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On Our Hearts - Gratefully Bidding Farewell to One Call, Eagerly Engaging the Next Call

[The stories coming out of East Africa are heartbreaking](#), as parents are forced to leave children behind, too emaciated to continue with other siblings to receive food and water, relief from the devastating famine currently underway. We have an unprecedented opportunity to join with a broad cross-section of people of Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith working side-by-side to pack meals destined for the hardest hit areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, and South Sudan.



[Click here](#) to "Make An Impact."

[Please sign up](#) to invest a few hours June 2-5 to show up, join in, and reach out with kindness and the love of God to vulnerable people here at home and in East Africa. As I have gathered with leaders from diverse faith communities in recent weeks, I have assured them of the willingness of an army of people of peace to mobilize together from our Free Church association of churches, and Lord willing, all backgrounds to work together to feed the famished.

As I prepare to bid 'farewell' to the NCD after 27 years of service, I am convinced there has never been an opportunity comparable to this to demonstrate the compassion of Christ to other members of our community by responding to a crisis of this scope and magnitude. And in so doing, get outside the four walls, build bridges with hundreds of foreign-born friends and neighbors, and make a gospel impact. [Read more](#)

Make An Impact

Somalia is on the brink of the largest humanitarian crisis in recent history. EFCA churches are invited to join the *Love Somalia* **Feed My Starving Children** packing event, June 2-5 at the River Centre in St. Paul.

The *Love Somalia* group is recruiting church congregations, youth groups and community groups to sign-up for a 2-hour packing window. The goal is a



lofty one, but the need is even greater. *Love Somalia* hopes to recruit 30,000 volunteers and raise \$1.5 million dollars in order to pack 6 million meals within 4-days, to be sent directly over to Somalia to help those with the most desperate need.

[For more information](#)
[To register](#)

How to Exegete Your Culture

At this year's district conference, EFCA president [Kevin Kompelien urged us](#) to "exegete" our local culture so as to communicate the gospel understandably and compellingly.

[Click here](#) for an article by Ed Stetzer that sets forth practical suggestions for doing that--beginning with exegeting oneself!

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 and further details will be coming.

- Golfers will enjoy a great day of golf with plenty of prizes, so be an early birdie and register today! The Twin Cities Golf Classic is a scramble tournament; you can register as an individual or a foursome.
- Proceeds will go to Elim Care senior ministries at Elim Shores in Eden Prairie, Redeemer Health Care and Rehab in Minneapolis, New Harmony Care Center in St. Paul, Cornerstone Assisted Living in Plymouth, the youth ministries of Camp Shamineau, and the overall missions of the NCD.
- *Don't forget!* **If your church has three paid golfers, your pastor golfs for free!** To take advantage of the "pastors play for free when you pay for 3" offer, please contact us at 952-259-4500.

Resources

Missions Mobilization Update - *Introducing the Los-Pinos Buevos Denomination in Cuba*

There is a lot happening in Cuba today. [Read about](#) our partnership in Cuba and see what you can do there.

Pastoral Care A Painful Question

How do other people see me and should I care? [Read more](#)

Faith Community Nursing - *Advance Care Planning*

Faith communities (and Faith Community Nurses) can have a significant impact on dealing with complex end-of-life issues. **Advance Care Planning (ACP)** is a process which helps people think about, talk about, and write down their choices for future health care decisions. [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](#) .

For information on further resources and opportunities that may be of interest to you, [click here](#). (2017 United in Christ Native Christian Leadership Conference)

Mark Your Calendars

- [EFCA/Elim Twins event](#) , **May 20, 2017**, Twins vs. Kansas City Royals
- [2017 EFCA ONE](#), **June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX**
- **2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic, August 11**, The Links, Northfolk
- [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

Pastoral Transitions:

- Nick Hardt started as senior pastor at Stillwater EFC early in 2017.
- Paul Murphy will be serving as interim at Living Hope, Willmar starting in May.
- Ron Berget, Lake Community Church, Alexandria has accepted a call to full time ministry with T-Net.
- Retirements: Dave Hannig, Kerkhoven EFC and Reed Egerstrom, First EFC, Benson are retiring at the end of May.

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