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On Our Hearts - Greetings from Brian Farone

Brothers and Sisters of the NCD,

First, I want thank you for a conference we will never forget. We were overwhelmed by your warm welcome, gracious spirit and enthusiastic support. I want to say a special word of thanks to DS Search Team for all they invested in Teri and me. Likewise, I am so grateful to the NCD Board of Directors for their heart for this district, for their thorough and sometimes challenging questions, and for their candor throughout this process. Thanks, too, to the NCD staff, and especially Tom Mouw, for the warm reception they gave our family. I can't wait to work with the NCD Team!



[Read the rest of Brian's post](#)

2017 NCD District Conference

The conference was a wonderful time of fellowship and teaching. EFCA President Kevin Kompelien taught three times on the theme of *The Church Today and Tomorrow* and Brian Farone, the DS elect, had a session to share his heart and vision for ministry.

- Session #1:** Gospel Impact in a Rapidly Changing World
- Session #2:** DS nominee Brian Farone
- Session #3:** Thriving in a Post-Christian World
- Session #4:** Leading "On Mission" with God

[Click here](#) to access the audio and power-point presentations from the sessions.

Would your church leadership like help in exegeting your community as Kevin discussed in his talks? The NCD has a tool called *MissionInsite* to help you get a profile of community demographics: religious, economic, educational, ethnic, and family make-up based on a radius around the church, zipcodes or personally designed boundaries.

Samples: [Summary Insite Report](#) [Detailed religious \(quad\) report](#)
[Sample demographic profiles](#)

[Contact the NCD office](#) for more information.

Historical EFCA Churches

There may be opportunity to see if your older church (over 100 years old) is eligible for a designation as a National Register Historic site.

[Click here](#) if interested in additional information.

[Contact Tom Cairns](#), EFCA archivist, for next steps.

Resources

Missions Mobilization Update - *Getting to Know Muslims*

In this month's church mission letter, ideas are given how to better know and to pray for Muslims during Ramadan. [Check it out.](#)

Pastoral Care - Stuck: The New Normal?

When enough is enough, why do we hang on so tight? [Read the article](#)

Faith Community Nursing - Do You Have Nurses Attending Your

Church? Have you considered using their talents to begin a health ministry? God cares about the body and our bodily health. Faith Community Nursing is a great way to reach out into your communities and churches with healthy living education. Contact Joanne Hall at Joanne.Hall@elimcare.org for information on how you can make FCN a ministry of your church. [Read More](#)

For information on further resources and opportunities that may be of interest to you, [click here](#). (Unite Day of Prayer, Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference, Family Crisis Workshop, Disability Ministry meeting, 2017 United in Christ Native Christian Leadership Conference)

Mark Your Calendars

- [2017 NCD Youth Blitz Conference](#), April 21-23, 2017, Duluth, MN
- [Encore Spring Celebration](#), (55+) April 24, 2017, Trinity EFC, Lakeville
- [EFCA/Elim Twins event](#), May 20, 2017, Twins vs. Kansas City Royals
(NOTE: the Great Clips seats are sold out)
- [2017 EFCA ONE](#), June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX
- [Sabbath Rest Retreat](#), August 27-29, 2017, Timber Bay Retreat Center
- [Encore Fall Retreat](#), September 11-12, 2017, Camp Shamineau
- [Fall Teaching Conference](#), October 3-4, 2017 (NOTE:Tues-Wed) Camp Shamineau. Speaker: Doug Huffman, Talbot Seminary

District News

Credentialing

Ben Groen, Bloomington, Oxboro EFC was granted his license in April.



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