



March 2018 Zipline

On Our Hearts - Justice, Compassion, Reconciliation: A Historic Turning Point for the EFCA?

Last month the annual EFCA Theology Conference was held in San Antonio, Texas. Entitled *The Gospel, Compassion and Justice, and the EFCA*, the conference featured six speakers who addressed the theme from various angles, with a notable and welcome emphasis on racial reconciliation. ([Click here](#) for a pictorial glimpse of the conference.)



Five of the speakers were persons of color. To Biblical attentiveness and a constructive tone they added a powerful personal perspective to their talks, making their messages particularly incisive, humbling, and inspiring. [Continue reading](#)

NCD Resources



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

Confirmed Workshops:

- Elim Augustana Merger Forum
- Justice
- Battlefield Leadership
- Understanding and Thriving in your Cultural Context
- Pastoral and Church Finances
- Divorce Intervention for Pastoral Ministry- parts 1 and 2 (*suggested \$10 donation to help cover materials*)
- Peacemaking

Affinity Groups:

- Women
- Taller en Español
- Executive Pastors
- Youth Workers

[Register](#) - [Brochure](#) - [Church Delegate Forms](#) (due 3/31)

Creative Prayer--One Church's Story

Prayer is as strategic a need as ever in the life of a church. Also strategic are creative ways of engaging in prayer. [Here's a story](#) about one prayer strategy, from Cornerstone EFC in Pipestone. Taborah Tanner, youth and worship director, is your host. Pastor Steve Stahl is behind the camera.

Missions Mobilization Update - Missions Kolkata

Kolkata, India is a very needy city for the gospel. Read what ReachGlobal's plan is for

reaching this city for Christ. They are looking for key churches to partner with them for three years. [Read](#) what Pastor Gus wrote about the city and their vision.

Pastoral Care - A Little Snow, a Little Slush: Lessons from the Lake

[It started out as a wonderful exercise in exercise, then...](#)

Faith Community Nursing - [No Whispers –Caregiving for Mental Illness](#)

"No one should have to whisper about mental health disorders" Kay Warren

FREE Church Evangelism Initiative Opportunity Event for Senior/Lead Pastors

Learn more about how to bring about a lasting shift in focus toward the mission of Jesus and the expansion of God's kingdom throughout your leadership and ministry structures.

- **Monday, April 9**, from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

(Right before the NCD Annual District Conference, *attendance at the conference is not required to register for this training*)

- Location: Constance Free Church, Andover, MN , **RSVP by Sunday, April 1**
- For further information or questions, contact [Sean McDowell](#) or [Terry Erickson](#)



[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.

[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 U.S. Representative. [Click here for more details](#) and to register.

Transform Minnesota presents "Awakening the Church to Mental Health"

A Faith Filled Response to Mental Illness and Recovery

April 19, 7-9 pm

Hope Community Church

707 10th Ave So

Minneapolis, MN 55415

Registration for this event is not required.

[For more information](#)

Church Strategy Conference

Hope Community Church, April 16-17

Hope Community Church, in partnership with Acts 29, is hosting their annual non-conference conference April 16-17th! This is an event primarily for church planters or churches interested in church planting. The church planting efforts at Hope are called Mission1618, based on Matthew 16:18.



Brian Howard, a church planter, will be the main presenter, along with Steve Treichler, Senior Pastor of Hope.

On Monday night, the conference will be open to the public as we explore ways to enhance missional engagement in your church. Registration and more information can be found at [Mission1618.com](#)

Don't Go It Alone

There are affinity groups and resources for different aspects of church ministry, including "behind the scenes" ministry roles. We want to make you aware of these opportunities for networking, development, resources, and fellowship. Monthly meetings discuss various applicable topics for each ministry.

- **Church Facility Managers: [MACFM MN](#).** "They are to serve as the Temple caretakers, taking charge of the maintenance work and performing general duties." Ezek 44:14 (NLT) Meet monthly (March 15, April 19) [Additional Information](#)
- **Church Business Administrators and Support staff: [The Church Network](#)** "Empowering Christian ministry through support of church administration." Meet monthly (March 15, April 19)
- **MN Disability Ministry Connection:** The MDMC is a non-denominational gathering of Minnesota area churches (both staff and lay/volunteer leaders) who are reaching out to individuals and families experiencing disability, mental health, aging related conditions and other special needs. Meet monthly (March 20) [Contact Lisa Jamieson](#)

EFCA Resources

Featured from EFCA Now - [Are You Avoiding Conversations About Race and Privilege?](#) Don't avoid. Jump in. We need each other.

Joshua Smith February 20, 2018

As the church benefits provider of the EFCA, FCMM offers churches a 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan with unique benefits for clergy, Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, Long Term Care Insurance, Payroll Service, and access to Group Health Insurance. [For more information:](#)



Trinity International University Sunday

TIU is one of the EFCA's greatest resources for the EFCA movement - educating students with a biblical foundation. Trinity and the EFCA are encouraging local EFCA churches to

take a few moments on a Sunday in February or March to highlight Trinity.

The church family is encouraged to support Trinity through:

- PRAYER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- STUDENT REFERRALS

[For resources including video, bulletin inserts, posters, etc and more information.](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- [2018 District Conference, April 9-10](#), Constance EFC, Andover
- [Church Strategy Conference, April 16-17](#), Hope CC, Minneapolis
- [Awakening the Church to Mental Illness, April 19](#), Hope CC, Minneapolis
- [Encore Spring Celebration, April 23](#), Constance EFC, Andover
- [2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29](#), Duluth
- [PULSE Twin Cities, May 18](#), US Bank Stadium, Minneapolis
- [Camp Shamineau Summer Camps](#), June 17 - August 10
- [2018 EFCA Challenge Conference, July 2-6](#), Kansas City, MO
- [Fall Teaching Conference, October 1-2](#), Camp Shamineau
- [ENCORE Fall Fling, September 10 - 11](#), Camp Shamineau
- [Missions Conference, March 29-30, 2019](#), Camp Shamineau

District News and Updates

Credentialing Update - Congratulations to Terrance Zink (chaplain, Elim Care, Princeton) for recently completing the licensing process.

If you are interested in credentialing this spring, councils will be held in May and early June. This is the last call for papers. Contact the [district office](#) ASAP to submit your materials this month.

Senior Pastoral Transitions

Moving to new NCD ministry

- Chad Ellenburg, Pleasant Valley EFC, Winona has transitioned from worship pastor to senior pastor.
- Kevin Sorensen has accepted a call to Albion EFC, Cokato

- Tyler Heerdt, New Life Community Church, Hector
- Kevin Crawford will start at Trinity EFC, Lakeville on April 1, Easter Sunday

Moving from recent NCD ministry

- Kevin Sorensen, Cornerstone EFC, Rochester
- Blake Peterson, New Life Community Church, Hector

Ministry Opportunities

- An EFCA jobs board has been created to help spread the word about paid vocational openings in worship, youth, children's, and other ministry positions. Complete the form in the [Employment](#) section on our [EFCA website](#). The jobs board is a free service to your church.
- ElimCare & Rehab in Princeton, MN has an 8-16 hour per week opening for an assistant chaplain. For more information contact [Terrance Zink](#).

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