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Why does Northern Plains Evangelistic Association continue to work to start new churches?

Because it works, it is biblical, and it is needed, especially here in a region with very few Christian churches; the need is greater than ever.

Here are a few church planting facts to consider:

- Church Planting is the most effective way to reach the unchurched!
- Church Plants are more effective at reaching new people groups and new socio-economic groups.
- There is a need: The population is growing at a rate at least 8x faster than we are currently starting new churches.
- Those that originally heard the Great Commission fulfilled it by planting churches. The best indication of what Jesus meant (in the Great Commission) can be found in how the hearers responded.

Our region has a need for Christian churches. NPEA wants to fulfill that need and help in reaching those communities for Jesus. Next month, the Ben Sander family will move to western South Dakota to begin planting another new church. We are excited for the opportunity to help this become a reality! You will be hearing much more about this over the next few months. You can help us by becoming a prayer warrior, praying for Ben, his family, and the work ahead needed to plant this church!

I want to remind you that it is time to register for this year's NPEA Leadership Conference. It will be our 21st annual conference and will once again be an exciting time of learning and fellowship. This year's conference will be April 19th and 20th with the first session Friday evening at North Point Christian Church in Spearfish starting at 7pm with worship and session #1. Saturday sessions will be at the Holiday Inn Conference center in Spearfish.

This year's guest speaker will be James Bryan Smith. He is a theology professor at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, where he also serves as the director of the Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation.

You may register for the conference by filling out the form on our website at [www.npea7.com](http://www.npea7.com) and you may also pay for your registration by going to our donation page; registration includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We are excited to see you there!

Give us a call at 605-310-2026 or email us at [office@npea7.com](mailto:office@npea7.com).

Because He Lives!      Craig Fausett      Board Member/Coordinator

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