

Church Planting Connect

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Red Deer Establishes a New Church Plant



February 13 was an exciting day when about 90 gathered for the official launch of the new church plant in North Red Deer called— Epic. There have been months of planning and it's now off the ground. The outreach is focusing on young adults as a prime target group and also has planned ministries for the campus of Red Deer College. They have rented a facility in North Red Deer right along a main travel route— 5301 53rd Street. With much prayer and creative thought this group is off to a great start.

The Planning Phase

In “Steps To Church Planting” by Tom Evans counsel is given regarding preparation for launching a church plant. “Effective church planting involves slowing down in the beginning in order to speed up later.” p. 63. This is called the incubation period. At right are some of the leaders and planners of the church plant in Red Deer. They followed the counsel of having a substantial incubation period and this enabled them to have a strong start.



WILL YOU JOIN YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CANADA'S NORTHLAND IN PRAYER AS THEY STRATEGIZE OUTREACH

One question that is being asked of the Church Planting Department of the conference is, “how do we do an organized outreach in the vast northern areas of Canada. We have a center in Yellowknife with about 80 members and we are thankful for their ministry. This church and pastor are now strategizing on reaching beyond.



High River Home Begins Monthly Sabbath Worship

Jerry Shiel had the misfortune of having his home destroyed in the 2013 flood. God is a specialist in bringing good out of bad situations. Today Jerry lives in a new home on the same location and uses it as a worship place—weekly Friday evenings and monthly Sabbath worship.

Boyle and Lac La Biche has District Rally

“How to Make a Small Church Thrive” was the theme for this Sabbath rally in the Boyle church. One of the presentations “The Small Church Advantage” was an encouragement for some who felt the small church had no advantages—it does. We need to build around those advantages!



Edmonton Christ The Way Adventist Company Organizes as a Church, March 5.

Christ The Way which was organized as a company following the evangelistic meetings is now a vibrant church of approximately 50 members. They developed under the leadership of pastors John Murlley and Anthony Kern. The lay leadership is also creative in developing ways of reaching their community. We praise God for this new church!

Camp Meeting Church Planting Seminar “How to Make the Small Church Thrive”

If you are a part of a small church— under 100— whether a new or established church, this seminar will be helpful!



Small Churches Thrive When certain qualities are in place: find out at camp meeting.



Calgary Ghanaian Church Organization

On May 28, 2016 the Calgary Ghanaian Company was organized into a church. Conference representatives were there along with leaders from the Ghanaian Adventist Church in North America. Forth-seven people signed as charter members.



New Church Witness in Mayerthorp— Many new congregations struggle because they can't find adequate facilities to meet in. That is not the case in Mayerthorp where a church member (Leo Bablitz) bought a church and renovated it and it is now home to the new church fellowship Group in Mayerthorp.

