

June 19, 2018

Dear ECCC Pastors and Chairs,

Good morning. I'm writing to ask you to join in prayer this week for "Gather 2018," the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Over the next several days, attendees will be traveling from all over the world to Minneapolis, Minnesota for this meeting. As you think of our delegates and denominational leaders gathered in Minneapolis, please use the list of suggested prayer items below as a starting point for overflowing prayer. Feel free to share this with others in your church as you see fit. May God grant his wisdom, mercy and grace as our delegates and leaders convene for the sake of the Mission to which He has called us, so that we will continue to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

Grace and Peace,



Prayer for our Moderator (Sam Chang), our Vice Moderator (Nancy Lewis), our Parliamentarian (Jonathan Wilson) and Attendees

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1 John 5:14-15 (NASB)

Prayer for loving, respectful engagement in all matters discussed

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Ephesians 4:29

Prayer for those nominated for service:

Along with myself, who will be installed as President/Superintendent of the ECCC and Catherine Gilliard who will be installed as Superintendent of the Southeast Conference, please remember...

John Wenrich, nominee - President of the ECC

Lance Davis, nominee - Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry & Develop Leaders;

Mary Surridge, nominee – President of North Park University

Isaiah 41:8-10 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are my servant"; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am

with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Prayer for those concluding service

Gary Walter, President

Dick Lucco, Acting Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry and Develop Leaders;

Robert Owens, Superintendent of the Southeast Conference;

Ray Wall, Interim Superintendent of the Canada Conference

Carl Balsam, Interim President of North Park University

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

Prayer for the Events Team responsible for Gather: Rebecca Gonzalez, Marti Burger, Jill Ulven, and the support crew.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. – Ephesians 4:11-13

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Prayer for those being affirmed in their service through ordination, commissioning and consecration

Men and women in the Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada include...

- Tim Keener - Ordination
- James Kwek - Ordination
- Kors Pater - Ordination
- Preston Pouteaux - Ordination
- Di and Tim Keener will be commissioned with Serve Global for their missionary service in Montreal as well.

Prayer for consecration of delegates and spiritual strength for the entire Covenant

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:10-18