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March 2017

On Our Hearts - Praise for a Nominee in Answer to Prayer

Over these many months, we have all declared our prayerful dependence upon the Father to raise up a leader to serve the purposes of God for this generation.

We rejoice that Brian Farone has answered God's call, "Here am I Lord, send me." God has been gracious to us, answered our prayers in an extraordinary way, and demonstrated His powerful presence in the midst of our circumstances.



I am taking this opportunity to offer my enthusiastic commendation of Brian as the next Superintendent of the North Central District, pending confirmation at the district conference. Each of us on the District Directional Team has interacted with Brian in various dimensions of EFCA National ministries, and all of us have a high regard for him as a gifted servant-leader raised up by God from within our movement. We extend heartfelt appreciation to the search committee and our board of directors for their discernment and wisdom throughout the process. [Read more](#)



District Superintendent Nominee: Brian Farone

[Get acquainted with Brian.](#)

Delegates will have an opportunity to hear from Brian and interact with him at the District conference, March 27th. Voting will take place on the 28th at the business session.

2017 Annual District Conference

Register now March 27-28

Theme: *The Church Today and Tomorrow*

Speaker: Kevin Kompelien, EFCA President

Location: New Hope Church, New Hope



- Gospel Impact in a Rapidly Changing World
- Thriving in a Post-Christian World
- Leading "On Mission" with God

[To Register](#)

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[Conference Delegate information and forms](#)

Resources

Missions Mobilization Update - *India is a great place to visit.*

[Read](#) about our latest travels and opportunities that we saw in India.

Pastoral Care - Who's On Your List?

For the March Zipline, I handed the keyboard to my lovely wife.

[Article](#)

Faith Community Nursing - "What might a Faith Community Nurse Do?" The answer is: "FCNs are involved in God's work throughout our world!"

[Read more](#)

EFCA Credentialing Resources:

Licensing-Certification-Ordination Examinations, Spring 2017

If you are thinking about applying for an EFCA ministerial credential and sitting for your interview or examination council, spring 2017, please note the following as you plan:

- Submit your paperwork, reading, and thesis **ten** weeks ahead of the examination dates listed below.
 - Metro region: May 31, June 7
 - Southern region: June 8
 - West Central region: June 13

For information on further resources and opportunities that may be of interest to you, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendars

- [2017 NCD District Conference - March 27-28, 2017](#),
- New Hope Church, Speaker: Kevin Kompelien
- [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 (details to come)
- [2017 EFCA ONE](#), **June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX**
- **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

- Bruce Droogsma (Wayzata EFC, Plymouth) received his ministry license in February.

Transitions

- Don Reigstad resigned from Willmar EFC in February.
- Andy Ward is now the senior pastor at Arise Church, Cloquet.
- Mark Holmen is the new senior pastor at Crosslake EFC.
- Ron Berget (Lake Community, Alexandria) is transitioning to work with T-Net.

Church News

- Maple Grove EFC has changed their name to The Grove Church.
- Cornerstone, Blue Earth has purchased a church building for their permanent home. They held their first service there in February.

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