



May 2011

Events

District Conference Recap

Over 340 attendees heard practical concepts regarding Team Oriented Ministry to staff, leadership boards, and congregations from speaker, Larry Osborne. Read more from the NCD web site. Audio recordings of Larry's messages, post-conference forum on Multi-site and Multi-venue, and 2 panel workshops are also available on the [NCD web site](#).

Missions Summit – May 14

To help you and your church more effectively reach the lost for Christ locally and around the world, attend this one-day missions training event at Faith EFC in Austin, MN. [Read more](#)

Resources

On Our Hearts – Helping Pastors with Sexual Purity

Sexual compromise + fear + silence = growing trouble. This is true for any Christian. It is true for pastors. Maybe you and I are stumbling on the internet (for example), viewing sexually explicit material. We tell no one about it because we are afraid of the consequences to our families or to our ministries. So we continue in the bondage of guilt and shame and loss of power. And we feed a growing reservoir of trouble that will eventually burst a dam. [Read more](#)

Missions Update – The Reality of Islam

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today by birthrate. The Christian church needs to grow in their understanding of Islam. See how your church can grow in their understanding of Islam in 2011 by reading "[The Reality of Islam](#)".

Pastoral Care Encouragement – Jim Andersons are off to Russia

This month's pastoral care encouragement offers you the opportunity to encourage the Andersons as they travel to Russia. [Read more](#).

ABF Training – May 21

Strengthen your teams and envision and plan for the fall. Hear from Steve Lizzio, founder of ABF Resources. Join others at First EFC, Minneapolis. [Read more](#)

Preaching for the Rest of Us Conference – May 16-18

We are called to be faithful, not famous. But how do you remain a faithful preacher in a rockstar world? A "non-conference" conference hosted by Antioch Community Church, Acts 29, and Mission 16/18 of Hope Cmty Church. Location: Hope Cmty Church, downtown Minneapolis. [Read more](#)

Miscellaneous

Church Plant Updates

Birch Hills Community Church (church plant in Melrose, MN) began public worship in April. A church plant in New Ulm, MN will begin core group training in May. Pray for the need of a church planter for Glencoe, MN

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