

ONWARD EMCC

Just a Little Regional News from the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada

Some Updates

Churches in Transition:

Almaguin EMC, South River - is vacant & searching for a FT pastor.

Calvary EMC, Owen Sound - is vacant and currently looking for part-time interim pastor.

Christian Family Worship Centre, Ottawa - interim: Deacon Dominic Thurairajah

Eglise La Peche, Wakefield, QC - Interim: David Lyons

Grace EMC, Killaloe - is vacant and currently looking for part-time interim pastor.

Heartland Community Church, Clinton - PT Interim: Gary Landers

Huron Chapel, Auburn - interim leadership by current staff: Ernest Dow. They are searching for a lead.

Mindemoya EMC, Manitoulin Island - is vacant and searching for a full-time pastor.

Mount Pleasant EMC, Singhampton - is vacant.

Paisley MC, Paisley - As Tony Geense is still recovering from his automobile accident; Zack Thornton is providing some pastoral ministry.

Trinity EMC, Waterloo - Interims: Jake Burse and Cerena Browne

Other EMCC Pastoral News:

Upper Thames MC, Mitchell - Nathan Schultz has been called to be their new lead pastor effective December 7, 2020.

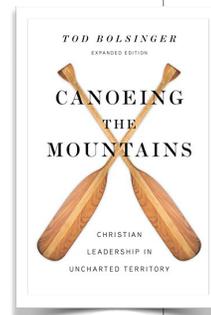
Merry Christmas... God is with us!

We thank God for all our EMCC pastors and lay leaders who have been serving well in the midst of these very challenging times of the Covid-19 Pandemic. We appreciate you & bless you!

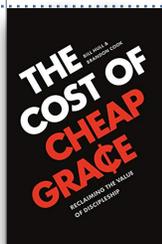
Jesus came into the world at a very troubled time for the people of God and He came to bring hope and help. And His grace is still sufficient for you and I today.

Interim President John Cressman told me recently about the book, Canoeing the Mountains by Tod Bolsinger. In this book Tod says, "The world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you." "We are travelling in uncharted territory." "There are no experts, no maps, no 'best practices' and no sure guides who can lead us." "Ironically, the leadership we need is like the early church, apostolic, relational and adaptive." "You were trained for a world that is disappearing."

At the heart of this book is the conviction that congregational leadership in a post-Christendom context is about communal transformation for mission. Or in our Way of Jesus language we would say, "I am participating in a community of followers of Jesus on mission to the world."



The Cost of Cheap Grace by Bill Hull & Brandon Cook



I recently finished reading The Cost of Cheap Grace, which is has lots of helpful challenges as we seek to multiply disciplers who multiply disciplers. The authors believe the gospel we proclaim determines the disciples we make.

- The Forgiveness Only Gospel produces only passivity.
- The Gospel of the Left produces accommodation.
- The Prosperity Gospel breeds entitlement.
- The Consumer Gospel deconstructs discipleship.
- The Gospel of the Right produces a judgmental spirit.

Whereas, The Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus proclaimed invited people to put away our selfish ways, by taking up our crosses and following Jesus.



2021 EMCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
APRIL 30TH 10AM MT | 12PM ET
ONE DAY, ONLINE EVENT

*details to come

