

DISTRICT PRAYER NETWORK UPDATE

Dear Colleagues,

I am so excited to share some of the details about the District Prayer Network we introduced a couple of conferences ago.

What?

- The purpose of this prayer network is to promote prayer for the PAOC's District and National priorities
- Making all the priority prayer needs available in one location that can be easily accessed by all the district churches
- Currently we pray for the district initiatives, church/pastoral transitions, leadership, pray every day prayer focus and global workers
- Any ministry initiative of the district churches that requires district wide prayer support.

What it is not?

- It is not a forum to host individual or personal prayer needs of the congregation such as prayer for sickness, employment, marriage, etc.
- Exceptions may be the prayer needs of the pastors and their families such as sickness, financial needs, house sale of a transitioning pastor, etc. as they have direct impact on the district priorities.

How?

- This prayer initiative is designed such that participation shouldn't cause any extra effort to the district churches
- Any point of time, the prayer points are available just in one click at [District Prayer Link](#)
- Incorporating this into any of the existing prayer practices of your church such as fasting prayers, small group prayer, evening prayers, etc.
- Making this link available to your church prayer leader/co-ordinator or the prayer team members and encouraging them to pray for the district
- Providing printed version of this list to the seniors who are interested in prayer, having much time available for prayer.

Why?

- Only prayer can bring long lasting impacts of the initiatives we are taking in our district
- Opposing forces in the spiritual realm can be overcome only by prayer
- We need more prayer to reverse the declining trends
- It helps our pastors to continue to stay in ministry as we uphold each other in prayer

- Prayer can prepare the soil as we sow the seed in the Maritimes and prepare Eastern Canada for a great harvest
- Prayer brings unity among the district churches and church families
- Twice in a year when we meet together at the conferences, we get to hear what is happening in the district and nationwide and then we get carried away with our own priorities. This prayer initiative keeps you up-to-date throughout the year on the district priorities so that you know what to pray for.

What do I need from you?

- From the Leadership and from the Ministry Directors – Priorities and prayer needs in your area of ministry
- From the District Pastors – Any ministry initiative of your church that needs more prayer.

I will be able to keep the prayer list up-to-date only based on the information you provide me.

What must you do now?

If you are not already part of this prayer network, please sign up to join the network to receive periodic updates and alerts.

Option1: Sign up by sending an email (balan@hipm.org) asking me to include you in this prayer network.

Option 2: Visit this page of the district website and click “join now”

<http://www.maritimepaoc.org/prayernetwork>

Thank you for taking part in this initiative. God bless you and keep you. Joy and I along with our prayer team are praying for all the participating pastors and churches of this prayer network.

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