

Church, send your ministry staff

to the Prairie District

Staff & Spouse Retreat

at the Resort at Cypress Hills

March 6-8, 2022

(Sunday evening through Tuesday morning)

The last district staff & spouse retreat was held in 2019!

IT'S TIME TO RE-CONNECT...

These days away to rest and reflect with other EFCC pastoral staff from across Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta will have a lasting impact in the life, health and ministry of those who serve your church! There will also be an opportunity to meet and interact with our new District Superintendent, Trevor and Bonita Brawdy. We are working with the Resort to ensure compliance with current COVID-19 guidelines; more details will be sent to your church soon. Plan to invest in this time of refreshment for your ministry staff!



Evangelical Free Church of Canada

PRAIRIE PROFILE

strengthening pastors encouraging leaders developing churches



Serving Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta



Tim & Lynn Seim
Interim—AB



Bill & Trish Klumpenhower
Interim—SK

Fall 2021

Conference highlights

When it comes to the highlights of our Prairie District family gathering for our AGM, two things jump out to me.

Our gathering is about our God. He continues to sustain us in our ministries and personal lives. Then there is the highlight of people, God's people. God stories through His people always encourage me.

Certainly the call of Trevor and Bonita Brawdy to serve as District Superintendent is a great praise item. Take time to hear from Trevor in the link mentioned in this issue of the *Prairie Profile*.

Two other big highlights are our District Board Strategic Goals (in this issue as well). Also our conference theme and main

sessions call us to review our plan to plant new churches. You will be invited to expand God's work with us. Together with God we can!

Mark your calendar for Conference 2022, October 14-15 (location to be determined).

Tim Seim
Interim (AB) Superintendent



District Board members gather to pray for new superintendent, Trevor Brawdy, at conference.

district news



Lethbridge
Chelsea van Schothorst has worked at the EFC of Lethbridge for several years and has now moved into a permanent position as the director of high school ministry. She has a degree in Psychology and is currently working on her Masters of Youth Ministry!

Transitions

Brett McCoy (youth pastor, Taber EFC), Curtis Reimer (pastor, Manitou EFC) and Geoff Heth (lead pastor, EFC of Lethbridge) have recently concluded their ministries. We are grateful for their service to our district churches and wish them God's best in their future endeavours!

district finances

August 1, 2021—October 31, 2021

Equal Shares Budget \$31,200
Equal Shares Giving \$32,987

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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

Send all gifts to our financial secretary:

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

Credentialing

Tim Seim has been busy presenting EFCC Ordination documents or Ministry credentials to pastors who have completed the requirements of the Ministerial Standing Committee.

The Prairie District has over 70 people in vocational ministry positions across our 36 churches in Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, with nearly two-thirds holding an EFCC credential. Pastors are encouraged to complete the process within two years of their start date.



*Adriel Lui
English associate youth pastor
South Calgary Chinese EFC*



*Eileen Wu-Wong, Mandarin pastor
Calgary Chinese EFC*



*Randy Rohrick, English lead pastor
South Calgary Chinese EFC*



*Monica Loewen, minister of
community engagement
EFC of Lethbridge*



*Jon Chalmers, lead pastor
Brooks EFC*



*Todd De Haan, executive pastor
EFC of Lethbridge*



*Simon Xiang
associate Mandarin pastor
South Calgary Chinese EFC*

new leader



The Prairie District Board is pleased to announce that—following the vote at the district conference in October—Trevor Brawdy is the new Superintendent for the Prairie District! You can watch Trevor sharing his journey at the district conference (https://youtu.be/b6rGVQoD_Jg beginning at the 33:40 minute mark).

Thanks for praying for the transition process over the next few months:

- Trevor will begin the Superintendent role on January 1, 2022 with a combination of working from his home in Smithers, BC and the district office in Okotoks and traveling within the Prairie District.
- Trevor plans to be settled into the District Office in Okotoks by July 1, 2022.

- Pray for Trevor and Bonita and their family to experience peace and God's leading in their move to Alberta in the spring/summer of 2022.
- Pray for unity as a district as we seek God's wisdom together in this transition. Tim Seim (interim superintendent for Alberta) and Bill Klumpenhower (interim superintendent for Saskatchewan) will continue in their part-time roles during the transition period, ending on July 1, 2022.

strategic planning & goals

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

MISSION: The Prairie District fulfills its purpose by cultivating authentic relationships, discerning healthy direction, and resourcing churches and leaders.

VISION: The Prairie District's vision is to see a healthy, gospel-sharing church reaching every community in our district.

VALUES

- **Biblical Authority:** submitting our thoughts and ways to God's Word
- **Holy Spirit Dependence:** relying on the enabling and leading of God's Spirit as we pray and express His gifting
- **Authentic Relationships:** connecting with others for encouraging care and ministry partnership

- **Outward Mission:** seeing each church being sent to serve their broader communities and to proclaim the gospel
- **Qualified Leadership:** developing and encouraging leaders who serve others on the basis of biblical character, theological training, and emotional health

GOALS

1. Hire a new district superintendent
2. Increase the number of credentialed pastors / ministry staff by 25% (19 people) by Conference 2022.
3. Increase the number of churches who have adopted the EFCC 10-pt Statement of Faith by 20% (7 churches) by Conference 2022.
4. Take next steps in District Church Planting Strategy.
5. Increase communication and support with district churches.