

Workshops & Affinity Groups

A Conversation About EFCA Theology in Today's World (Auditorium) *Greg Strand and Bill Kynes* In this session we will focus on a few contemporary issues and address their impact on the church, bearing in mind Evangelicalism more broadly and yet with a focus on the EFCA more specifically. With the Scriptures as the ground, the EFCA Statement of Faith, our convictions, and awareness of our distinctives, we will seek to provide guidance in understanding the issues, and how to engage with and respond to them biblically, theologically, and pastorally. Although not limited to current controversies, this workshop would include a few of them like social justice, woke, contemporary critical theory, Christian nationalism, men and women in the church, and possibly a few others.

Trauma care (113B) *Katrina Welch*, Director of Trauma Care of ReachGlobal Crisis Trauma happens to the people who attend our churches. Loved ones are taken ill or die; homes are destroyed by fire and flood; jobs are lost; teenagers make devastating choices; conflict takes over families. The local church should be a place of help, hope and healing, but often we do not know how to come alongside the hurting members of our congregations. In this training, Katrina will apply the principles and tools of trauma care to the situations we face as church members, church leaders, and family members. Katrina will not be providing answers to life's hard questions but offering simple tools—tools that will help us bring the comfort and hope of Jesus into difficult situations.

Church Administration? – they didn't teach that in seminary! So what do I need to know to have integrity and stay out of trouble? (Loft 321) *Paul Anderson*, NCD director of resource development and administration. Pastors and church leaders are responsible for the administration and finances of their churches, even if they aren't trained or experienced in these areas. This seminar will cover essential topics you need to understand and the most common questions and mistakes in these areas. We'll also talk about how to work with others in your church as you lead in these areas, and provide some great take home resources to help you along the way.

Leadership Under Pressure. (Loft 323) *Pat Wester*, NCD director of church revitalization. Most pastors and church leaders do leadership well. But when the pressure is on, whether it be positive or negative pressure, we often fall short of the behaviors that we need to emphasize most. Pat will share four key attributes of leadership that are missing or seriously compromised when churches struggle. By emphasizing these four attributes you will find better health and wholeness, whether you are in a church that is struggling or in a time of fruitful ministry.

Building Blocks for Multiplication (101 A/C) *Bryan Lair*, pastor, Trinity City Church, St. Paul and *Dan Moose*, NCD Church Multiplication Catalyst. What are the heart questions of the people in your community that you and your church needs to be answering so that they will see the need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How do we discern what the needs and opportunities of our community are? In this breakout we will discuss how to get to know our community so that we can contextualize the Gospel and your ministries to help reach and restore it. We will give you a few tools and discuss practical ways to better understand the people in your community so that you can more effectively share and minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Women in Ministry and Pastors Wives: Following the Forgiving God, (113A) *Andrea Tyson* NCD Director for Women in Ministry. She loves supporting leaders, encouraging spiritual growth and equipping women as disciples who make disciples. She also serves at Living Hope Church in Champlin as the Director for Community Life and Women's Discipling. Who among us hasn't been sinned against, wounded, insulted, misunderstood or mistreated by people? In response, we'll benefit from looking again to the example and commands of the forgiving and just God. Why, how, and when are we called to forgive? In this workshop, we'll explore truths from the Bible about forgiveness and consider practical tools to help us follow in the steps of Jesus- the One who entrusted himself to the One who judges justly.

Flaming Truth & Beauty: The Life & Labor of Francis Schaeffer. (114A) *Dave Abernathy*, pastor at Mound EFC and part time biblical counselor. A biographical message on this remarkable 20th century pastor, evangelist, thinker, and leader. Our purpose will be to reflect together on a life well-lived and what it can mean for us today in the 21st century. In the spirit of Hebrews 13:7 - 'Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.'

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Volunteers: finding purpose and place to serve (114B) *Kathy White* served as Women's Ministry director at New Hope church for 10 years and Stonecroft Ministries for 10 years as VP of Field staff, overseeing volunteers across the country. She is currently the volunteer director of Women's Ministries at the Grove Church, Maple Grove. Every Christ follower has a calling to serve but often need help in knowing how and where. How do we as leaders help others find their place and passion for service? This workshop will look at the leader's heart and then how to practically engage and empower volunteers in their strengths and calling.

TEDS Listening Session (205—Not repeated 2:25-3:45 pm)

For the purpose of hearing from pastors and district leaders about the leadership challenges they are facing in ministry today, and how Trinity could help future pastors prepare for these challenges.

Ten Ways to Make Your Church More Disability-Inclusive (101A/C- Not repeated) 4:15 -5:15) *Jolene Philo, Andrea Haugland* Jesus calls believers to share the gospel with all people, including the twenty-five percent of people in the United States who live with disabilities and special needs. In this workshop you'll hear about ten ways churches of all sizes can become more disability-inclusive to people of all ages. Whether or not your church has an established disability or special needs ministry, these practical ideas can help your church reach the largest, unreached people group in the neighborhood right outside your doors.

(All workshops are repeated except the Listening with TEDS and Ten Ways to Make Your Church More Disability-Inclusive)

Affinity Groups (not repeated)

First hour: 2:45—3:45 pm

- **Rural Ministry (Outbuilding 1)** *Rick Weinert* holds a DMin in Pastoral/Missional Leadership. He serves as Senior Vice President of Administration at Oak Hills Christian College. The Rural Ministry Affinity Group is intended to equip and encourage those in rural churches, particularly those who fill pastoral and/or leadership roles. We will focus on the question: What is Missional Ministry and what does that look like in a rural context?
- **Youth Workers (Outbuilding 2)** *Glenn Olson, NCD* student ministries director
- **Latino Ministries (101A/C)** *Hector Franco*
- **Care Ministries (106A/B)** *Julie Anderson*
- **Worship (116A)** *Nate Kirby* serves as the Worship Arts Pastor at Constance Free Church and co-leads a cohort of NCD worship leaders in the Twin Cities area. Come to connect with and be encouraged by other worship arts leaders and learn about local and national cohort, networking, and training opportunities for you in the EFCA.

Second hour: 4:15—5:15 pm

- **Church planting (Outbuilding 1)** *Kurt Ploeger*, pastor, Northlight CC We will discuss how to personally and corporately continue to keep evangelism and outreach as a key focus in our lives and ministry.
- **Children Ministry Leaders (Outbuilding 2)** *Glenn Olson, NCD* student ministries director
- **Pastor's wives (116A)**
- **Missions (106A/B)** *Steve Austvold* NCD Mission Mobilizer We will discuss what is working and not working with missions on your team or in your church and discuss options for improvement. Also come to hear about updates from RG Asia.