



February 2011

EVENTS

2011 NCD Annual Conference – April 11-12 – Constance EFC, Andover, MN

Brochures and registration forms are in the mail. Or [download here](#).

Youth Blitz Conference – April 1-3 – Duluth, MN

Check out the NCD Youth [website](#) for promotional pieces and registration information.

Senior Adult Spring Celebration – April 12, 2011, 9:15am – 2:00 pm – Brooklyn Park EFC

Speaker: Jay Kesler, Information will be mailed end of February. Questions? Contact Tim Johnson, 952-934-6777. We apologize for the overlapping date with NCD Conference but are confident both events will thrive.

CMO – Church Multiplication Overview – Feb. 26 – New Ulm, MN

Attend a one-day training seminar that will help you and your church catch the vision for church planting and see the need for your community to hear the gospel. [Read more](#). Questions, contact [Phil Schenck](#), New Ulm Planter.

BUMP – July 16-24 – Twin Cities Communities

Bridging Urban Mission Project is a week-long urban mission experience for junior and senior high students, partnering with urban EFCA churches across the U.S. *Serve an urban church for a week. Gain ministry skills that last a lifetime. Return Home. Change your world.* [Read more](#). Or check out the BUMP [Facebook](#) page.

Adult BUMP – July 9-16 – Twin Cities Communities

A first ever for the NCD – an Adult Bump week is being planned. This week will be a significant experience for pastors and church leaders considering ministries to the poor and needy, immigrants, and ethnic groups in their areas. More details to be announced in March.

RESOURCES

On Our Hearts

Know a community God has called you to reach but you cannot see any possible way to plant or start a church there? What is multi-site and multi-venue? [Read more](#).

Mission Update

The New Atheism is one of the six major challenges facing the church today that was identified by the Lausanne Conference. It is time for the church to boldly proclaim the TRUTH to the next generation. [Read more](#).

Pastoral Care Encouragement

Friendship is a powerful word. Unfortunately, too many pastors have too few friends. [Read more](#) of Jim Anderson's comments on this concern.

Multiplying Light and Truth

An online book course about Neighborhood Transformation through EFCA Equip, facilitated by Tom Cairns. The concept is helping villages and neighborhoods be empowered to solve problems together while planting the church in the community. [Read more](#).

Become a Mentor

Enter into significant life-changing ministry by helping others grow through their spiritual and emotional life experiences. New Hope Church is opening their Shoulder to Shoulder LifeSkills Course to other NCD church

attendees. Come learn how you can walk with others in their journey towards peace and joy in Christ. This 7-week course begins Monday evening, March 7. Check out [New Hope Church web page](#).

MISCELLANEOUS

Looking for churches that have sermon-based small groups

One of our pastors is seeking advice on sermon-based small groups. If you are using this strategy, please email [Dave Linde](#).

Free Tax Guide for Pastors

Tax season is here. Filing your income tax return in light of the special provisions for ministers can be much easier if you have a guide through the process. [Read more](#).

FREE Canoe Trip Training – Rock Ridge Camp (Shamineau Ministries)

July 23-25 (adjustable to suit your leaders) - Ever wanted to take your youth group on a BWCA canoe trip but don't feel skilled enough? Rock Ridge camp staff will teach you everything you need to know (canoeing skills, cooking, setting up a camp site, BWCA map reading) and take you on a 2-night trip. You can then confidently schedule your own trip and look like a pro! The [Rock Ridge Camp](#) facilities (cabins, chapel, dining hall, ropes course, waterfront, and more) are also available for resident retreat groups. Contact Jordan Amundson at 800-305-8118 or [email](#).

Need for short-term missions teams

Two teams are needed to serve the 2011 EFDA SERVEurope team in Willegen/Upland Germany on August 11-17th. [Read more](#).

Winter Retreat Discount at Cedarly

Cedarly Pastors Retreat Center in Wisconsin is offering a discount on retreats taken before April 1st. The normal price of \$494 is being discounted to \$350. To reserve your 5-day retreat (an exquisite getaway for spiritual, pastoral, and marital refreshment) go to the [Cedarly web site](#).

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