

NCD Conference Schedule 2017

Monday, March 27

11:00-1:00	Registration	
11:45-12:45	Lunch	Family Center
1:00-2:45	Session #1: Kevin Kompelien Gospel Impact in a Rapidly Changing World	Worship Center
2:45-3:15	Break	
3:15-5:15	Session #2: DS nominee Brian Farone: Introduction, presentation, interaction	Worship Center
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Family Center
6:45-8:15	Session #3: Kevin Kompelien Thriving in a Post-Christian World	Worship Center

Tuesday, March 28

7:30-10:00	NCD Business Meeting	Family Center
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-12:15	Session #4: Kevin Kompelien Leading "On Mission" with God	Worship Center
12:15 pm	Conference Adjournment	
12:30-1:30	Shamaineau Ministries Lunch	Family Center

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Conference of the North Central District! Whether you are contemplating *the church of tomorrow* and what it means for *the church of today* from the vantage point of a ministry leader or a pastor, a volunteer or a paid staff member, a woman or a man, a single or a married person, we are pleased that you are here. May the Lord Jesus equip us all to follow him insightfully, courageously, and fruitfully into the future ahead of us.

Our Hosts

Our thanks again to New Hope Church for hosting this year's conference. Pass your thanks on to Pastor Matthew St. John, the New Hope staff, and the many church volunteers for assisting us. Their hospitality enriches our conference. We would ask that you help us be courteous guests by avoiding spills, keeping lids on any beverages, notifying staff of any mishaps, etc. Thanks for your attention to this.

Prayer Room

A quiet room for prayer and reflection is available throughout the conference. It is located on the left side of the worship center on the main floor.

Book Table

We welcome Aaron Uran with the NextStep Resources table in the exhibitor area.

Conference Booklet & Annual Reports

The booklet that you are holding is available electronically to download and take notes within the pages provided. You can either use the QR code here or type in ncdefca.org to be directed to our NCD website and download this booklet and to view the Annual Reports.



Business Meeting Matters

Join us for our annual NCD Business meeting Tuesday morning. To enhance your business meeting experience, we will provide you a hot breakfast. The highlight of this year's business, of course, will be the vote on the district superintendent nominee, Brian Farone. You must be a duly authorized conference delegate in order to be eligible to vote. Conference delegates have an orange dot on their nametag. Only individuals with an orange dot on their nametag will be able to vote. If you have not yet registered as a delegate, please do so at the registration table by 7:00 pm on Monday. The business meeting will be held during the breakfast session at 7:45 am on Tuesday.

NCD written reports are available online (ncdefca.org). A few hard copies are available at the registration table.

Shamineau Lunch

The annual meeting of Shamineau Ministries will follow our last conference session on Tuesday. If you registered for this meal, it is indicated on your nametag with a blue dot. If not, talk to Shamineau staff at the Shamineau display to determine if there are any extra lunches available.

Enjoy!

If you have questions or needs, see us at the NCD Registration/Office table. Keep praying throughout the conference for the Lord's protection, instruction, and transformation.

Speaker: Kevin Kompelien



In June 2015, Rev. Kevin Kompelien was elected president of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Credentialed delegates of the 130th conference business session affirmed the Board of Directors nominee at the EFCA One conference. The election was the culmination of a prayerful and extensive search process initiated in 2014 when former President William Hamel announced his retirement. Kompelien began his presidency on June 18, 2015.

For the previous nine years, Kompelien was the international leader for the Africa division with ReachGlobal (the international mission of the EFCA) and a senior leader of the mission. A graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (1983), he served over twenty years as pastor of two EFCA churches. In addition, Kompelien served on the North Central District Board chairing the church planting committee and on the Central California District Board (now EFCA West). A native of Thief River Falls, Minn., Kompelien and his wife Becky have been married for 34 years. They have four grown, married children and five grandchildren.

With the gospel as the foundation of the EFCA, President Kompelien is committed to building a culture of discipling furthering the EFCA's mission of multiplying transformational churches among all people. His desire is to establish discipling pathways and multiply generations of disciplers so that genuine gospel transformation occurs in the lives of individuals, families, churches, and communities. In addition, Kompelien desires to see godly, well equipped men and women of all ages and ethnicities serving as leaders in our churches and in our communities so that ministry expands and flourishes.

"We must see the United States through missionary eyes so that we don't miss the opportunity to reach an ever more secular and religiously diverse American population. This includes reaching large cities and growing ethnic populations, and employing new methodologies for church multiplication." Kompelien is confident that the EFCA will not reach this country unless the EFCA partners with like-minded movements and allows the gospel to take priority over denominational identity.

President Kompelien is working with EFCA leaders domestically and internationally toward the realization of our vision of seeing God raise up one million disciplers impacting millions with the gospel and transforming entire cities and regions globally. This will be possible if pastors and leaders maintain a prayerful posture of deep dependence upon the Lord and work together in collaborative coalitions. As we depend on the Lord and humbly work together for kingdom purposes, Kompelien believes God will do great things. We celebrate this important time in EFCA history and look with anticipation to the future.

Gospel Impact in a Rapidly Changing World:

*How do we understand our world and contextualize ministry
to reach people far from God?*

Notes:

Thriving in a Post-Christian World:

How do we impact a culture that is increasingly apathetic toward the gospel and even hostile toward the church?

Notes:

Leading "On Mission" with God:

How do we effectively lead our churches to be "on mission" with God in our communities and around the world?

Notes:

District Superintendent Nominee Brian Farone

Brian has served on the staff of EFCA West district since 2013, where, as Director of Biblical Theology and Credentialing, he has served pastors and churches in a variety of ways. Prior to this ministry, Brian served for nine years at Grace Bible Church (EFCA), Arroyo Grande, CA, first as Associate Pastor of Families/Pastor of Student Ministries, and then as Associate Pastor of Adults and Families.



He has been married for twenty years to the love of his life and his best friend, Teri. They are the parents of Samuel (17) and Grace (15 ½).

Brian is an avid hiker, passionate reader, fascinated by technology, and an enthusiastic sports fan, especially the Arizona Cardinals.

The search team and board have found Brian to be a man of vision and practical implementation, of relational skill and candid truth-telling, of local-church love and district level wisdom, an individual coach and a large-group leader, a strategic and creative thinker, a careful student of the Word and a diligent follower of Jesus.

A graduate of Arizona Christian University (B.S.) and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (M.Div.), Brian is ordained in the EFCA.

For the district-wide announcement of Brian's nomination, which included further information about Brian, use the following QR code or go to www.ncdefca.org/.



Exhibitors

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Safe Families for Children		info@safefamiliesmn.org safefamiliesmn.org
Shamineau Ministries	Herb Bloomquist Larry & Lois Johnson	Shamineau.org herb@shamineau.org larry@shamineau.org
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Urban Impact	John Gerhardt	Urbanimpact.org johng@urbanimpact.org

2017 Conference Action Items

- Approval of the 2017-2018 district budget
- Election of members to the district Board of Directors
- Acceptance of church plants into district membership
- Election of Multiplication Catalyst/Church Planting Director Dan Moose
- Election of District Superintendent nominee Brian Farone

NCD Board of Director Nominees

Julie Andersen, Trinity EFC, Lakeville



Julie is Minnesota born and raised, placed her faith in Jesus Christ as a young girl, and became a member of an EFCA church when she and her husband moved to the Minneapolis area in 1986. She has enjoyed ministry with her husband Bob throughout their 35 years of marriage and has been blessed with five children, and 14 grandchildren (soon to be 15). She ministered in family and children's ministry in the local church and also served in this area at the district and national levels for the EFCA. Julie has served on staff at Trinity in Lakeville for over 25 years. In the last two-and-a-half years her position changed to focus on small group development and finally, care ministry. It excites her to see God's people living out their faith in Christ, both in the Body as they encourage and build each other up, then in the world around them as they live out that love and Gospel message in word and deed.

Jim Hodgson, Bemidji, MN



Jim and his wife, Jenny, are members of the EFC of Bemidji where he has volunteered in multiple ways (Elder, Youth/Young Adult ministry team, Worship Teams, Search Committee, etc.). Jim works at Oak Hills Christian College as the Director of Church & Community Relations. He serves as an inter-denominational networker in northern MN and has been part of the Northwest MN pastor cluster for several years. They have 4 grown, married children and 3 grand-children.

Dale Robins, Lake Eunice, Detroit Lakes - 2nd term



Dale and his wife Pat have served the Lake Eunice EFC as pastor since 2000. Besides preaching the Word of God, leading Bible studies, and visitation, Dale's other interests include fishing (when possible), deer hunting, keeping track of the ships coming in and out of Duluth, and reading books.

Church Plants Seeking Affiliation

Birch Hills Community, Melrose, Paul Klassen

Birch Hills Community Church began public worship in March 2011 through the prayers of some local people, the vision of Harvest Community Church in Sauk Centre to be a church-planting church, and God sovereignly gathering a group of 10 people as a core group.

Since then, we have witnessed many baptisms, as well as people coming to Christ and gathering around the word of God in many different contexts. God has granted us a hearing in the community through our annual Thanksgiving outreach, partnership with other local churches, and a positive influence in our local school (where we gather for worship every Sunday). We are known as the church where it's all about Jesus and the Bible is our authority.

Currently, as the Elder Team visits the families of our church, we are casting a vision that builds on our unity in Christ. The vision is for each person to BE with God regularly, to BE in community with other believers, and to BE on mission by knowing and communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ to those God puts in their path.

Our ministry opportunities right now include an invitation from our public school to provide resources regarding sex education, a partnership with local churches to be a part of a Reformation Roundtable at our school's history class, and numerous opportunities to open up the word of God with those inside and outside of our church congregation.

It seems that Birch Hills Community Church's unique role, and our main prayer request, is that we are in the middle of a deeply religious community that has not heard the gospel of grace and is still, for the most part, working for their salvation and unsure of where they stand with the Lord. Please pray for us to know this gospel thoroughly, to build godly relationships with all those around us, and for each family to apply the gospel in their setting.

The Gathering, Rochester, Willie Grimm

In April of 2012 Willie Grimm walked into Calvary Evangelical Free Church to see about a worship position that was coming available. That day he met Pastor Kevin Barnhart who asked him who he was and what he had been doing before this. Willie had planted three other churches for another denomination for the last 11 years at that time. Pastor Kevin shared that they had been praying for a church planter for about the last 6 years. Thus, began the amazing relationship with Calvary to begin the process.

Willie officially began fulfilling a worship role in May of 2012 to get some "road time" together and in January of 2013 he began to gather a team from Calvary and some folks from previous plants. In March, at NCD Conference, Willie was first introduced to Dan Moose and Jeff Sorvik. In June The Gathering began monthly public preview services with a wonderful ragtag group of 14 committed Christ followers, and on October 6th began weekly worship.

The Gathering has never officially advertised, as it was committed to creating a disciple-making culture of disciple makers. If we did our job, we would grow. Over the last three years we have grown to about 60-70 on a Sunday morning, about 60 in 5 community groups throughout the week and about 30 solid disciple makers. The big three for The Gathering are: *Discipleship, Community, and Mission (Formed in Christ, Into Community, For a mission)*.

This year we will look to continue to our multiplication of disciple-makers (each one developing and releasing 1/yr.). This turns to 60, then 120, then 240, and so on. This in turn will grow and multiply our community groups and send more for planting and mission. The Gathering is also in the process of planting another church in Byron in partnership with Calvary with Kurt and Stacy Ploeger and we look to plant many more as God leads us in this multiplication effort.

This is all in line with our definition of a disciple: Disciple – A Biblically and Spiritually formed follower of Christ, committed to making and releasing disciple-makers, for community transformation. We are so glad and blessed to be a part of NCD and EFCA and Calvary. To God be the glory!

Sanctus, St. Cloud, Jeff Pankratz

In the summer of 2014, Jeff & Anna Pantratz moved to St Cloud, MN to bring gospel ministry to that region. They started seeking God in prayer and getting to know the city. God gave them a vision for Sanctus; To see the cities and regions reflecting the glory of God, saturated with gospel of Jesus Christ in words, works, and wonders, by building multiplying networks of local churches who lives as families of missionary servants to their friends and neighbors. This vision would be accomplished growing in three primary ways individually, as a marriage or family, and as an extended church family; 1) Up - Growing in worship and abiding in Jesus. 2) In - Growing in love and truth for one another as a church family. 3) Out - Growing in compassion and gospel intentionality to the people we work, play and live with.

That same summer they met Lance and Erin Ehrecke, our co-pastoral elder and wife. Along with three other couples who formed the first of now 4 missional communities networked across St. Cloud, and another 5 missional communities in other central MN cities. Each missional community consists of 25 men and women committed to being "a Family of Missionary Servants who bless their city and make disciples of Jesus." Today there is an accredited ministry training school just started in 2017 for building into new ministry leaders, as well as an ongoing coaching pathway for churches and other groups who desire to reach their communities through missional communities. Each missional community has their own elders and elders' wives, and supportive deacon-type leaders who serve and encourage people to bless their city, make disciples together as a way of life, and multiply new missional communities.

Ministry Opportunities - In our city we have partnerships with our downtown business district to clean up our city, participate and serve in community events, and create and display gospel music and art to several downtown venues. We have also partnered with our law enforcement to support city officials and officers, as well as local organizations who work with impoverished places in our city and families who have need for job training, after school child services, and youth clubs. Several of our members within our missional communities have initiated gospel ministry on the college campus, at the local malls, and at several of the local parks. Special focus has been given to developing friendship with our international population, since St. Cloud is very diverse including a growing Somali population. Backyard bonfires have begun one of the most effective and most natural places for getting to know people in our city, as well as house parties, bar nights, poker parties, and game nights. Our city loves to party and we are joining them! :) Within each missional community, people are seeing healing and personal transformation. Several accounts of both physical and spiritual healing have been shared as the churches gather to pray and God's power is invited into peoples' lives. Testimonies are shared and real needs are met. All in all, Jesus is glorified in His church, and people are seeing the power of what happens when normal people follow Jesus together and invite the Spirit of God to fill us and lead us on a daily basis. It is messy, and it is wonderful :)

North Central District 2017 Sample Ballot

*(If you are a delegate, you should have received a packet of ballots at registration.
Voting and collection of ballots will occur separately.)*

District Superintendent (3-year term)

Yes No Brian Farone

Multiplication Catalyst/Church Planting Director (3-year term)

Yes No Dan Moose *

Board of Directors (3-year term, affirm 3 total)

Julie Andersen Yes No

Jim Hodgson Yes No

Dale Robins * Yes No

* Currently serving; eligible for another term

2017-2018 North Central District Budget

Yes No

Acceptance of Church Plants (voice vote)

Birch Hills, Melrose Yes No

The Gathering, Rochester Yes No

Sanctus, St. Cloud Yes No

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 Budget

	2017-2018 Proposed	2016-2017 Budget	2015-2016 Actual
Income			
4100 Gift Income	692,291.00	631,700.00	693,780.50
4600 Conf. & Sem. Income	134,026.00	131,500.00	138,242.19
4700 Other Income	16,600.00	30,800.00	23,508.98
4900 Fund Transfers	25,000.00	26,000.00	0.00
Total Income	\$ 867,917.00	\$ 820,000.00	\$ 855,531.67
Gross Profit	\$ 867,917.00	\$ 820,000.00	\$ 855,531.67
Expenses			
5000 Compensation	591,727.00	576,191.00	556,804.53
5100 Employee Expense	38,100.00	31,800.00	33,023.98
5200 Staff Develop/YWRetreat	25,325.00	19,875.00	26,112.39
5300 Board Expense	4,000.00	20,500.00	2,119.78
5400 Administration	67,615.00	50,865.00	68,283.42
5600 Conference	98,000.00	98,000.00	96,204.53
5700 Program Expenses	18,150.00	15,000.00	11,844.72
Capital Acquisitions	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 867,917.00	\$ 812,231.00	\$ 794,393.35
Net Operating Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,769.00	\$ 61,138.32
Net Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,769.00	\$ 61,138.32

Mark Your Calendars

- **2017 NCD Youth Blitz Conference, April 21-23, Duluth, MN**
Theme: *Gospel Clarity*
Speakers: Cesar Castillejos, Kylie Larson, Kirsten King, Jeremy Deck,
Worship Band: Good Little Giants
- **Encore Spring Celebration (55+), April 24, 2017, Trinity EFC, Lakeville**
Theme: *Making Memories and Sharing Wisdom*
Speaker: Bill Hamel, retired EFCA President
Music: Gloryland Gospel Band
- **EFCA/Elim Twins event, May 20, 2017, Twins vs. Kansas City Royals**
(details to come)
- **2017 EFCA ONE, June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX**
The biennial EFCA national conference is an opportunity to come together — as Paul reminds us, the church is called to unity — one body, one spirit, one hope (Ephesians 4).

Built to equip those at the heart of the movement for their local context, EFCA One will feature:
 - sessions hosted by celebrated teachers
 - a diverse worship experience led by gifted musicians
 - freedom to pursue and renew deep fellowship
 - quality, relevant and hands-on workshops
 - complimentary post-conference sessions
- **Encore Fall Retreat (55+), September 11-12, 2017, Camp Shamineau**
- **Fall Teaching Conference, October 3-4, 2017, Camp Shamineau**
(Note! Tuesday-Wednesday this year)
Theme: *Interpreting and Applying the Book of Acts*
Speaker: Douglas S. Huffman
Professor and Associate Dean of Biblical & Theological Studies
Talbot School of Theology at Biola University (La Mirada, CA)
- **2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29, Duluth MN**

Go to NCDEFCA.org for links and more information

District Fellowship Groups

Group/Location	Schedule	Contact Person
Hwy 169 area Milaca EFC	2 nd Tuesday	Dan Clausen pastordan@milacafreechurch.com
Buffalo area Buffalo EFC	3 rd Tuesday	Steve Schoepf steve.schoepf@westwoodstcloud.org
Alexandria area Lake Cmty EFC	3 rd Tuesday	Bob Satterlie calfree@loretel.net
Bemidji area Bemidji EFC	3 rd Tuesday/odd months	Dwight Warden befreenator@gmail.com
Metro-Urban Pastors, Location varies	1 st Wednesday	Larry Willman PayneFree@juno.com
Rochester Calvary EFC	2 nd Wednesday	Kevin Sorensen pastorkevin@cornerstoneefc.com
North Metro, IHOP, Blaine	3 rd Wednesday	Gerald Stigall gstigall@gracefree.org
Waseca area Christ Cmty	3 rd Wednesday	Dan Van Loon pastordan@faribaultefc.org
East Metro -Gorman's, Lake Elmo	1 st Thursday	Henry Williams hwilliams@fiveoakschurch.org
Redwood Falls & Marshall area	3 rd Thursday	Brian Swedburg Brian.rwf.efca@gmail.com
I-35 North area North Branch	3 rd Thursday	Jeff Starnes jonahmajestar@gmail.com
Balaton (US14)	3 rd Thursday	Don LeClere marshefc@starpoint.net
Brainerd area Baxter, Lakewood	4 th Thursday	Jim Anderson productiverest@brainerd.net
NW Metro		Randy Discher rdischer@constancefree.org

Youth Workers - Learning Communities

These are eight different monthly gatherings of youth workers around the state designed for support, training and accountability. Contact Glenn Olson for more information: glennolson@me.com

- **Metro Central:** New Hope Church; 1st Thursday, 9:30-11:30 AM; Justin Wevers, jwevers@newhopechurchmn.org
- **South East:** Calvary, Rochester; 2nd Monday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM; Andrew Langseth, andrew@grace-free.org
- **North West:** Lakes Community Church, Alexandria; 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM; Paul Petersen paul@lakecommunity.org
- **North East:** Anchor Point, Duluth; 4th Monday, 4:00-6:00 PM; Zach Keller zach@anchorpointchurch.org
- **Central:** Elim Mission, Cokato; 2nd Thursday, 12:00 – 2:30 PM; Dan Nyquist & Jimmy Buehler dan@elimmission.org
- **South West:** Marshall EFC, Marshall; 3rd Thursday, 9:00 AM-Noon; Mike Svatek, deaconsvatek@hotmail.com
- **North Central:** Lakewood EFC, Baxter; 4th Thursday 9:30 AM-Noon; Dave Bostrom, dbostrom@lefcmail.com
- **North Metro:** Refuge Church, Zimmerman; 2nd Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Lon Bjornrud, lonbjornrud@gmail.com

Executive Pastors and Church Business Administrators

Executive pastors and business administrators from NCD churches meet quarterly. For more information contact Jeff Piehl, jpiehl@constancefree.org

Licensing Discussion Groups

Central

Where: Refuge Church, Zimmerman

When: 2nd Thursday of the month (10 am-noon)

Contact: Patrick Drury - revpatrickdrury@gmail.com

North Central

Where: Walker, Calvary Church (meeting location rotates)

When: Tuesdays, every other month (noon to 2:00)

Contact: Mark Widman mwcalvary@arvig.net

Northeast

Where: Duluth (Anchor Point Church)

When: Please contact Ryan if interested.

Contact: Ryan Underwood ryan@anchorpointchurch.org

Northwest

Where: Near Detroit Lakes, Lake Eunice EFC (meeting place is negotiable)

When: 2nd Monday of the month, 9:30am—12:30pm

Contact: Dennis Wadsworth, hope4fertile@hotmail.com

Southeast

Where: Trinity EFC, Plainview

When: Tuesdays, 1-4 pm, (actual date varies – contact Ty for details)

Contact: Tyrone Spenst, pastorty@trinityefree.com

Southwest: #1

Where: Skandia EFC, Balaton MN

When: 3rd Thursday, 9:00 am - noon

Contact: Don LeClere marshefc@starpoint.net

Southwest: #2

Where: Mankato

When: Contact Greg for details

Contact: Greg Spencer, mtnwriter007@gmail.com

Twin Cities Metro

Where: Minneapolis, North Central District Office

When: 4th Tuesdays, 9:00am–12:30pm

Contact: Dave Linde dave.linde@ncdefca.org

West Central #1

Where: Sauk Centre, Jitter's Coffee Shop

When: 4th Tuesday of the month, 1:00 pm

Contact: Eric Uggerud euggerud@gmail.com

West Central #2

Where: Olivia, Grace Community Church

When: 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:00am-12:00 noon

Contact: Brian Swedburg, brians@redwoodfallsefc.com

West Central #3

Where: Watertown EFC (summer), Buffalo EFC (fall)

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Contact: Dan Osborn, equipperDO@wevfree.org

Ministry Resources of North Central District

Caring Friends Network

Whole gospel. Whole people. Whole communities. God uses people who are themselves in need of transformation. God will grow the whole Body through the faithful ministry of every part, as we find and dispense hope in Christ. It is God's design and desire for His people to reflect His heart as authentic stewards of His interests and as instruments in the Redeemer's hands. Ours is to be a "living faith" as we hear and put into action God's love for us by, in turn, loving Him supremely and others sacrificially through "skillful" redemptive relationships and being about our Father's business. We are to participate with God's Son and Spirit to grow much lasting, "tasty" fruit through abiding in Him and sharing in the ministry of reconciliation. Our coming together is not an end in itself.

Tom Mouw, tom.mouw@ncdefca.org

Church Multiplication Overview (CMO)

CMO is a 6-hour seminar that will assist any church to focus/refocus their ministry on their God-given calling. Topics addressed: Why reach your world for Jesus, Healthy church DNA, Disciple-making principles, Practices of Multiplication, and Church Life cycle. This seminar will also provide an overview of the North Central District's church planting/multiplication strategy.

Dan Moose, dan.moose@ncdefca.org, **763-354-9267**

Church Planter's Assessment

This 3-step assessment will help anyone discern their calling to church planting. The assessment process includes questionnaires, references, online personality, marriage, ministry tools, and a behavioral interview. We believe past behavior helps predict future performance.

Dan Moose, dan.moose@ncdefca.org, **763-354-9267**

Church within a Church

Do you have an immigrant group in your community who God is calling you to reach? Church within Church is a ministry plan to use your current facility as you join with a pastor desiring to reach the target group. Ben will gladly help you in this process.

Ben Green, bgreen@efreewillmar.org

Church Planting Core Group Training

A systematic preparation to start a new church which will help the individuals prepare personally and corporately for the new ministry God is calling them to do. It will help them develop their core values, philosophy of ministry, vision and strategic ministries to effectively reach their community.

Dan Moose, dan.moose@ncdefca.org, **763-354-9267**

Freedom in Christ Seminar

This 8-hour seminar teaches how freedom is necessary for believers in Christ to become growing, fruitful disciples. Jesus Christ has come to bind up broken hearts and set captives free (Isaiah 61:1). Followers of Christ will be helped to understand who they are in Christ; make that "Abba! Father!" connection with God as Father; and win the spiritual battles for their minds. The seminar concludes by intentionally going through the 'Steps to Freedom'.

Dawson Grover, dawson.grover@gmail.com

Licensing Discussion Groups (LDG)

Licensing discussion groups are learning communities that meet in various locations around the district. Pastors who are in the licensing-ordination pathway, whether at the very beginning or approaching the final stages, meet together to write about and discuss the theological themes of the EFCA Statement of Faith under the direction of EFCA-ordained pastors. These discussions focus on theological learning and nourishment, plus application to life and ministry.

Dave Linde, dave.linde@ncdefca.org, **612-338-1716**

Mission Mobilization and Involvement

Steve & Kathy Austvold help mobilize churches for mission involvement by sharing what God is doing in the world today and helping churches to take mission action steps. Austvolds offer mission training, consulting, networking, and promotion of mission initiatives for local churches.

Steve Austvold, steve.austvold@ncdefca.org, **218-736-4412**

Pastoral Care

NCD Pastoral Care helps pastoral families survive and thrive in life and in ministry by emphasizing spiritual and emotional health and the necessity of biblical rest and lasting friendships. They provide instruction and coaching to pastors, wives and churches on a wide variety of ministry issues. Lois Anderson and Jola Johnson offer a pastor's wives retreat annually and are available for individual conversations at any time. Pastoral Care also offers care through pastoral care representatives throughout the district.

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Peacemaking Ministries

This is a three- to five-hour seminar that will teach churches how to glorify God through the Biblical handling of conflict. The causes of conflict and how to apply the Gospel to conflict will be discussed. This is a good tool to help the church start to develop a 'Culture of Peacemaking'. Also available are NCD directors and trained Peacemaker pastors and lay individuals to come alongside to assist in church conflict situations.

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ReachGlobal Asia Justice Initiatives

Kathy mobilizes for Justice Initiatives which focuses on confronting human trafficking and the devaluation of women and children in Asia. Kathy is available for workshops/seminars to share how you can be involved in this issue.

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Sabbath Rest Retreats

Sabbath Rest Retreats guide pastoral couples and ministry leaders into the transforming power of intimacy with God through rest beyond sleep or leisure.

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Sabbaticals

A sabbatical can be period of refreshing and growth in the life of a pastor as well as beneficial for the life of a church, but planning one can feel like a daunting task. Having someone to walk with you up to and through a Sabbatical can be helpful. NCD Pastoral Care provides assistance and coaching to pastors and leadership teams on developing a sabbatical policy, crafting a sabbatical plan and effectively communicating the plan with the body. We also provide individual sabbatical coaching for the pastor before, during and after the sabbatical if desired.

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Safe Families For Children

Safe Families for Children is a national movement of compassion that is preventing child abuse by encouraging the church to resume its historical and Biblical responsibility for vulnerable children by becoming part of the support network for these children's parents. Volunteers can provide a temporary home as a host family, be family friend/mentor or a resource friend for parents and children dealing with stressful situations. The NCD partners with Safe Families because they embody these principles.

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Student Ministries

The NCD student ministries offers: youth leaders monthly network meetings for training and support, the annual District Blitz student conference bringing 3000+ students together to grow in their relationship with God, and the youth workers retreat

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Team Building & Strategic Planning Training & Development

Struggling with your leadership team? Not sure the team knows their purpose nor are you confident of your leadership style or abilities? Contact Dan and we will gladly come and work with you.

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