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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ENCOMPASS PARTNERSHIPS

About 9 years ago the District Executive Committee commissioned a new work in partnership with Foothills Alliance that would assist our WCD churches to multiply ministry to the vast number of immigrants coming into our province. At the heart of this mission, Harvey Matchullis was chosen to lead in this mission. After 4 years of successful collaboration with Foothills Alliance on this project it was determined that we would seek a facility somewhere in the east sector of Calgary whereby we could broaden our reach to immigrants and create a learning and coaching centre whereby we could further equip WCD apostles, evangelists, pastors and local churches in reaching the nations. This has been an amazing adventure. Over this last year the District Office has been working closely with Encompass Partnerships to ascertain the means by which this Kingdom experiment could become more fiscally sustainable. We have made many discoveries through this time of leaning in together on defining the best means of moving forward, however, in the end we have come to the mutual agreement with the Encompass Board of Directors to begin a multi-month wind down of operations effective Feb 1st. The full detail of the announcement is available below.

On behalf of the DEXCOM and District Leadership I want to personally thank Harvey Matchullis for his excellent leadership over these many years. This has been a very important venture for the WCD and though this iteration will be coming to a conclusion we continue to embrace the core mission for which it was founded. I'd also like to thank the many Board members, partners, and volunteers who have labored together to God's glory and to the benefit of the thousands of lives touched.

Together in mission,

Brent Trask



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## **Important Announcement from Encompass January 2019**

Dear Brent,

### **Announcement regarding Encompass Partnerships**

Encompass Partnerships was founded on the principle of leveraging the relational and ministry 'power' of partnerships to fulfil our vision to ensure that God's restorative love would be experienced by all people, especially those who have been marginalized. As a result, we became a mission-hub for entities reaching out to the least reached of Calgary.

Our mission enabled us to help launch new ministries and strengthen many others to focus on this vision. Both our facility and our ministry coaching facilitated this mission. As a result, we have worked directly with 13 partner organizations and many churches since our launch in 2014. I can confidently tell many stories of how our partners have helped start churches, shared the gospel with people of other faiths or no faith, rescued people from human trafficking situations, developed pathways for reconciliation and inspired others to take up their calling to take the gospel "to the ends of the city".

Adjunct to our ministry partnerships has been the faithful participation of financial and prayer partners. If it were not for some of them (you), we would not even exist. To all of them we say a heartfelt thank you for enabling us to accomplish all that we did since we opened our doors in July 2014.

Unfortunately, we have come to the difficult conclusion, even after significant efforts to broaden our financial support base and seek other 'iterations' of this ministry, that our particular model of ministry as capacity-builders based in a

physical facility is not financially sustainable. Our vision is intact, but the pathway/mission we chose has not found sufficient financial traction to allow us to continue.

Therefore, Encompass Partnerships will begin winding down its operations effective Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and will conclude our operations no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our current ministries will continue and in the short term nothing will change. If you wish to continue to give, know that it will enable us to keep providing help for the partners who depend on our facility. Our parent denomination will manage the building effective February 1st. Pray for them too as they seek to



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find a way to preserve this building for ministry purposes. My hope and prayer is that this facility will find a new ministry that is rooted and focused on the NE sector of Calgary.

I will keep you updated as the transition plans for Encompass and for myself personally, become clearer. Appreciate your prayers as I wait on the Lord for what is next for me.

There is a time for everything in the Kingdom of God. This is our time to conclude the ministry. We remind ourselves that as servants of Christ we accomplish in our efforts only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we ever do is complete, but anything we are able to do is a step along the way where the Lord's grace comes in to do the rest. So, we rest in the fact that God is the Master Builder and we are His servants. He assigns our times, our places and our impact.

Pray with us as we walk through this time of transition for ourselves and our partners.

Harv Matchullis