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Brothers and Sisters of the North Central District,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King!

At the 2020 NCD District Conference, our district leadership will present proposed amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The procedure for amending these governance documents is as follows:

- Written copies of all proposed amendments shall be sent to member churches not less than sixty (60) days prior to the district conference at which they are to be introduced.
- The proposed amendments shall be introduced at an annual conference for discussion and decision; and shall be presented at the following conference for discussion and voted upon without alteration for final adoption.
- Two-thirds of all votes cast will be required for adoption.

In this letter, we want to take a moment to summarize our reasons for the proposed amendments.

1. As an EFCA district, we need to adopt the revised 2019 EFCA Statement of Faith. Unlike local EFCA churches, districts are required to adopt the current statement of the faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Local EFCA Churches may retain the 2008 or 1950 SOF. For more information on this, please review the [Transitional Rules for Implementation of the 2019 Statement of Faith](#), adopted at the 2019 EFCA Conference.



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2. In addition, our district leadership felt it was time to amend other aspects of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. In this packet you will find a document titled *“Proposed Revisions to NCD Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws”* which includes the recommended revisions. Our reasons for the proposed amendments include:

- We want to simplify our governance documents in a manner similar to what many NCD churches have done. This includes removing complex committee structures (for example, the “nominating committee”) and unused offices (for example, “associate superintendent”).
- We want to align our mission more closely with the mission of our whole EFCA family, which is *to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people.*
- We want to align our bylaws with the longstanding administrative practices of the district.
- Through this revision, we intend to strengthen the oversight role of the NCD Board of Directors (especially related to oversight of the District Superintendent).
- In addition, we want to clarify the role and administrative functions of the District Superintendent.

We welcome questions regarding the proposed changes at our upcoming conference.

In Christ,

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