

EFCA HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND POLITY COURSE
NATIONAL OFFICE
901 E. 78th STREET, MINNEAPOLIS, MN
MARCH 12 – 13, 2018

Monday, March 12 (8:30 AM-5:00 PM) – Lunch provided

Tuesday, March 13 (7:30 AM-3:30 PM) – Lunch provided

The cost for the class is \$10, and pre-registration is required: email Dani Richards credentialing@efca.org or call (952) 853-8459 no later than March 5th

Introduction

The EFCA History, Theology and Polity course is considered the baseline for any/all of the credentials in the EFCA. If one desires to minister in the EFCA and be licensed and eventually receive their Certificate of Ordination or Certificate of Christian Ministry, this material is mandatory. In the past this class was only offered at our EFCA seminary, so all those who desired to minister in the EFCA and who did not attend our seminary were required to meet this requirement through an independent study. We now offer the class in an intensive two-day format in other locations. We believe there is much to be gained in a class setting versus the independent study format.

Objectives

- ❖ Designed for those seeking a greater understanding of the EFCA or anticipating possible credentialing. Attention is paid to history, polity, doctrine, missionary outreach, current trends. Attendees are challenged to consider these distinctives in relation to their own concepts of ministry context and potential.
- ❖ Attendees will become familiar with the heritage and distinctives of the Free Church in order to appreciate its present structure, ministry, and mission.
- ❖ Participants will envision how God might use them in furthering his kingdom through the Free Church.
- ❖ Participants will fulfill one of the key requirements for credentialing in the EFCA.

Required Reading

It is *recommended* you read the three books listed below prior to the course. (It is *required* that the books are read before receiving a permanent Certificate). These books are available at Next Step Resources, the EFCA Bookstore, and they can be ordered by calling 800.444.2665 or online at www.nsresources.com

EFCA Spiritual Heritage Committee. *Evangelical Convictions* (Theology)

Hanson, Calvin B. *What it Means to be Free! A History of the EFCA* (History)

Olson, Arnold T. *The Significance of Silence* (Ethos)

Instructor

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Ministry License Paper

A Ministry License paper must be presented to your district as part of the EFCA credentialing process but is not a pre-requisite for the class.

Tentative Course Outline

Topics will include many/most of the following:

- Church, Churches and Denominations
- History
- Polity
- Statement of Faith (Doctrine/Theology)
- National and District Partnership
- Credentialing and Placement
- ReachNational
- ReachGlobal
- Pastoral Care
- Ministry Advancement
- Christian Investors Financial (CIF)
- Free Church Ministers' and Missionaries' Retirement (FCMM)
- Education (Trinity International University)

HOTEL/RESTAURANT INFO:

Quality Inn & Suites Mall of America (right next door to the office)

814 American Blvd. E

Bloomington, MN 55420

Make room reservations (use member price):

<http://www.qualityinn.com/ires/en-US/html/ArrivalInfo?hotel=MN082&srp=LEFC&pu=no>

We have rooms reserved for the 11th and 12th. Cost is \$69/night and includes a hot breakfast and shuttle to MOA and airport

Local Eateries:

Denny's (connected to Quality Inn)

815 E. 78th St.

Bloomington

Outback Steakhouse – 10 min. walk

1321 E. 78th St.

Bloomington

Subway – 10 min. walk

7866 Portland Ave. S.

Bloomington

Jimmy John's – 10 min. walk

7815 Portland Ave. S.

Bloomington

1st Wok – 15 min. walk

415 E. 78th St.

Bloomington

Culver's – 10 min. drive

7801 Nicollet Ave.

Bloomington

Andale Taqueria (authentic Mexican) – 10 min. drive

7700 Nicollet Ave. S.

Richfield

TGI Fridays (across the street from MOA) – 10 min. drive

2201 Killebrew Dr.

Bloomington

****There are NUMEROUS options inside the MOA, including food courts – 10 min. drive**