping into the role of Cariboo rep for the time being). As always in the past and always going forward, we would be grateful for your prayers as we seek God's direction and wisdom with each step we take as a board.

Position	Person	Letting Name Stand
Chair	<b>Jerad Braun</b> Paul Ford	For 1st Two Year Term
Vice Chair	Matthew Fast	For 2nd Two Year Term
Finance	<b>Les Headrick (Interim)</b> James Clark (Interim)	
Secretary	Bailley Ferguson	One Year Remaining
Cariboo Rep	Matthew Fast	For 1st Two Year Term
Okanagan Rep	<b>Scott Ross</b> Tim Hill	For 1st Two Year Term
Central Rep	James Clark	For 2nd Two Year Term
Northern Rep	Barrett Horne	One Year Remaining
Church Plant	???	???
Superintendent	Dan Carlaw	For 2nd Three Year Term

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

**Sincerely in Christ,**  
**Matthew Fast (Vice Chair)**