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## June 2017

### On Our Hearts - Why Move 2068 Miles?

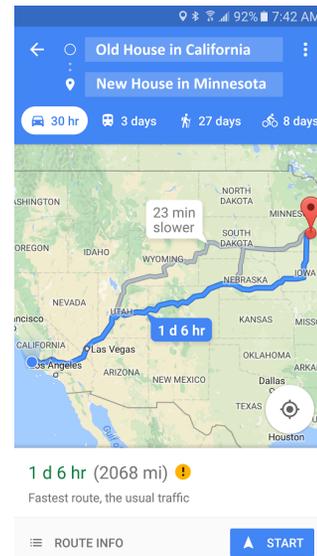
According to Google Maps, it is 2068 miles from our old house in California to our new home in Minnesota. **That. Is. A. Long. Way!** 2068 miles...the drive alone sounds exhausting. (And our commute will actually be a bit longer, since our family is taking the scenic route through Austin, TX, so we can join other EFCA pastors and church leaders from around the world at EFCA One). Over the last few months, many people have asked me why we would make this move. Let me take a few moments, here at the beginning of my ministry, to share why we are moving from there to here.

#### Because God Has Called Us to the North Central District



First, our decision to move to Minnesota is the result of a deep conviction that God has called us to serve Him by serving the North Central District. A significant part of this conviction comes from an internal sense of calling, God's leading in our hearts. More than that, our calling has been confirmed by those who know us best and solidified through the vote of the gathered pastors and church leaders at our

recent NCD conference. These things come together to give us a strong, resilient belief that we are called to serve the pastors, church leaders, and churches of the NCD. I am thankful for this, since I imagine sometime in mid-January I will wake up on an icy morning and wonder, "What have we done?" [Read the rest of the story](#)



### Sabbatical: Is it Time to Plan for Yours (or Your Pastor's)?

In the past year at least fifteen district pastors and church staff members have taken an intentional sabbatical leave. What about you and your church? Do you have a plan for intentional pastoral rest, refreshment, renewal, re-ignoration? Maybe now is the time to begin discussing and planning it. To hear from two representative leaders who have taken sabbaticals recently, click [here](#) for Coley Waataja's story, [here](#) for Joel Preston's. To get discussion started, [contact Kelley Johnson](#), district director of pastoral care.

## 2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic!

Golfers of all ages and abilities are invited to join in the fun of the *2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic!* The tournament is hosted by Elim Care, Camp Shamineau, and the NCD.



**When:** Friday, **August 11**. Check in begins at **7:00 a.m.** and play begins with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

**Where:** [The Links](#) at Northfork in Ramsey, MN.

**Cost:** The registration fee is \$100 and includes a light breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, contests, and lunch.

**Registration:** [For more details and to register](#)

## Resources

### Recommended This Month from the EFCA Theology Podcast

Earlier this year, our EFCA Theology Conference focused in on the theology of the Reformation and its ongoing historical legacy. This month we want to encourage you to listen to EFCA [Theology Podcast Episode #143](#), a message from that conference by Dr. D.A Carson, entitled "The Heart of the Reformation: Justification."

The EFCA Theology Podcast was developed through a partnership between EFCA West (district) and the EFCA National Office. It is hosted by Brian Farone, our new District Superintendent. You can find the podcast in any podcast app by searching "efca theology podcast" or subscribe by email [here](#).

### Missions Mobilization Update - Summer Mission Opportunities

Summer mission opportunities are soon happening. Please [read this article](#) to see what might be of help to you and to your mission team this summer.

### Pastoral Care - Control is an Illusion

Just when you think things are going along well... [read more](#)

### Faith Community Nursing -

Through partnerships, Faith Community Nursing develops new and creative responses to health and wellness concerns. [Read more](#)

### Summertime a Good Time to Make Progress on Licensing

The upcoming season may be a good opportunity for you to make headway in your preparations for [EFCA licensing or certification](#). To hear another leader's licensing journey, watch [Bev Holm's](#) story or [Ryan Petersen's](#).

### Note the following:

- Send us an [email](#) informing us of your interest in embarking on the path.
- Regional examinations will be held in the approximate calendar window of October 15-December 1. Specific dates will be announced later in the summer.
- Submit your application forms, your completed reading, and your paper ten weeks ahead of your projected examination date.
- Need additional, intentional, systematic time for preparing? Join a [discussion group](#).

## Mark Your Calendars

- **[2017 EFCA ONE](#), June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX**
- **2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic, August 11**, The Links, Northfork
- **[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 School of Theology

- **2018 District Conference, April 9-10**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29**, Duluth, MN

## District News

### Senior Pastoral Transitions:

#### Moving from recent NCD ministry...

- Steve Schoepf, Westwood, St. Cloud
- Ray Glenn, Swan Lake, Cottonwood
- Daniel Lacaria, Anchor Point, Wabasha
- Kent McKinnon, Living Hope, Edgerton

#### Beginning new NCD ministry...

- Bruce Fischer of Thief River Falls EFC has been called as interim pastor of First EFC, Benson
- Marv Norlien has begun interim ministry at Lake Community, Alexandria
- Bob Ahlberg is part-time interim at Lincoln EFC
- Eric Hoehn has been called to East Chain EFC, Granada
- Mike Richards has been called as the lead pastor of Crosspoint EFC, Bloomington

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