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### 1. Let's thank the Lord for...

- His continued work among His people throughout the summer – especially in the various camp ministries
- the good progress that in the work of the LifePlan Study Team and Bishop's Leadership Taskforce

### 2. Church Health Ministries: Please pray for:

- **Churches in transition:** **British Columbia:** First FMC (New Westminster); Crossroads FMC, Salmon Arm; **Saskatchewan:** Avonlea FMC; Cornerstone Community Church, Prince Albert; **Alberta:** Mewassin FMC; **Ontario:** Caistor Centre, Church On the Hill, Orillia; Frankford Community Church, Harrowsmith FM Church, North Grenville Community Church, Polson Park FMC, Ryde Centennial FMC, Gravenhurst; Smiths Falls FMC; Westdale Park FMC, Napanee; **Quebec:** Tabernacle de la Grace, Montreal
- that a central part of 'fall kick offs' for our local churches would be reaching out into their communities and making disciples
- the Youth Workers Think Tank meeting on Sept 1.
- next generations ministries in our churches – that ways will be found to make disciples and develop leaders among our young people

### 3. Church Planting Ministries: Please pray for:

- Church planters: Stephensons (Ridgeway), Dozlaws (Saskatoon), Seidus (Winnipeg), Dexters (Okotoks), Sheffields (Hamilton), Woo Sung Shim (Mississauga), Paul Altidor (Montreal), Wilder Boutin (Montreal), Paulo Mugarura (Ottawa)

### 4. Personnel Ministries: Please pray for:

- pastors in transition: William Crozier, Mary Lee DeWitt, Glenn Dixon, Dale Hawley, Brandon Shillington, Derek Spink
- summer ministerial interns completing their work at local churches
- ministerial students heading to college/seminary - especially the 1st timers
- candidates who are preparing for interviews with MEGaP (Aug 27-Quebec; Sept 17, Oct 15 & Nov 12-Ontario; Oct 1 & Nov 19-Saskatchewan; )
- Pastoral Leadership Task Forces (PLTF) of churches in transition
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**5. Stewardship Ministries: Please pray for:**

- Students going to college/university for the first time, that they learn to steward their resources wisely
- Participants of the current Personal + Church Stewardship Online Course
- A Spirit of Generosity in all our people in every area of their lives

**6. International Child Care Ministries (ICCM):**

Please pray for:

- For the planning and preparations for the upcoming ICCM African leaders meeting in Kenya this fall
- For all the children returning to school from a restful summer break
- Pray for all the children who attended vacation bible study during the summer and that Jesus' love would continue to shine brightly in their life!

**7. FMCiC Chaplains: Please pray for:**

**Armed Forces:** Michael Allen, Stephen An, Andrew Klinger, Bob Lay

**Corrections:** Fred Boom, Abraham Yonas;

**Health Care:** Jacki Barbour, Lorraine Buffam, David Gifford, Brenda Haggett, David Howick, John Vlainic

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## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

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**8. Beyond Canada Ministries: Please pray for:**

- Sok Em and his family as he continues to mourn his wife Savvy who passed away on June 29.
- Debbie Hogeboom (Kenya) as she teaches at Kenya Highlands University
- Chansouk Piengkam (Thailand) as he works among the Lahus and Laotians. Watch for more info about Chan's ministry following a recent visit by Dan Sheffield, Greg and Erin Elford.
- David and Jennifer Wright (Niger), as they settle into southern Ontario for a sabbatical period. That they will get some rest before beginning a communication ministry in their partner churches.
- Grant and Esther Teal (Rice Road, Welland) as they spend 6 months overseeing the FM mission guest house in Kibogora, Rwanda
- New church partners joining ministry work in Sri Lanka, Ghana and Niger.
- Praise God for the excellent work done by Bishop Keith and Donna Elford in Ghana and Sri Lanka during ministry visits in August.

**9. FMCiC LifePlan process: Please pray for:**

- wisdom, discernment, imagination and courage for the FMCiC LifePlan Study Team as they continue their work
- the Bishop's Leadership Task Force as they interact with six candidates that have been identified

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