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RICHARD & SUSAN TRCA

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SCOTT & LAURA DISTLER

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2065 HALF DAY RD, DEERFIELD IL 60015

MONDAY / OCT 9

NOON Check In and Boxed Lunch Pick Up
12:30PM Affinity Groups & Lunch
3:00PM Break
3:30PM [THE MESSIAH'S GLOBAL MISSION]
with Richard & Susan Trca / Other Churches
5:30PM Plenary Dinner and Women's Dinner
7:00PM [THE MESSIAH'S MISSION TO SAVE US]
with Colin Smith

TUESDAY / OCT 10

9:00AM [THE MESSIAH'S LOCAL MISSION]
with Scott & Laura Distler / Other Churches
10:30AM Break
11:00AM [THE MESSIAH'S MISSION TO SEND US]
with Nirup Alphonse
NOON Vision Lunch & Business Meeting

REGISTRATION

Early Bird \$80 (before Aug 15) / Regular \$100 (Aug 15-Sept 15) / Late \$120 (after Sept 15)

COLIN SMITH (M.Phil, London School of Theology) is senior pastor of The Orchard, a thriving, multi-campus church in the Great Lakes District. Colin's teaching extends through Open the Bible, a ministry that proclaims Christ through media and mobilizes believers in evangelism. He is committed to mentoring next-generation pastors through The Orchard School of Ministry and has authored more than a dozen books. Colin and his wife Karen have two married sons and five granddaughters.

NIRUP ALPHONSE is the Lead Pastor of LIFEGATE Church in Denver, Colorado. Born in Singapore, Nirup moved to Chicago where he received his degree from Trinity International University. A sought-after speaker and communicator, Nirup has a passion to awaken others to walk in the fullness of their potential and calling. Outside of leading his church, traveling the world and speaking, his greatest joy is being married to his wife Hannah. Together they are raising four wonderful boys.

RICHARD & SUSAN TRCA (EFCA ReachGlobal) focus on church planting and leadership development of ReachGlobal staff and European nationals. Richard and his ReachGlobal colleagues collaborate with church planting networks to offer coaching, resourcing, and discipling relationships toward multiplying new church communities within the main cities of Europe. Presently residing in Chicago, Richard is completing his PhD research at Trinity International University while connecting with European training processes.

SCOTT & LAURA DISTLER have spent the last 12 years pastoring the E-Free Church in Gaylord, Michigan which also includes a campus in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and an Online Campus. In 2024 they will be starting an additional campus in Alpena, Michigan. Scott is a graduate of Liberty University (undergraduate and graduate degrees) with 35+ years of pastoral experience. He is the Bible teacher on FOLKS LISTEN TV which is seen in 53 counties throughout Northern Michigan. Scott and Laura have two grown children and 3 grandchildren.

ACCOMMODATIONS

LaQuinta Inn / 2000 Lakeside Dr / Bannockburn, IL 60015 / 847.317.7300 / \$99

[MISSIONS LEADERS] with Don Erickson, GLD Area Superintendent of the Chicago Suburbs & Equipper of International Pastors

[HISPANIC MINISTRIES] with Ricardo Palmerin, GLD Director of Hispanic Ministries & Senior Pastor of Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville, IL

[MINISTRY WIVES] with Jan Thompson, Writer, speaker and does ministry with her husband, Rick Thompson, GLD Superintendent

[MINISTRY TO WOMEN] with Cyndi Leamon, GLD Director of Ministry to Women

[YOUTH LEADERS] with Dan Sommer, Apex Director of International Youth Missions & GLD Director of Student Ministries

[CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES] with Judy Crocket, Retired Children's Ministries Director of Lakeland EFC, Gurnee, IL

[WORSHIP LEADERS] with Steve & Amy McCausland, GLD Regional Superintendent of Chicagoland

[CHURCH MULTIPLICATION] with Brett Gleason, GLD Director of Church Multiplication

[NORMAL PASTORS UNDER 200] with Mark Burks, GLD Area Superintendent of S Ohio and N Kentucky & Senior Pastor of Grace EFC, Louisville, KY

[IMPACT PASTORS 200-450] with Josh Weiland, Lead Pastor of Wawasee Community, Milford, IN

[LARGER CHURCHES 450+] with Knute Larson, GLD Pastoral Coach

[LEADERS: CHURCH HEALTH THAT BREAKS GROWTH BARRIERS] with Darrell Cloud, Executive Pastor of The Compass Church, Naperville, IL

[WELCOMING NEW PEOPLE] with Marc Read, Director of Communications and Special Events at Crossroads EFC, Plymouth, IN

[SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES MINISTRY] with Jim Baker, EFCA Disability/Special Needs Ministry

[PASTORAL CARE] with Joel Badal, Senior Pastor of River Valley EFC, Ottawa, IL



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**BUSINESS
SESSION
ITEMS**

BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

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| 1. | Welcome and Introduction | Carlan Bounds |
| 2. | Credentialing of Conference Delegates
A. Report of Delegate Credentials Committee
B. Ratification of Voting Delegates | Lisa Bubar |
| 3. | GLD Board Action Regarding 2022 Conference | Lisa Bubar |
| 4. | District Superintendent's Report | Rick Thompson |
| 5. | New Business
Churches for Removal from the GLD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cass City EFC – Cass City MI• Forest Hills EFC – Loves Park, IL• Hope Community – Hoffman Estates, IL Churches to add to GLD and EFCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Fellowship - Dixon, IL• Buckley Gospel Tabernacle – Buckley, MI• The Bridge – North Baltimore, OH• Salem New Beginnings – Findlay, OH• Fellowship EFC – Warsaw, IN | Carlan Bounds |
| 7. | Elections
A. Report of Nominating Committee
B. Candidate Profiles for District Positions
C. Conference votes | Steve Hjelle
Steve Hjelle
Carlan Bounds |
| 8. | Financial Reports
A. Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022
B. Treasurer Report
C. Proposed 2024 Budget | Brett Gleason
Brett Gleason & Bob Blahnik
Brett Gleason & Bob Blahnik |
| 9. | GLD Constitution Changes – First Reading
Section II – GLD Conference Affiliated Organizations | Carlan Bounds |
| 10. | Questions | Carlan Bounds & Rick Thompson |
| 11. | Authority for GLD Board to Approve Today's Minutes | Carlan Bounds |
| 12. | Closing Comments | Carlan Bounds |
| 13. | Prayer of Commitment for Great Lakes District Staff and 2024 Board | Carlan Bounds |
| 14. | Adjournment | |

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

GLD Conference Business Meeting | October 11, 2022 | The Chapel, St. Joseph MI

- **Presentation by Samaritan's Purse**

Testimony by Vladimir, a native Ukrainian man. He spoke of his father, who was an underground pastor in Ukraine, and a life of scarcity as one of 9 children. Receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox was a delight to him because of the provisions, but especially because it contained the gospel.

- We thanked Samaritan's Purse for providing our business lunch today.
- Carlan Bounds welcomed the delegates.
- Lisa Bubar, GLD Secretary, gave the **report of the Delegate Credentials Committee:**

89 GLD Ministers
18 Lay Delegates
2 Affiliates
9 GLD Board
12 GLD Staff
29 Exhibitors (Not eligible to vote)
74 Conferees (Not eligible to vote)
229 Present at the Conference
130 Voters

These were approved by the delegates.

- **Approval of the 2021 Conference Minutes**

Lisa reported that at the December, 2021 GLD Board meeting, the minutes from last year's GLD conference business meeting were approved.

- **Superintendent's Report – Rick Thompson**

- Rick encouraged attendance at the Pastors' & Wives' Retreat at Das Essenhaus in April, 2023.
- Rick focused on 2 T's:

Transition – Rick has 2 years left to serve as Superintendent, planning to retire in January, 2025. The Transition Team has been working for the past year, coming up with a timeline to guide the process, and a GLD Superintendent Profile, stating the qualifications we are seeking in our next leader. We plan to devote much of our Staff/Board sessions in December to furthering the Superintendent search process. The Board is recommending that the Search Committee consist of 7 people, representing our District in various ways. In December, we will select those 7 people as a Board. The goal is to have the Committee formed by January. We trust God to lead this process.

The hope is for an internal search, tapping into the leaders who are already part of the GLD. We hope to have candidate name(s) identified by June, 2024.

Transformation – The word "transform" is only found 2 times in Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. What is a transformational church?

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

- ✓ It is a Believer's church
- ✓ It is a Bible-teaching church
- ✓ It is a Spirit-filled church

- ✓ It is a Trinitarian church
- ✓ It is a Free church
- ✓ It is a Christ-centered church

- **Removal of churches from the GLD:**

- Cornerstone Community Church, Hobart, IN
- New Beginnings, Columbus, OH
- New Living Bible Church, Avon, IN
- Three Rivers, Plainfield, IL

This was approved. M-S-C

- **Report of Nominating Committee** – Larry Elliot

Nominees were introduced and bios were available in the packet.

Josh Weiland asked for motions to accept nomination slate. M-S-C

- **Financial Reports** – Brett Gleason

Brett went over report in packet.

Church contributions are over budget, as of September 30, 2022! We have about an \$8,000 surplus, and a \$30,000 refund check from Brotherhood Mutual coming soon. Brett encouraged churches to consider using Brotherhood Mutual insurance, and they also have a payroll service.

The church planting fund is in a good position.

Report accepted. M-S-C

The 2023 operating budget was approved. M-S-C.

Brett thanked Carlan for his faithful leadership to the GLD for many years.

Motion was made to allow the GLD Board to approve today's minutes at their Dec, 2022 meeting. M-S-C.

Carlan thanked The Chapel and Amanda Bruney for all their work in planning and hosting this conference.

Next year's GLD conference is planned for October, 2023 at TEDS.

Pastor Phil Bubar closed the business meeting in prayer, asking God's blessing and guidance for the GLD Staff and Board in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bubar
GLD Board Secretary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GLD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE GREAT LAKES DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

SECTION II – GREAT LAKES DISTRICT CONFERENCE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Definitions

1. An **Autonomous Affiliate** is an organization that wishes to unite with the Great Lakes District Conference. It is not a church; it is a ministry that has been formed to meet needs that are generally not being met by a single church. It is a corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. An Affiliate affirms the Statement of Faith and the Bylaws of the Great Lakes District Conference.

Current:

2. An **Ancillary Affiliate** is owned by the Great Lakes District Conference (such as a retirement center).

Change To:

2. An **Ancillary Affiliate** is owned by the Great Lakes District Conference (such as a retirement center).

A list of the Board of Directors and Officers, showing church affiliation, should be submitted to the Great Lakes District Conference on an annual basis, affirming that 51% of the Board of Directors of **Ancillary Affiliates** are members in good standing with The Evangelical Free Church of America.

- a. **Affiliate** board members are approved by the GLD Board
- b. Reports are to be provided to the district board on an annual basis.

Current:

3. A **Dual Affiliate** is an **Autonomous Affiliate** as defined in Section II-A-1, but has a relationship with another body.

Change: Remove item #3

B. Procedures for Affiliation

Current:

1. All **Affiliate** Candidates will submit the following information to the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes District Conference.
 - a. A corporate resolution from the Board of Directors of the organization stating that they wish to become an Affiliate of the Great Lakes District Conference and will conform to all the requirements of becoming an Affiliate.
 - b. Copies of the bylaws of the corporation, the Articles of Incorporation and approval as a 501 (c) (3) organization from the Internal Revenue Service.
 - c. A list of names, addresses, telephone numbers and church affiliation of all officers and directors and a budget for the current fiscal year.
 - d. The organization's Mission Statement and methodology for accomplishing said plan.

Change: Remove Item #1

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GLD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Current

2. An appointed person from the organization should meet with the Great Lakes District Conference Board to answer questions about the organization. If the organization is approved by the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes District Conference, the Board will present the applicant for affiliation at the next conference of the Great Lakes District Conference.

Change: This item will become #1 with above change

C. Accountability of Affiliates to the Great Lakes District Conference

Current:

1. A list of the Board of Directors and Officers, showing church affiliation, should be submitted to the Great Lakes District Conference on an annual basis, affirming that 51% of the Board of Directors of autonomous and ancillary Affiliates are members in good standing with The Evangelical Free Church of America.

Change To:

1. **Affiliates** are responsible to submit at least a one-page summary by August 15 for our GLD conference report and to send 2 delegates to our October annual conference who would be eligible to vote if they are members in good standing of an EFCA-GLD church.

Current:

2. **"Dual Affiliation"** will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes District Conference. The Board of Directors of the Great Lakes District Conference will determine the requirements the Dual Affiliate must meet to become an Affiliate of the Great Lakes District Conference subject to conference vote.

Change: Remove this item #2

Current:

3. Each Affiliate is entitled to one vote at the Annual Conference of Great Lakes District Conference. Voting delegates at the Annual Conference must be members in good standing in a member church of the Great Lakes District Conference.

Change: Remove this item #3

4. The Bylaws of the Affiliate must have a dissolution clause by law. Generally, the Great Lakes District Conference will be named as the recipient upon dissolution. However, if the Affiliate desires otherwise, non-exclusive dissolution clauses may be considered by the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes District Conference.

D. Accountability of the Great Lakes District Conference to the Affiliate

1. It is the responsibility of the Great Lakes District Conference to inform the member churches of Great Lakes District Conference of the Affiliates and their ministry.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GLD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Current:

This affiliation will provide the following benefits and resources to the Affiliate:

- a. Opportunities for fellowship with churches and other Affiliates.
- b. A basis for prayer support, fund raising and recruitment of staff and volunteer labor.
- c. A source of encouragement for the Affiliate.
- d. An avenue of communication for the Affiliate.

Change: Remove this statement

E. Withdrawal of an Affiliate

1. If for any reason an Affiliate can no longer continue in harmony with the Great Lakes District Conference as to doctrine, policies or practice, the Affiliate shall make its desires and reasons known to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consider the matter and counsel with the Affiliate concerning its reasons for withdrawing; determining whether or not the differences can be resolved.
2. If the differences cannot be resolved, the Board of Directors shall accept the request for withdrawal and recommend to the next conference that the Affiliate in question be released from Great Lakes District Conference.

F. Discipline or Dismissal of an Affiliate

1. Should an Affiliate be charged with being out of harmony with the Great Lakes District Conference in doctrine, decision or practice, such charges shall be presented to the Board of Directors.
2. If the evidence indicates that the charges are true, the Board of Directors shall seek to counsel with the Affiliate concerning such charges. Should there be a refusal to counsel with the Board, or if no agreement can be reached between the Affiliate and the Board, the Board of Directors shall decide whether the charges are serious enough to be reported at a subsequent Annual Conference.
3. Should the Board of Directors find it necessary to report the charges against such an Affiliate at a conference, the Affiliate shall be notified that such action is pending and shall be given the opportunity to defend itself before the Board of Directors at a stated time and place prior to the date of the conference. The Affiliate shall also have a right to a hearing in the presence of the conference delegates, but only by previous arrangement through the Board of Directors.
4. Action to dismiss an Affiliate from the Great Lakes District Conference affiliation shall be taken by the delegates at an Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

G. Consequences of Withdrawal or Dismissal for an Affiliate

1. When an Affiliate has withdrawn or been dismissed from the Great Lakes District Conference, its chief administrator or the chief administrator's designated representative, cannot be credentialed as a delegate in any conference. It shall also cease to be affiliated with The Evangelical Free Church of America through the Great Lakes District Conference and shall lose the right to incorporate the words "Evangelical Free Church" as part or all of its name and shall not be endorsed by the Great Lakes District Conference and The Evangelical Free Church of America. Such organizations shall have no claim upon the funds or property of the Great Lakes District Conference or of The Evangelical Free Church of America.
2. If a withdrawing or dismissed Affiliate has at any time received a subsidy from the conference, it shall repay the amount of subsidy received in full or in part, as may be agreed and decided by the Board of Directors. Any unpaid loan owed to the Great Lakes District Conference or to any other branch of The Evangelical Free Church of America must also be repaid.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR 2024 DISTRICT POSITIONS

** Indicates Incumbent*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS (Two Year Term)

Vice Chairman

*Josh Weiland has served for over 20 years at Wawasee Community Bible Church in Milford, Indiana, the last 14 of those in the role of Lead Pastor. During that time, he led Wawasee Bible to join the EFCA and GLD. Josh holds a bachelor's degree in Biblical Theology from Moody Bible Institute and a Masters in Missional Leadership. Before attending Moody, Josh studied architecture at Iowa State University. Josh helps lead the GLD Impact group for Lead Pastors in GLD churches of 200-450 attendance, does vision consulting with churches, and has taught Bible at Grace College & Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. Josh is married to his wife, Hannah, and they have a 7-year-old son, Charlie. Josh loves teaching God's Word, visual communications, cycling, and following the Chicago Cubs and Iowa State Cyclones!

Secretary

*Lisa Bubar and her husband, Phil, served The Chapel in St. Joseph, Michigan, for 28 years. Phil retired from his senior pastor position last May, but they still reside in St. Joseph where Lisa maintains a private lesson studio and performs on bassoon. She and Phil have two adult children and six grandchildren.

Vice Secretary

*Gary Ridley has served as Senior Pastor of Trinity EFC in Ludington, Michigan, since 2010. He loves to see and be a part of God's redemptive work transforming lives, relationships, and his community, and has a special passion for finding gospel unity across generations. Gary enjoys hiking, photography, and campfires in his leisure time, and always most when he shares them with his wife, Emily, and their four young children.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DIRECTOR (Two Year Term)

*Jeff Barbieri is currently serving in his 7th year as Lead Pastor of Grace Point EFC in Adrian, Michigan. He previously served as Executive Pastor of Grace Point and Lead Pastor of Ogden Church. Jeff is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. Prior to seminary and full-time ministry, he had a career in corporate real estate for 17 years. He has a passion to disciple, equip, and empower God's people for the work of ministry, both inside and outside the church. Jeff and his wife Tamra have three adult children - twin daughters, a son and daughter-in-law.

*Curtis Coston is currently serving as Senior Pastor of Solid Word Bible Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was previously Senior Pastor, for 5 years, of Black Forest Christian Fellowship, an English speaking, international church in the Black Forest of southern Germany. Before leaving for Germany, Curtis served as Administrative Pastor at Solid Word and was one of the initial elders when the church was planted. This native New Yorker had a previous career in banking and serving the urban church through Cru Inner City. His passion is to build strong disciples of Jesus Christ who have a compassionate heart for the city. Curtis and his wife Lovette have been married for 28 years and have 3 adult children. He and Lovette are learning to do life in a new chapter as empty nesters.

*Kathy deBock and her husband Gary deBock serve Trinity Fellowship EFC in Big Rapids, Michigan, where Gary has been Senior Pastor for 40 years. Kathy serves in children's ministry, leads a ladies small group, and has a passion for mentoring younger women. For several years she has volunteered at a free medical clinic. They have three grown children and 5 (soon to be 6!) grandchildren.

*Max Schmid attends Calvary Bible Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois, where he has served in directing the Ministry To Men for the last 19 years. He has served as Elder for four terms since becoming a member in 2003. Max retired from the Chicago Public Schools in June of 2020, where he taught Physical Education for 34 years. He and his wife, Mary (36 years), have four children and four grandchildren.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR 2024 DISTRICT POSITIONS

Chris Stukenberg serves as Lead Pastor of Park Hills EFC in Freeport, IL. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute (BS) and TEDS (MDiv, finishing DMin). He is married to Heidi and they have two wonderful daughters, Eden and Dylan. Chris enjoys reading and keeping active in various pursuits (hiking, trail runs, Tough Mudders). His greatest joy is investing in other pastors and interns/residents to show them the great joy that comes from serving Christ and His church.

*Scott Yoder has served in pastoral ministry since 1998 and as Senior Pastor at Crossroads Church in Plymouth, IN. since 2010. He enjoys working alongside others to pursue making disciples who make disciplemakers. Scott is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Bethel Seminary San Diego (M. Div.) and has participated in numerous short-term mission trips. He enjoys sports of all kinds and conversation with friends over a good cup of coffee. His true desire is to help people learn, live, and give God's Word. He married his wife, Kelly, in 1995 and they have six children – two of whom are married – and one grandchild.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (Two Year Term)

*Don Erickson served as Senior Pastor of Living Grace Community Church (EFCA) in Cary, IL for 33 years. At the end of 2017, he transitioned to training pastors and church leaders internationally in Honduras, Cuba, Albania, and Zambia. In the Fall of 2018, he began serving as GLD Area Superintendent of the 12 churches in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and in 2020 added the 10 churches in the north suburbs of Chicago. Married to Claudia, they have four children and two granddaughters.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (For Terms Beginning January 1, 2024)

The Nominating Committee has concluded its work and has selected the following individuals as candidates for the positions available.

** Indicates Incumbent*

Board of Directors

Vice Chairman (Two year term)

☐ Josh Weiland *

Secretary (Two year term)

☐ Lisa Bubar *

Vice Secretary (Two year term)

☐ Gary Ridley *

Director (Two year term)
Vote for 6

- ☐ Jeff Barbieri *
- ☐ Curtis Coston *
- ☐ Kathy deBock *
- ☐ Max Schmid *
- ☐ Chris Stukenberg
- ☐ Scott Yoder *

Committee on Nominations

(Two year term)
Vote for 1

☐ Don Erickson *

Respectfully Submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Steve Hjelle (Chair)
Delbert Denny
Don Erickson
Adam Fix
Chris Firestone
Gary Kirst

FINANCIAL REPORTS

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Independent Accountants' Review Report

To the Board of Directors
Corporation of the
Great Lakes District of
The Evangelical Free Church of America

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of financial position of the Corporation of the Great Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Church of America, as of December 31, 2022, and the related statement of revenues and expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free of material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountants' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountants' Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Metzger, Mancini & Lackner, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

July 24, 2023

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Great Lakes District Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2022

Assets		
Ministry Fund		
Unrestricted	214,742	
Payroll Tax Refund	259	
Reserve	52,007	
		267,008
Church Planting Fund		
Unrestricted	42,196	
Restricted - Church Plants	542,321	
Hispanic Leadership Team	73,790	
		658,307
Capital Fund		
Auto Replacement Fund	7,900	
Cars and Equipment	5,232	
Building in Trust for Bethel EFC, Des Plaines	250,000	
Building in Trust for Schiller Park, IL Replant	300,000	
		563,132
Total Assets		1,488,447
Liabilities and Fund Principal		
Ministry Fund		
Liabilities - Short Term	1,599	
Fund Principal	265,409	
		267,008
Church Planting Fund		
Liabilities - Short Term	1,337	
Fund Principal	656,970	
		658,307
Capital Fund		
Liabilities - Building in Trust	550,000	
Fund Principal	13,132	
		563,132
Total Liabilities and Fund Principal		1,488,447

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Great Lakes District Ministry Fund Statement of Activities Through December 31, 2022

	YTD
REVENUES	
Church Contributions	453,817
Individual Contributions	11,147
GLD Conference and Events	18,900
Other Income	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES	513,864
EXPENSES	
Compensation Expenses	
Salary & Benefits	412,242
Taxes and Insurance	8,299
Total Staff Compensation	420,541
Ministry Expenses	
Regional, Youth & Women's Ministry	6,808
Travel & Auto Expense	20,252
Meals	6,814
GLD Conferences and Events	24,763
Other Services	742
Total Ministry Expenses	59,379
General Expenses	
Communications	1,555
Telephone & Internet	6,293
Staff Training & Conferences	861
GLD Board	3,892
Insurance	7,697
Legal & CPA Review	-
Banking, Payroll, & Donor Support	584
Computer & Network	5,030
Office Supplies, Postage & Miscellaneous	11,423
Total General Expenses	37,335
TOTAL EXPENSES	517,255
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(3,391)
NON-OPERATING	
Contributions	5,710
Matthew's Messiah	(3,910)
Staff Gifts	(1,800)
Challenge Scholarships	(3,000)
	(3,000)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(6,391)

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Great Lakes District Church Planting Fund Statement of Activities Through December 31, 2022

REVENUES		
Contributions	22,912	
ReachNetwork Assessment	4,621	
Support Processing	1,991	
Interest Income	25	
Other Income	175	
Church Plant Support	629,885	
TOTAL REVENUES		659,609
EXPENSES		
Church Planting Systems	6,832	
ReachNetwork Assessment	3,914	
General Expenses	996	
Processing Fees/Legal	7,840	
HLT Expenses	2,692	
Church Plant Expenses	664,559	
TOTAL EXPENSES		686,833
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(27,224)

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Great Lakes District Capital Fund Statement of Activities Through December 31, 2022

REVENUES		
Sale of Assets	5,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		5,000
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	6,617	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		6,617
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(1,617)

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REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Corporation of the Great Lakes District
of the Evangelical Free Church of America
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash received from contributions	\$ 470,674
Cash received for church planting	654,788
Cash received from other activities	53,695
Cash paid for church development	(686,833)
Cash paid to employees	(420,540)
Cash paid for general and administrative expenses	<u>(113,113)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(41,329)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Cash from investment income	25
Sale of cars	<u>5,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>5,025</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and equivalents	<u>(36,304)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>969,260</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 932,956</u></u>

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CORPORATION OF THE GREAT LAKES DISTRICT OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

Note A - Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations: The mission of the Great Lakes District is to promote and strengthen the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by giving counsel, direction and encouragement to pastors and congregations, by extending the Gospel through the establishment of new churches and mutual ministry services and by guarding our statement of faith and preserving orthodoxy.

Accounting Method: These financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred and not when received or paid. All revenue and support are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased are considered cash equivalents.

Fixed Assets: Fixed assets are stated at cost when purchased or fair market value at the time of contribution and are depreciated by the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments: Investments are carried at cost or fair market value at time of contribution.

Tax-exempt Status: The Great Lakes District is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 and, as such, is not subject to income taxes on net income from exempt purposes.

Note B - Concentration of Credit Risk

The organization maintains its cash balances in various financial institutions which at times may be in excess of the limits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

REPORT OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CORPORATION OF THE GREAT LAKES DISTRICT OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

Note C - Buildings in Trust

The membership of Grace Community Evangelical Free Church in Schiller Park, Illinois voted to close and give the church's assets (\$300,000) to the Great Lakes District for the establishment of a new church. In the spring of 2016 ownership of the church building and land located at 4244 Grace Street in Schiller Park, Illinois was transferred to the Great Lakes District. A new church is being planted at that location. Upon the establishment of the new church with Constitution and Bylaws in place, membership established, the church elder board and Senior Pastor affirmed, ownership will be transferred to this new interdependent, autonomous EFCA church.

In 2017, the GLD acquired property in Des Plaines, Illinois. The membership of Faith Bible Church (a non-EFCA church) in Des Plaines, Illinois voted to close and give the church's building to the Great Lakes District. In January 2017 ownership of the church building and land (\$250,000) located at 355 Bellaire Avenue in Des Plaines, Illinois was transferred to the Great Lakes District. The building is being held in trust until Eglise Evangelical Bethel Chicago is able to receive ownership of the building.

Note D - Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 24, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Great Lakes District Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2023

Assets		
Ministry Fund		
Unrestricted	162,205	
Overpaid payroll taxes	152	
Reserve	52,007	
		214,364
Church Planting Fund		
Unrestricted	34,768	
Restricted - Church Plants	509,049	
Hispanic Leadership Team	72,754	
		616,571
Capital Fund		
Auto Replacement Fund	7,900	
Cars and Equipment	5,232	
Building in Trust for Bethel EFC, Des Plaines	250,000	
Building in Trust for Schiller Park, IL Replant	300,000	
		563,132
Total Assets		1,394,067
Liabilities and Fund Principal		
Ministry Fund		
Liabilities - Short Term	0	
Fund Principal	214,364	
		214,364
Church Planting Fund		
Liabilities - Short Term	930	
Fund Principal	615,641	
		616,571
Capital Fund		
Liabilities - Building in Trust	550,000	
Fund Principal	13,132	
		563,132
Total Liabilities and Fund Principal		1,394,067

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Great Lakes District Ministry Fund Statement of Activities Through June 30, 2023

	YTD	Variance	YTD Budget	2023 Budget
REVENUES				
Church Contributions	218,147	(14,353)	232,500	465,000
Individual Contributions	2,295	(2,705)	5,000	10,000
GLD Conference and Events	2,610	110	2,500	20,000
Other Income	0	0	0	23,000
TOTAL REVENUES	223,052	(16,948)	240,000	518,000
EXPENSES				
Compensation Expenses				
Salary & Benefits	215,548	6,288	209,260	418,520
Payroll Taxes and Insurance	4,223	988	3,235	6,470
Total Staff Compensation	219,771	7,276	212,495	424,990
Ministry Expenses				
Regional, Youth & Women's Ministry	2,450	(400)	2,850	5,700
Travel & Auto Expense	18,071	6,671	11,400	22,800
Meals	4,968	1,568	3,400	6,800
GLD Conferences and Events	0	0	0	20,000
Credentialing/Services	0	(400)	400	800
Total Ministry Expenses	25,489	7,439	18,050	56,100
General Expenses				
Communications	774	174	600	1,200
Telephone & Internet	2,267	(733)	3,000	6,000
Staff Training & Conferences	939	159	780	1,560
GLD Board	505	(395)	900	1,800
Insurance	1,968	(2,532)	4,500	9,000
Legal & CPA Review	102	(148)	250	3,400
Banking, Payroll, & Donor Support	208	(342)	550	1,100
Computer & Network	2,823	(227)	3,050	6,100
Office Supplies, Postage & Miscellaneous	5,319	1,944	3,375	6,750
Total General Expenses	14,905	(2,100)	17,005	36,910
TOTAL EXPENSES	260,165	12,615	247,550	518,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(37,112)	(29,562)	(7,550)	0
Non-Operating Expenses				
Strategic Initiative: Pastor-Wives Retreat	6,793	(1,793)	5,000	10,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(43,906)			

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Great Lakes District Church Planting Fund Statement of Activities Through June 30, 2023

REVENUES

Contributions	2,306	
Assessment Revenue	0	
Support Processing	923	
Dissolution Income	0	
Designated Ministry Giving	0	
Church Plant Support	304,244	
TOTAL REVENUES		307,472

EXPENSES

Church Planting Systems	5,860	
General Expenses	398	
Processing Fees/Legal	3,678	
Joshua Team/HLT	1,037	
Church Plant Expenses	344,975	
TOTAL EXPENSES		355,948
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(48,475)

STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rick Thompson

Effective District Strategy

What good is a district? Our Unique Value Proposition

Some say denominations are dying out like the dinosaurs. Our experience is that districts create critical connections with local churches that can be summarized into 7 critical areas.

1. Catalyze Church Planting

Brett Gleason oversees our ACTS system. He is the national leader of assessment.

“Assess” first. We pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers and we carefully assess every potential church planter to see if God is calling them to start a church. Business people who are faithful and fruitful make good starters. Pastors with previous experience and recent Bible College or seminary graduates are called to plant. Home grown leaders come from the womb of a mother church. Every starter is a unique story.

“Coach” second. Every approved lead church planter receives a personal coach and an elder caliber “oversight team.” The coach and the oversight team do not attend the new church and they do not take responsibility for an area of the church plant. They provide wise counsel for the lead church planter in regular meetings. They give accountability until financial systems, elders, and members are in place. Oversight ends when members approve the elders. Personal coaching continues for a year.

“Train” third. Our movement sponsors a one week “Church Planting Boot Camp” for new church planters (reachnetwork.ministries.efca.org). Training is most effective when the planter, the coach and core group members attend together. The insights from assessment and boot camp inform the coaching provided. Boot camps emphasize lessons like developing a church planting plan, recruiting a team, analyzing a community, identifying disciple making pathways, types of evangelism, and the organizing of preview services and grand openings. The boot camp also clarifies a call to plant and filters out people who really should not plant.

“Send” is the final part. Churches plant churches. We look to local churches to send church starters. God sends and supplies faith-based missionaries to start churches. When our family moved to Moscow, Russia in 1997 as missionaries, God provided 20 churches and 25 families that made it possible for us to work full time in church planting. The responsibility of raising personal support for the mission of starting a church gives us the confidence to trust God for resources the rest of our lives.

By God’s grace in the GLD, we have seen over 20 churches in ten years planted in this way.

2. Care for all the churches

“Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches” (2 Corinthians 11:28). Our District Staff Team prays for our churches, builds trusting relationships, equips effective searches, facilitates credentialing, and our Superintendents come quickly when asked for help. We have 3 goals.

Supervision Received: District Superintendent

Span of Care: Area is 10 to 20 GLD churches, Regional is 30-50 GLD churches

Compensation: Mutually agreed upon salary and ministry expenses

Relational Role: A Superintendent cares as a **“Shepherd of the Shepherds.”**

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Goal #1: “No Leader Left Alone” 80% of our pastors interdependently praying, proclaiming Christ and partnering in GLD groups framed by GLD team:

- 1:1 Coaching - life on life encouragement toward Christ likeness
- 1:3 Trios - a band of accountable believers who strengthen one another
- 1:7 Teams - servant leaders working together on a clear mission
- 1:12 Mentoring - guide from the side multiplying ministry fruitfulness
- 1:15 Ministerial - geographically based groups who pray and encourage

Resourcing Role: A Superintendent catalyzes as a **“Consultant to Churches.”**

Goal #2: “Serving your church’s mission” by our team of area and regional superintendents multiplying care as measured by 40% of our churches growing in worship attendance (measured by at least a 10% increase every five years).

Goal #3: “Multiplying healthy churches among all people” measured by 36 healthy GLD churches multiplying 36 new churches that multiply new churches as a result of multiplication (2 Timothy 2:2) at every level of the ministry.

3. Connect our pastors and wives

Our Superintendent Team frames 17 ministerial and mentoring groups across five states so that no pastor is left alone as we are “shepherds of the shepherds” and catalysts for Gospel and Great Commission ministry. In 2023 we did a Pastor and Wife Retreat at The Essehaus with 20 couples. Pastor Scott Distler taught the Scriptures on the theme of Ministry from [The Cave: When Ministry Becomes Misery](#). Everyone resonated and reflected on the tough times of pastoral ministry. Dr. Nicolas Perris took us to the story in Luke on Mary and Martha, set the context, and brought us powerful biblical insights. We are grateful for his service at TIU.

4. Consult with church boards

Pastoral transitions are the greatest time a district can serve a church. We recommend interims, introduce tools like pastorsearch.efca.org connect to EFCA recovery churches, and coach strategic planning. Several of our churches are using a new search firm with EFCA roots, Chemistry Staffing.

Our Superintendents are available for church consultations. Sometimes there is serious moral failure where we can give insight. We provide tools for strategic planning and help in revising a constitution (see our posted example of an effective constitution: bit.ly/3ObMU0T)

Knute Larson is a GLD Church Consultant. He leads a learning community that prepares sermons for Christmas and Easter. Knute also posts valuable insights for churches on our website (gld-efca.org/resources).

Words like coaching and mentoring are soft terms without a single definition. There are fifty ways to fry these fish. My favorite way to coach one on one is Bob Logan’s coaching process (loganleadership.com and *Coaching 101*). He emphasizes the five “R” approach. Coaching is God ordained **relationships** between Christians that **reflects** on God’s work in one another, **refocuses** on God given goals, **resources** one another to fulfill our responsibilities by pointing us to the resources we need, and **reviews** our progress periodically.

5. Cross Cultural Ministries

The Great Lakes District Hispanic Leadership Team meets monthly and is led by Pastor Ricardo Palmerin. There are around 15 Hispanic churches and churches within a church. The HLT ministry mirrors the 7 critical roles of the GLD with these specific ministries:

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1. Serving Hispanic Churches in transition who are seeking a new pastor.
2. Serving Hispanic Churches with theological education through the EFCA's "Gateway"
3. Facilitating an EFCA Credential for those who qualify, especially through "Gateway."
4. Empowering immigrants to seek legal registration with the EFCA's "Immigrant Hope."
5. Co-laboring with the EFCA's Hispanic Church Planting Boot Camp.
6. Helping Hispanic high school students participate in the EFCA Challenge Conference
7. Working with existing GLD Churches to add a Hispanic "church within a church"
8. Providing Pastor and Wife Retreats.
9. Organizing training events to make the churches more effective.
10. Organizing the GLD Hispanic Conference with national speakers.

Dr. Stephen McCausland is our new Chicago Regional Superintendent who serves many ethnic churches among the 30 churches in his oversight. Dan Sommer leads APEX missions to 4 ReachGlobal cities and 8 sites in America for EFCA high school and college students. Rick and Jan accompanied the team to Rio in Brazil and also spent time with our second son's family in Rio. We will emphasize this area in our GLD Annual Conference as we look at The Messiah's Global Mission.

6. Conferences

The annual Great Lakes District Conference connects us to new and old friends, contributes essential training, shares our story, and makes critical decisions. We are grateful to God to be back at TIU for the 2023 annual GLD conference.

7. Communications

The GLD Monthly Briefing tells our story and gives future opportunities. If you do not receive this great piece, please sign up with Amanda who does a wonderful job every month doing this critical piece (gld@gld-efca.org).

View our "What Good is a District" power point here: bit.ly/474HA87

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Larry Elliott

Synopsis of activity in the NCIL Areas:

The Rockford Ministerial (5 churches) is led by Gary Kniseley, Pastor Maywood EFC and will resume again in September.

- Lao EFC pastor Von Siphengphone brings welcomed cultural insights when he is able to attend.
- Hope EFC (Roscoe) & Maywood EFC (Rockford) are bright lights in their respective communities and in our ongoing ministerial activities.
- Continued prayer for Mickey Klink family as Laura (Mickey's wife) continues her battle with ALS.

The NWIL ministerial (8 churches) is led by Gary Kirst, Galena Sr. Pastor and will resume again in September.

- The Chadwick EFC has recently called Mark Pederson, after a lengthy search, to serve as their bi-vocational Sr. Pastor. Mark and wife Denise come from the Twin Cities area in MN. Mark earned his MDiv from Crown College in MN
- The Lena EFC has recently called Casey Dwyer to fill their Sr. Pastor position vacated by Jim Erb's move to Florida ministry, a task that has been ongoing since late in 2021. Casey earned his D. Min. degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and he and wife Danielle are moving here from Lincolnshire, IL.
- Lena EFC long time youth pastor, Scott Wilson has taken a position in Marshfield WI. And will be moving late summer.
- Park Hills EFC has welcomed Trinity graduate Parker Lundberg as youth pastor and continues it's search for a Campus Pastor for their Winnebago campus.
- Winneshiek EFC is growing and healthy under pastor Matt Mitchel.
- Shepherd EFC (Byron) continues as a very small congregation desiring to meet together with Mike Axmark serving as pastor.
- Grace EFC (Orangeville) is in a similar position with lead elder Al Lambert faithfully working over many years.

NCIL ministerial (4 churches) is led by Farrell Stauffer, Ashton EFC pastor and continues to meet during the summer months (being significantly more spiritual than the other ministerials in the district. 😊)

- Christ Church, Sterling, called Brady Robinson to serve as Sr. Pastor in January of this year.
- Mt. Morris EFC continues excellent work under Bruce McKanna. Logan Murphy completed his chaplaincy credentialing several months ago and is now serving in that capacity out east vacating his youth and music role at the church. Mt. Morris EFC has recently hired a search firm to assist with finding a youth & music pastor replacement.
- Ashton EFC continues faithful ministry in this community under Farrell Stauffer's leadership.
- Hope Bible Fellowship in Dixon will be voted on at the GLD Conference for full membership as an EFCA church.

Peoria ministerial (13 churches) is led by Don Blasing, Brimfield EFC pastor and will resume again in September.

- I assumed the Superintendent position over this area in Sept of 2022 and am still learning some of the details.
- Princeton EFC has had IPM leadership of Corbit Magby since the resignation of David Mundt about a year ago. The church is now in a position to pursue a new lead pastor and is in process.
- Farmer City under the capable leadership of Dave Ashby continues their search for an Associate Pastor as a part of their succession plan.

It is an honor to serve with these men as they faithfully shepherd the God's people.

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF N & NW CHICAGO SUBURBS

Don Erickson

The Apostle Peter wrote his two letters to groups of believers in five different provinces of what is now northern Turkey. The Christian church in this region of Asia Minor was beginning to experience persecution from the Roman empire for its faith in Jesus Christ. In the midst of this persecution, Peter calls on these believers to remain strong in the face of great suffering. In 1 Peter 3:8, we read, "Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble."

We are living in angry times and in the midst of that anger, God is calling the church to model something very different. Instead of division, the church is being called to unity, instead of indifference, sympathy, instead of isolation or aloofness, a love for one another, instead of hostility, compassion, and instead of arrogance, humility.

Over this past year, I have had the privilege of visiting several of the churches in my area, preach in some of them and have spent time visiting with the men who are leading these churches. Many of the churches are doing well, exemplifying the mind and heart reflected in the Apostle Peter's first letter. Some are struggling, trying to navigate through some difficult times.

Last year, my report honored Manny Rocha for his years of faithful ministry at Cornerstone EFC, Glenview, IL. This year my report welcomes Matt Johnson, the new lead pastor of Cornerstone EFC to the Great Lakes District. Matt began his ministry at the church this past June. Before coming to Cornerstone, Matt served for seven years as Pastor of Family Life and Discipleship at Springbrook Community Church in Huntley, IL.

CrossLife EFC, Libertyville, IL is in a time of transition as their senior pastor Steve Mathewson and Mission Pastor Rick Chalupnik are transitioning to new ministries. We want to thank both of these men for their contribution to the work of the Great Lakes District over these many years.

It is hard to believe that five years have passed since I stepped into my role as an Area Superintendent. I want to express my sincere thanks to Rick Thompson and the GLD Board for giving me the privilege shepherding the pastors and churches in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. I have deeply appreciated the GLD staff and the encouragement they have been to me. I also want to say thank you to the pastors serving in the churches under my care. You are a blessing to your congregations.

Finally, I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to equip and encourage pastors and church leaders internationally as well as locally. Over this past year, my wife and I have had the opportunity to serve in Comayagua, Honduras on three occasions, Bogota, Colombia, and Mbala, Zambia, investing in the lives of pastors and wives who are struggling to serve the Lord in some of the most difficult parts of the world. Keep us in prayer as we shepherd God's shepherds wherever He leads us.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Erickson
Area Superintendent, North & Northwest Suburbs of Chicago

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE QUAD CITIES

Mark Balmer

We are currently celebrating the completion of the search process for First Free of Moline. Carlan Bounds served as chair of the search team and he has reported to me that Ben Sincock has accepted the call as the next Sr. Pastor of First Free. This search team was very diligent, and the Lord has answered their prayers. First Free voted unanimously to call Ben! Ben has an MDiv from T.E.D.S. and has done church planting in the past. Ben and his wife, Michelle, have two young boys. We are praising the Lord for His faithfulness!

Pastor Ryan Shannon of Geneseo has completed his ordination process. It was a thrill to present him with his certificate last month. We do have other pastors who are in the credentialing process as well.

I have been in conversation with Loraine United Methodist Church. This church is seeking to leave the Methodist denomination because of the liberal shift it has taken. Loraine United Methodist Church is located between Geneseo and Erie. They are currently deciding as to whether or not they will proceed with the EFCA.

I am so grateful for the faithful leadership that Pastor Steve Palm has given to our monthly ministerial meetings. These are meetings are a blessing to all who attend.

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT HEARTLAND REGION (NE ILLINOIS / NORTH & CENTRAL INDIANA / NW OHIO)

Collin Seitz

It has been my joy to serve in the role of Regional Superintendent for the thirty-one GLD-EFCA churches in the Heartland Region of the GLD since January of 2021. At the same time, I am grateful to have the support of my home church—Crossroads EFC in Plymouth, IN as they have agreed to reducing my role on staff to part-time status as Pastor of Administration and Care. Nevertheless, it continues to be a challenge to balance my attention and efforts to both ministries. During this past year, I have continued to witness our pastors and church leaders affirm the value and support that the GLD provides our churches—and I give God praise for the opportunity to come alongside them to offer support and encouragement as each church seeks to advance its kingdom work in their local area.

As I reflect on this past year of ministry, several highlights stand out to me—

- The continued excellent leadership of the **ministerial group leaders** that are meeting regularly in our region led by **Pastors Knute Larson, Jordan Muck, Blair Hayward, and Curtis Coston**. As I have met with these groups throughout this past year, I have witnessed the importance of supportive relationships, the sharpening of ministry skills through book and topical studies and the sustaining prayers of their pastoral colleagues in support of spouses, pastoral families, and the ongoing needs in their local churches.
- We continue to make excellent progress in helping our EFC pastors take advantage of the streamlined **credentialing process** that is now available to both lead/senior and other associate/staff pastors through the EFCA Credentialing online portal. In the last twelve months, both **Pastors Jordan Muck and John French** at Community Gospel Church in Bremen, IN; **Pastors Dave Revnak and Scott Tinman** at Living Hope EFC, Findlay, OH, and **Pastor Kenny Krestan** at Village Church, Dyer, IN have all received their EFCA credentials. We currently have other individual and groups of pastors working through this online process—and I am greatly encouraged by the value these men see in having a national credential as part of their accountability as local church pastors.
- I have enjoyed the opportunity to **make GLD presentations and fill the pulpit** for several of our GLD churches this year including at Lakeview Community Church in Hamilton, IN; Village Church of Dyer, IN and Community EFC in Niles, MI—and in new churches joining the GLD at this conference.
- This past year has been marked by unrest and division in several denominations in the United States—and as a result, many of these churches are finding the EFCA an attractive new home for them to consider as they desire to remain true to biblical convictions and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This year I am pleased to recommend to the conference churches that have completed the process for affiliation with the GLD/EFCA— (1) **Salem New Beginnings Church** (Findlay, OH) and (2) **The Bridge Fellowship** (North Baltimore, OH)

Let me close by thanking Rick Thompson, the GLD staff and the GLD Board for affording me the opportunity to serve as a regional superintendent in the GLD. I welcome your prayers as I continue to serve the pastors, leadership teams and congregations who labor for Christ in the Heartland Region of the GLD.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Collin Seitz
Heartland Regional Superintendent

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF S OHIO / N KENTUCKY

Mark Burks

I am again incredibly grateful to District Superintendent Rick Thompson, the Board of the Great Lakes District, and the Grace Evangelical Free Church of Louisville, KY for the opportunity and privilege to serve the district churches and pastors of Southern Ohio/Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Michigan this past year.

Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

This year was a great opportunity to connect with the churches of Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. I was able to personally connect with each of the area churches. Several staff met for one-day gatherings to focus on personal leadership at Grace EFC in Cincinnati in late January and August. Many of us were encouraged and equipped through a Simeon Trust Workshop in May hosted by Faith Church in Milford, and a few of us snuck away in the early afternoon for a “critical leaders meeting” at Great American Ballpark with the Reds.

This year welcomed Jason Jahn as the new campus pastor of Grace Fellowship: Independence, KY, and Emanuel Istrate was confirmed as the lead pastor of Oxford Bible Fellowship.

Eastern Michigan

This year Michigan welcomed three new pastors to the district. Doxa Church in Rochester Hills welcomed Kevin Stuhlmann, Midland EFC welcomed Kurt Gelman, and Our Redeemer in Midland welcomed Terry Prehiem.

Area district pastors met for one-day Mini-Retreats in January at Red Cedar in Okemos, and in May at Cornerstone Church in Detroit to focus on personal leadership and connection.

Normal Pastor Network (normalpastornetwork.org)

I continue to facilitate ministry to GLD Normal Church Pastors. A Normal Church is defined as a church with a regular weekend attendance of less than 200 (including children). Normal Pastors gathered in person at the District Conference and connected over Zoom bi-monthly for book discussions and to consider relevant topics. Participants have access to a Normal Pastor Slack Group to share resources and ask questions between Zoom meetups.

I continue to provide coaching support to GLD and non-GLD pastors and churches in the region in-person and over Zoom. I am also working to facilitate EFCA connections at Boyce College/Southern Seminary in Louisville. I continue to remain committed to helping pastors stay connected and qualified.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Mark Burks

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF CHICAGOLAND

Steve McCausland

I've had the privilege of meeting all of the senior pastors in the Chicagoland D-region as well as attending most of their church services. We have two area ministerials that are very effectively led by Peter LeBlanc and Tim Gioia—who focus our times together on pastoral issues, prayer, and developing good relationships. About 60% of the pastors attended a ministerial this last year, which I consider very good, given that the churches are spread across a slow 90-minute, traffic-laden region—some pastors drive longer than the meetings last.

Gordy @ Harvard Ave, Jeremiah @ Agape, Steve @ Des Plaines, Matt @ First Free, Robert @ Rock of our Salvation, and Eric @ the Brook were all able to enjoy Sabbaticals this last year. I'm chasing down those that haven't taken one in the last 5-7 years and strongly urging them to get some rest. Pastoral fatigue is a common symptom in the area, as COVID knocked the wind out of many pastors and their churches, though as a general rule, most were able to absorb the setbacks and keep pressing on.

Elim EFC and Chicago International EFC are without a senior pastor, area pastors and elders have helped with pulpit supply. The talented Kevin Fiske, formerly the youth and music pastor, has been promoted to senior pastor at Faith Bible; and Bethel Community welcomed a gifted preacher, Dr. Lenard Tavernelli, as their new senior pastor. Martin Stidham retired after 25 years in Chicago, as did Bob DeKlavon after 15 years in Joliet. Several in the region are pursuing credentialing. Mark Doeblner led Village Church of Oak Park in the purchase and remodel of a new facility—it is gorgeous, and they are going above and beyond to reach the community. We're excited about Ron Childers planting in Bronzeville.

Some common pastoral concerns in Chicagoland have been: high-turnover from member relocations, shortage of available/interested ministry staff, keeping up effective outreach in quickly changing neighborhoods, the perceived slow pace of ministry fruit, general spiritual hardness and wilting among the population, and rising expenses of city ministry.

Some highlights:

- “My wife led our neighbors to Christ this year!!!” --David Wolfe, Bensenville Bible
- “We have so many kids in the church we don't know what to do them all!” --Tim Gioia, Christian Fellowship
- “My small group is life-giving for me as a pastor!” Gordy Williams, Harvard Ave
- “Someone donated a Nord Stage 3 Piano to our church!” [Steve's dream keyboard] --Kevin Fiske, Faith Bible
- “We're sending out our first missions team to partner with our sister church The Light in West Palm Beach, FL” --Josh Suh, The Brook
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- “Our church board voted to give me every February off as an annual Sabbatical 😊” --Robert Stevenson, Rock of Our Salvation
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Nationwide Survey and Hispanic Congregation Models

Our EFCA Hispanic congregations participated in a nationwide survey by the end of 2022, sponsored by Lifeway Resources and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The study uncovered data about Hispanic church demographics and congregation styles. Results showed that 53% of congregations are first-generation immigrants conducting services exclusively in Spanish, while 22% are second-generation Hispanics attending bilingual services. Additionally, 12% offer English translation, and 1% are English-speaking churches with Spanish translation.

Reflecting on the survey's findings, our GLD contains most of those diverse congregation models. We have congregations conducting services solely in Spanish, established churches introducing a second Spanish service, congregations holding bilingual English-Spanish services, and established churches providing Spanish translation in their services. There is no unique model for a Hispanic congregation, but every Latino congregation and ministry is unique in each location.

And new groups of immigrants and refugees from various backgrounds are entering our GLD communities in the Chicago area and Indiana. The Hispanic congregations there are extending welcomes to some of those migrants arriving from Latin America. They are coming with their diverse needs, presenting challenges for the community and an opportunity to spread the Gospel. We pray the Lord sends workers to the harvest.

Church Multiplication

We celebrate the advances of the plant "Iglesia de Fe" in Indianapolis. The church's leadership team led by planter Jean Carlos Petit, has made intentional efforts to reach Hispanic immigrants and refugees mainly from Venezuela. Within a few months, their attendance has doubled, and they are swiftly progressing with their organization, constitution, and incorporation process.

In Illinois Trinity Church in Watseka has initiated the "Trinity Familia," a group in Spanish designed to reach out to the Latinos in the area. And the Spanish ministry at the Compass Church in Bolingbrook campus continues to experience numerical growth in recent months. The Hispanic ministry in Maywood EFC in Rockford starts to flourish with several families attending regularly on Sunday services and weekdays reunions. River Oaks in Spanish envision opening Hispanic ministries in their new campus in North Indiana.

Companionship, Mentoring, and Training

The HLT remains committed to walking, mentoring, and training new Latino leaders and planters in plants such as Round Lake, Wheeling, Indianapolis, Rockford, and Des Plaines. This, is through meetings, zoom sessions, and calls, training topics like ministry practices, preaching, discipleship processes, and doctrine.

The HLT has established connections with Christian organizations that have provided training in ministry areas like AWANA for children, Billy Graham for Evangelistic outreach, and counseling like Moody Bible Institute's Counseling Center, Meier Clinics, and White Stone Counseling. This network provides avenues for Hispanic pastors and church members to access specialized ministries.

The HLT encourages GLD pastors to engage in training opportunities provided by the EFCA. Several of our pastors took part in the Church Planting Camp in Spanish in Reading, P.A. in April 2023 and the EFCA One Leadership Conference held in Fullerton, CA in June 2023.

GLD Annual Conference

DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES

A new theological course through GATEWAY is scheduled for the upcoming fall with leaders of River Oaks in Spanish. In preparation for this course, I worked with a translation team on the second edition of "Evangelical Convictions" in Spanish, which now is available for GLD Hispanic pastors and leaders, as a tool to teach EFCA's Statement of Faith in church membership courses.

Connection and Encouragement

GLD Latino pastors and their spouses gathered in Schaumburg, IL during the spring. These meetings provide valuable time for fellowship, mutual encouragement, and strengthening relationships. A pastors and wives retreat is planned for the fall.

The HLT keeps contact with our pastors and leaders and maintains regular meetings for refreshment, planning, evaluation, and prayer for our Hispanic pastors, congregations, and initiatives.

We celebrate the successful partnership between "Cristo es la Roca" EFC and Life Bridge Community" EFC in Wauconda, IL. In offering a community outreach day that brought together seven hundred individuals from the intercultural community of Wauconda last summer. A repeat of this joint event is planned for the fall of 2023.

Praying and Partnership

As we strive to fulfill our mission, let us continue asking the "Lord of the harvest... send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2) among Hispanics.

GLD Latino congregations are engaging in various summer outreach activities that include sports tournaments, VBS, church camps, baptism services, food festivals, immigration and citizenship orientations, health fairs, food pantries, and others. Let's pray for new contacts and new believers result of those actions.

The Hispanic Leadership Team expresses its heartfelt appreciation for the prayers and partnership that churches, pastors, missionaries, and GLD staff have extended to Latino pastors and congregations within the GLD. Let's pray for the multiplication of our Hispanic congregations, leaders, and disciples:

"Corona de Amor" EFC, Palatine, IL
"Cristo es la Roca" EFC, Wauconda, IL
Iglesia Bíblica de Bensenville EFC, Bensenville, IL
"Filadelfia" EFC, Franklin Park, IL.
"Manantial de Vida" EF Church Plant, Round Lake, IL
"Nueva Vida" EF Church Plant, Wheeling, IL
"Plenitud de Vida" CrossLife EFC Libertyville, IL
"Rio de Vida" EFC Plant, Lyons, IL
"Salem" EFC, Chicago, IL
The Compass EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Bolingbrook, IL
"Iglesia de Fe" EF Church Plant, Indianapolis, IN.
Harvard EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Villa Park, IL
Orchard EFC, Hispanic Life Group, Arlington Heights, IL
Maywood EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Rockford, IL
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River Oaks EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Goshen, IN

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Planter/leader Iroel Velazquez
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DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY TO WOMEN

Cyndi Leamon

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the Lord and the GLD churches in the area of Ministry to Women. The aim of the ministry is to equip, encourage, resource, network, and multiply women ministry leaders in transformational disciple-making ministry that is gospel-centric.

It has been an encouraging year as I support women's leaders in seeking the Lord to develop transformational ministries that are Word and Prayer centric. When using Scripture as the curriculum for groups that are designed to be both simple and highly relational, I see an increase in biblical literacy and ministry multiply that reaches all women.

As I support ministry leaders to design ministries that are more effective, some of the ministry segments the Lord has helped me support include:

- Ideas on how to use Scripture as the curriculum to address biblical literacy and life transformation.
- New approaches in mentoring.
- Helps in recruiting and developing new leaders for ministry multiplication.
- Helps in leading groups.
- Helps in reaching all women.
- New approaches using events as a ministry strategy to support assimilation, discipleship, outreach, and connecting women.
- An ACTS form of prayer.
- Resources for crisis care.

Many of these ministry segments I am supporting represent the same segments as last year, but with new leaders.

This past year the Lord provided help in serving women leaders with many one-to-one calls, zoom meetings, in person meetings, and email correspondence on specific needs. Individually reaching out to leaders to care, encourage, equip is still by far the best means to connect with leaders. New leaders are being welcomed, encouraged, equipped and supported in prayer. Existing leaders are being resourced, encouraged, equipped, and prayed for in areas that need additional discernment and care.

Ministry to Women Leaders continue to grow in ways that focus on seeking God in prayer, grow deeper in His Word, and represent His love and hope in serving their communities. Thank you for your continued prayers for these leaders as they serve Christ in our churches.

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GLD CHURCH CONSULTANT

Knute Larson

I like what I do for churches or pastors that request the coaching, and I do believe it helps. We set up a six-month arrangement, and I critique sermons, present the best way for a board of oversight to operate, talk about the schedule for the pastor, and priorities.

Many times, there are staff issues or relationship challenges. I use seven “major concerns,” and they seem to be appropriate for every church size. I love the “soccer field model” for the board so it does not become just a calendar committee or a building and grounds team or a duplicate of staff.

Many papers and tools I use are at knutelarson.com.

I thank you.

— *Knute*

NORTHERN MICHIGAN RELATIONAL & DIRECTIONAL RETREATS

Gerhard deBock

This past year we have continued to have R&D (Relational and Directional) gatherings for pastors about every four months, plus a number of group video calls. In May, due to my schedule, we did not meet as usual, but I offered to give individual time to interested pastors.

After spending half a day with one pastor, we worked together to have a day of “visioneering” with his elders and staff, after gathering input from his congregation. Another opportunity was sitting down to offer counsel to another elder and staff team facing some challenging decisions.

In addition to the group of pastors that have been part of the R&D team, I also traveled several times to join the gathering of pastors on the east side of Michigan. I was given the opportunity to brainstorm with them about ways the GLD could foster better interdependence in that area.

R&D gatherings for this Fall and Winter are now in the planning stages. One of my hopes is to discern together how to keep meaningful R&D support for pastors going even after I retire in a few years.

With gratitude for the GLD,

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Brett Gleason (chair)
Cabot Ashwill
Mike Hanafée

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The Executive Commission purpose is to develop new initiatives, policies, and procedures interacting with the District Superintendent on new developments and encouraging him and his Staff in pursuing the ministry of the Great Lakes District. It is also the personnel committee for the District.

As in previous years, we want to note that in conjunction with the Finance Commission, the Executive commission monitors the financial status of the GLD.

We are thankful for the work our Superintendent, Rick Thompson, has done in developing the 2023 conference. Plans are already underway by Rick to prepare for the 2024 conference. Conference planning is a very large and key project with many detailed tasks to manage, and we once again thank Rick, as well as Amanda Bruney, and other staff for their work in this preparation.

We thank Steve Hjelle and the nominations committee for their diligent work on completing the selection of candidates for the respective board vacancies shown on the 2023 ballot for our 2024 board. This committee began its work in June this year and completed when the ballot is finalized in July. Thank You Steve!

There are many items of business that come to this commission, and none more rewarding than hearing how God is moving in this, His District. The greatest joy is seeing God reveal His plan and orchestrate the logistics for His Glory in the Great Lakes District. We rejoice in being a part of His service.

The work of this commission would not be effective without the great support from Rick Thompson and all of the GLD staff. We are thankful for Amanda's excellent work in support of this commission.

The members of this commission are shown below; please convey to them a Heartfelt Thank You! for their service on this commission.

Carlan Bounds
Executive Committee Chair

Executive Commission:
Bob Blahnik
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Bob Blahnik

The financial position of the GLD is strong and well positioned for future ministry. This year member churches have contributed \$218,147 to the ministry fund through June 30th which is a slight increase in giving of \$184 compared to 2022. However, year to date giving from member churches is 6.2.% below budget through June 30, 2023. The giving of member churches is the primary ongoing source of funding for GLD ministry as we seek to advance the mission of the EFCA by multiplying transformational churches among all people. Contributions from churches comprise 97.8% of the Ministry Fund revenues of \$223,052 through June 30th.

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Finance Commission:
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Carlan Bounds

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Our goal is to encourage pastoral integrity, maturity, and accountability, encourage professional growth and development and periodically inform pastors and churches of important ministry tools which might be used to enhance the work of the church and its pastoral staff. In times of financial hardship for a pastoral staff member and family of the GLD, we are asked to supervise the dispensing of benevolent funds.

We are also called upon at times to intervene in matters related to the discipline and/or restoration of a pastoral staff member of a GLD church or to interview individuals who have applied for a Divorce Request for Exception 7 with the Board of Ministerial Standing. The holding of a ministry credential with the Evangelical Free Church of America is a privileged responsibility that the Pastoral Care Commission is committed to protect.

As members of the Pastoral Care Commission, we are continually reminded of the spiritual battle fought by those in ministry and the pain and hurt that is caused by sin. But we are also encouraged as we see the grace of God restore threatened relationships and we rejoice in the knowledge that many in ministry continue to choose the road of faithful obedience.

For 2023, we praise God that there have been no circumstances with any above noted issues this commission would normally have to address.

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Carlan Bounds
Lisa Bubar
Don Erickson
Al Peterson

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October 2023

Dear GLD Pastors, Ministry Staffers, Delegates, and Fellow Affiliates:

Greetings from Fairhaven! Welcome to the Annual Conference at Trinity in Deerfield, IL, where you will be blessed with learning, connecting, and visioning.

We have been able to stem the tide over the past three years. Labor shortages, primarily nursing, has challenged long-term care and many other organizations. Inflation, utilities, insurance, and other items have caused financial pressures. We are encouraged at this time that our occupancy has been improving. Our health center census is back over historical averages and we are several beds better than budget. There have also been gains made in our staffing. God is good. All the time. He continues to guide and direct as we lean on and trust in Him for daily direction. We do ask you to continue to pray for wisdom, discernment, and for His favor in bringing to us those who could use the love and care of Fairhaven in the days and years ahead.

We believe that God orchestrated the purchase of five contiguous pieces of land over a four-year period for such a time as this. We believe that there will be a need and desire for more independent living units as the baby boomers continue to retire in historical numbers. We believe that we have a wonderful, hard-working, and caring staff to provide loving, compassionate care to the residents that we serve and their families.

What are our biggest concerns? The attracting and retaining of staff, especially in nursing. We have formed an education committee to look at and approve scholarships for staff who would like to further their education in service to Fairhaven. We have also received a couple of grants to help us in this area.

As we look to the future, we will be adding a permanent pavilion and another walking path later this year. Both projects are from give-a-gift funds raised over the past two years, and from memorial monies received. We continue to wait on the Lord's timing for future expansion of independent living units, another entrance off Forest Hills Road, and additional infrastructure to the new properties purchased in recent years.

We desire that in whatever we do, whether it is with our current operations or in future planning, that we do it all for the glory of God.

We would love for you to stop by when you are in Rockford. You can also contact us by phone or visit our website at www.Fairhaven.cc for more information about life at Fairhaven.

May God continue to bless each of you and your ministries for His glory.

Sincerely,

Jeff Reiersen

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FIT Moms – Families In Training – Serving single moms and their families - Waukegan, IL

FIT Moms continues to exist as an affiliate of the Great Lakes District EFCA. First begun as Teen Moms in 1987 as a ministry for teenage moms in Waukegan, IL, it now seeks to provide education, support, and advocacy for single moms and their children in the same area.

FIT - Families In Training desires to help support the children by providing fun ways to encourage school readiness and school excellence while their moms work through a curriculum of anger management, life skills, and parenting skills. It is all taught using Biblical principles and includes time spent learning more of God and His amazing grace and love for us as those created by Him and in His image. It is our desire to see them all grow in knowledge and character.

The past school year had the moms learning about the different stages of cognitive, physical, emotional, and social development and discussing ways to positively impact their children at each stage. It was with great joy that we spent our December sessions talking with both the moms and children of the true gift of Christmas, God's own Son, Jesus Christ. Throughout the year our families have been gifted with practical and a few "pampering" items and gifts by various groups. We are also able to provide Christmas gifts for them through Toys for Tots.

When we returned in 2023, the mom's read through a book together entitled, "Overwhelmed: The Life of a Single Moms". This book touches on multiple difficult, but experiential, subjects such as overcoming abuse, playing the victim role, and surviving financial crisis.

Families had the chance to experience and enjoy fun together with a bowling outing in the early spring and a couple summer park activities including a water spray and sand park.

As a board, we ourselves have been 'overwhelmed' at times by our own inadequacies as we help walk these families through difficult times, but also in a positive way by seeing the faithfulness of God. Please keep us and these families in your prayers as we continue forward.

Gratefully,
Penny Erickson
On behalf of the board of FIT Moms

REPORT OF AFFILIATES

NEW MOMS

Celebrating 40 Years in Service

This year, New Moms celebrates 40 years in service to young moms and their children who are experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicagoland. Using our unique Executive Skills Coaching approach, we serve ~350 young families annually, coaching young moms through our integrated housing, job training, college success, and family support programs—helping families to stabilize, set goals, and work toward lifelong self-sufficiency.

Our Programs

Unique in the country, our services are delivered through our core programs, designed to work together or separately—decreasing barriers for young moms while equipping them with critical skills and support.

Housing: young moms & children need stability to take the next steps forward. We provide transitional and permanent supportive housing, where young moms can choose to engage with a family coach and set personal goals for her family's well-being. We provide center-based housing for 40 families in Chicago and 18 families in Oak Park. Serves ~78 families annually.

Job Training: economic mobility is key to lasting change. Our paid job training program provides individualized career planning; education re-enrollment; 16 weeks of paid training & transitional jobs at our social enterprise candle company, Bright Endeavors; & permanent job placement assistance. Serves ~100 young moms annually.

Family Support: New Moms ensures that young families have all they need to thrive. Our Family Support program offers a holistic set of services, including prenatal education, doulas, home visits, peer support groups, and other parenting resources, tools, and meaningful social connections. Serves ~220 families annually.

College Success: Through monthly stipends, childcare support, and individual & group coaching, we provide a resource for young moms seeking postsecondary degrees, and find family-sustaining, living-wage jobs. This three-year pilot will be formally evaluated by Chapin Hall, and will serve 25 young moms.

Spiritual Formation: we offer opportunities for families to participate in programming designed to help them explore faith and spirituality. Our Director of Spiritual Formation teaches character classes, holds informal discussions about faith, and is available for one-on-one spiritual direction and support for families.

In addition to our direct services, we also believe in sharing what we've learned. Through The Hub @ New Moms, we train and consult with peer organizations, foundations, and social enterprises nationally using our Executive Skills Coaching strategies and best practices, to create equity-driven change.

Agency Progress and Updates

Last year, 77% of families exited to permanent housing; and 68% retained housing for 12+ months (compared to a national 60% rate for moms of all ages, exiting transitional housing). 86% of young moms receiving 6+ months of home visiting practiced positive parenting skills, as measured by the Life Skills Progression Scale. 93% of families met key health indicators around repeat pregnancy rates, breastfeeding, child immunizations, & family medical insurance. We placed 87 young moms into permanent employment. 84% of young moms increased their educational levels while enrolled at New Moms.

This year, we look forward to adding mental health resources for young moms and their children.

Flooding at New Moms

On July 2nd, we experienced a massive flood in the basement of our Transformation Center. Initial flooding created an electrical fire, which resulted in our power being disconnected—stopping power to our sump pump. The water that came in dislodged a water tank in our pump room—filling our basement with over 6 feet of water.

Our greatest concern is the wellbeing of the families who live in our Transformation Center's 40 apartments. These families have all experienced homelessness previously—ensuring their safety is vital. We worked quickly to find housing opportunities, and our team has provided food, essentials, cash assistance, transportation, and coaching and support. As we work to make the Transformation Center livable again, these families are our highest priority.

We are currently awaiting the cost of repairs, as well as what will be covered through insurance. We look forward to moving families safely back into their apartments. In the meantime, we welcome prayers.

We are deeply grateful to the Great Lakes District for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

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REPORT OF AFFILIATES



2022 By the Numbers:

- **We served over 8000 campers** in the summer of 2022 at our Michigan and Indiana overnight camps as well as our Day Camps hosted at churches across the Midwest.
- **We contracted 358 summer leaders** across our Michigan and Indiana overnight camps as well as our Day Camps hosted at churches across the Midwest.
- **We partnered with over 150 churches and schools to serve over 5500 people** at our camps through guest groups and winter teen retreat!
- **1,794 total campers accepted Jesus for the first time!**

Here are some things our 2022 summer leaders had to say about their experience working the summer at SpringHill Experiences:

"I got to love kids and care for them while leading them and teaching them about Jesus. I got more in touch with His grace and I constantly cling to Him. I felt true community with the counselors around me as well. I learned how to become a leader and let my love for Jesus show."

"I learned a lot of really important lessons about relying on God's strength instead of my own. I became more comfortable with sharing Jesus with others. I became more confident in my leadership abilities. I also made a lot of solid friends."

"I had so many opportunities to pour into kids in every age group, whether it was praying before they went down the zip-line or having a deep conversation about testimonies. A lot of older campers and counselors also encouraged me to grow in my faith and I learned how to read and comprehend my Bible better."

Our Campers are pointed to Jesus through SpringHill Experiences:

"I truly learned in my heart how Jesus loves us."

"I learned about giving my burdens to Jesus due to the lesson on Wednesday. I realized how many things I was carrying alone, and I gave them to God."

"My favorite part of the week was accepting Jesus in my heart."

"My favorite part was learning more about Jesus."

"I learned Jesus loves us and wants a relationship with us. Nothing can separate us from His love."

"Jesus, who conquered the grave, lives in me, I've never thought of it that way before."

REPORT OF AFFILIATES



TRINITY
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

“Where is the Lord taking Trinity and what can we say about the future? Three things we know for sure: we know that God is faithful, that he has entrusted us with this gospel, and that he expects us to take this gospel to the nations. And if we know these things to be true, then we know enough to move forward with joy and confidence.”

— Nicholas Perrin, PhD
President, Trinity International University

TIU UPDATES

NEW CENTER FOR FAITH & CHILDREN

Through the leadership and initiative of Associate Professor Mimi Larson, Trinity received a \$1.25 million dollar grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to establish the Center for Faith and Children. Dean Pao shared the importance of this new center, saying, “As theology serves the gospel mission of the church, this center bridges the gap between theory and practice while focusing on how children live out their faith, a research area that is often ignored in serious theological reflections.” The Center for Faith and Children at TEDS will provide ministry leaders with educational opportunities, research and vision; empower the local church with training, assistance, and imagination; and encourage parents by developing curated resources, tips, and encouragement through a dynamic website, podcast, research articles, and a conference.



THRIVING IMMIGRANT CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE

Trinity continues to serve immigrant populations and church leaders through the Thriving Immigrant Congregation Initiative, a project run through the Paul G. Hiebert Center for World Christianity and Global Theology and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. Led by Drs. Tite Tiénou and Peter Cha, this initiative seeks to provide resources, training, and a collaborative environment for immigrant congregation church leaders to address the critical challenges and conflicts between foreign-born “first-generation” congregants and their U.S.-born “second generation” counterparts. The first co-hort of the initiative, spanning two years, has served twelve different congregations throughout the United States, and we look forward to bringing in an additional twelve churches to participate in the second cohort in December. Church leaders who want additional support beyond this project have the opportunity to enroll in our Thriving Immigrant Churches track within our Doctor of Ministry program.

UKRAINE INITIATIVE

In the fall of 2022, sixteen universities in Ukraine reached out to Trinity to assist them in providing educational opportunities and chaplaincy training. In a few short months, we were able to pull together a course taught by our faculty and translated into Ukrainian which is serving 138 Ukrainian Chaplains who are working in hospitals, the military, in churches, and on the front lines of war. A former professor and current Ukrainian army chaplain shared that chaplaincy courses have never been available to him before and everything he has learned has been from books. A pastor in the course shared how he is putting everything he has learned into practice immediately and that he is so grateful to Trinity for providing him the education and training he needs, while educational institutions in Ukraine have been destroyed or closed during the war.

Trinity faculty are also offering faculty development masterclasses to support and encourage Ukrainian faculty during this time. So far Trinity faculty have completed three of ten of these masterclasses. Trinity Global hopes to continue to develop this program into a full certificate course and continue, through the faithful support of our donors, to provide an accessible Christ-centered education to those in need internationally.



CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS: BRING THEOLOGICAL TRAINING TO YOUR CHURCH

In our conversations with pastors and ministry leaders, we’ve noticed a movement towards “church-based theological education.” In short, people are seeking out educational opportunities—such as classes typically taken in seminaries—within their own churches or ministry settings. We are seeing staff and lay-leaders ready to go deeper with their study in the Word, and our new Certificate Programs open the door for strategic partnerships! teds.edu/certificate-programs



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHURCH RELATIONS
William (Bill) G. Yaccino, MA, MS
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DISTRICT STATISTICS

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALING

OCTOBER 2022 – AUGUST 2023

Licenses Approved by Great Lakes District and EFCA

2022

None

2023

June, Mark	3-year renewable	Grayling EFC: Grayling, MI
Osborn, Tina	3-year renewable	Village Church of Barrington: Barrington, IL
Pazdra, Kurt	3-year renewable	Hope Evangelical Free Church: Roscoe, IL
Stuhlmann, Kevin	Reinstated 3-year renewable	Doxa Fellowship: Rochester Hills, MI
Hand, Ethan	3-year renewable	The Orchard: Arlington Heights, IL
Dinkins, Calvin	3-year renewable	Village Church of Barrington: Barrington, IL
Duey, Evan	3-year renewable	Liberty Bible Church: Chesterton, IN
Tinman, Scott	Expedited	Living Hope Church: Findlay, OH
French, John	5-year non-renewable	Community Gospel Church: Bremen, IN
Banna, Tim	3-year renewable	The Orchard: Barrington, IL
Loomis, Josh	3-year renewable	North Suburban Church: Deerfield, IL
Sterneman, Albin	5-year non-renewable	The Orchard: Arlington Heights, IL

Permanent Credentials Approved by Great Lakes District and EFCA

2022

Murphy, Logan	Certificate of Ordination	EFC of Mt. Morris: Mt. Morris, IL
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2023

Muck, Jordan	Certificate of Ordination	Community Gospel Church: Bremen, IN
Gleason, Brett	Certificate of Ordination	The Orchard: Vernon Hills, IL
Shannon, Ryan	Certificate of Ordination	Geneseo EFC: Geneseo, IL
Krestan, Kenny	Certificate of Ordination	Village Church: Dyer, IN
Kugle, Corey	Certificate of Ordination	The Chapel EFC: St. Joseph, MI

REPORT OF PASTORAL CHANGES

SEPTEMBER 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
Dwyer, Casey	Senior Pastor	Lena EFC, Lena, IL
Gelman, Kurt	Lead Pastor	Midland EFC, Midland, MI
Guerra, Ray	Associate Pastor	Galena Bible Church, Galena, IL
Istrate, Emanuel	Senior Pastor	Oxford Bible Fellowship, Oxford, OH
Jahn, Jason	Campus Pastor	Grace Fellowship, Independence, KY
Kugle, Corey	Lead Pastor	The Chapel, St. Joseph, MI
Pedersen, Mark	Senior Pastor	Chadwick EFC, Chadwick, IL
Prehiem, Terry	Senior Pastor	Our Redeemer, Midland, MI
Sincock, Ben	Senior Pastor	First Free, Moline, IL
Stuhlmann, Kevin	Senior Pastor	Doxa Church, Detroit, MI
Tavernelli, Lenard	Senior Pastor	Bethel Community, Chicago, IL

REPORT OF MINISTERIALS

REGION A – ILLINOIS REGION

A1 NORTH

Area Superintendent – Don Erickson don.erickson@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Marcus Johnson efcamarcus@sbcglobal.net

- Antioch, IL CrossView EFC
- Deerfield, IL North Suburban EFC
- Glenview, IL Cornerstone EFC
- Gurnee, IL Lakeland EFC
- Lake Forest, IL Village Church of Lincolnshire
- Libertyville, IL CrossLife EFC
- Round Lake, IL Lake Region Bible Church
- Russell, IL Russell Community EFC
- Wadsworth, IL Cornerstone Community
- Waukegan, IL Christian Neighbors

A2 NW SUBURBS

Area Superintendent – Don Erickson don.erickson@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – TBD

- Barrington, IL The Bridge Church
- Barrington, IL Village Church of Barrington
- Cary, IL Living Grace Community
- Crystal Lake, IL Crystal Lake EFC
- Elgin, IL Elgin EFC
- Hoffman Estates, IL The Beacon (Plant)
- Lakemoor, IL Outpost Church (Plant)
- McHenry, IL McHenry EFC
- Spring Grove, IL LifeSpring Community
- Wauconda, IL Life Bridge Community
- West Dundee, IL Fox Valley EFC
- Wheeling, IL Our Saviour EFC
- Woodstock, IL Good News Church (Plant)

A3 ROCKFORD

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott larry.elliott451@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Gary Kniseley gary@mefc.us

- Loves Park, IL Forest Hills EFC
- Rockford, IL First Free
- Rockford, IL Lao EFC
- Rockford, IL Maywood EFC
- Roscoe, IL Hope EFC

A4 NW IL

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott larry.elliott451@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Gary Kirst gary@galenabiblechurch.org

- Byron, IL Shepherd EFC
- Chadwick, IL Chadwick EFC
- Freeport, IL Park Hills EFC
- Freeport, IL Winneshiek EFC
- Galena, IL Galena Bible Church
- Lena, IL Lena EFC
- Orangeville, IL Grace EFC
- Winnebago, IL Park Hills EFC (Campus)

A5 NC IL

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott larry.elliott451@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Farrel Stauffer pastorfarrel@ashtonbible.org

- Ashton, IL Ashton Bible Church
- Dixon, IL Hope Bible Fellowship
- Mount Morris, IL Mount Morris EFC
- Ottawa, IL River Valley EFC
- Sterling, IL Christ Church

A6 MOLINE

Area Superintendent – Mark Balmer markb@parkviewchurch.org

Ministerial Leader – Steve Palm pastorsteve@gefco.org

- Aledo, IL Grace EFC
- Erie, IL Erie EFC
- Geneseo, IL Geneseo EFC
- Moline, IL Faith EFC
- Moline, IL First Free
- Moline, IL Homewood EFC
- Osco, IL Osco Community

A7 CENTRAL

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott larry.elliott451@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Don Blasing donblaze@juno.com

- Bloomington, IL Bloomington/Normal EFC
- Brimfield, IL Brimfield EFC
- Canton, IL Canton EFC
- Chillicothe, IL Chillicothe Bible Church
- Farmer City, IL Trinity Community Fellowship
- Mahomet, IL Community EFC
- Metamora, IL Faith EFC
- Payson, IL Bluff Hall EFC
- Peoria, IL Peoria EFC (Glen Hill Restart)
- Petersburg, IL St. Paul's EFC
- Princeton, IL Christ Community
- Springfield, IL Hope EFC
- Taylorville, IL Taylorville EFC

REPORT OF MINISTERIALS

REGION B – MICHIGAN REGION

B1

Area Superintendent – TBD

Ministerial Leader – Gerhard deBock gerhard.debock@trinityinfo.org

- Adrian, MI Grace Point EFC
- Big Rapids, MI Trinity Fellowship EFC
- Buckley, MI The Tabernacle
- Ewart, MI Crossroads Community
- Grayling, MI Grayling EFC
- Ludington, MI Trinity EFC
- Newaygo, MI Trinity Fellowship (Campus)
- Spring Lake, MI Emmanuel Free Church
- St. Ignace, MI Straits EFC
- Stanton, MI Pine Grove Church
- Stanton, MI Trinity EFC
- Vanderbilt, MI Vanderbilt Community

B2

Area Superintendent – TBD

Ministerial Leader – Bob Manuel jpastor@aol.com

- Bay City, MI Bay City EFC
- Clyde, MI Cornerstone EFC
- Detroit, MI Cornerstone Church
- Detroit, MI Restore Church
- East Lansing, MI Crossway Multinational Church
- Garden City, MI Summit Church (Church Plant)

- Grand Rapids, MI Crossway Community
- Marlette, MI Grace Bible Church
- Midland, MI Our Redeemer
- Okemos, MI Red Cedar EFC
- Owosso, MI Bethel EFC
- Pinckney, MI People's EFC
- Portage, MI Cherry Creek Community
- Riverview, MI LivingWater Church
- Rochester Hills, MI Doxa Church
- Rockford, MI Grace EFC
- Scotts, MI Country Christian EFC

B3

Area Superintendent – TBD

Ministerial Leader – TBD

- Adrian, MI Grace Point EFC
- Adrian, MI Ogden Church
- Big Rapids, MI Trinity Fellowship EFC
- Gaylord, MI Gaylord EFC
- Marquette, MI Olivet EFC (Campus)
- Midland, MI Midland EFC
- Sault Ste Marie, MI Sault EFC (Campus of Gaylord)
- Spring Lake, MI Olivet EFC
- St Joseph, MI The Chapel EFC

REGION C – IN, OH, NKY REGION

C1

Regional Superintendent – Collin Seitz cseitz@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Knute Larson knutelarson@gmail.com

- Bourbonnais, IL Calvary Bible
- Chesterton, IN Liberty Bible Church
- Dyer, IN Village EFC
- LaPorte, IN Liberty Bible LaPorte (Campus)
- Peotone, IL Christ Community
- Portage, IN Family Bible Church
- Rensselaer, IN Bethany EFC
- Valparaiso, IN Bridgepoint EFC
- Valparaiso, IN Liberty Bible Valpo (Campus)
- Valparaiso, IN Washington EFC

- Goshen, IN River Oaks Community
- Milford, IN Wawasee Community Bible
- Niles, MI Community EFC
- Plymouth, IN Crossroads EFC
- South Bend, IN Trinity Church

C3

Area Superintendent – Mark Burks markburks.connect@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – TBD

- Blanchester, OH Elevation Community (Plant)
- Cincinnati, OH Grace EFC
- Cincinnati, OH River of Life
- Evansville, IN Oak Hill Bible Fellowship
- Florence, KY Grace Fellowship EFC
- Fort Thomas, KY Grace Fellowship (Campus)
- Independence, KY Grace Fellowship (Campus)
- Lebanon, OH Antioch Church YMCA
- Mason, OH Hope EFC
- Mildford, OH Faith EFC
- Oxford, OH Oxford Bible Fellowship

C2

Regional Superintendent – Collin Seitz cseitz@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Jordan Muck jmuck@cgcccommunity.com

- Bremen, IN Community Gospel
- Edwardsburg, MI Trinity Bible (Plant)
- Elkhart, IN River Oaks Community (Campus)

REPORT OF MINISTERIALS

C4

Regional Superintendent – Collin Seitz cseitz@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Blair Hayward blairh@findlayefree.com

- Bluffton, OH Bluffton Comm (Campus of Findlay)
- Bowling Green, OH Brookside EFC
- Columbus, OH Scarlet City Church (Plant)
- Findlay, OH Living Hope EFC
- Findlay, OH Lighthouse Comm (Campus of Findlay)
- Hamilton, IN Lakeview Community
- Lima, OH CrossPoint Community
- Lima, OH Grace Community

C5

Regional Superintendent – Collin Seitz cseitz@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Curtis Coston jccoston@solidword.org

- Bloomington, IN Refuge Church (Plant)
- Frankfort, IN Antioch Church
- Indianapolis, IN Faith Church
- Indianapolis, IN Glasshouse Bible (Plant)
- Indianapolis, IN Glory to God (Plant)
- Indianapolis, IN Solid Word Bible Church
- Kokomo, IN Grace Fellowship

REGION D – CHICAGOLAND REGION

D1 CITY

Regional Supt – Steve McCausland steve@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Tim Goia pastortimcf@gmail.com

- Chicago, IL Agape Chicago
- Chicago, IL Chicago Gospel Fellowship (Plant)
- Chicago, IL Christ Our Savior
- Chicago, IL Christian Fellowship EFC
- Chicago, IL First EFC
- Chicago, IL Good News Bible Church
- Chicago, IL Mount Olive Church
- Chicago, IL The Brook
- Evanston, IL Evanston Bible Fellowship
- Oak Park, IL Village Church

D2 NEAR

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Ministerial Leader – Peter LeBlanc peter@thebeaconcc.org

- Arlington Heights, IL Chinese EFC
- Bensenville, IL Bensenville Bible Church
- Chicago, IL Bethel Community
- Chicago, IL Chicago International EFC
- Chicago, IL Rock of our Salvation
- Des Plaines, IL Bethel Evangelical
- Des Plaines, IL Des Plaines EFC
- Evanston, IL New Community
- Glenview, IL Cornerstone EFC Japanese
- Hoffman Estates, IL Hope Community
- Homewood, IL South Suburban EFC
- Joliet, IL Faith Bible
- Lyons, IL Lyons EFC
- Oak Lawn, IL Elim EFC
- Villa Park, IL Harvard Avenue EFC

D3 WEST

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- Arlington Heights, IL The Orchard EFC
- Ashkum, IL Trinity EFC Ashkum (Campus)
- Barrington, IL The Orchard Barrington (Campus)
- Bolingbrook, IL The Compass Bolingbrook (Campus)
- Chicago, IL Church of Chicago
- DeKalb, IL Crossview Church
- Goodland, IN Trinity EFC Goodland (Campus)
- Itasca, IL The Orchard Itasca (Campus)
- Lombard, IL International Community
- Marengo, IL The Orchard Marengo (Campus)
- Naperville, IL The Compass Church
- Naperville, IL The Compass S Naperville (Campus)
- Northfield, IL The Orchard Northfield (Campus)
- Plainfield, IL The Compass 3 Rivers (Campus)
- Vernon Hills, IL The Orchard Vernon (Campus)
- Watseka, IL Trinity EFC
- Wheaton, IL The Compass Wheaton (Campus)

REPORT OF MINISTERIALS

HISPANIC CHURCHES & MINISTRIES

Hispanic Leadership Team

Ricardo Palmerin rpalmerin5@icloud.com

- Arlington Heights, IL The Orchard, Hispanic Life Group
- Bensenville, IL Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville
- Bolingbrook, IL The Compass Spanish Ministry
- Chicago, IL Salem EFC
- Franklin Park, IL Filadelfia EFC
- Goshen, IN River Oaks in Spanish
- Indianapolis, IN Iglesia de Fe (Plant)
- Libertyville, IL Plenitud de Vida CrossLife
- Lyons, IL Rio de Vida (Plant)
- Palatine, IL Corona de Amor
- Rockford, IL Maywood Hispanic Ministry
- Round Lake, IL Manantial de Vida EFC (Plant)
- Villa Park, IL Harvard Hispanic Ministry
- Wauconda, IL Cristo Es La Roca
- Wheeling, IL Nueva Vida (Plant)
- Watseka, IL Trinity Familia Spanish Group

AFFILIATES

- Chicago, IL Breakthrough Ministries
- Chicago, IL Circle Urban Ministries
- Chicago, IL Lydia Home
- Chicago, IL New Moms Inc.
- Deerfield, IL Trinity International University
- East Troy, WI Timber-Lee Christian Center
- Evert, MI SpringHill Camp
- Rockford, IL Fairhaven Retirement Center
- Seymour, IN SpringHill Camp
- Waukegan, IL Families In Training

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT BOARD TERMS FOR 2024

Name	Region	Office Held	Eligible for Reelection	Length of Term	First Elected For January 1	Present Term Began January 1	Present Term Expires December 31
Rick Thompson	D	Superintendent	Yes	3 years	2004	2022	2024
Carlan Bounds	A	Chairman	Yes	2 years	2022	2023	2024
Josh Weiland *	C	Vice-Chairman	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Lisa Bubar *	B	Secretary	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Gary Ridley *	B	Vice-Secretary	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Bob Blahnik	C	Treasurer	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Vacant		Vice-Treasurer		2 years			
Vacant		Resource Dev		2 years			
Jeff Barbieri *	B	Director	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Curtis Coston *	C	Director	No	2 years	2020	2024	2025
Kathy deBock *	B	Director	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Max Schmid *	D	Director	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Chris Stukenberg	A	Director	Yes	2 years	2024	2024	2025
Jeremiah Vaught	D	Director	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Joey Woestman	C	Director	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Scott Yoder *	C	Director	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025

Nominating Committee							
Delbert Denny	D	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Don Erickson *	A	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2022	2024	2025
Adam Fix	A	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Chris Firestone	A	Nominating Committee	No	2 years	2019	2023	2024
Steve Hjelle	D	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024
Gary Kirst	A	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2023	2023	2024

* Indicates Incumbent

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
Addison Bible Church	Addison	IL	1956	2004 Withdrew
Grace EFC	Aledo	IL	1985	
CrossView Church	Antioch	IL	1958	
Chinese EFC	Arlington Heights	IL	1989	
The Orchard	Arlington Heights	IL	1953	
Ashton Bible Church	Ashton	IL	1983	
Fellowship EFC	Aurora	IL	1987	1991 Closed
The Bridge	Barrington	IL	2016	
Village Church of Barrington	Barrington	IL	1961	
The Village Church of Bartlett	Bartlett	IL	1972	2006 Withdrew
Beecher Community Church	Beecher	IL	1995	2014 Closed
First EFC of Belleville	Belleville	IL	1990	2003 Closed
BelView EFC	Belvidere	IL	2001	2004 Closed
Bensenville Bible	Bensenville	IL	1970	
Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville	Bensenville	IL	2001	
EFC of Bloomington/Normal	Bloomington	IL	1967	
New Song Church	Bolingbrook	IL	1991	2016 Merged (with The Compass)
Calvary Bible Church	Bourbonnais	IL	1984	
Brimfield EFC	Brimfield	IL	1989	
Shepherd EFC	Byron	IL	1993	
EFC of Canton	Canton	IL	1946	
Bridgeway Church	Carol Stream	IL	2005	2009 Closed
Meadowdale EFC	Carpentersville	IL	1959	1963 No Record
Living Grace Community	Cary	IL	1960	
Chadwick EFC	Chadwick	IL	1987	
Community EFC	Champaign	IL	1984	2020 Closed
Agape Chicago	Chicago	IL	2017	
Belmont Heights	Chicago	IL	1950	1979 Merged
Bethel Community Church	Chicago	IL	1950	
Bethel EFC	Chicago	IL	1941	2001 Closed
Chicago International EFC	Chicago	IL	1985	
Christ Our Savior	Chicago	IL	2006	
Christian Fellowship Church	Chicago	IL	1980	
Church of Chicago	Chicago	IL	2014	
Community EFC of Logan Sq	Chicago	IL	1960	2011 Merged (with Good News, Chicago, IL)
Edgebrook EFC	Chicago	IL	1953	2012 Withdrew
First EFC	Chicago	IL	1880	
Fuente de Vida	Chicago	IL	1999	2019 Merged (with Nueva Vida, Wheeling, IL)
Good News Bible Church	Chicago	IL	1994	
Grace EFC	Chicago	IL	1952	2013 Closed
Jefferson Park EFC	Chicago	IL	1975	2007 Withdrew
La Palabra Viva Iglesia	Chicago	IL	2001	2005 Closed
Lockwood Bible Church	Chicago	IL	1961	1996 Closed
Loop EFC	Chicago	IL	1984	1987 Closed
McKinley Park EFC	Chicago	IL	1976	1981 Closed
Mount Olive Church	Chicago	IL	1999	
New Life Family Center	Chicago	IL	1999	2001 Doctrine
North Austin EFC	Chicago	IL	1950	1970 Closed
Rock of Our Salvation	Chicago	IL	1985	
Salem EFC	Chicago	IL	1950	2003 Merged (with Good News, Chicago, IL)

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Salem EFC	Chicago	IL	1970	
Salem EFC (Nor)	Chicago	IL	1950	1976 Transition
South Shore Bible Church	Chicago	IL	1971	1979 Withdrew
The Brook	Chicago	IL	2017	
Zion EFC	Chicago	IL	1950	1970 Closed
Chillicothe Bible Church	Chillicothe	IL	1973	
New Beginnings	Columbus	IL	1995	2022 Withdrew
Trinity EFC	Crete	IL	1987	1988 Closed
EFC of Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake	IL	1945	
Faith EFC	Davis	IL	1987	2002 Withdrew
Christ EFC	Decatur	IL	1993	2006 Closed
North Suburban	Deerfield	IL	1959	
Crossview Church	DeKalb	IL	1985	
Bethel Evangelical	Des Plaines	IL	2018	
EFC of Des Plaines	Des Plaines	IL	1966	
Faith Bible Church	Des Plaines	IL	1985	1999 Withdrew
EFC of Downers Grove	Downers Grove	IL	1970	1973 No Record
Christ Church	Dundee	IL	1979	1985 Closed
Watertown Baptist Church	East Moline	IL	1950	1953 No Record
Glen Hill EFC	East Peoria	IL	1990	2017 Closed
Elgin EFC	Elgin	IL	1959	
EFC Yorkfield	Elmhurst	IL	1967	1993 Closed
Erie EFC	Erie	IL	1980	
EFC of Evanston	Evanston	IL	1950	1978 Closed
Evanston Bible Fellowship	Evanston	IL	1989	
Trinity Community Fellowship	Farmer City	IL	1993	
Fox Lake Community Church	Fox Lake	IL	1983	2009 Withdrew
Filadelfia EFC	Franklin Park	IL	1991	
Trinity EFC	Franklin Park	IL	1950	1991 Closed
Freeburg Community Bible	Freeburg	IL	2006	2018 Withdrew
Park Hills EFC	Freeport	IL	1967	
Winneshiek EFC	Freeport	IL	1967	
Galena Bible Church	Galena	IL	1987	
Geneseo EFC	Geneseo	IL	1975	
Cornerstone EFC	Glenview	IL	1954	
Bethel Community	Granite City	IL	1967	2002 Closed
Lakeland EFC	Gurnee	IL	1979	
Hope Community Church	Hoffman Estates	IL	1999	
South Suburban EFC	Homewood	IL	1986	
Roberts Road EFC	Island Lake	IL	1985	1988 Withdrew
Living Hope Fellowship	Itasca	IL	1955	2010 Closed
EFC of Joliet	Joliet	IL	1950	1952 Closed
Faith Bible	Joliet	IL	2006	
Han Bit Church	Lake Forest	IL	2003	2004 Closed
Village Church of Lincolnshire	Lake Forest	IL	1975	
Lake Zurich Community	Lake Zurich	IL	1956	2004 Withdrew
EFC of Lena	Lena	IL	1980	
CrossLife EFC	Libertyville	IL	1952	
International Community	Lombard	IL	2000	
Forest Hills EFC	Loves Park	IL	1941	

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Lyons EFC	Lyons	IL	1960	
Evangelical Community Church	Macomb	IL	1983	1985 Closed
Community EFC	Mahomet	IL	1992	
EFC of McHenry	McHenry	IL	1954	1963 No Record
McHenry EFC	McHenry	IL	1975	
Christian Assembly EFC	Melrose Park	IL	1993	2001 Withdrew
Mendota EFC	Mendota	IL	2008	2016 Closed
New Life EFC	Mendota	IL	1978	1999 Closed
Faith EFC	Metamora	IL	1991	
Hillcrest EFC	Milan	IL	1960	1968 No Record
Faith EFC	Milburn	IL	1982	1987 Closed
Faith EFC	Moline	IL	1952	
First EFC	Moline	IL	1890	
Homewood EFC	Moline	IL	1967	
EFC of Mt Morris	Mt Morris	IL	1956	
Forest River	Mt Prospect	IL	1964	1969 No Record
The Compass Church	Naperville	IL	1959	
Cornerstone Church	New Lenox	IL	2003	2006 Withdrew
EFC of New Windsor	New Windsor	IL	1950	1957 Closed
Elim EFC	Oak Lawn	IL	1884	
Circle EFC	Oak Park	IL	1967	2002 Closed
EFC of Oak Park	Oak Park	IL	1962	1970 No Record
Village Church of Oak Park	Oak Park	IL	2016	
Grace EFC	Orangeville	IL	1978	
Osco Community EFC	Osco	IL	1969	
River Valley EFC	Ottawa	IL	1992	
Corona de Amore EFC	Palatine	IL	1992	
Grace Community Church	Palatine	IL	1992	2011 Withdrew
Village Bible Church	Park Forest	IL	1993	2005 Closed
The Upper Room EFC	Paxton	IL	1996	2011 Withdrew
Bluff Hall EFC	Payson	IL	2008	
Charter Oak Bible	Peoria	IL	2001	2006 Withdrew
First EFC	Peoria	IL	1988	1997 Merged (with Glen Hill, East Peoria, IL)
The Church on Glen Hill	Peoria	IL	1990	1997 Merged (with Glen Hill, East Peoria, IL)
Christ Community	Peotone	IL	2005	
St. Paul's EFC	Petersburg	IL	2006	
Three Rivers EFC	Plainfield	IL	1996	2022 Merged (with The Compass, Naperville, IL)
Faith Fellowship	Port Byron	IL	2001	2006 Closed
Christ Community	Princeton	IL	2009	
Chapelwood EFC	Rockford	IL	1959	1995 Withdrew
First EFC	Rockford	IL	1884	
Lao EFC	Rockford	IL	1990	
Maywood EFC	Rockford	IL	1955	
Trinity Fellowship	Rockford	IL	1954	2014 Closed
The Sanctuary	Romeoville	IL	2003	2019 Withdrew
Hope EFC	Roscoe	IL	1968	
Calvary EFC	Roselle	IL	1961	1970 No Record
Lake Region Bible Church	Round Lake	IL	1970	
Russell Community EFC	Russell	IL	1992	
Faith EFC	Schaumburg	IL	1979	1987 Closed

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Grace Community EFC	Schiller Park	IL	1956	2016 Closed
Skokie EFC	Skokie	IL	1988	2011 Closed
EFC of South Beloit	South Beloit	IL	1968	1972 No Record
Christian Light EFC	Spring Grove	IL	1983	1986 Closed
LifeSpring Community	Spring Grove	IL	2015	
Hope EFC	Springfield	IL	1969	
Christ Church	Sterling	IL	2021	
EFC of Taylorville	Taylorville	IL	1973	
Harvard Avenue EFC	Villa Park	IL	1960	
Maranatha EFC	Villa Park	IL	2001	2009 Merged (with Harvard Ave, Villa Park, IL)
Cornerstone Community	Wadsworth	IL	2005	
Crosswinds Church	Warrenville	IL	1998	2006 Closed
Trinity EFC	Watseka	IL	1975	
Cristo Es La Roca	Wauconda	IL	2009	
Life Bridge Community	Wauconda	IL	1954	
Christian Neighbors	Waukegan	IL	2017	
Calvary EFC	West Dundee	IL	1968	1973 Closed
Fox Valley EFC	West Dundee	IL	1978	
Church of the Open Door	Wheaton	IL	1969	1978 Withdrew
Wheaton EFC	Wheaton	IL	1952	2015 Merged (with The Compass, Naperville, IL)
Esperanza Viva	Wheeling	IL	1985	2010 Closed
Our Saviour EFC	Wheeling	IL	1959	
Lighthouse Comm Fellowship	Winthrop Harbor	IL	2001	2011 Closed
Grace EFC	Wonder Lake	IL	1991	2003 Withdrew
Beach Bible Church	Zion	IL	2001	2020 Closed
Harvest EFC	Bloomington	IN	1990	2002 Closed
Community Gospel	Bremen	IN	2018	
Liberty Bible Church	Chesterton	IN	1960	
New Living Bible Church	Clermont	IN	2016	2022 Withdrew
Northwest Community	Crown Point	IN	2001	2008 Merged (to form Cornerstone Comm, Hobart, IN)
Tri-Town Community Church	Dyer	IN	1989	1999 Closed
Village EFC	Dyer	IN	1967	
Oak Hill Bible Fellowship	Evansville	IN	1986	
Antioch Church	Frankfort	IN	2003	
New Life EFC	Gary	IN	1979	1980 Closed
River Oaks Community Church	Goshen	IN	1991	
Wildwood EFC of Putnam County	Greencastle	IN	1997	2014 Withdrew
Lakeview Community	Hamilton	IN	2010	
Christ Community Church	Hobart	IN	1982	2008 Merged (to form Cornerstone Comm, Hobart, IN)
Cornerstone Community	Hobart	IN	2008	2022 Withdrew
Grace Community	Huntingburg	IN	2001	2016 Closed
Faith Church	Indianapolis	IN	1964	
Grace Evangelical Church	Indianapolis	IN	1992	2020 Withdrew
Solid Word Bible	Indianapolis	IN	2001	
Village Life Church	Indianapolis	IN	2016	2017 Closed
Whitestone EFC	Indianapolis	IN	1986	1989 Closed
River Valley EFC	Lafayette	IN	1992	1995 Closed
First Community Church	Lebanon	IN	2003	2010 Withdrew
Pleasant Valley Christian Church	Middletown	IN	2000	2012 Withdrew
Wawasee Community Bible	Milford	IN	2010	

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Munster Bible Church	Munster	IN	1950	1979 Closed
Grace Community	Noblesville	IN	1991	2016 Withdrew
Crossroads EFC	Plymouth	IN	1995	
Neighborhood EFC	Plymouth	IN	1985	1986 Closed
Family Bible Church	Portage	IN	1997	
Bethany EFC	Rensselaer	IN	1960	
City Chapel	South Bend	IN	1998	2015 Withdrew
Trinity Church	South Bend	IN	1969	
BridgePoint Church	Valparaiso	IN	2004	
Washington EFC	Valparaiso	IN	1949	
Oak Park EFC	Warsaw	IN	1991	2011 Withdrew
Calvary EFC	Wheatfield	IN	1975	1996 Closed
Grace Fellowship	Florence	KY	1994	
Bethel EFC	Acme	MI	1958	1960 No Record
Grace Point EFC	Adrian	MI	1985	
Ogden Community Bible	Adrian	MI	1997	
Oakwood EFC	Ann Arbor	MI	1989	2004 No Record
EFC of Bay City	Bay City	MI	1941	
Trinity Fellowship	Big Rapids	MI	1982	
Caro EFC	Caro	MI	1990	1999 Withdrew
EFC of Cass City	Cass City	MI	1983	
Cass EFC	Cassopolis	MI	1993	2004 Withdrew
Cornerstone EFC	Clyde	MI	1997	
Crossroads Church	Coldwater	MI	1994	2001 Closed
Cornerstone Church	Detroit	MI	2021	
Restore Church	Detroit	MI	2017	
Crossway Multinational	East Lansing	MI	2017	
Crossroads Community	Evart	MI	1995	
EFC of Farmington	Farmington	MI	1958	1970 Closed
Gaylord EFC	Gaylord	MI	1950	
CrossWay Community	Grand Rapids	MI	1965	
Grayling EFC	Grayling	MI	2014	
Harvest Christian Fellowship	Hamilton	MI	1992	2020 Closed
Long Lake EFC	Harrison	MI	1957	1996 Closed
Village Community Church	Hartland	MI	1980	1988 Closed
Harvest EFC	Kalamazoo	MI	1985	1995 Closed
Crossroads	Livonia	MI	1994	1997 Closed
Trinity EFC	Ludington	MI	1941	
Grace Bible Church	Marlette	MI	1999	
Midland Free	Midland	MI	1985	
Our Redeemer	Midland	MI	2009	
River Valley Community Church	Newago	MI	1991	2017 Merged (with Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids, MI)
Community EFC	Niles	MI	1984	
Red Cedar EFC	Okemos	MI	1988	
Bethel EFC	Owosso	MI	1984	
People's EFC	Pinkney	MI	1961	
Wayside Chapel	Plainwell	MI	1956	1975 Withdrew
Canton Community EFC	Plymouth	MI	1991	2004 Withdrew
Cherry Creek Community	Portage	MI	2002	
The Chapel EFC	Richland	MI	1998	1999 Withdrew

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LivingWater Church	Riverview	MI	1997	
Doxa Church	Rochester Hills	MI	1980	
Grace EFC	Rockford	MI	1945	
Lakes EFC	Rockford	MI	1982	1994 Closed
Faith Bible Church	Saginaw	MI	1961	1962 No Record
Country Christian EFC	Scotts	MI	1989	
Emmanuel EFC	Spring Lake	MI	1998	
Olivet EFC	Spring Lake	MI	1950	
Tri-Cities EFC	Spring Lake	MI	1987	1990 Withdrew
Straits EFC	St. Ignace	MI	1983	
The Chapel EFC	St. Joseph	MI	1980	
Pine Grove Church	Stanton	MI	2017	
Trinity EFC	Stanton	MI	1952	
Oak Park EFC	Traverse City	MI	1991	2000 Closed
Vanderbilt Community Church	Vanderbilt	MI	1994	
Community Fellowship EFC	White Lake	MI	1993	1998 Closed
Faith EFC	Cape Girardeau	MO	1987	1997 Central District
First EFC of Franklin County	Gray Summit	MO	1989	1997 Central District
Cornerstone EFC	Kirkwood	MO	1996	1997 Central District
First EFC	Manchester	MO	1984	1997 Central District
EFC of St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	1988	1997 Central District
Calvary EFC	St. Peters	MO	1987	1997 Central District
Brookside EFC	Bowling Green	OH	2009	
Christ EFC	Cincinnati	OH	1991	1999 Withdrew
Grace EFC	Cincinnati	OH	1984	
New Life Community	Cincinnati	OH	1987	2006 Withdrew
River of Life	Cincinnati	OH	2008	
Trinity EFC	Cincinnati	OH	1985	1996 Closed
Bethel EFC	Cleveland	OH	1950	1966 Closed
The Chapel	Cleveland	OH	1971	1982 Withdrew
New Hope Community Church	Curtice	OH	1996	2001 Closed
Grace EFC	Dayton	OH	1984	1986 Closed
Faith Community Church	Dublin	OH	1984	2019 Alleghany District
Living Hope Community EFC	Englewood	OH	1993	1997 Closed
Living Hope	Findlay	OH	1987	
Faith Community	Hillsboro	OH	1985	2013 Closed
Antioch Church YMCA	Lebanon	OH	2001	
CrossPoint Community	Lima	OH	2016	
Grace Community EFC	Lima	OH	1993	
Evergreen Bible Church	Marietta	OH	1973	1976 Withdrew
First EFC	Marion	OH	1990	No Record
Hope EFC	Mason	OH	1989	
Faith EFC	Milford	OH	1980	
Oxford Bible Fellowship	Oxford	OH	2001	
Victory Bible EFC	Pickerington	OH	1993	1998 Closed
Shepherd EFC	Sunbury	OH	1993	1998 Closed
Crossroads Church	Toledo	OH	1994	1999 Withdrew
Summit Community Church	Toledo	OH	1994	2001 Closed
Lytle Christian Fellowship	Waynesville	OH	1995	2011 Closed

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Grace Point EFC	Adrian	MI	517.265.7997	gracepointefc.org	info@gracepointefc.org	Jeff Barbieri	450
Ogden Church	Adrian	MI	517.265.6621	ogdenchurch.org	info@ogdenchurch.org	Brandon Rickard	500
Grace EFC - Aledo	Aledo	IL	309-582-5200	aledoefc.weebly.com	gracealedoefc@gmail.com	Jim Augustine	68
CrossView Church - Antioch	Antioch	IL	847-395-4117	crossviewonline.org	info@crossviewonline.org	James Wychers	150
Chinese EFC	Arlington Heights	IL	847-368-0202	cefcofgreaterchicago.org	cefc.chicago@gmail.com	Wing Shing Leung	40
The Orchard - Arlington Heights	Arlington Heights	IL	847-392-4840	theorchardefc.org/arlington-heights	theorchard@theorchardefc.org	Colin Smith	1200
The Orchard - Hispanic Life Group	Arlington Heights	IL	847-392-4840	theorchardefc.org	theorchard@theorchardefc.org	Cesar Alvarado	
Ashton Bible Church	Ashton	IL	815-453-2190	ashtonbible.org	ashtonbiblechurch@ashtonbible.org	Farrel Stauffer	100
The Bridge Church	Barrington	IL	847-521-9781	thebridge-alg.org	pam@thebridge-alg.org	Todd Berge	150
The Orchard - Barrington	Barrington	IL	847-852-2200	theorchardefc.org/barrington/	tolson@theorchardefc.org	Tom Olson	900
Village Church of Barrington	Barrington	IL	847-381-5221	vcweb.org	info@vcweb.org	David Jones	594
Bay City EFC	Bay City	MI	989-684-2881	evanfree.com	pastorrager@yahoo.com	Joshua Rager	58
Bensenville Bible	Bensenville	IL	630-766-1944	bensenvillebiblechurch.com	bensenvillebible@gmail.com	David Wolfe	50
Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville	Bensenville	IL	630-766-1944	bensenvillebiblechurch.com	ricardo.palmerin@efca.org	Ricardo Palmerin	125
Trinity Fellowship - Big Rapids	Big Rapids	MI	231.796.2600	trinityinfo.org	office@trinityinfo.org	Gerhard deBock	391
Elevation Community Church	Blanchester	OH	937-625-4213	myelevationcc.org	contact@myelevationcc.org	Phil Nelson	230
Bloomington/Normal EFC	Bloomington	IL	309-663-6534	efreebn.org	efreebn@efreebn.org	Rick Wagner	550
Refuge Church	Bloomington	IN	(812) 369-4749	refugebtown.org	nikiknisley@yahoo.com	Craig Knisley	
The Compass - Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook	IL	630-739-2824	thecompass.net/bolingbrook	bolingbrook@thecompass.net	Mark Lennox	240
The Compass Spanish Ministry	Bolingbrook	IL	630-739-2824	thecompass.net/Spanish	bolingbrookespanol@thecompass.net	Mark Lennox	
Calvary Bible Church	Bourbonnais	IL	815-932-8733	calvarybible.church	cbc@calvarybible.church	Duane DenBoer	225
Brookside EFC	Bowling Green	OH	419-354-2211	brooksidechurch.net	erin@brooksidechurch.net	Steve Rieske	150
Community Gospel	Bremen	IN	574.546.4609	communitygospelchurch.com	admin@cgccommunity.com	Jordan Muck	334
Brimfield EFC	Brimfield	IL	309-446-3571	brimfieldfree.org	brimfree@frontier.com	Don Blazing	65
Glasshouse Bible Fellowship	Brownsburg	IN	317-938-1735	glasshousebible.org	glasshousebiblefellowship@gmail.com	Gene Dullen	
The Tabernacle	Buckley	MI	231.269.4190	thetabchurch.com	buckleyoffice@thetabchurch.com	John Vermilya	500
Shepherd EFC	Byron	IL	815-963-5216	shepherddefc.org	shepherddefc@gmail.com	Mike Axmark	20
Canton EFC	Canton	IL	309-647-4278	cantonefree.com	office@cantonefree.com	Matt Spangler	250
Living Grace Community	Cary	IL	847-639-7566	lgcc.church	office@livinggraceonline.org	Cary Hughes	250

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Chadwick EFC	Chadwick	IL	815-684-5019	chadwickefc.com	chadwickefree@gmail.com	Mark Pedersen	35
Liberty Bible Church	Chesterton	IN	219-926-3038	findliberty.net	info@lbchurch.org	Tim Spanburg	825
Liberty Bible Church - LaPorte Campus	Chesterton	IN	224.210.4856	findliberty.net/laporte	joek@lbchurch.org	Joe Kotulski	195
Liberty Bible Church - Valpraiso Campus	Chesterton	IN	219-926-3038	findliberty.net	bradh@lbchurch.org	Brad Haitsma	125
Agape Chicago	Chicago	IL	773-236-7784	agapechicago.com	agape.chicago.church@gmail.com	Jeremiah Vaught	75
Bethel Community	Chicago	IL	773-775-2355	bethelcommunity.org	office@bethelcommunity.org	Lenard Tavernelli	200
Chicago Gospel Fellowship	Chicago	IL	872-222-9049	chicagogospelfellowship.org	chicagogospelfellowship@gmail.com	Tim Ophus	
Chicago International EFC	Chicago	IL	312-226-8026	ciefc.org	ciefcoffice@gmail.com	Martin Stidham	50
Christ Our Savior	Chicago	IL	224-616-8921	coscchicago.org, facebook.com/COSCCChicago/	cosc@comcast.net, coscchicago@gmail.com, coscchicago@yahoo.com	Eric Lao	70
Christian Fellowship EFC	Chicago	IL	773-299-8176	churchinroscovillage.org	churchinroscovillage@gmail.com	Tim Gioia	35
Church of Chicago	Chicago	IL	708-704-5367	churchofchicago.org	pastor@churchofchicago.org	David Spencer	60
First EFC - Chicago	Chicago	IL	773-561-4175	firstfree.com	info@firstfree.com	Matt Tinken	72
Good News Bible Church	Chicago	IL	773-252-7789	goodnewsbiblechurch.org	info@goodnewschi.org	Carlos Borges	70
Mount Olive Church	Chicago	IL	773-545-3234	mtoliveefca.com	pbmoc@yahoo.com	Bob Williams	60
Rock of Our Salvation	Chicago	IL	773.854.1623	rockofoursalvation.com	info@rockofoursalvation.com	Robert Stevenson	150
Salem EFC	Chicago	IL	773-227-0137		horaciogon2731@sbcglobal.net	Luis Enrique Jimenez	120
The Brook	Chicago	IL	847-260-8173	thebrookchi.com	connect@thebrookchi.com	Eric Rivera	150
Chillicothe Bible Church	Chillicothe	IL	309-274-3761	chillibible.org	office@chillibible.org	Joe Horn	130
Grace EFC - Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH	513.772.2889	gracefreechurch.com	pastorjohn@gracefreechurch.com	John Grossmann	125
River of Life	Cincinnati	OH	513.651.4673	riveroflifecincy.org	chris.woodard@riveroflifecincy.org	Chris Woodard	100
Cornerstone EFC - Clyde	Clyde	MI	810.650.0144	famousgod.org	peterfoxwell@gmail.com	Peter Foxwell	180
Scarlet City Church	Columbus	OH	614-517-3995	scarletcitychurch.org	info@scarletcitychurch.org	Jay O'Brien	250
Crystal Lake EFC	Crystal Lake	IL	815.459.1095	efccl.org	info@efccl.org	Jay Childs	650
North Suburban EFC	Deerfield	IL	847.945.4630	northsub.com	northsub@northsub.com	Tim Higgins	154
Crossview Church - DeKalb	DeKalb	IL	815.756.8729	crossviewefca.com	contact@crossviewefca.com	Jeff Knitt	300
Bethel Evangelical Church	Des Plaines	IL	224-772-7379		fvaldemar@comcast.net	Franco Valdemar	55
Des Plaines EFC	Des Plaines	IL	847-635-7776	efcdp.net	efcdp@astound.net	Steve Hjelle	55
Cornerstone Church - Detroit	Detroit	MI	313-461-8650	cornerchurch313.org	tyler@cornerchurch313.org	Tyler St. Claire	

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Restore Church	Detroit	MI	313-819-0150	resdetroit.org	mikehanafee@resdetroit.org	Mike Hanafee	140
Hope Bible Fellowship	Dixon	IL	815-677-9185	hopeofdixon.com	calcallison@gmail.com	Cal Callison	
Village EFC	Dyer	IN	219.365.1100	villagechurchdyer.com	info@villagechurchdyer.com	Steve Miller	750
Trinity Bible Church	Edwardsburg	MI	269.262.5869	trinityedwardsburg.org	hello@trinityedwardsburg.org		
Elgin EFC	Elgin	IL	847-695-8812	elginefc.org	info@elginefc.org	John Dunkin	190
Erie EFC	Erie	IL	309-659-7125	erieefree.com	admin@erieefree.com	Jonathan Eckberg	130
Evanston Bible Fellowship	Evanston	IL	847.220.7476	ebfchurch.org	ebf@ebfchurch.org	Tim Allen	200
New Community Church	Evanston	IL	630-910-1844		ematuboe@yahoo.com	Emery Bonga	70
Oak Hill Bible Fellowship	Evansville	IN	812.476.1969	oakhillbf.org	office@oakhillbf.org	Eric Rawdon	40
Crossroads Community	Evert	MI	231.734.1100	cccevert.org	4cccinfo@gmail.com	Paul Weissenborn	100
Trinity Community Fellowship	Farmer City	IL	309-928-2273	fctrinity.org	s.schneman@fctrinity.net	Dave Ashby	100
Bluffton Community (Campus of Findlay)	Findlay	OH	419.208.9233	blufftoncommunity.com	info@blufftoncommunity.com		
Lighthouse Community (Campus of Findlay)	Findlay	OH	419-208-9233	mylighthousecommunity.com	amen@mylighthousecommunity.com	Fritz Below	280
Living Hope Church	Findlay	OH	419.423.5636	livinghopefindlay.com	feffc@findlayefree.com	Blair Hayward	725
Grace Fellowship - Florence	Florence	KY	859-371-7880	graceky.org	office@graceky.org	Brad Bigney	2000
Grace Fellowship - Ft Thomas	Fort Thomas	KY	859-371-7880	graceky.org/locations/fort-thomas/	office@graceky.org	Peter LaRuffa	350
Antioch Church - Frankfort	Frankfort	IN	765.654.8310	antiochefca.org	office@antiochefca.org	Josh Hix	61
Filadelfia EFC	Franklin Park	IL	847-455-4217		jponamission@hotmail.com	Jonathan Pierson	50
Park Hills EFC	Freeport	IL	815-232-6159	parkhillchurch.com	info@parkhillsefc.org, ph.office@parkhillsefc.org	Chris Stukenberg	550
Park Hills EFC - Winnebago	Freeport	IL	815.232.6159	parkhillchurch.com/about-winnebago-campus	graham.boll@parkhillsefc.org	Graham Boll	33
Winneshiek EFC	Freeport	IL	815.449.2202		winneshiek.church@gmail.com	Matt Mitchell	45
Galena Bible Church	Galena	IL	815-777-1456	galenabilechurch.org	office@galenabilechurch.org	Gary Kirst	190
Summit Church	Garden City	MI	313.559.2160	summitchurchgc.org	admin@summitchurchgc.org	Ovi Petrascu	
Gaylord EFC	Gaylord	MI	989.732.2647	miefree.org	info@miefree.org	Scott Distler	1300
Geneseo EFC	Geneseo	IL	309.944.4667	gefc.org	gefc@gefc.org	Steve Palm	247
Cornerstone EFC - Glenview	Glenview	IL	847-724-7277	cornerstonefree.com	admin@cornerstonefree.com	R.A. Atanus (Interim)	277
Cornerstone EFC - Glenview Japanese	Glenview	IL	224-477-0525	cornerstonejlc.com			
Trinity Church - Goodland	Goodland	IN	219-297-4547	mytrinity.tv/locations-/goodland-campus/	wayne@mytrinity.tv	Wayne Kriemelmeyer	25

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River Oaks - Espanol Campus	Goshen	IN	574-875-1152	riveroaks.org/about/river-oaks-en-espanol/	lmontiel@riveroaks.org	Luis Montiel	300
River Oaks Community	Goshen	IN	574.875.1152	riveroaks.org	office@riveroaks.org	Drew Richey	600
River Oaks Community - Elkhart	Goshen	IN	574-875-1152	riveroaks.org	smatthews@riveroaks.org	Scott Matthews	200
CrossWay Community	Grand Rapids	MI	616.949.5690	grandrapidscommunitychurch.com	crossway.communitygr@gmail.com	Bob Manuel	105
Grayling EFC	Grayling	MI	989.390.5078	efreegrayling.org	graylingfreeoffice@gmail.com	Dan Defever	35
Lakeland EFC	Gurnee	IL	847-856-1240	lakeland.org	info@lakeland.org	Dan Weyerhaeuser	550
Lakeview Community	Hamilton	IN	260.488.2080	lakeviewhamilton.com	lcc@lakeviewhamilton.com	Jess Jessup	100
Crossway Multinational Church	Haslett	MI	517-917-0498	crosswaymchurch.org	contact@crosswaymchurch.org	John Bell	115
Hope Community Church	Hoffman Estates	IL	847.260.8407	connectingtohope.com	jaredahrens@gmail.com	Jared Ahrens	40
The Beacon	Hoffman Estates	IL	847-344-7205	thebeaconcc.org	peter@thebeaconcc.org	Peter LeBlanc	25
South Suburban EFC	Homewood	IL	708-335-0700	southsuburban.org	ssefc18059@sbcglobal.net	Delbert Denny	75
Grace Fellowship - Independence	Independence	KY	859.371.7880	graceky.org/locations/independence/	office@graceky.org	Jason Jahn	
Faith Church - Indy	Indianapolis	IN	317.848.1541	faithliveitout.org, faithchurchindy.com	info@faithliveitout.org	Jeff Schultz & Joey Woestman	500
Glory to God Christian Church	Indianapolis	IN	463.201.7696	ggccunitedlove.org	Kenny.c.morgan@gmail.com	Kenny Morgan	60
Iglesia de Fe	Indianapolis	IN	317-848-1541	faithchurchindy.com/about/iglesia-de-fe/		Hermano Victor Sanmiguel	
Solid Word Bible Church	Indianapolis	IN	317-291-2400	solidword.org	dsummers@solidword.org, lmickens@solidword.org	Curtis Coston	175
The Orchard - Itasca	Itasca	IL	630-773-1883	theorchardefc.org/itasca/	kgreen@theorchardefc.org	Kyle Green	139
Faith Bible	Joliet	IL	815-723-3212	faithbiblejoliet.com	office@faithbiblejoliet.org	Bob DeKlaven	150
Grace Fellowship - Kokomo	Kokomo	IN	765.878.4457	facebook.com/Grace-Fellowship-Kokomo-Indiana-335392649890487/	rayrobin@email.com	Ray Tetrault	
Village Church of Lincolnshire	Lake Forest	IL	847-295-7707	evcl.org	evcl@evcl.org	Jim Renke	175
Outpost Church	Lakemoor	IL	312-451-1815	outpostbiblechurch.org	info@outpostbiblechurch.org	Alex Rodriguez	
Antioch Church YMCA	Lebanon	OH	513-504-7117	antiochcountryside.com	info@antiochcountryside.com	David Newman	700
Lena EFC	Lena	IL	815-369-5591	lenafreechurch.org	office@lenafreechurch.org	Casey Dwyer	190
CrossLife EFC	Libertyville	IL	847-362-8155	crosslifeefc.org	church.office@crosslifeefc.org	Steve Mathewson	360
Plenitud de Vida CrossLife EFC	Libertyville	IL	847-362-8155 x21	ministeriosplenituddevida.org	roberto.cambrany@crosslifeefc.org	Roberto Cambrany	100
CrossPoint Community	Lima	OH	567-371-1382	crosspointlima.com	info@crosspointlima.com, pastor@crosspointlima.com	Nick Veon	75
Grace Community - Lima	Lima	OH	419.812.2996	gcclima.com	pam@gcclima.com	Gordon MacPhail	270
International Community	Lombard	IL	630-390-9064	icefc.church	info@icefc.church	Wayne Kriemelmeyer	60

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Forest Hills EFC	Loves Park	IL	815.877.1919	fhefc.org	office@fhefc.org	Mitchell Saylor	60
Trinity EFC - Ludington	Ludington	MI	231.843.4635	trinityludington.org	trinity@trinityludington.org	Gary Ridley	250
Lyons EFC	Lyons	IL	708-.42.7340	lyonsevfreechurch.homestead.com	pastrpete@gmail.com	Al Peterson	15
Rio de Vida	Lyons	IL	708-442-7340		70modestomaya@gmail.com	Modesto Maya	
Community EFC - Mahomet	Mahomet	IL	217-586-5165	communityfreechurch.com	communityfreechurchofmahomet@gmail.com	Jason Schifo	140
The Orchard - Marengo	Marengo	IL	815-568-6076	theorchardefc.org/marengo/	jsearles@theorchardefc.org	Justin Searles	100
Grace Bible Church	Marlette	MI	989.635.2054	gbmarlette.com	gbmarlette@yahoo.com	Bob Norris (Interim)	32
Hope Church	Mason	OH	513-459-0800	hopemason.org	office@hopemason.org	Stephen Kirk	700
McHenry EFC	McHenry	IL	815-344-1111	mchenryefc.com	office@mchenryefc.com	Josh Timlick	90
Faith EFC - Metamora	Metamora	IL	309-383-4985	faithefree.net	board@faithefree.net	Kurt Smith	55
Midland EFC	Midland	MI	989.631.4411	midlandfree.org	churchoffice@midlandfree.org	Kurt Gelman	520
Our Redeemer EFC	Midland	MI	989.941.6262	ourredeemerfree.org	office@ourredeemerfree.org	Terry Prehiem	100
Faith Church - Milford	Milford	OH	513.831.3770	faithchurch.net	info@faithchurch.net	Godwin Sathianathan	545
Wawasee Community Bible	Milford	IN	574.658.9161	wawaseebible.com	office@wawaseebible.com	Josh Weiland	400
Faith EFC - Moline	Moline	IL	309-762-5072	faithefcmoline.com	mail@faithefcmoline.com, mmcm11@prodigy.net	Michael Kennedy	35
First Free - Moline	Moline	IL	309.764.3381	firstfreemoline.net	office@firstfreemoline.net	Ben Sincok	140
Homewood EFC	Moline	IL	309.797.2000	homewoodefc.org	office@homewoodefc.org	Mark Frazee	200
Mt Morris EFC	Mt Morris	IL	815.734.4942	efcmm.org	office@efcmm.org	Bruce McKanna	136
The Compass - Naperville	Naperville	IL	630-983-3232	thecompass.net	thecompass@thecompass.net, naperville@thecompass.net	Jeff Griffin	3800
The Compass - Online	Naperville	IL		thecompass.net/compassonline	jmcnamara@thecompass.net	Jake McNamara	1100
The Compass - South Naperville	Naperville	IL	630.983.3233	thecompass.net/southnaperville	jkalvig@thecompass.net	Jon Kalvig	
The Compass - Wheaton	Naperville	IL	630-668-6490	thecompass.net/wheaton	wheaton@thecompass.net	Adam Gascho	750
Trinity Fellowship - Newaygo	Newaygo	MI	231-796-2600	trinityinfo.org/newaygo	patrickshea@trinityinfo.org	Patrick Shea	80
Community EFC - Niles	Niles	MI	269-683-3310	cefcniles.com	matt.cefc@gmail.com	Matt Hickok	120
The Orchard - Northfield	Northfield	IL	847-531-9615	theorchardefc.org/northfield/	jparsons@theorchardefc.org	Josh Parsons	180
Elim EFC	Oak Lawn	IL	708-636-6161	elimfreechurch.com	dave@elimfreechurch.com	Dave Able (Chair)	75
Village Church of Oak Park	Oak Park	IL	708-613-0411	villagechurchoakpark.com	info@villagechurchoakpark.com	Mark Doeblor	175
Red Cedar EFC	Okemos	MI	517-349-6519	redcedarchurch.org	office@redcedarchurch.org	Rick Bourque	150
Grace EFC - Orangeville	Orangeville	IL	815.291.5662		al@farmer-als.com	Al Lambert (Elder)	20

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Oscos Community Church	Oscos	IL	309.522.5561	oscochurch.org	office@oscochurch.org	Paul Henschel	140
River Valley EFC	Ottawa	IL	815-434-7230	myrivervalleychurch.org	Joel.Badal@myrivervalleychurch.org	Joel Badal	27
Bethel EFC	Owosso	MI	989.723.2274	bethelfree.org	bethelfreeowosso@gmail.com	Dean Rhine	24
Oxford Bible Fellowship	Oxford	OH	513.523.5300	obf.org	info@obf.org	Emanuel Istrate	400
Corona de Amor EFC	Palatine	IL	847-776-1010	coronadeamor.com	carlosguadagno@gmail.com	Carlos Guadagno	267
Bluff Hall EFC	Payson	IL	217.656.4370	bluffhallefc.org	bluffhallefc@gmail.com	Richard Moore	35
Peoria EFC (Glen Hill Restart)	Peoria	IL			eckhardt.michael@gmail.com	Michael Eckhardt	
Christ Community - Peotone	Peotone	IL	708.258.3600	cccpeotone.org	ccclife@cccpeotone.org	Steve Surine	140
St. Paul's EFC	Petersburg	IL	217-632-2718	stpaulpetersburg.weebly.com	ChristianBelievers@sbcglobal.net	Michael Smoron	40
People's EFC	Pinckney	MI	734.878.3407	peoplespinckney.com	office@peoplespinckney.com	Aaron Welch	200
The Compass - Three Rivers	Plainfield	IL	815-439-8787	thecompass.net/ThreeRivers	threerivers@thecompass.net	Eric Fornelli	200
Crossroads EFC - Plymouth	Plymouth	IN	574.935.3833	crossroadsefc.com	churchoffice@crossroadsefc.com	Scott Yoder	560
Cherry Creek Community	Portage	MI	269-327-9090	cherrycreekcc.org	contact@cherrycreekcc.org	Ryan Doyle	110
Family Bible Church	Portage	IN	219-763-3015	fbcpportage.org	familybiblechurchportage@gmail.com	David McGrath	175
Christ Community - Princeton	Princeton	IL	815-879-3227	cccprinceton.org	office@cccprinceton.org	Corbit Magby (Interim)	87
Bethany EFC	Rensselaer	IN	219-866-8620	bethanyefcens.com	befcens@bethanyefcens.com	Tim Hendrix	58
LivingWater Church	Riverview	MI	734.288.8508	livingwater-church.com	livingwateralive@gmail.com	Dave McWhorter	100
Doxa Church	Rochester Hills	MI	248.844.2361	doxadetroit.org	info@doxadetroit.org	Kevin Stuhlmann	100
First Free - Rockford	Rockford	IL	815-877-7046	firstfreerockford.org	steve@firstfreerockford.org	Luke Uran	1200
Grace EFC - Rockford	Rockford	MI	616-866-2647	gracerockford.com	pastorkevin@gracerockford.com	Kevin Reed	175
Lao EFC	Rockford	IL	779-221-2383	facebook.com/mylefc/	sivilay08@comcast.net	Von Siphengphone	120
Maywood EFC	Rockford	IL	815.874.6806	mefc.us	-office@mefc.us	Gary Kniseley	800
Maywood Hispanic	Rockford	IL	815-874-6806	mefc.us			
Hope EFC - Roscoe	Roscoe	IL	815-623-6545	hefc.net	hefc@hefc.net	Mickey Klink	450
Lake Region Bible Church	Round Lake	IL	847.886.9550	lakeregionbiblechurch.org	lrbcefc@gmail.com	Marcus Johnson	30
Manantial de Vida EFC	Round Lake	IL	847.546.5409, 847.886.9575	lakeregionbiblechurch.org/espantil deol.html	iroelvelazquez@gmail.com	Iroel Velazquez	50
Russell Community EFC	Russell	IL	847.395.4939	russellefc.org	russellcomefc@protonmail.com	Bruce Henne	21
Gaylord EFC - Sault Campus	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	906-259-7212	miefree.org/locations/sault- campus/	saultcampus@miefree.org	Jeff Middlestead (Interim)	100
Country Christian EFC	Scotts	MI	269-626-9733	country-christian.org	pastor@country-christian.org	Pat Clarey	117

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Trinity Church - South Bend	South Bend	IN	574.291.4741	tefs.org	trinityc@tefs.org	Joshua Brooks	540
LifeSpring Community	Spring Grove	IL	815.230.7101	lifespringefc.org	information@lifespringefc.org	Cabot Ashwill	200
Emmanuel Free Church	Spring Lake	MI	616-847-3663	efcspringlake.org	efcspringlake@gmail.com	Justin Smith	52
Olivet EFC	Spring Lake	MI	231-798-2900	olivetefc.org	olivetoffice1@gmail.com	Craig Cramblet	412
Olivet EFC - Marquette	Spring Lake	MI	231-773-5300	olivetefc.org/marquette-campus/	olivetoffice22@gmail.com	Justin Stapel	70
Hope Church - Springfield	Springfield	IL	217-787-1446	myhope.church	cmccaughey@myhope.church	Brian Mills	1000
Straits EFC	St Ignace	MI	906.643.8778	straitsefc.org	straitsefc@lighthouse.net	Bill Caroffino	63
The Chapel	St Joseph	MI	269-429-1041	yourplacetobelong.com	info@yourplacetobelong.com	Corey Kugle	640
Pine Grove Church	Stanton	MI	989-235-6526	pinegrovechurchstanton.com	pastorbruceanna@yahoo.com	Bruce Anna	
Trinity EFC - Stanton	Stanton	MI	989.831.5728	mytrinitychurch.com	office@mytrinitychurch.com	Bob Guilford	185
Christ Church	Sterling	IL	815.535.7603	christchurchsterling.com	christchurchsterling@gmail.com	Brady Robinson	60
Taylorville EFC	Taylorville	IL	217-824-9473	tefc.net	efree.taylorville@gmail.com	Don Beetem & Jonathan Sorensen	110
BridgePoint Church	Valparaiso	IN	219-477-4207	bridgepointchurch.info	office@bridgepointchurch.info	Matthew Pieters	70
Washington EFC	Valparaiso	IN	219-462-1533	wefcvalpo.org	wefcofficevalpo@gmail.com	Tom Penner	58
Vanderbilt Community	Vanderbilt	MI	989.983.3421	vanderbiltcc.org	office@vanderbiltcc.org	John Bifoss	60
The Orchard - Vernon Hills	Vernon Hills	IL	224.864.1200	theorchardefc.org/vernon-hills/	tyoon@theorchardefc.org	Tom Yoon	160
Harvard Avenue EFC	Villa Park	IL	630-834-2650	harvardavenue.org	office@harvardavenue.org	Gordon Williams	140
Harvard EFC Hispanic	Villa Park	IL	630-834-2650	harvardavenue.org	office@harvardavenue.org	Esteban Hernandez	
Cornerstone Community	Wadsworth	IL	847-244-3007	cornerstonewadsworth.com	ccc@cornerstonewadsworth.com	Dan Foote	75
Trinity Church - Ashkum	Watseka	IL	815-698-5047	mytrinity.tv/locations-/ashkum-campus/	tim@mytrinity.tv	Tim Tammen	105
Trinity Church - Watseka	Watseka	IL	815.432.4070	mytrinity.tv	trinity@mytrinity.tv	Ryan Mustered	392
Trinity Familia Spanish Group	Watseka	IL	815.383.7915	mytrinity.tv/locations-/trinity-familia/	familia@mytrinity.tv	Miriam & Brandon Wesley	
Cristo Es La Roca EFC	Wauconda	IL	847-526-5629	facebook.com/cristoeslarocawauconda/	cc@carcst.com	Carlos Castaneda	90
Life Bridge Community	Wauconda	IL	847.526.8254	lifebridgewauconda.org	info@lbccmail.org	Bob Boerman	240
Christian Neighbors Church	Waukegan	IL	847.512.4900	christianneighborschurch.org	sara@christianneighbors.church	Luke McFadden	90
Fox Valley EFC	West Dundee	IL	847-844-1010	foxvalleychurch.org	info@foxvalleychurch.org, dembkowski.c@foxvalleychurch.org	Tom Atchison	500
Nueva Vida EFC	Wheeling	IL	847-537-1220		nuevavida77@att.net	Pedro Teran	75
Our Saviour EFC	Wheeling	IL	847-459-4440	osefc.org	office@osefc.org	Adam Fix	70
Good News Church	Woodstock	IL	815.575.9224	goodnewswoodstock.org	mitchel.kirchmeyer@goodnewswoodstock.org	Mitch Kirchmeyer	

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