



January 2018 Zipline

On Our Hearts - Six Reasons I'm Grateful For Our Latino Brothers and Sisters



As the new year begins, I want to take a moment and share how grateful I am for our Latino brothers and sisters within EFCA's North Central District. I am tempted to explain in detail why the Latino community is so close to my heart (beginning with my childhood in the Southwest, sharing about my former church's beautiful Latino congregation called Grace Hispana, pressing into the reality that Latinos are the largest ethnic minority in the USA). But since I have limited space, so let me dive right in and share six reasons I am so grateful for their presence and impact in our NCD family of churches.

1. I'm grateful that our NCD family is blessed with gifted Latino church leaders like Pablo Cachon (New Hope Church), Tim Dahlin and Miriam Vallette (Bethel EFC, Fairmont), Hector Franco (Morris EFC), Jorge Osorio (Hope EFC, Monticello), Ismael Martinez (Cornerstone EFC, Blue Earth), Vidal Quevedo (Iglesia Nueva Salem, Minneapolis), José Rivera (Living Hope, Willmar), and Paul Stilwell (Trinity Church, Lakeville). God has truly blessed us in calling these leaders, and many more just like them, to pour their lives into our EFCA churches in Minnesota.

2. I'm grateful for the first ordination council for a Latino pastor in the NCD, held for Pastor Pablo Cachon at New Hope Church in November 2017. It was such a joy to watch the council examine and affirm Pablo's calling, gifting, preparation and character. I am praying this is the first of many ordination councils for our NCD Latino pastors.

3. I'm grateful for Latino congregations in places like Blue Earth, Fairmont, Melrose and Monticello. Right now, there are Latino EFCA congregations in nine communities in Minnesota. May God give us more!

[Read the rest of the article](#)

NCD Resources

Save the Date

2018 NCD Annual Conference - April 9-10, Constance EFC, Andover

Theme: *An Inexpressible & Glorious Joy, A Conference for Pastors & Church Leaders*

Speaker: Constantine Campbell, Professor of New Testament, TEDS

Pastoral Care - The Resolute Christian "[This year I resolve to...](#)"

Missions Mobilization Update - Mission trends are important indicators for churches to keep updated. [Here is a 10 current mission trends](#) to be aware of for your church.

Faith Community Nursing - Faith Community Nurses blend nursing and ministry to promote the wellness of the body, mind and spirit in our congregations and our communities. The following article was featured in the Spring 2017 issue of the **Church Health Reader: [The Nature of Care](#)**
Resource - [5 Ways Congregations Can Support Caregivers](#)

Third Annual Church Security Conference - *Umbrella Of Church Security*
February 17, 2018, Constance EFC, Andover, MN. In light of today's headlines, this is a valuable opportunity for your church to attend. Cost: \$35.00, which includes continental breakfast and a full lunch. [To Register](#)

[Energize Youth Workers Retreat](#)

February 8-10

Camp Shamineau

Camp Shamineau and the NCD are hosting a training, fellowship, rest and relaxation retreat for all youth workers, vocational and volunteer.

[For more information To Register](#)



[NCD District Blitz](#)

April 27-29, 2018, Duluth, MN

We live in a social media-centered world. We live our lives online where we post, edit, filter, delete, follow, and ignore. No Filter is about living our lives for Jesus

as it was always meant to be lived-in truth, honesty, accountability, and biblically-centered relationships.

Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24

Pleasant Valley EFC, 1363 Homer Rd., Winona, MN 55987

The PD-U is a two-day conference designed to equip men, women, and students with an understanding of the factors that create and reinforce addictive sexual behavior, especially the pornography struggle.

[For more information](#)



Encore Senior Adult Ministries - Spring Celebration

Monday, April 23, 2018

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM at Constance EFC, Andover.

Speaker: Dr. Marcus Bachmann, founder of Counseling Care and husband to Michelle Bachmann, former US Representative. More details and registration information to follow.

EFCA Resources



EFCA Theology Conference

The Gospel, Compassion and Justice, and the EFCA

January 31-February 2, 2018

Northeast Bible Church,

Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)

Interact with fellow EFCA pastors and leaders during this conference as gifted presenters including Dr. John Perkins address "Christian Living" from biblical, theological, historical, and pastoral perspectives.

[For more information and to register](#)

Featured from EFCA Now - [What Board Members Want From Their Pastor](#) Bob Osborne December 8, 2017



GROW!

Leadership Conference for the Rural and Small Town Church

March 3, 2018

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location:

Willmar Assembly of God

3821 Abbot Dr

Willmar, MN 56201

[For more information and to register](#)

Prepare for Pulse Twin Cities

May 18

Churches of the Twin Cities are mobilizing around the largest outreach our region has seen in over a decade. Pulse Twin Cities is a season of prayer, training, and unity with the goal of filling all 66,200 seats at U.S. Bank Stadium for a free outreach on Friday, May 18. More than 400 churches are on board so far, and EFCA churches are excited to partner with them. Learn more about getting your church involved in this season of outreach online at <http://pulsetwincities.com/partners/>.



Come to the Pulse Twin Cities Pastors Summit this February. Whether your church is already part of Pulse Twin Cities or not—don't miss this event! We'll have breakout sessions for your leadership team, including Senior Pastors, Youth Leaders, Prayer, Worship, and Ministry Leaders.

Together we'll pray, worship, share vision, and support the Church to mobilize for May 18 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Tuesday, February 13

11:30 AM–1:30 PM (lunch provided)

Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie

[RSVP](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- **[Sabbath Rest Retreat, January 21-23](#)**, Timber Bay Retreat Center
- **[EFCA Theology Conference, January 31-February 2](#)**. NE Bible Church, Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)
- **[Energize Youth Worker Retreat, February 8-10](#)**, Camp Shamineau,
- **[Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 17](#)**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **[Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24](#)**, Pleasant Valley EFC, Winona, MN
- **[GROW! Leaders Conference for the Rural and Small Church, March 3](#)**, Willmar, MN
- **[EFCA History & Polity Class, March 12-13](#)**, EFCA National office. [Register](#) by March 5th. 952-853-8459 for more information.
- **[2018 District Conference, April 9-10](#)**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **[Encore Spring Celebration, April 23](#)**, Constance EFC, Andover. MN
- **[2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29](#)**, Duluth, MN
- **[PULSE Twin Cities, May 18](#)**, , US Bank Stadium
- **[2018 EFCA Challenge Conference, July 2-6](#)**, Kansas City, MO (Registration is open)
- **[ENCORE Fall Fling, Sept. 10 -11](#)**, Camp Shamineau

District News and Updates

Pastor Gil Maple Gil Maple, long-time EFCA-ordained pastor and Elim Care chaplain, went to be with the Lord on Christmas Day. Gil served faithfully in our district for many years. Gil's [obituary](#). As a district family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Gil's wife, Mary Ann, and the entire family.



Credentialing Update - Congratulations to the following for recently completing the licensing process:

- Paul Anderson, CIF
- Valerie Beck, Trinity Church, Lakeville
- Doug Cormeny, Rockpoint Church, Lake Elmo
- Clay Edens, Hope EFC, Oakdale
- Sarah Graber, Trinity Church, Lakeville
- Caleb Haynes, Valley EFC, Chaska
- Chris Tinault, Coon Rapids EFC
- Scott Wade, Coon Rapids EFC
- Josh Williams, Trinity Church, Lakeville
- Karen Winkelman, The Lighthouse, Hackensack

If you are interested in credentialing this spring, councils will be held in May and June. Please let the [district office](#) know if you are planning on going through the process. Mid February is a preliminary deadline for getting into the pipeline. (10 weeks is the minimum timeline from submitting a paper to sitting for a credentialing council.)

Senior Pastoral Transitions

Moving from recent NCD ministry

- Jeff Starnes, Hinckley EFC
- Peter Johannsen, Delano EFC

Ministry Opportunities

- Elim Shores in Eden Prairie has a 16 hour per week opening for a chaplain. For more information, [contact Dave Kiel](#)
- Cooperstown Bible Camp has an opening for the Executive Director. [Summary description](#). [Full job description Resumes](#) accepted until January 28th.

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