



NPD Ministry Update

"Partnering to multiply transformational churches among all people"

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The NPD Ministry Update is to share information of interest to the Northern Plains District and to inform how we can be praying for one another. This information may be forwarded to your elders, church leaders and/or congregation and it may be copied for church bulletins and newsletters.

Our Vision is to see multiplying communities of believers living on mission with Jesus all across the northern plains with the result that individuals, families, neighborhoods, schools, businesses and communities are transformed by the power of the gospel for the glory of God with the multiplication of transformational churches among all peoples following.

Pastor Training: Pastor Training on the topic of "Leadership Development" with Fritz Dale, EFCA Director of Leadership Formation and Prayer Mobilization, will be held in Bismarck on Monday October 8th and in Moorhead on Tuesday October 9th.

2019 District Student Conference: The 2019 conference will be held March 29–30-31 in Jamestown, ND with the theme "Live - Love – Lead Like Jesus".

2019 District Conference: The 2019 District Conference will be hosted by GracePoint Church in Bismarck April 4–5–6. Kevin Kompelien, our EFCA President, will be with us.

District Board of Directors: The district board of directors will be meeting next on September 10th with a Zoom Conference call. With Superintendent Daryl Thompson serving his last term (end of May 2020), a Superintendent Search Team has been appointed and is now meeting. The team is composed of Ken Kompelien, chairman, from Faith Church in Wahpeton, ND; Tyrena Hallett, vice chairman, from Grace EFC in Beulah, ND; Mike Honl, secretary, from Rose Hill EFC in Langford, SD; Andy Veith from Bethel Church in Fargo, ND and Roberta Herr from Liberty EFC in Williston, ND.

Youth Leader Network Training: Under the leadership of Steven Dunkel, our District Student Ministry Mobilizer, youth pastors and leaders are connecting monthly to learn together and plan for the district student conference. Summer meetings have been by Zoom conference calls. The next meeting is August 20th. To learn more contact Steven stevendunkel@bethelfc.com.

Missional Ideation Cohort: The Missional Ideation Cohort (formerly LifeFlow) is a pastoral learning cohort currently composed of three pastors (Brian Martin, Liberty in Williston; Russ Whitaker, Mission in Wilton; Dave Ingraham, SonRise in Ada). The cohort members are learning together how to help their churches make disciples who make disciples. They will be meeting next in Bismarck October 29th and 30th. The ultimate objective of this learning cohort is the development of a disciple making and multiplication culture in our Northern Plains District churches.

Missions Opportunities: Steve Austvold, our District Mission Mobilizer, is planning to take teams to the Houston, TX area this fall to help with the continued fix-up efforts following Hurricane Harvey. A possible trip to Cuba in 2019 is also being investigated. For further information contact Steve Austvold steve.austvold@ncdefca.org or call 218-736-4412

Cooperstown Bible Camp: The camp's new Director is Tim Bryantt. Although he is new to the role of Camp Director, he is a former camp board member and long-time camper along with his family. The camp's summer theme has been "Heaven on Earth" with a teaching focus on Matthew 6:9-13. Cooperstown Bible Camp is an affiliate ministry of the Northern Plains District.

Global Leadership Summit: August 9th & 10th. Great learning opportunity at a number of satellite locations across the district. There is still time to register. <https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>

"Off the Charts" Music Festival: August 17-18-19 in Cavalier, ND. A great family and youth experience. <http://www.cavaliernd.com/otc>

Multiply: A Disciple Making Movement Summit will be held in the Chicago area at the Summit Church on September 6th – 8th. The conference will feature Jerry Trousdale and Roy Moran with David Watson by video. God has used these leaders and their teams to catalyze movements reaching over one million new disciples since 2007. Joining these speakers will be Craig Ott from TEDS and Phil Alessi from Church Resource Ministries along with others. Questions such as "Are these movements healthy and Biblical?" and "Why aren't many movements happening in the US today?" will be addressed. For more information go to <https://dmmsummit.org>.

Biblical Counseling Training Conference: Hosted by Lakeside Bible Church (a member of the Northern Plains District) in Mobridge, SD, this training will be completed in two weekends: September 13-15 and October 11-13. Two tracks are offered: Basics in Biblical Counseling and Theological Basis of Biblical Counseling. The training is certified through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. For more information contact Jo Keller at (605) 845-6214 or jrkgaugler@gmail.com or Jeff Piatt at (605) 848-1014 or jeffp@riversidemobridge.com.

STEER Missions Conference: “Using Unlikely People” is the theme for Steer’s 2018 Missions conference. The dates are October 5th & 6th at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck, ND. Featured speakers include Nik and Ruth Ripken of Nik Ripken Ministries and Greg Stier of Dare 2 Share Ministries. <http://www.steerinc.com/events/annual-missions-conference/>

Rebound: A conference for Youth Pastors/Workers and their spouses to get away and reconnect in Melbourne, FL November 9th – 12th. <https://www.efca.org/opportunities/conferences/rebound>

EFCA Theology Conference: The conference theme is “Creation” and the dates are February 6th – 8th. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL will be hosting. For further information <https://www.efca.org/opportunities/conferences/efca-theology-conference-0>

Christian Investors Financial (CIF): CIF is an EFCA-affiliated ministry that serves churches through investments, loans and campaigns & consulting. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you or your congregation. Visit our website at www.ChristianInvestors.org or call us at 800.995.8574.

APEX – EFCA Missions Experiences for Youth Groups and Young Adults: Live and minister in another culture, in community and partnership with local Christians and churches. Opportunities for young groups and college age adults with 1 to 2 year apprenticeships also. Apex@efca.org

FCMM – Free Church Ministers & Missionaries Benefits and Retirement: FCMM exists to enable pastors, staff members and missionaries to serve Christ throughout their lives by assisting employing ministry organizations in providing retirement benefits. fcmm@fcmmbenefits.org

WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

Healthy and Productive Church Boards: This is a workshop developed and presented by Superintendent Daryl Thompson and church chairman Ken Kompelien. Healthy and productive boards bless both the church and those who serve on them. However, this is not always the case. This workshop provides practical insights and recommendations that can help any church board be a delight rather than a dread. To learn more contact Daryl at ds.npd@midconetwork.com.

Local Church Leadership: This is a workshop developed and presented by Superintendent Daryl Thompson. The church is the hope of the world and leadership is the hope of the church. This workshop focuses on what leaders must do to have a healthy church that effectively carries out Christ’s commission to make disciples of all people and on how congregational governance functions in the EFCA. To learn more contact Daryl at ds.npd@midconetwork.com.

Recovering the New Testament Church’s Mission and Methods: This is a workshop developed and presented by Superintendent Daryl Thompson. It will help your staff, leaders and church members understand how the western church has drifted over the centuries from the New Testament church’s missional clarity and methodological simplicity. It will also help you to recover these critical components for your church. To learn more contact Daryl at ds.npd@midconetwork.com.

Emotional Intelligence: The Often Unrecognized and Frequently Overlooked Problem: This is a workshop developed and presented by Superintendent Daryl Thompson. There is a relationship between emotional intelligence, healthy relationships and spiritual maturity. This workshop will help you understand how low emotional intelligence (often called EQ) creates problems and how it can be addressed and improved. To learn more contact Daryl at ds.npd@midconetwork.com.

Principles and Practices of New Testament Churches: This is a workshop developed and presented by Superintendent Daryl Thompson. New Testament churches were a result of Jesus’ disciples following His example and making more disciples just as He did. This workshop will help you to discover Jesus’ simple principles and practices so that you and your church can more effectively obey His parting command (Matthew 28:18-20). To learn more contact Daryl at ds.npd@midconetwork.com.

Pure Desire Ministry: The Northern Plains District has a partnership with Pure Desire Ministry, a ministry that provides support, healing & restoration to those dealing with sexual sin. Their resources deal with prevention as well as

intervention. Attendance at their conferences are free to NPD pastors and materials are available at a discount.
<https://puredesire.org/>

Demographic Information: Discover valuable information about your community through the district's connection with Mission Insite, a provider of demographic information. You may contact the district office (701-223-3007) or Pastor Bill Crosby (701-265-4784) in Cavalier or Pastor Jeff Higbie (701-442-5333) in Underwood, ND. They would be glad to assist you.

Credentialing: Pastor Jeff Higbie leads our District Credentialing efforts. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry or in the credentialing process for yourself contact Pastor Higbie at jeffhigbie@hotmail.com.

Missions: Steve Austvold, District Missions Mobilizer, is available for church mission consultations and training events. Steve's wife, Kathy, is also available for presentations on Asia Justice Initiatives ministry addressing "human trafficking". She can be contacted at Kathy.Austvold@ncdefca.org.

Other Helpful Resources:

Bible.org: A great variety of resources to study the Bible as well as pastoral resources on weddings, funerals, etc.
<https://bible.org/>

Biblical Training: Free on line Bible classes and articles. www.BiblicalTraining.org

Church Growth Network: Newsletters and articles from one of America's foremost church consultants.
www.churchgrowthnetwork.com

Church Whisperers Seasoned wisdom on all sorts of church ailments and cures www.churchwhisperers.org

EFCAs Theology Podcasts: <https://go.efca.org/podcasts/efca-theology-podcast>

EFCAs Update: Information on upcoming EFCAs activities. <http://go.efca.org/newsletters/efca-update>

Leadership Network: Resources for innovative leaders. <http://leadnet.org/>

Natural Church Development: Resources for assessing church health. www.ncd-international.org

Pornography Resources: <http://npdefca.com/outside-resources>

Rural Home Missionary Association: Encouraging news, articles and resources for ministry in rural settings.
www.rhma.org

Stand to Reason Apologetic resources to help Christians think more clearly <http://www.str.org/about/mission-values>

Pastoral Departures:

Pastor Joe Noel, Emmanuel EFC, Plevna, MT
Pastor Andy Kvernem, Bethel Church, Fargo, ND
Pastor Don Barsness, Calvary EFC, Rugby, ND
Pastor Lloyd Arnegard, Riverside EFC, Mayville, ND

Pastoral Additions:

Pastor Jody Coombs, Saron EFC, Cooperstown, ND
Interim Pastor Abel Threeton, Emmanuel EFC, Plevna, MT
Pastor Yuanlai Zhang, Red River Valley Chinese Christian Church, Moorhead, MN (visa still needs approval before relocating from China)
Student Ministries Pastor Kent Hannestad, Salem EFC, Fargo, ND – Moorhead, MN
Worship Pastor Nate Drege, Bethel Church, Fargo, ND

Pastoral/Staff Searches: Pray for these churches in active pastoral/staff searches.

Eagle Valley EFC, Christine, ND - Pastor

Elim EFC, Valley City, ND - Pastor

Emmanuel EFC, Plevna, MT - Pastor

Faith EFC, Grand Forks, ND - Associate Pastor of Family & Youth

Mission EFC, Wilton, ND - Youth Pastor (bi-vocational)

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We value teamwork because it accomplishes far more for the cause of Christ.

We value multiplication on all levels because it is God's strategy to reach the world.

We value healthy churches because they are God's primary means for advancing His kingdom.