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**BUSINESS
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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

GLD Conference Business Meeting | October 14, 2024 | Compass Church, Wheaton

1. Welcome and introduction. Chairman Carlan Bounds called the meeting to order. He opened with Ephesians 1:22-23 and talked about how this is a unique year for the District.

2. Vice Secretary Gary Ridley reported on the conference delegates.

98 GLD Ministers

21 Lay delegates

1 Affiliate

11 GLD Board members

14 GLD staff members

23 Exhibitors (not eligible to vote)

73 Conferees (not eligible to vote)

Total: 251 Present at the Conference, 145 voting members.

The conference ratified these delegates to be the voting body for today's meeting. M-S-C.

3. Gary reported that GLD Board approved the minutes from the 2023 GLD Conference at the December 2023 Board meeting.

4. District Superintendent report from Rick Thompson.

Carlan referenced Psalm 4:3 and spoke in appreciation of Rick Thompson's ministry, including regionalization.

Rick spoke on his history in joining the GLD as Superintendent. He highlighted three people. (1) His mother, Ruth Thompson, prayed that Rick would be able to come back to serve in Chicago. (2) Spence Sawyer, former GLD chairman, went to lunch monthly to listen and share. (3) Rick is also grateful for Knute Larson joining team and his ongoing service.

Rick noted three organizational blessings of his time.

- (1) Putting together regional conferences. Rick sought to make sure we always preached the Word, and he organized these with the goal of having at least one non-white speaker at each conference.
- (2) Resilient Ministry with Donald Guthrie. This included about 50 couples doing pastor-wife retreats.
- (3) Regionalization. The original vision developed and matured over time.

Rick gave his top reason for hope: Affirming Brett Gleason as the next superintendent. Rick expressed confidence in growth and the advance of the mission of the GLD. Brett brings three things:

- (1) Perspective. Brett is able to see beyond a single church. He has been serving at the district level for years, with good understanding of this.
- (2) Proven faithfulness. Brett has been faithful, showing effective oversight without being overbearing.
- (3) Personal. Brett is friendly and relational, taking initiative to engage people.

5. New business

Three churches to remove from membership. M-S-C.

- Brookside Church, Bowling Green, OH (closed)
- Restore Church, Detroit, MI (withdrew)
- Emmanuel Free Church, Spring Lake, MI (withdrew)

Two churches joining the GLD and EFCA.

- Christ First Church, Charleston, IL. Larry Elliott introduced and recommended for membership. M-S-C.
- Loraine Church of Henry County, Prophetstown, IL. Mark Balmer introduced and recommended for membership. Ted Blean spoke on behalf of Loraine Church. M-S-C.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

6. Financial Report and Budget

2024 Financial Report.

Bob Blahnik expressed thanks to Rick Thompson and Brett Gleason. Encouraged churches to lead churches to 1.25% giving.

Brett Gleason gave overview of financial picture, with thanks to Matthew Mathai for his years of accounting work.

Brett reported a strong ministry fund unrestricted balance of \$160,633. Total Ministry Fund balance \$247,181. Church Planting fund of \$745,683. Capital fund includes a building held in trust. Brett reported strong church contributions: \$367,600.

For expenses, Brett noted that compensation is slightly over budget, primarily due to health insurance numbers increasing. Ministry expenses were higher due to increased travel. This has led to a minimal deficit.

Motion to accept report. M-S-C.

2025 Budget. Reported using historical data for budgeted church contributions. Staff Development is higher because of EFCA One, since we cover staff costs to attend. Legal and Accounting is up because 2025 is an audit year.

Motion to approve 2025 budget. M-S-C.

7. GLD Bylaws changes—second reading.

Section II—GLD Conference Affiliated Organizations. Carlan introduced the proposed changes and opened for questions.

Motion to take motion off table to vote. M-S-C.

Motion to approve changes to bylaws. M-S-C.

8. GLD Bylaws changes—first reading.

Section V—Succession. Carlan introduced proposed changes. To summarize this change, it will enable those serving in a vice position to be able to step into the primary positions without having to have less than the option to serve up to three two-year terms. It provides good transition when someone serving in a Vice position is able to move to the primary. Carlan opened for questions.

Motion to table motion. M-S-C.

9. Q&A with Rick Thompson and Brett Gleason. Joey Woestman introduced session.

Joey asked Rick about his calling to be GLD Superintendent. Rick referenced Erwin Lutzer's definition: a call is inner conviction of Holy Spirit confirmed by Word of God and church. That was affirmed for him in 2004.

What did it mean to be successful DS 20 years ago? Rick: There were three goals: (1) No pastor left alone (shepherds to the shepherds)—goal of 80% engaged; (2) Consultants to the churches; (3) Catalysts of multiplication.

How has success for DS changed? Rick: Before regular cell phone usage, there was much more travel. Part of future is figuring out how to multiply ministry via Zoom and other technologies.

What do you see in Brett that you wish you could have brought to able? Rick: Brett has the gift of leadership and organization/administration. One thing he will bring to the next chapter is drilling down on the detail level.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

To Brett: What have you learned about your time working with Rick? Brett: First and foremost, to be faithful to God's Word and to live your life with moral integrity. Paul says: watch your life and doctrine closely. Rick has modeled that. The first job is to be a disciple-maker at home. Second is commitment to building a healthy board and staff team. We need to be moving in the same direction together.

To both: what do you think the DS needs to be able to do because of what we are facing in the culture around us as we look ahead? Rick: The list of topics for EFCA One is telling: gender issues, living as exiles in foreign culture, how to be technologically advanced. These are big.

To Brett: How do you hope the GLD grows and matures under your leadership? Brett: In the 1990s, the cultural moment was about finding common ground and moving forward together. That fit the EFCA model. It is different now: finding who is in my tribe and how to defeat the other side. What do we do with who we are as the free church in this climate? Things like the significance of silence and being a church of all believers but believers only. We need to lean into these distinctives, not away from them. Trust in the power of the Gospel uniting and finding community.

If you are the DS, how do you help us lean into that? Brett: One faith, one family, one mission. We need to strengthen our churches' connection to the Statement of Faith and to each other. What does it mean for us to be a family of churches? We need to reach out and care for those who are hurting, to lean into the Acts 1:8 mission.

10. Elections

Carlan introduced the Board recommendation for Superintendent. Carlan noted many hours of prayer and work preparing for this transition. The GLD Board of Directors recommends to the GLD Brett Gleason to serve as the next District Superintendent. By paper ballot: 117 yes, 2 no.

Steve Hjelle report on the work of the Nominating Committee.

Candidate profiles for GLD Board positions.

- Chairman: Carlan Bounds
- Treasurer: Bob Blahnik
- Vice-Treasurer: Kevin Currid
- Director: Jeremiah Vaught
- Director: Joey Woestman

Candidates for the Nominations Committee.

- Adam Fix
- Gary Kirst
- Jim Fair
- Ryan Mustered

Motion to elect these candidates for office. M-S-C.

Thanks to the search team for their hard work.

11. Motion to grant authority to the GLD Board to approve today's minutes. M-S-C.

12. Carlan thanked the conference planning team, the team from Compass Church, Amanda Bruney, and Kevin Kompelien.

13. The next conference will be October 7-8, 2025 at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton, IN.

14. Prayer of dedication.

15. Motion to adjourn. M-S-C.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ridley, Vice Secretary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GLD ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Below are two proposed amendments to the bylaws for your review and consideration for this year's annual conference.

The first proposed amendment is the first reading. It deals with the mechanism for removing churches who request to be removed either because they are leaving the EFCA or they are closing. This will be the first reading of this proposed amendment, and we will vote on it in 2026.

The second proposed amendment is the second reading. It deals with term limits of those serving as Executive Directors in the GLD. Executive Directors include the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-Secretary. If someone serving as Vice-Chairman, Vice-Treasurer, or Vice-Secretary is nominated and approved to serve as Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary it resets the term clock and allows them to serve for an additional three full two-year terms for a total of six additional years. The reasoning is that this allows for continuity of leadership while continuing to receive new members into the Board of Directors. As this proposed amendment was read at last year's conference, it will be discussed and voted on at this year's 2025 conference.

FIRST READING

Section I, Article B, Point 2

Current:

If the differences cannot be resolved, the Board of Directors shall accept the request for withdrawal and recommend to the next conference that the church in question be released from Great Lakes District Conference membership

Proposed:

If a church requests removal or has already closed, the Board of Directors is authorized to honor their request or closure and remove the church as a member of the Great Lakes District and the Evangelical Free Church of America. This action will be reported in the conference manual at the next district conference as a matter of information.

SECOND READING

Section V, Article A, Point 4

Current:

Succession: Each director shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. Executive Directors may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. General Directors may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms

Proposed:

Succession: Each director shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. General Directors may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Executive Directors may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. For those who served in a vice role during the prior term, their term clock will be reset as they begin the first year of their first term in the position of Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR 2026 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 16 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 affinity group for Lead Pastors of GLD churches 200-500 in attendance, leads 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 9-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 in 2023, but they still reside in St. Joseph where Lisa maintains a private lesson studio and performs on bassoon. She and Phil have enjoyed leading tours to Israel and more recently, Greece, as well as their yearly trips to Hungary for teaching and ministry. 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. Gary is a graduate of Wheaton College and TEDS. He loves to see God's transformative work in people's lives, and to help the church live up to her calling in the Gospel. Gary enjoys spending time outdoors and exploring new places, especially with his wife, Emily, and their four kids.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DIRECTOR (Two-Year Term)

***Kathy deBock** and her husband, Gary, have been at Trinity Fellowship in Big Rapids for 42 years. Kathy serves in children's ministry, leads ladies small groups, and has a passion for mentoring younger women. They have three grown children and 7 (soon to be 8!) grandchildren. Newly retired, they look forward to more time with family and seeing how God would have them serve next.

Adam Fix serves as the Senior Pastor of Our Saviour Evangelical Free Church in Wheeling, IL. Born and raised in Minnesota, trained in theology and ministry in Colorado, Adam now enjoys local church life in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. He is passionate about preaching the Bible and encouraging God's people to love his Word. Adam and his wife, Holly, have two daughters.

Kenny Morgan has served as Senior Pastor of Glory to God Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, since 2021. Kenny holds a bachelor's degree from IUPUI and attended Crossroads Bible College in Indianapolis. Kenny is a graduate of Capital Seminary (MAM). Kenny is married to his wife, Toni, and they have three daughters and one granddaughter. Kenny loves reading and sharing God's Word, spending time with his family, and he enjoys all kinds of sports!

Steve Palm is the Lead Pastor at Geneseo EFC in Geneseo, IL. He has served EFC churches in Staten Island, NY, Sarasota, FL and Geneseo, IL. Pastor Palm began serving his first church on Palm Sunday of 1989, and began serving at Geneseo EFC on Palm Sunday of 2014. He graduated from TEDS with an M.Div in 1987 and a Th.M. in Practical Theology (Homiletics) in 1988. As a Teaching Fellow at Trinity, Steve taught first and second year preaching students. Now, decades later, he has been using the EFC Gateway program to mentor pastors, including the two other full-time pastors at his church, one of whom is ordained in the EFCA and the other licensed. He is passionate about raising up the next generation of pastors and serves as the

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR 2026 DISTRICT POSITIONS

Ordination Moderator in the northwestern Illinois part of the GLD. He also serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Geneseo Police Department and helps first responders after critical incidents. He has been married to Cindy since 1994 and has two grown children, Erik and Deanna. He loves long walks, crossword puzzles, gardening and is a people-person who loves social gatherings.

***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, DMin). He is married to Heidi and they have two wonderful daughters, Eden and Dylan. 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. In his "spare time," he reads a lot, investigates strange interests and attempts to slow the impending march of time by various pursuits (hiking, weights, walking the dogs, etc).

***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 – three of whom are married – and two grandchildren.

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, 2026)

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

- ☐ Kathy deBock *
- ☐ Adam Fix
- ☐ Kenny Morgan
- ☐ Steve Palm
- ☐ Chris Stukenberg *
- ☐ Scott Yoder *

Committee on Nominations

(Two-year term)

Vote for 1

☐ Don Erickson *

Respectfully Submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Don Erickson

Jim Fair

Adam Fix

Gary Kirst

Ryan Mustered

FINANCIAL REPORTS

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Great Lakes District Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2025

Assets	
Ministry Fund	
Chase Checking	89,582
Chase CD	108,551
CIF	10,462
	208,594
Advancement Fund	
Chase Checking	122,956
Chase CD	736,494
CIF	58,833
	918,283
Capital Fund	
Chase Savings	22,401
Automobiles	5,232
	27,633
Total Assets	1,154,510
Liabilities and Fund Principal	
Ministry Fund	
Liabilities	13,180
Fund Principal	195,414
	208,594
Advancement Fund	
Liabilities	4,638
Lilly Foundation Grant	41,890
Herda Family Trust	133,604
Restricted Funds	674,465
Fund Principle	63,686
	918,283
Capital Fund	
Liabilities	0
Fund Principal	27,633
	27,633
Total Liabilities and Fund Principal	1,154,510

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Great Lakes District Ministry Fund Statement of Activities Through June 30, 2025

REVENUES	Actual	Variance	YTD Budget	Budget
Church Contributions	247,379	14,879	232,500	465,000
Individual Contributions	2,159	(4,091)	6,250	12,500
GLD Conferences & Events	351	351	0	18,000
Other Income & Interest	4,792	1,792	3,000	18,000
TOTAL REVENUES	254,680	12,930	241,750	513,500
EXPENSES				
Compensation Expenses				
Salary & Benefits	179,638	16,029	195,667	391,333
Payroll Taxes	2,438	(783)	1,656	3,311
Total Compensation	182,076	15,246	197,322	394,644
Ministry Expenses				
Ministerials & Affinity Groups	5,211	(211)	5,000	10,000
Travel & Auto	17,509	(4,009)	13,500	27,000
Meals	5,913	(1,413)	4,500	9,000
GLD Conference & Events	0	0	0	18,000
Credentialing, Placement, Demographics	439	561	1,000	2,000
	29,072	(5,072)	24,000	66,000
General Expenses				
Accounting & Payroll	6,449	(1,049)	5,400	10,800
Communications	1,135	(385)	750	1,500
Telephone & Internet	2,996	(746)	2,250	4,500
Staff Development	3,395	(395)	3,000	6,000
GLD Board	996	604	1,600	3,200
Insurance	6,518	(1,768)	4,750	9,500
Legal & Accounting	0	0	0	3,800
Banking & Donor Support	25	575	600	1,200
Computer & Network	3,119	(619)	2,500	5,000
Office Supplies & Postage	2,826	524	3,350	6,700
Total General Expenses	27,459	(3,259)	24,200	52,200
TOTAL EXPENSES	238,607	6,915	245,522	512,844
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	16,073	19,845	(3,772)	656

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YTD

AMOUNTS CALCULATED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Great Lakes District Advancement Fund Statement of Activities Through June 30, 2025

REVENUES	Actual
Interest Income	300
Lilly Foundation Grant	41,890
Personal Support Raising	294,309
	336,499
EXPENSES	Actual
Processing Fees	4,623
Lilly Foundatin Grant	0
Hispanic Leadership Team	5,678
CP Systems	3,107
CP Grants	3,400
Support Account Expenses	366,354
	383,162
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-46,663

STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Brett Gleason

It is my great honor and privilege to serve as your District Superintendent. In 2025, my highest priority was to build stronger relationships with pastors and churches, build systems for ministry health, and lay a foundation for our future together. In all of this, I have been reminded again of God's faithfulness as Christ builds his church.

My top three priorities for this past year are to: (1) Build relational trust and deeper understanding through connecting with pastors, leaders, and churches; (2) Strengthen two ministry systems; and (3) Develop greater organizational clarity for the GLD board and staff moving forward.

Priority One: Connecting with Pastors and Leaders

During this year it was great to meet and connect with pastors and leaders across the Great Lakes District by visiting ministerials and affinity groups, sitting in on credentialing councils, and having shared meals and coffees. I'm thankful for our shared commitment to the Word of God, shepherding God's people, and reaching our neighbors and the nations with the gospel.

In addition to being out and about, I also want to make myself available to the pastors and leaders of the GLD. If you would like to schedule a 30-minute conversation please go to <https://doodle.com/bp/brettgleason/office-hours> or use the QR code to the right. I look forward to our future conversations over a cup of coffee!



Priority Two: Developing Ministry Systems

Building *adaptable* systems are vital to support both health and growth. By collaborating to build systems together, our staff team will be better positioned to develop and implement stronger ministry with more consistency of process and outcomes than if each member of our team does things their own way. At the same time, systems need to be adaptable to meet the needs of different churches, leaders, settings, and staff. If a system is not adaptable it will become brittle and break. At our March staff retreat, we identified two systems to work on strengthening: (1) Ministerials and Affinity Groups and (2) Pastoral Search.

In the GLD, ministerials and affinity groups are the small groups ministry of our district. With the collective experience in the room, our staff team developed a simple one-page document (see next page) to clearly state the purpose of ministerials and affinity groups, the responsibilities of the leader, and the components of the gatherings. This document is a resource for our Superintendent team to work with ministerial leaders to strengthen our ministerial gatherings. Most of our ministerials launched in September with some of them already organizing around this resource. Similarly, we are launching our fall affinity groups at this year's GLD conference with 14 affinity groups in the GLD! I'm super excited as pastors and ministry leaders have an opportunity to connect and build a learning community around their specific ministry role and/or context.

Building Healthy Ministerials and Affinity Groups

The Purpose:

The purpose of our GLD ministerials and affinity groups is to convene pastors and ministry leaders to encourage, equip, and extend.

- We **encourage** through fellowship and prayer.
- We **equip** through training of ministry and leadership skills.
- We **extend** through evangelism training, developing new leaders, and catalyzing the planting of new congregations (church plants, campuses, and 2nd language congregations).

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

The Leader:

These are the characteristics we believe mark a ministerial or affinity group leader.

- A godly life marked by humility.
- A shepherding leader who cares for the spiritual health of the group members through an emphasis on God's Word and prayer.
- An organizer who with the support of district staff develops a plan for the ministry year, communicates regularly, and follows through on commitments.
- A catalyzer who moves the group towards a shared burden and vision for the planting of new congregations.
- An EFCA credentialed leader who embraces our shared doctrine, mission, and EFCA ethos of "in essentials, unity; in non-essentials, charity; and in all things Jesus Christ."

The Gathering:

Aligned with the purpose, these are some possible elements to include in the scope of a ministry year. A resource library will be curated and developed around these themes.

- Encourage through fellowship and prayer.
 - Sharing a meal together
 - Praying together
 - Fostering deeper relationships for accountability
- Equip through training of ministry and leadership skills.
 - Biblical and Theological development
 - Book studies related to ministry
 - Training for ministry (preaching, discipleship, leadership and strategy)
- Extend through developing new leaders and planting new congregations.
 - Leadership pipeline/pathway training
 - Evangelism training and cohorts
 - Praying for gospel advancement and planting new congregations

Pastoral Search

The second ministry system we tackled is our pastoral search. As I talk with pastors and church leaders, fellow District Superintendents, and search firms everyone says the same thing: "I am struggling to find a candidate to fill a position." This is a critical area that I have experience in first and foremost through my work as Director of Assessment for the EFCA and for work I did for the GLD previously.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with Steve McCausland as he curated GLD resources as well as best practices in the area. Our pastoral search support is now in beta-form with these Four phases: (1) Consultation with church; (2) Planning for the interim transition period; (3) candidate selection process; and (4) candidate affirmation and onboarding. We also deploy tools for mission and values clarity powered by *Clarity House*, in depth *Mission Insite* demographics study and consultation, and detailed compensation study through churchsalary.com.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Priority Three: Develop Greater Organizational Clarity

If we don't know where we are going, we will wander aimlessly. This is true in our personal life. It begins with a clear understanding of who we are and the beliefs and values that shape us. For the Christian, our identity is rooted in being a child of God through faith in Christ and our life's purpose and values are shaped by the Holy Scriptures, our family, our church, and even the broader community. From this, we shape our life mission and vocational call. We set personal goals and take ownership of our development. This is but a cursory summary.

Similarly, for an organization it is crucial to understand who we are. To assist in this work, we have partnered with *Clarity House* for the overall process, and our Vice-Chairman Josh Weiland was our facilitator.

During our Family Meeting, I look forward to sharing with you where we are in that process as we develop a strategic plan for our staff team as we serve our district churches, pastors, and leaders.

Ministry Updates

Ministry goals and priorities are important, but then life and ministry happen. I am pleased with the progress we have made, but I recognize there is much work left to be done, and our progress has been slowed by some ministry realities.

I remember this Spring sitting in a coffee shop as I heard with the rest of our District Superintendent team that *Trinity* was closing its Deerfield Campus and moving to Canada. Like many of you, I was sad, shocked, and candidly angry. Since that day, my top priority is to serve the needs of our GLD family of churches and two basic questions emerged: where can we send students and where can we recruit future pastors and leaders from? I look forward to sharing with you the progress we have made at the conference.

At the same time, I want to support *Trinity*. I have two degrees from *TEDS* (MDiv and Dr. of Ministry), so I want *TEDS* to do well. They are still a great option for many of our churches, pastors, and leaders as they consider partners in theological education. At this year's conference, whether you attended *TEDS* or not, I want to encourage you to **attend the Trinity lunch** on Wednesday to receive an update on how they can still continue to serve the EFCA and their efforts to do so.

While our staff team is being proactive in serving churches, a major part of our ministry is responding to situations and offering support to churches as they go through a season of transition or challenge. In general terms, these have included sudden pastoral transitions, working through church conflict, thinking through rapid growth, helping churches in seasons of decline, working through doctrinal issues, and sadly a situation involving moral failure of a pastor.

This summer I was nominated and affirmed at EFCA One to join the Board of Ministerial Standing (BOMS). This is one of two national boards of the EFCA. It is a parallel board to the Board of Directors, meaning that we serve the conference directly. BOMS has the responsibility of overseeing the doctrinal and moral integrity of our credentialed EFCA pastors and leaders. The board sets policy, reviews and approves credentials, and handles the discipline and restoration of credentialed pastors and leaders in the EFCA who committed doctrinal error or moral failure.

Closing

Thank you for being a part of our EFCA family in the Great Lakes District. I am thankful for our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God!

Blessings,
Brett

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Larry Elliott

General Activity

- Enjoyed the speakers & fellowship of the GLD Conference in October of 2024
- Unfortunately had to preside over the dissolution of the Shepherd EFC in Byron, IL. Still working to finalize all details.
- I have met with 3 elder boards on various issues
- Bluff Hall EFC has a vacancy for their Sr. Pastor, and I met with their search team
- I have participated in the licensing council for Casey Ehlers, Roscoe, IL
- I have participated in the ordination council for Matt Spangler, Canton, IL
- I am participating with the GLD staff as Brett helps us work through some training & visioning work
- Regular zoom meetings with GLD staff for prayer & planning.
- Attended EFCA One to be able to forward info to those who were unable to attend
- Recently completed my personal licensing with the EFCA
- Met with all 4 of my ministerial leaders as we plan for the Fall meetings.
- Serve on the transition board for Hope EFC in Dixon

NWIL (7 churches, all active in ministerial)

- The ministerial read Strange New World by Carl R. Truman this past year, this year's format TBD.
- Had a nice "sendoff" for Mike Axmark, retiring 30-year pastor of Shepherd EFC in Byron, IL. Presented him with devotional by Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies, and a bit of a roast from the other pastors. 😊
- Park Hills building campaign is well underway. Hoping to be in expanded Winnebago facility in October.

Rockford (4 churches, 3 active in ministerial)

- Discuss various articles/topics on contemporary issues recommended by Gary Kniseley and/or other pastors.
- Hope EFC, Roscoe IL, has a worship pastor vacancy. We continue to pray for Mickey and his family as they deal with Laura's health issues.
- Casey Ehlers, pastor of discipleship & hospitality at Hope EFC, recently completed EFCA licensing.

NCIL (6 churches, all active in ministerial)

- Farrell Stauffer, Sr. Pastor of the Aston EFC has had some serious health issues but has miraculously returned to the pulpit several weeks ago!!! We thank the Lord for all that he has done on behalf of Farrell and the church.
- Brady Robinson, Sr. Pastor at Christ Church in Sterling, has stepped up as ministerial leader.
- Ministerial will begin the book/videos LEAD by Paul David Tripp in September.

Peoria (12 churches, 8 active in ministerial)

- Have been working with St Paul's EFC in Princeton, IL. Very small church, large old building under the shepherding of Mike Smoron.
- Karl Anderson filled the vacancy of sr. pastor in Chillicothe earlier this year.
- Matt Spangler, sr. pastor of the Canton, IL EFC recently completed his ordination council.
- I am working with the Bluff Hall EFC search committee to fill their sr. pastor vacancy.
- This year's curriculum TBD.

Thanks for the privilege of working with these faithful men and their often-challenging ministries.

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF N & NW CHICAGO SUBURBS

Don Erickson

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, he began with these words:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel." Philippians 1:3-7

As I reflect on this past year in my role as Area Superintendent for the GLD-EFCA churches in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago, I have been blessed to be a part of a partnership of churches that are devoted to defending the truth of Scripture and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The twenty-two churches that I have had the privilege of caring for have sought to faithfully care for their congregations. Some churches are thriving as they proclaim the Good News. Some have gone through changes in leadership and are adjusting. Some have struggled to make an impact on their communities. A couple of churches have chosen to close their doors following a faithful effort to start a new ministry in what proved to be difficult circumstances.

I want to express my deep appreciation to Mitch Kirchmeyer and the people of Good News Church for their faithful service to the Kingdom of God over the ten years that they ministered to the community of Woodstock. As Good News Church closed their doors this past summer, we pray for God's guidance for Mitch and Katie and their family as they seek the Lord's guidance regarding future ministry. Pray also for the members of Good News Church as they seek God's direction regarding a new church home.

I also want to thank Alex Rodriguez for his faithful ministry at The Outpost Bible Church in McHenry. Church planting is not easy and the past four years had its challenges. Pray for God's direction for Alex and his family as he seeks new opportunities for ministry and for the members of the church as they seek a new church home.

Crosslife Church in Libertyville has called a new senior pastor, Gordon Williams, who previously served as Senior pastor of Harvard Ave Evangelical Free Church. Gordon began his ministry at Crosslife on August 25. Thank you to Marty Crain for his role at Crosslife as interim pastor over the past almost two years.

Ministerial groups in the North and Northwest suburbs of Chicago continue to thrive. I deeply appreciate Marcus Johnson, pastor of Lake Regions Bible Church, who has faithfully led the North Area ministerial over these many years. The North Area ministerial is meeting almost monthly. I continue to lead the Northwest Area ministerial which is meeting quarterly.

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

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE QUAD CITIES

Mark Balmer

It was at last year's conference when we welcomed the Loraine church into our EFCA fellowship. We are so grateful that they decided to join our movement. They are still in search of a senior pastor. God has blessed them during this time of transition, but please join me in praying that the Lord will provide for their pastoral needs.

I am pleased to report that Pastor Paul Henschel from Osco has completed the ordination process. Paul wrote an excellent thesis and defended it very well. We are thrilled for he and his congregation. I was thrilled to be able to present him with his ordination last October. Special thanks to Pastor Steve Palm for his work to help our pastors become credentialed.

First Free church of Moline is in their pastoral search process. Please pray for that congregation as they prayerfully consider the pastoral candidates. Pray for Carlan Bounds and his elder team as they lead the congregation forward.

Homewood Church of Moline had a IPM pastor leading them for several months. They are now entering into the search process. Pray for their unity as they wait for the right pastor. Pray that they will have good pastoral candidates.

The church in Aledo is doing very well. They are thankful for their new pastor, Russ Young. He has helped them make plans to impact their community and minister to the young people as well.

The church in Erie continues to grow. Pastor Jonathan Eckberg is working with his board to decide on the next steps to accommodate more people into their fellowship. Please pray that they will have wisdom as to what next steps to take.

The Church in Geneseo is going quite well. Pastor Steve Palm provides great leadership for the church. He continues to mentor young pastors. He has done an exceptional job of raising up leaders for the kingdom of God.

Our ministerial group will be restarting this month. We take the summer months off. We enjoy our times of fellowship, encouragement and prayer.

AREA SUPERINTENDENT OF EASTERN & CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Bob Guilford

“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” — Luke 10:2

This verse has taken on new meaning for me over the past eight months. Our church has been in the process of searching for an associate pastor—and we haven’t had a single candidate yet. Some of that may be due to our rural setting; some of it may reflect the broader reality that there are simply fewer candidates right now.

And we’re not alone in this. Several churches in our district—Midland EFC, Gaylord EFC, and Red Cedar EFC (and others throughout Michigan) have also been searching for pastors for quite some time.

But God is faithful. We recently welcomed a new pastor to Olivet EFC, near Muskegon, Pastor Sam Burba and his wife, Taryn. Sam previously served as an executive pastor in Phoenix, and we’re grateful for how God led him to this new role.

One of the more difficult transitions this year was helping to close the doors of Cornerstone Church in Detroit. Pastor John Bell (Crossway Multinational) and I served on the transition team. Pastor Stephen Streeter did a remarkable job as interim pastor, faithfully shepherding the congregation through a hard season. Ultimately, though, we had to make the tough call to close.

At the same time, there have been some real highlights. I had the privilege of sitting on the ordination councils for Kevin Cody (Trinity, Big Rapids) and Gary Ridley (Trinity, Ludington). It was a joy to see their hearts for ministry and to affirm what God is doing in and through them.

Each month, I also connect via Zoom with an EFCA-ordained pastor who currently serves outside the EFCA in Traverse City. Those coaching conversations have been rich and meaningful.

This past year, I also had the chance to attend three fantastic conferences: the National EFCA Conference, the Theology Conference, and the Great Lakes District (GLD) Conference. Each one was a gift—they encouraged me personally, challenged me spiritually, and equipped me to shepherd others more effectively.

Throughout the year, I’ve had the privilege of visiting a number of our churches and connecting with each of the pastors. These visits are always a highlight—getting to listen, pray, and support leaders on the front lines of ministry.

I’m deeply thankful for the pastors, churches, and leaders I get to walk alongside. I’m grateful to serve with you.

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIANA & OHIO

Collin Seitz

Since January 2021, it has been my joy to serve in the role of Regional Superintendent for the GLD-EFCA churches in the Heartland Region of the GLD. This past year has also been one of the more challenging years of service with the GLD in that I have been dealing with repeated issues with my vision that has left me with blurred vision for the past 11 months. Thanks to the excellent care of my medical team, spouse, and ministry friends, this has once again been a fruitful year of ministry among our churches and gives me ongoing reason for encouragement in these challenging days for local church ministry.

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

+ The continued faithful leadership of the **five ministerial group leaders** that are meeting regularly in our region led by **Pastors Knute Larson, Jordan Muck, Blair Hayward, Jeff Schult/Joey Woestman and myself**. As I have met with these groups at least quarterly 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. *I am grateful to these brothers for their excellent leadership of these area ministerial groups!*

+ We continued to make good progress in helping our EFC pastors see the value of an EFCA **credential** as a safeguard for themselves and their congregation. This year, **Pastor Dave Revnak**(Living Hope EFC-Findlay, OH) was ordained and **Pastor Mike Soltis** (The Bridge EFC, New Baltimore, OH) completed the licensing steps in the EFCA. He will soon be joined by **Pastor BJ Clear** (Community EFC, Niles, MI) and **Pastor Joe Kotulski** (Liberty EFC, LaPorte, IN) in securing their EFC license.

+ I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our churches in a variety of ways these past 12 months, including assisting a pastor search teams interview a pastoral candidate to ensure alignment with the EFCA; representing the GLD at three pastoral installation services and join a congregation as they celebrated their 25th anniversary. There have also been some hard occasions where we grieved with a pastor who lost his spouses to cancer and worked with a church wracked by conflict and division. In every situation, God gave wisdom and grace to represent the Lord Jesus well as we labored to care for the pastoral couples and congregations in our region.

+ I was greatly helped by the national ministries of the EFCA-the Theology Conference, EFCA One Conference and the Zoom meetings with district credentialing leaders led by Dr. Greg Strand. I am also grateful for the efforts of our District Superintendent, Brett Gleason, the GLD Board and other GLD staff members as I gained some key insights at our two vision retreats and regular Zoom gatherings for prayer and teambuilding this past year.

I welcome your prayers for the full restoration of my eyesight in the near future—and for wisdom as I continue to serve the pastors 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 deeply grateful to District Superintendent Brett Gleason, the Great Lakes District Board, and Grace Evangelical Free Church in Louisville, KY, for the opportunity and privilege to serve.

Southern Ohio / Northern Kentucky

This year, we continued to prioritize engaging and equipping pastors and churches across the region. We offered a variety of formal and informal opportunities for engagement, including:

- A Pastor and Wives “Dinner Out”
- One-day mini-retreats
- Lunch meetups
- Connections at the EFCA Theology Conference and EFCA One

We celebrated the EFCA Ministry License of **Steve Stephenson** (Faith Church, Milford) as he prepares to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. We’re praying with **River of Life (Cincinnati)** and **Faith Church (Milford)** as they navigate senior pastor transitions. We are also welcoming **The Gathering Church (Mainville, OH)**—a church plant of Antioch Church in Lebanon—into full district status.

Normal Pastor Network

I continue to support pastors of “Normal Churches”—defined as churches with weekend attendance under 200 (including children), with 90% under 100, and typically led by only one full-time staff member.

- This year, Normal Pastors gathered:
- For a breakout session at the GLD District Conference
- For dinner during the EFCA Theology Conference
- For Zoom gatherings around book discussions and ministry topics

Additional Opportunities

This year, I completed the **EFCA ReachNetwork Church Planter Coaching Training** and began coaching **Josh Loomis**, who is planting **The Grove Church** in Champaign, IL, while serving on his Oversight Elder Team.

I’m also working to build EFCA connections at **Boyce College / Southern Seminary (Louisville)** by:

- Participating in their annual Career Fair
- Meeting with students for one-on-one ministry coaching
- Leading a church-based internship at Grace Church
- Launching a monthly leadership cohort, **Ministry Minded**, in August 2025

Additionally, I continue to coach both GLD and non-GLD pastors and churches, with particular focus on **First-Year Pastor Coaching**.

I continue to lead the **Regional Pastors Meetup (RPM)** in Louisville in partnership with the Southeast District (EFCA).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Mark Burks

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF CHICAGOLAND

Steve McCausland

Greetings from the Chicagoland churches. My focus has been on visiting each church for their Sunday service, being a friend and support of each pastor, and offering resources to the elder boards.

Individual Updates and Transitions: Gordy Williams of Harvard Ave EFC has transitioned to CrossLife in Libertyville. Amos Tiwade joined the staff of Village Church Oak Park. Prazwal Chinnam joined Bethel Community Church. Steve Hjelle retired after 30+ years at Des Plaines EFC. Joseph Hyliger, born and raised in St. Kitts, was called as the new senior pastor of South Suburban EFC.

Church Updates: Bethel Evangelique under Dr. Franco's leadership fundraised and installed a new roof for their building -- a large construction project. Tim Gioia and Christian Fellowship similarly completed several construction projects and a/v overhaul. Peter LeBlanc, Mark Doebler, Jason Wilson, and Al Peterson all enjoyed Sabbaticals this Summer.

I continued to pray and hope that a revival may come about in Chicago. Attendance has picked up all around the city and young people are beginning to join churches. There is a noticeable shortage of church musicians across the board.

Steve

DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Ricardo Palmerín

“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” — John 4:35b, NIV

We give thanks to God for the work He is accomplishing among the Hispanic congregations of the Great Lakes District. The Lord has been consolidating the efforts of past years—planting seeds of the gospel, cultivating committed discipleship, and multiplying ministry in a field that is ready for harvest.

Our Hispanic congregations are composed primarily of immigrants from various Latin American countries, with the majority from Mexico. This represents a significant mission field: in Illinois and Indiana alone, there are approximately 2.5 million Hispanic immigrants—many of whom are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.

Current Challenges

While the potential for multiplication is great, recent months have brought significant challenges. The Latino community has been directly impacted by mass deportation policies enforced by immigration authorities. Many of our congregants live with uncertainty, as enforcement actions have extended beyond those with criminal records or deportation orders to include many Latinos in general, even some with legal residency.

These are times of testing for many brothers and sisters in our churches. So our prayer to the Lord of the Harvest is that He will continue sending workers into His fields—that the gospel of grace will keep being preached, that many will believe in Christ, experience transformed lives, and become instruments of peace and justice in an era when thousands cry out for coherence, authenticity, justice, and the common good in the making and applying of the laws of the land.

Diversity and Multiplication of Congregations

GLD Hispanic churches represent a variety of ministry models: **Immigrant congregations** holding services exclusively in Spanish. **Established churches** incorporating bilingual ministries and services. **English-speaking churches** offering a second service in Spanish or using creative translation methods to communicate God’s Word.

There is no single “one-size-fits-all” model for a Hispanic congregation. Each one is shaped by its location, community needs, and ministry context. God simply says about this mission field: *“They are ripe for harvest.”*

We celebrate the progress and consolidation of church plants, Hispanic initiatives and congregation, including *Iglesia de Fe* in Indianapolis, IN; Maywood EFC in Rockford, IL; Multisite Latino congregations at The Compass Church campuses in Bolingbrook and Wheaton, IL; the Hispanic ministry at Galena EFC, Galena, IL. We also see promising opportunities to start new Hispanic congregations in additional areas of northern Indiana and Illinois.

Leadership Development and Training

The Hispanic Leadership Team (HLT) remains committed to walking alongside, mentoring, and provide resources to equipping new Latino leaders and planters. Over the past year, we have offered training through gatherings, in-person meetings, Zoom sessions, ministry cohorts, and retreats—covering topics such as ministry best practices, preaching, discipleship, doctrine, and theological formation.

Last summer, we completed the **GATEWAY** course, providing a strong foundation in theology and ministry practice for a new generation of leaders. And in this fall GLD Conference we are offering a pre-conference training in preaching, and affinity group interaction in Spanish for our Latino leaders.

DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Connection and Encouragement

The HLT continues to partner with Christian organizations to expand ministry impact: **AWANA International** – training in children's and youth ministries; **Meier Clinics** and **White Stone Counseling** – marriage and individual counseling; **World Relief** and **Gospel Justice Center** – immigration and legal services

GLD Latino pastors and their spouses have gathered in spring, and winter for fellowship, encouragement, and relationship building. A pastors-and-wives retreat is scheduled for this coming winter 2026. And regular meetings with pastors and leaders provide time for refreshment, planning, and prayer for one another, for our congregations, and ministry initiatives.

Community Outreach

Our Hispanic congregations engage in a wide variety of summer outreach activities, including Sports tournaments, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Church camps, Baptism services, Immigration legal orientation, and Food pantries among other actions, these events help connect the church with the community while sharing the hope of the gospel.

Prayer and Partnership

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." — Luke 10:2, NIV

We celebrate God's faithfulness and the resilience of our GLD Hispanic congregations in the face of immigration challenges. And the Hispanic Leadership Team expresses deep gratitude for the prayers and partnership of churches, pastors, missionaries, and GLD staff who support Latino pastors and congregations' initiatives. Let us continue to pray for our current Hispanic congregations, and the multiplication of Latino congregations, leaders, and disciples across the GLD.

Corona de Amor EFC, Palatine, IL
Cristo es la Roca EFC, Wauconda, IL
Iglesia Bíblica de Bensenville EFC, Bensenville, IL
Manantial de Vida EFC Plant, Round Lake, 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
The Compass EFC, Hispanic Ministry, South Naperville, IL
Iglesia de Fe EFC Plant, Indianapolis, IN
Harvard EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Villa Park, IL
Orchard EFC, Hispanic Life Group, Arlington Heights, IL
Maywood EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Rockford, IL
Galena Bible EFC, Hispanic Ministry, Galena, IL
Trinity Church, Trinity Familia, Watseka, IL
River Oaks EFC, Hispanic Congregation, Goshen, IN
Park Hills EFC, Service in Spanish, Freeport, IL
Filadelfia EFC, Franklin Park, IL

DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Cyndi Leamon

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the GLD churches as I serve women in ministry. The aim of this ministry is to equip, encourage, resource, network, and multiply women leaders in transformational, gospel-centered, disciple-making ministry.

This past year has been both encouraging and fruitful. In April, under the leadership of Brett Gleason and the GLD Board, my role expanded beyond supporting Women's Ministry leaders to include all women serving in staff or lay leadership positions—regardless of ministry area. In May, a survey was conducted to gather valuable insights to guide future opportunities in equipping, networking, mentoring, and resourcing women leaders.

Some highlights from the past year include:

- Developing a 2026 plan focusing on supporting and strengthening women in ministry.
- Continued assisting leaders exploring or implementing a “Scripture as the curriculum” approach for disciple-making ministries.
- Taught at several women's gatherings and led team-building sessions for leadership teams.
- Supported pastors with:
 - Identifying new women leaders
 - Navigating complex ministry situations
 - Strategizing ways to support women leaders in disciple-making ministry
- Equipped and resourced women building counseling ministries.
- Taught on developing women's events that foster assimilation, discipleship, and outreach.
- Shared insights on emerging ministry trends.
- Provided biblical, practical teaching on anxiety.
- Connected leaders for peer learning and collaboration.
- Led three workshops at Moody's International Called Conference on discipling and mobilizing volunteers for sustainable ministry. These were well attended, including many EFCA women.
- Attended EFCA One and met with numerous GLD women leaders.
- Continued serving as a Prepared Coach for the EFCA national office, mentoring several GLD women leaders bi-monthly.
- Continue to serve on the EFCA Board of Directors.

It's been a joy to walk alongside women leaders through one-on-one calls, Zoom meetings, in-person meetings, and email correspondence on specific needs. New leaders are being welcomed, encouraged, equipped, and covered in prayer. Existing leaders are being resourced, supported, and prayed for in areas requiring discernment and care.

Thanks be to God for His faithful shepherding and abundant provision. Thank you, Brett Gleason, the GLD Board, GLD staff, and pastors for the privilege of serving women in ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers for these leaders as they serve Christ in our churches.

Cyndi Leamon
GLD Director for Women in Ministry

GLD PASTORAL COACH

Knute Larson

I coach pastors individually as they request (a six-month plan) to teach and discuss seven "Major Concerns," board approach, and preaching.

I host a ten-times-a-year cohort of pastors near Chesterton, Indiana. This year I joined Executive Pastor Darrell Cloud to host a regular affinity group for pastors of churches over 500.

I send out suggested plans and policies to many once a month individually and through our GLD monthly newsletter. When requested, I send policy papers or board strategies or staff reports and job descriptions.

I serve as a volunteer member of our GLD staff and am grateful for Brett Gleason's leadership. I preach in district churches as requested.

I am grateful to our Lord for His many benefits, and for the mood of this fellowship.

Knute Larson
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Gary deBock

This has been a year of transition for me personally and for the broader ministry in Michigan. As I approached retirement at the end of June, I sought to hand-off responsibilities for the facilitation of interdependence through R&D (relational & directional) retreats and gatherings. A cookout gathering at our home in June made it clear that numerous pastors and their wives do see the need and benefits of what has been done. Three pastors accepted the baton of furthering our efforts, even though the format may be different.

Much effort was also spent helping mentor and then lead the ordination councils of three pastors. Each of these men have the capacity to be a multiplier of interdependence that is faithful to God's Word.

While I do not yet have clarity about my future ministry post-retirement, I am leading a pre-conference gathering for "Next-Level Pastors." This will be for men who want the relational and directional support needed to break through the personal and ministry barriers that they face. It is hoped that at least one on-going group is formed, with potentially several being established since they will be capped at 12 members each.

Also at the conference, I will follow-up last year's teaching time on healthy board dynamics with a more workshop-oriented time. While the time at the conference will be a "stand-alone," I will offer to help create a one-year affinity group for those who specifically want to target the development of a healthier board.

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION

Brett Gleason

The mission of the EFCA is to multiply transformational churches among all people. We share this commitment to church planting and recognize that we are in a rebuilding phase with church planting. The past few years have been challenging years for church planting. With fewer people going into pastoral ministry, even fewer people are going into church planting.

The EFCA has two teams for church planting. A systems team and a church planter director team. We are thankful that Steve McCausland is now the EFCA's ReachNetwork's Director of Assessment. The GLD hosted our first assessment center in August with one GLD candidate and several other districts participating.

The GLD has decided to similarly take a systems approach to church planting. Steve will serve as our district Director of Assessment, and we are building our coaching and training directors. Lord willing, we will be able to make announcements soon! In terms of recruiting, it is an all-hands-on deck approach.

We have a conviction that churches plant churches and our role is to support those efforts. We believe that church planting needs to be birthed out of prayer. With that in mind, as our ministerials meet to encourage, equip, and extend we will be praying for gospel advancement through evangelism and the planting of new congregations. If every ministerial committed to partnering together to plant a new church every five years we would make significant gains in church planting. Please join me in praying towards those ends.

We are thankful for our new church plant in Urbana-Champaign. The Grove is being planted by Josh Loomis. The church plant is blessed by a number of young families with kids. Below are the current new congregations (church plants and campuses) in the Great Lakes District for the past five years. Please join us in prayer for these new works and consider partnering with them in some way.

We ask for your continued prayers and partnership as we enter into a season of rebuilding. We are firmly committed to gospel advancement and see the planting of new congregations an integral part of our mission. Thank you for your partnership and prayers.

New Congregations in the GLD 2020-2025

Church Plants

Year	Plant Name	Location	Planter/Pastor	Website
2020	Summit Church	Garden City, MI	Ovi Petrascu	summitchurchgc.org
2020	Manantial de Vida EFC	Round Lake, IL	Osvaldo Silveira	lakeregionbiblechurch.org/espantildeol
2021	Glory to God Christian Church	Indianapolis, IN	Kenny Morgan	ggccunitedlove.org
2023	Trinity Bible Church	Edwardsburg, MI	Gabriell Sierra	trinityedwardsburg.org
2025	The Grove Church	Champaign, IL	Josh Loomis	thegrovechurchcu.com

New Campuses

Year	Church Name	Location	Campus Pastor	Website
2020	Grace Fellowship	Independence, KY	Jason Jahn	graceky.org
2021	The Orchard	Vernon Hills, IL	Tom Yoon	theorchardefc.org
2021	Trinity Church	Goodland, IN	James McGovern	mytrinity.tv
2021	Bluffton Community	Bluffton, OH		blufftoncommunity.com
2022	The Compass – Three Rivers	Plainfield, IL	Jake McNamara	thecompass.net
2023	The Compass	Hinsdale, IL	Ryan Worsley	thecompass.net

Commission Members:

Brett Gleason
Steve McCausland - Assessment
Mark Burks - Coaching

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

Carlan Bounds

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. This commission also acts as 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, Brett Gleason, has done in developing the 2025 conference. Plans are already underway by Brett to prepare for the 2026 conference.

Conference planning is a very large and key project with many detailed tasks to manage, and we once again thank Brett as well as Amanda Bruney, and other staff for their work in this preparation.

We thank Adam Fix and the nominations committee for their diligent work on completing the selection of candidates for the respective board vacancies shown on the 2025 ballot for our 2026 board.

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.

This year the commission has worked on the Vision Frame along with our Mission Statement. Other items of business have been a couple of staff changes, our 2026 budget. and a by-law change.

The work of this commission would not be effective without the great support from Brett and all of the GLD staff, as well as the members of the commission. 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
Carlan Bounds (Chair)
Lisa Bubar
Brett Gleason
Gary Ridley
Josh Weiland

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 \$247,379 to the ministry fund through June 30th which is an increase in giving of \$12,010 compared to 2024. Year to date giving from member churches is 6.4% ahead of budget through June 30, 2025. We are so thankful for this increased giving and the generosity of our member churches. 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% of the Ministry Fund's revenues of \$254,680 through June 30th.

Through June 30th, 2025

YTD Total Giving & Revenues	\$254,680
YTD Operating Expenses	\$238,607
YTD Operating Surplus	\$16,073

We anticipate receiving funding from our partnership agreement with Brotherhood Mutual later this year, which will help further strengthen our financial position.

We strongly encourage each church to participate in Fair Share giving to support the GLD. Not all churches can give at the recommended 1.25% of their annual budget, however many churches increase the amount that they give each year with the goal of reaching 1.25% over a few years. The commitment by churches to support the GLD enables us to support every church regardless of different financial seasons that they may face.

Our biennial financial statement review from our external accountants was not ready to include in this online packet, but we hope to have it available as a handout at the conference.

The proposed 2026 budget continues to support the ministry of our Superintendent staff, Administrative Staff and other valuable team members. We are looking forward to relevant conferences as well as supporting churches with resources appropriate to their size, age and ministries.

As of June 30, 2025, the Ministry Fund Principal balance was \$195,414.

We have retitled the Church Planting Fund as the Advancement Fund. This fund will continue to be used for church planting as well as other Gospel advancing opportunities.

We continue to praise God for the faithfulness of our membership in supporting the GLD as it serves all of the churches within our geographic boundaries. Please feel free to contact a member of the GLD board or staff (you can find us all on the GLD website at www.gld-efca.org) to receive an explanation of how your financial support is used. We would also be happy to make a presentation to your church's staff and leadership board and answer any questions that you may have about the GLD. Thank you for your prayers and support as we together minister to the people of our district through our churches.

Finance Commission:
Bob Blahnik
Kevin Currid

REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Carlan Bounds

*The Pastoral Care Commission of the Great Lakes District exists
For the purpose of encouraging pastoral growth in order to
Assist healthy pastor/church relationships.*

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.

This past year has been a great year in that we have had no reason to meet and process any issues for any of the above reasons. We praise God for this.

Commission Members:

Lisa Bubar
Don Erickson
Al Peterson
Carlan Bounds

AFFILIATE REPORTS

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight - Proverbs 3:5-6

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

Greetings from Fairhaven!

Welcome to the Annual Conference at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton, IN, where you will be blessed with opportunities to learn, connect, and envision.

This year has been filled with changes. Jeff Reiersen retired after 29 years here at Fairhaven in February. Chris Hintzsche, who had served as Assistant Administrator for the past 13 years, accepted the position of Interim Executive Director while awaiting God's divine timing for our next Director. The Board of Directors has hired Deffet Corporation to assist in this process. They have an extensive history in long-term care and spent two days here with the board of directors, staff, and residents to gain a perspective of the desired qualities of our next leader.

Our Director of Nursing chose a different career path early this year, and Jenice Storm, who had been the Assistant Director of Nursing here for the past two years, accepted the position of Director of Nursing. While the past few years have presented a new normal in our industry, we are seeking ways to meet this challenge and glorify God in all we do.

Our health center census is not consistently at a point where we would like to see it. Our other areas seem to be staying right around budget.

There have been gains made in our staffing levels. God is great always. He continues to guide and direct as we lean on and trust Him for daily direction. We do ask that you continue to pray for wisdom, discernment, and 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 we have wonderful, hard-working, and loving staff to provide compassionate care for the residents that we serve and their families.

We have added a therapeutic tub and are beginning a landscaping plan. Both projects are from the 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, 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.

REPORT OF AFFILIATES



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FIT Moms – Families In Training – Serving single moms and their children

FIT Moms - Families In Training, an affiliate ministry of the GLD, seeks to provide support, education and advocacy for single moms and their children in the Waukegan, IL area. While helping the moms grow in the areas of Parenting Skills, Life Skills, and Anger Management, we also desire to see the children gain school readiness skills and encourage excellence. Our desire is that mothers and children will be introduced to and come to learn more of God's Redeeming Love.

In the fall of 2024, the moms returned to learning from Gary Chapman's "Anger – Taming a Powerful Emotion". We had used this book previously with some of these same moms. We were able to review some of the beginning of the book, revisit helping children handle their anger, and looking at a Biblical view of understanding and dealing with our own anger.

We were excited to have Colleen, a former class participant from 10+ years ago, join us as Mentor/Teacher, and Program Coordinator. It is wonderful to have someone who has lived much of the same journey, now be able to testify of how God's love has transformed her life.

We decided to spend one of the cold January 2025 nights enjoying a group favorite family bowling activity together. There were 19 who had a great time together. Then, moms began looking together at "Habits of the Household" where they read and discussed ideas for positive waking, mealtime, screentime, discipline, work and play, conversation, and bedtime habits.

The children's program continues with songs, movement, books read aloud, puzzles, games, and interactive play. Although the size of our space limits numbers, it also allows for the benefit of much needed personalized attention for each child.

After beginning with an event providing moms with time for creativity and encouragement, our summer once again included family time at an area Splash Park, and a late August picnic with family play.

Please keep us and these families in your prayers.

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

NEW MOMS

Mission and Structure of the Organization

New Moms' mission is to *strengthen families by partnering with young moms as they progress toward housing stability, economic mobility, & family well-being*. We have served young moms and their children who are experiencing poverty & homelessness in Chicagoland, since our 1983 inception.

2025 Highlights – New Moms

- This year, we've built out more services within our Mental Wellness offerings. We've hired a third therapist—we now have two therapists focused on young moms, and one focused on child-parent therapy. We're thrilled to offer services to families across all programs. We've also been able to add on-site medication management, in partnership with RUSH Hospital System. Medication management is a massive need for participants—having on-site service reduces the burden of accessing care; and reduces wait time—which can prevent mental health crises from emerging.
- During the past year, New Moms was selected as one of three nonprofits in Crain's 2024 Best Places to Work in Chicago—ranking #48 out of 100. And this year, we were selected as one of Chicago's 25 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.
- In response to ongoing challenges young moms are facing around the Benefits Cliff*, we've adjusted our Job Training program. We've developed a Career Pathways model to improve young moms' earning potential—young moms select 1 of 4 career pathways (manufacturing, healthcare, IT, & customer service). During their 16 weeks in the Job Training program, moms complete additional training and certifications in their fields—allowing them to enter employment at higher wages. We partner with employers in each field, who offer additional learning, on-the-job credentialing, and/or externship opportunities. This has resulted in improved 12-month employment retention for young moms.
- We are about to conclude our 4-year pilot College Success program—pairing cash stipends with intensive coaching and social capital, to help young moms persist in and complete college degrees. We're proud to share that we've had 10 graduates with Associate degrees—9 of whom have gone on to enroll in Bachelor's programs.

**Benefits Cliff: When young moms increase their income, or accept additional hours, they hit thresholds for benefits eligibility—but when single moms lose family-sustaining benefits like childcare subsidies, they cannot continue in jobs.*

Agency Progress

Fiscal Year 2025 outcomes include: 91% of young moms receiving 6+ months of parent coaching practiced positive parenting skills, as measured by the Life Skills Progression Scale. 43% decreased their levels of parental stress. 93% of families met key health outcomes around subsequent pregnancies, breastfeeding initiation, and child immunizations. 75 young moms secured permanent employment. 60% retained employment for 12+ months. 82% of young moms increased their educational levels while enrolled. 89% of families exited to stable housing; and 78% retained housing for 12+ months. 54% of participants reported an increase in their feelings of spirituality, belonging, and connecting.

Our Programs

Programs are delivered through an Executive Skills Coaching approach—each young mom is in the “driver's seat” at New Moms, determining her goals & dreams for her family. We are coaches, helping her achieve those goals. Programs include:

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HOUSING

Young moms and children need stability to take the next steps forward.

Housing: transitional and permanent supportive housing, where young moms can choose to engage with a family coach and work toward personal goals. We provide center-based housing for 40 families in Chicago & 18 families in Oak Park. Serves ~78 families annually.



FAMILY SUPPORT

New Moms ensures that young moms have what they need to thrive.

Family Support: prenatal education, doulas, home visits, peer support groups, and other parenting resources, tools, and meaningful social connections. Serves ~220 families annually.



JOB TRAINING

Economic mobility is key to lasting change.

Job Training: individualized career planning; education re-enrollment support; 16 weeks of paid training and transitional jobs at our social enterprise candle company, Bright Endeavors; and permanent employment placement assistance. Serves ~100 young moms annually.

All families are also eligible for additional benefits, including formal mental health services; monthly “essential supply kits” including formula, diapers, wipes, and hygiene items; and financial and academic coaching.

In addition to our direct services, we also believe in sharing what we’ve learned. Through our social enterprise consultancy, Bright Path, 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.

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

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2025 by the numbers:

- We served 4,415 students and leaders during Winter Teen Retreats at our Michigan overnight property
- We served 4,845 kids this summer between our Michigan and Indiana overnight camps as well as our Day Camps hosted at churches across the Midwest
- We hired 355 summer leaders
- Over 1,000 summer campers accepted Jesus for the first time!
- We offered 6 sessions of Family Camp at our Indiana overnight camp serving 47 families.
- Between our Indiana and Michigan property, we partnered with 46 churches/organizations and served over 7,000 people through guest group experiences.

Here is what our guests are saying about their SpringHill experience:

- “We sent 3 of our children this year. Age 7, 10, 13. The peace we feel leaving our children at SpringHill is comforting on a parent heart. We know our children are safe, loved, valued, and heard all while having the best time of their life. They are able to be KIDS, try new things, build friendships, and do things that help them develop in healthy ways all while growing in their faith. The smiles and joy seen on their faces when we pick them up is priceless!” -SpringHill Camper Parent
- “Just seeing His loved encounter people for the first time and truly feeling His goodness. After moving all the distractions in my life, I just realized how badly I need and desire the Lord, and I want Him to have my whole heart and whole life. I want it all to be His.” -SpringHill Camper

Here is what our summer leaders are saying about working at SpringHill:

- “This summer at Springhill instilled a lot of confidence in my leadership skills, but also my faith. Camp gave me a community that allowed me to see my true worth within the Lord and allowed me to fully recognize just how much He truly loves me.”
- “I have a stronger desire to serve the Lord. I'm excited to get involved in my campus ministry and share the gospel with others. I also learned how to be a hard worker and how to persevere during difficult situations.”
- “I learned more about myself and Jesus this summer. I lived in loving community, learned to take more risks, learned to fear people less, love others before myself, refrain from complaining, and trust God in everything.”

What's Next:

- In the fall, SpringHill will host a Labor Day Family Retreat weekend, a Women's Retreat weekend, a Pre-Teen Retreat weekend, and multiple guest groups!
- Find out more at <https://springhill experiences.com/>

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What is a Pastoral Training Church (PTC)?

Partner with TEDS to Raise the Next Generation of Gospel-Centered Leaders

A New Era of Theological Training Rooted in the Church. In a season of change and opportunity, one truth remains constant: the Church needs more faithful, equipped, gospel-centered leaders. Not in the distant future—but now. At Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS)—now aligned with Trinity Western University—we’re answering this call by inviting local churches to become Pastoral Training Churches (PTCs). ***These are churches that don’t just send students to seminary. They become the seminary—equipping the next generation of pastors and ministry leaders within the life and mission of the local church.***

What Is a Pastoral Training Church?

A Pastoral Training Church (PTC) is a congregation that partners with TEDS to serve as a contextual training ground for future ministry leaders. These churches:

- Host a cohort of students enrolled in TEDS certificate or degree programs, using a church-based theological education model;
- Provide mentoring and ministry experiences that integrate classroom learning with real-life pastoral practice;
- Form a learning community where students are shaped theologically, spiritually, and relationally in the rhythms of the local church;
- Invest strategically in training and launching gospel-centered leaders—right from their own congregation or from the broader body of Christ.

Why It Matters

1. **A Shared Sense of Need:** Churches across traditions agree - the pipeline for healthy, theologically trained leaders is thinning. Many pastors are nearing retirement. Emerging leaders are eager—but often under-equipped or unable to leave their ministry setting to pursue formal training.
2. **The Centrality of the Church:** The future of seminary education must be ecclesial—not just accessible, but rooted in the local church, shaped by mentoring relationships, and immersed in lived ministry. PTCs re-center the church as the primary context of theological formation.
3. **Innovation with Integrity:** TEDS brings rigorous, evangelical theology into a flexible, hybrid model. Church-based theological education doesn’t compromise depth—it deepens it, by integrating doctrine, character, and calling in the place where it matters most: the church.

A Vision Worth Building

We envision TEDS as a flagship evangelical seminary, ecclesially rooted, and serving both the city and the broader church. PTC’s are central to this future—a shared mission to prepare leaders who will preach Christ faithfully, serve wisely, and lead courageously. This isn’t just about seminary. It’s about multiplying faithfulness.

Let’s start the conversation,
Bill Yaccino, Director of Church Relations

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DISTRICT STATISTICS

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALING

SEPTEMBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Ministry License Five Year Non-Renewable:

Dennis Hong	10/2024
Nathaniel Montiel	11/2024
Michael Soltis	3/2025
Meritt Raup	7/2025
Marc Krastin	7/2025
Larry Elliott	7/2025
Eric Feder	9/2025
Brad Clear	9/2025

Ministry License Three Year Renewable:

Brent Steinke	10/2024
Alexander Unis	3/2025
Michael May	4/2025
Stephen Stephenson	5/2025

Certificate of Ordination:

Craig Zebell	9/2024
Patrick Shea	9/2024
Paul Henschel	10/2024
David Revnak	11/2024
Joshua Loomis	12/2024
John Bell	2/2025
Jim Renke	5/2025
Gary Ridley	6/2025
Kevin Cody	8/2025
Timothy Higgins	8/2025

Transferred Ordination to the EFCA:

Lenard Tavenelli	6/2025
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REPORT OF PASTORAL CHANGES

SEPTEMBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
Karl Anderson	Senior Pastor	Chillicothe Bible, Chillicothe, IL
Sam Burba	Senior Pastor	Olivet EFC, Spring Lake, MI
Prazwal Chinnam	Worship & Groups Director	Bethel Community, Chicago, IL
John Foss	Associate Pastor	Mt. Morris EFC, Mt Morris, IL
Joseph Hyligar	Senior Pastor	South Suburban EFC, Homewood, IL
Dave Jassman	Associate Pastor	Trinity Community Fellowship, Farmer City, IL
Andrew Jones	Formation Pastor	Liberty Bible Church, Chesterton, IN
Steve Mathewson	Interim Pastor	Des Plaines EFC, Des Plaines, IL
James McGovern	Campus Pastor	Trinity Church, Goodland, IN
Eli Niemi	Pastor of Student Min	Trinity Church, South Bend, IN
Rick Selk	Senior Pastor	Christ Community, Peotone, IL
Patrick Shea	Senior Pastor	Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids, MI
Stephen Streeter	Senior Pastor	Cornerstone Church, Detroit, MI
Amos Tiwade	Worship Pastor	Village Church, Oak Park, IL
Josh Turza	Senior Pastor	Bethany EFC, Rensselaer, IN
Jeff Tyson	Administrative Pastor	Grace Point EFC, Adrian, MI
Brad Wetherell	Senior Pastor	The Orchard - Arlington Heights, IL
Gordy Williams	Senior Pastor	CrossLife EFC, Libertyville, 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
- McHenry, IL Faith Summit
- Spring Grove, IL LifeSpring Community
- Wauconda, IL Life Bridge Community
- West Dundee, IL Fox Valley EFC
- Wheeling, IL Our Saviour EFC

A3 ROCKFORD

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott lelliott@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Gary Kniseley gary@mefc.us

- Rockford, IL First Free
- Rockford, IL Lao EFC
- Rockford, IL Maywood EFC
- Roscoe, IL Hope EFC

A4 NW IL

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott lelliott@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Gary Kirst gary@galenabiblechurch.org

- 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 lelliott@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Brady Robinson brobinson@christchurchsterling.org

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

A6 MOLINE

Area Superintendent – Mark Balmer markb@parkviewchurch.org

Ministerial Leader – Steve Palm pastorsteve@gefc.org

- Aledo, IL Grace EFC
- Erie, IL Erie EFC
- Geneseo, IL Geneseo EFC
- Moline, IL First Free
- Moline, IL Homewood EFC
- Osco, IL Osco Community
- Prophetstown, IL Loraine Church

A7 CENTRAL

Area Superintendent – Larry Elliott lelliott@gld-efca.org

Ministerial Leader – Don Blasing brimfree@frontier.com

- Bloomington, IL Bloomington/Normal EFC
- Brimfield, IL Brimfield EFC
- Canton, IL Canton EFC
- Champaign, IL The Grove (Plant)
- Charleston, IL Christ First Church
- Chillicothe, IL Chillicothe Bible Church
- Farmer City, IL Trinity Community Fellowship
- Mahomet, IL Community EFC
- Metamora, IL Faith EFC
- Payson, IL Bluff Hall EFC
- Petersburg, IL St. Paul's EFC
- 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@gmail.com

- Adrian, MI Grace Point EFC
- Alpena, MI EFC (Campus of Gaylord)
- Big Rapids, MI Trinity Fellowship EFC
- Buckley, MI The Tabernacle
- Cadillac, MI The Tabernacle (Campus)
- Ewart, MI Crossroads Community
- Grayling, MI Grayling EFC
- Ludington, MI Trinity EFC
- Manistee The Tabernacle (Campus)
- Newaygo, MI Trinity Fellowship (Campus)
- St. Ignace, MI Straits EFC
- Stanton, MI Pine Grove Church
- Stanton, MI Trinity EFC
- Vanderbilt, MI Vanderbilt Community

B2

Area Superintendent – Bob Guilford bobguilford12@gmail.com

Ministerial Leader – Bob Manuel jpastor@aol.com

- Bay City, MI Bay City EFC
- Clyde, MI Cornerstone EFC
- East Lansing, MI Crossway Multinational Church

- Garden City, MI Summit Church
- 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
- Midland, MI Midland EFC
- Sault Ste Marie, MI 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 Liberty Bible Valpo (Campus)
- Valparaiso, IN Washington EFC

C2

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

Ministerial Leader – Jordan Muck jmuck@cgccommunity.com

- Bremen, IN Community Gospel
- Edwardsburg, MI Trinity Bible (Plant)
- Elkhart, IN River Oaks Community (Campus)
- Goshen, IN River Oaks Community
- Milford, IN Wawasee Community Bible
- Niles, MI Community EFC

- Plymouth, IN Crossroads EFC
- South Bend, IN Trinity Church
- Warsaw, IN Fellowship EFC

C3

Area Superintendent – Mark Burks mburks@gld-efca.org

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
- Mainville, OH The Gathering
- Mason, OH Hope EFC
- Mildford, OH Faith EFC
- Oxford, OH Oxford Bible Fellowship

REPORT OF MINISTERIALS

C4

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

Ministerial Leader – Blair Hayward blairh@findlayefree.com

- Bluffton, OH Bluffton Comm (Campus)
- Bowling Green, OH Brookside EFC
- Columbus, OH Scarlet City Church (Plant)
- Findlay, OH Salem New Beginnings
- Findlay, OH Lighthouse Comm (Campus)
- Findlay, OH Living Hope EFC
- Hamilton, IN Lakeview Community
- Lima, OH CrossPoint Community
- Lima, OH Grace Community
- North Baltimore, OH The Bridge Fellowship

C5

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

Ministerial Leader – Curtis Coston jccoston@solidword.org

- 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 Bethel Community
- Chicago, IL Chicago Gospel Fellowship (Plant)
- Chicago, IL Chicago International EFC
- Chicago, IL Christ Our Savior
- Chicago, IL Christian Fellowship EFC
- Chicago, IL Church of Chicago
- Chicago, IL First EFC
- Chicago, IL Good News Bible Church
- Chicago, IL Mount Olive Church
- Chicago, IL Rock of our Salvation
- Chicago, IL The Brook
- Evanston, IL Evanston Bible Fellowship
- Glenview, IL Cornerstone EFC Japanese
- Oak Park, IL Village Church

D2 NEAR

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

Ministerial Leader – Peter LeBlanc peter@thebeaconcc.org

- Arlington Heights, IL Chinese EFC
- Bensenville, IL Bensenville Bible Church
- Des Plaines, IL Bethel Evangelical
- Des Plaines, IL Des Plaines EFC
- Hoffman Estates, IL The Beacon (Plant)
- Homewood, IL South Suburban EFC
- Joliet, IL Faith Bible
- Lombard, IL International Community
- Lyons, IL Lyons EFC
- Oak Lawn, IL Oasis Community
- Villa Park, IL Harvard Avenue EFC

D3 WEST

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- DeKalb, IL Crossview Church
- Glenview, IL The Orchard North Shore (Campus)
- Goodland, IN Trinity EFC Goodland (Campus)
- Hinsdale, IL The Compass Hinsdale (Campus)
- Itasca, IL The Orchard Itasca (Campus)
- Marengo, IL The Orchard Marengo (Campus)
- Naperville, IL The Compass Church
- Naperville, IL The Compass S Naperville (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

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- Bensenville, IL Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville
- Bolingbrook, IL The Compass Español
- Chicago, IL Salem EFC
- Franklin Park, IL Filadelfia EFC
- Freeport, IL Park Hills en Español
- Galena, IL Galena Bible Hispanic
- Goshen, IN River Oaks in Spanish
- Indianapolis, IN Iglesia de Fe
- Itasca, IL The Orchard, Hispanic Life Group
- Libertyville, IL Plenitud de Vida CrossLife
- Lyons, IL Rio de Vida (Plant)
- Naperville, IL The Compass Espanol – S Naperville
- Palatine, IL Corona de Amor
- Rockford, IL Maywood Hispanic Ministry
- Round Lake, IL Manantial de Vida EFC (Plant)
- Villa Park, IL Harvard Hispanic Ministry
- Watseka, IL Trinity Familia Spanish Group
- Wauconda, IL Cristo Es La Roca

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
- Evart, MI SpringHill Camp
- Rockford, IL Fairhaven Retirement Center
- Seymour, IN SpringHill Camp
- Waukegan, IL Families In Training

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT BOARD TERMS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026

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
Brett Gleason	D	Superintendent	Yes	3 years	2025	2025	2027
Carlan Bounds	A	Chairman	Yes	2 years	2022	2025	2026
Josh Weiland	C	Vice-Chairman	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027
Lisa Bubar	B	Secretary	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027
Gary Ridley	B	Vice-Secretary	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027
Bob Blahnik	C	Treasurer	Yes	2 years	2023	2025	2026
Kevin Currid	A	Vice-Treasurer	Yes	2 years	2025	2025	2026
Vacant		Resource Dev		2 years			
Kathy deBock	B	Director	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027
Adam Fix	A	Director	Yes	2 years	2026	2026	2027
Kenny Morgan	C	Director	Yes	2 years	2026	2026	2027
Steve Palm	A	Director	Yes	2 years	2026	2026	2027
Chris Stukenberg	A	Director	Yes	2 years	2024	2026	2027
Scott Yoder	C	Director	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027

Nominating Committee							
Don Erickson	A	Nominating Committee	No	2 years	2022	2026	2027
Jim Fair	C	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2025	2025	2026
Gary Kirst	A	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2023	2025	2026
Ryan Mustered	D	Nominating Committee	Yes	2 years	2025	2025	2026

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REPORT OF CHURCH HISTORY

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
Christ First	Charleston	IL	2024	
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

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
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	1970	
Salem EFC	Chicago	IL	1950	2003 Merged (with Good News, Chicago, IL)
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
Hope Bible Fellowship	Dixon	IL	2023	
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	

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
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	2023 Closed
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	2023 Closed
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
Faith Summit Church	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
Oasis Community	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	

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
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	
Loraine Church of Henry Country	Prophetstown	IL	2024	
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
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	

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
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 Community 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	
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

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Trinity Church	South Bend	IN	1969	
BridgePoint Church	Valparaiso	IN	2004	
Washington EFC	Valparaiso	IN	1949	
Fellowship EFC	Warsaw	IN	2023	
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	
The Tabernacle	Buckley	MI	2023	
Caro EFC	Caro	MI	1990	1999 Withdrew
EFC of Cass City	Cass City	MI	1983	2023 Closed
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	2024 Withdrew
Crossway Multinational	East Lansing	MI	2017	
Crossroads Community	Ewart	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

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
Canton Community EFC	Plymouth	MI	1991	2004 Withdrew
Cherry Creek Community	Portage	MI	2002	
The Chapel EFC	Richland	MI	1998	1999 Withdrew
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	2024 Withdrew
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	2024 Closed
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	
Salem New Beginnings	Findlay	OH	2023	
Faith Community	Hillsboro	OH	1985	2013 Closed
Antioch Church YMCA	Lebanon	OH	2001	
CrossPoint Community	Lima	OH	2016	

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CHURCH NAME	CITY	ST	JOINED	STATUS
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	
The Bridge Fellowship	North Baltimore	OH	2023	
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

REPORT OF CHURCHES WITH WORSHIP STATISTICS

ALPHABETIZED BY CITY

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Ogden Church	Adrian	MI	517.265.6621	ogdenchurch.org	info@ogdenchurch.org	Brandon Rickard	500
Grace EFC - Aledo	Aledo	IL	309-582-5200	grace4aledo.org	gracealedoefc@gmail.com Grace.church@grace4ale	Russ Young	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	cefcogreaterchicago.org	cefc.chicago@gmail.com	Wing Shing Leung	40
Ashton Bible Church	Ashton	IL	815-453-2190	ashtonbible.org	ashtonbiblechurch@ashtobible.org	Farrel Stauffer	100
The Bridge Church	Barrington	IL	847-521-9781	thebridge-alc.org	pam@thebridge-alc.org	Todd Berge	150
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The Orchard - Barrington	Barrington	IL	847-852-2200	theorchard.church/barrington	tolson@theorchard.church	Tom Olson	900
Village Church of Barrington	Barrington	IL	847-381-5221	vcbweb.org	info@vcbweb.org	David Jones	594
The Beacon	Barrington Hills	IL	847.344.7205	thebeaconcc.org	peter@thebeaconcc.org	Peter LeBlanc	25
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	bensenvillebiblechurch1@gmail.com		50
Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville	Bensenville	IL	630-766-1944	bensenvillebiblechurch.com	rpalmerin5@icloud.com	Ricardo Palmerin	125
Trinity Fellowship - Big Rapids	Big Rapids	MI	231.796.2600	trinityinfo.org	office@trinityinfo.org	Patrick Shea	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
The Compass - Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook	IL	630.739.2824	thecompass.net/bolingbrook	bolingbrook@thecompass.net	Mark Lennox	240
The Compass - Espanol Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook	IL	630.739.2824	thecompass.net/compassespanol	compassespanol@thecompass.net	Mark Lennox	
Calvary Bible Church	Bourbonnais	IL	815-932-8733	calvarybible.church	cbc@calvarybible.church	Duane DenBoer	225
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 Blasing	65
The Tabernacle - Buckley	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
The Tabernacle - Cadillac	Cadillac	MI		thetabchurch.com	cadillacoffice@thetabchurch.com	Isaac Riddle	
Canton EFC	Canton	IL	309-647-4278	cantonefree.com	office@cantonefree.com	Matt Spangler	300
Living Grace Community	Cary	IL	847-639-7566	lgcc.church	office@livinggraceonline.org	Cary Hughes	250
Chadwick EFC	Chadwick	IL	815-684-5019	chadwickefc.com	chadwickefree@gmail.com	Mark Pedersen	35
The Grove Church	Champaign	IL	952-201-5272	thegrovechurchcu.com	social@thegrovechurchcu.com	Josh Loomis	

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Christ First Church	Charleston	IL	217.345.2823	christfirstcharleston.church	office@christfirstcharleston.church	Jared von Kamp	0
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	Del Shimandle	30
Christ Our Savior	Chicago	IL	224-616-8921	coscchicago.org, facebook.com/COSCChicago	cosc@comcast.net, coscchicago@gmail.com,	Eric Lao	70
Christian Fellowship EFC	Chicago	IL	773-299-8126	churchinroscoeivillage.org	churchinroscoeivillage@gmail.com	Tim Gioia	35
Church of Chicago	Chicago	IL	773.672.7230	churchofchicago.org	pastor@churchofchicago.org	David Spencer	60
First EFC - Chicago	Chicago	IL	773-561-4175	firstfree.com	info@firstfree.com	Matt Tinken	95
Good News Bible Church	Chicago	IL	773-252-7789	goodnewschi.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	773.934.2761		denis-florez69@hotmail.com	Denis Florez	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	Karl Anderson	130
Grace EFC - Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH	513.772.2889	gracefreechurch.com	pastorjohn@gracefreechurch.com	John Grossmann	130
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	725
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		fvaldemar3@yahoo.com	Franco Valdemar	55
Des Plaines EFC	Des Plaines	IL	847-635-7776	efcdp.net	efcdp@astound.net	Steve Mathewson	55
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, vfcdyer@aol.com	Steve Miller	750
Trinity Bible Church	Edwardsburg	MI	269.262.5869	trinityedwardsburg.org	hello@trinityedwardsburg.org,	Gabriell Sierra	

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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	150
Evanston Bible Fellowship	Evanston	IL	847.220.7476	ebfchurch.org	ebf@ebfchurch.org	Tim Allen	200
Oak Hill Bible Fellowship	Evansville	IN	812.476.1969	oakhillbf.org	office@oakhillbf.org	Eric Rawdon	40
Crossroads Community	Evart	MI	231.734.1100	cccevar.org	4cccinfo@gmail.com	Rob Rounds (Interim)	95
Trinity Community Fellowship	Farmer City	IL	309-928-2273	fctrinity.net	s.schneman@fctrinity.net	Dave Ashby	130
Bluffton Community (Campus of Living Hope, Findlay)	Findlay	OH	419.208.9233	blufftoncommunity.com	info@blufftoncommunity.com		
Countryside Bible - Switching back to Salem New Be	Findlay	OH	419.423.9751	countrysidefindlay.org	admin@countrysidefindlay.org		
Lighthouse Community (Campus of LH Findlay)	Findlay	OH	419.208.9233	mylighthousecommunity.com	amen@mylighthousecommunity.com	Fritz Below	300
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		carlosguadagno@gmail.com	Carlos Guadagno &	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	jonathan.pierson@parkhillsefc.org	Jonathan Pierson	33
Park Hills EFC en Espanol Freeport	Freeport	IL	331.575.6042	parkhillchurch.com/park-hills-en-espanol	jonathan.pierson@parkhillsefc.org	Jonathan Pierson	
Winneshiek EFC	Freeport	IL	815.449.2202		winneshiek.church@gmail.com	Matt Mitchell	60
Galena Bible Church	Galena	IL	815-777-1456	galenabilechurch.org	office@galenabilechurch.org	Gary Kirst	190
Galena Bible Hispanic	Galena	IL	815-777-1456	galenabilechurch.org/espanol/	ray@galenabilechurch.org	Ray Guerra & Vladimir	
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	254
Cornerstone EFC - Glenview	Glenview	IL	847-724-7277	cornerstonefree.com	admin@cornerstonefree.com	Matt Johnson	277
Cornerstone EFC - Glenview Japanese	Glenview	IL	224-477-0525	cornerstonejlc.com			
The Orchard - North Shore	Glenview	IL	847.531.9615	theorchard.church/north-shore	jparsons@theorchard.church	Josh Parsons	180
River Oaks - Espanol	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	Aaron Nesbitt	600
River Oaks Community - Elkhart	Goshen	IN	574-875-1152	riveroaks.org	office@riveroaks.org	Aaron Nesbitt	200
CrossWay Community	Grand Rapids	MI	616.949.5690	crosswaygr.com	crossway.communitygr@gmail.com	Bob Manuel	115

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Grayling EFC	Grayling	MI	989.390.5078	efreegrayling.org	graylingefreeoffice@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
The Compass - Hinsdale	Hinsdale	IL		thecompass.net/hinsdale	hinsdale@thecompass.net		
South Suburban EFC	Homewood	IL	708-335-0700	southsuburban.org	ssefc18059@sbcglobal.net	Joseph Hyligar	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	faithchurchindy.com	info@faithchurchindy.com	Jeff Schultz	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	786.448.3836	faithchurchindy.com/about/iglesia-de-fe/	jeanpetit330@gmail.com	Jean Carlos Petit	
Solid Word Bible Church	Indianapolis	IN	317-291-2400	solidword.org	info@solidword.org	Curtis Coston	175
The Orchard - Itasca	Itasca	IL	630-773-1883	theorchard.church/itasca	info@theorchard.church		139
The Orchard - Spanish Life Group	Itasca	IL	224.875.2625	theorchard.church	info@theorchard.church	Cesar Alvarado	
Faith Bible	Joliet	IL	815-723-3212	faithbiblejoliet.org	office@faithbiblejoliet.org	Kevin Fiske	150
Grace Fellowship - Kokomo	Kokomo	IN	765.878.4457	facebook.com/Grace-Fellowship-Kokomo-Indiana-	rayrobin@email.com	Ray Tetrault	
Village Church of Lincolnshire	Lake Forest	IL	847-295-7707	evcl.org	evcl@evcl.org	Jim Renke	175
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	Gordy Williams	250
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	Sai Ankem	60
Trinity EFC - Ludington	Ludington	MI	231.843.4635	trinityludington.org	trinity@trinityludington.org	Gary Ridley	300
Lyons EFC	Lyons	IL	708.442.7340	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 Gathering	Maineville	OH	513.519.7485	thegatheringcity.com	connect@thegatheringcity.com	Mike Newman	
The Tabernacle - Manistee	Manistee	MI	231.887.4288	thetabchurch.com	manisteeoffice@thetabchurch.com	Seth Bush	
The Orchard - Marengo	Marengo	IL	815-568-6076	theorchard.church/marengo	jsearles@theorchard.church	Justin Searles	100

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Grace Bible Church	Marlette	MI	989.635.2054	gbcmarlette.com	gbmarlette@yahoo.com	Mike English	32
Hope Church - Mason	Mason	OH	513-459-0800	hopemason.org	office@hopemason.org	Stephen Kirk	894
Faith Summit Church	McHenry	IL	815-344-1111	faithmchenry.org	office@faithmchenry.org	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		545
Wawasee Community Bible	Milford	IN	574.658.9161	wawaseebible.com	mandi@wawaseebible.com	Josh Weiland	400
Faith EFC - Moline	Moline	IL	309.929.6832	faithefcmoline.com	mail@faithefcmoline.com, mmcm11@prodigy.net	Michael Kennedy	35
First Free - Moline	Moline	IL	309.764.3381	firstfreemoline.net	office@firstfreemoline.net		140
Homewood EFC	Moline	IL	309.797.2000	homewoodefc.org	office@homewoodefc.org		200
Mt Morris EFC	Mt Morris	IL	815.734.4942	efcmm.org	office@efcmm.org	Bruce McKanna	145
The Compass - Espanol South Naperville	Naperville	IL	630.739.2824	thecompass.net/compassespanol	compassespanol@thecompass.net	Mark Lennox	
The Compass - Naperville	Naperville	IL	630.983.3232	thecompass.net	thecompass@thecompass.net,	Jeff Griffin	3800
The Compass - South Naperville	Naperville	IL	630.983.3233	thecompass.net/southnaperville	southnaperville@thecompass.net	Jon Kalvig	
The Compass - Wheaton	Naperville	IL	630.668.6490	thecompass.net/wheaton	wheaton@thecompass.net	Brad Thayer	750
Trinity Fellowship - Newaygo	Newaygo	MI	231-796-2600	newaygo.trinityinfo.org	info@trinityinfo.org		100
Community EFC - Niles	Niles	MI	269.259.1213	communityniles.com	communityefree@gmail.com		120
The Bridge Fellowship	North Baltimore	OH	419.857.8177	thebridgenb.com	thebridgenb@gmail.com	Mike Soltis	
Oasis Community	Oak Lawn	IL	708-636-6161	oasisoaklawn.com	dave@oasisoaklawn.com	Dave Abell (Chair)	75
Village Church of Oak Park	Oak Park	IL	708.665.3986	villagechurchoakpark.com	info@villagechurchoakpark.com	Mark Doeblner	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
Osco Community Church	Osco	IL	309.522.5561	oscochurch.org	office@oscochurch.org	Paul Henschel	100
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		35
Christ Community - Peotone	Peotone	IL	708.258.3600	cccpeotone.org	ccclife@cccpeotone.org	Rick Selk	140

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St. Paul's EFC	Petersburg	IL	217-632-2718	https://sites.google.com/view/st-pauls-efca-	eskimonorm@gmail.com	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	Jake McNamara	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	ccccprayerchain@gmail.com	Ryan Doyle	110
Family Bible Church	Portage	IN	219-763-3015	fbcportage.org	familybiblechurchportage@gmail.com	David McGrath	175
Christ Community - Princeton	Princeton	IL	815-879-3227	cccprinceton.org	office@cccprinceton.org	Brian Lord	87
Loraine Church	Prophetstown	IL	309.944.6112		lorainechurchhc@gmail.com		
Bethany EFC	Rensselaer	IN	219-866-8620	bethanyefcens.com	bethanyefcens@outlook.com	Josh Turza	58
LivingWater Church	Riverview	MI	734.288.8508	lw-church.com	livingwateralive@gmail.com	Dave McWhorter	110
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	deans@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	laoefc.org	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	luis@mefc.us	Luis Hernandez	
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/espanildeol.html	iroelvelazquez@gmail.com	Iroel Velazquez	50
Russell Community EFC	Russell	IL	847.395.4939		russellcomefc@protonmail.com	Bruce Henne	20
Gaylord EFC - Sault Campus	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	906-259-7212	miefree.org/locations/sault-campus/	saultcampus@miefree.org	Jeff Middlestead	100
Country Christian EFC	Scotts	MI	269-626-9733	country-christian.org	pastor@country-christian.org	Pat Clarey	117
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
Olivet EFC	Spring Lake	MI	231.798.2900	olivetefc.org	office@olivetefc.org	Sam Burba	220
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	120
Trinity EFC - Stanton	Stanton	MI	989.831.5728	mytrinitychurch.com	office@mytrinitychurch.com	Bob Guilford	185

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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	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	theorchard.church/vernon-hills	tyoon@theorchard.church	Tom Yoon	160
Harvard Avenue EFC	Villa Park	IL	630-834-2650	harvardavenue.org	office@harvardavenue.org		140
Harvard EFC Hispanic	Villa Park	IL	630-834-2650	harvardavenue.org	office@harvardavenue.org	Esteban Hernandez	
Cornerstone Community - Wadsworth	Wadsworth	IL	847-244-3007	cornerstonewadsworth.com	ccc@cornerstonewadsworth.com	Dan Foote	106
Fellowship EFC	Warsaw	IN	574.267.5625	fellowship-warsaw.org	pastorlayne@fellowship-warsaw.org	Layne Sumner	
Trinity Church - Ashkum	Watseka	IL	815.698.5047	mytrinity.tv/locations-ashkum-campus/	tim@mytrinity.tv	Tim Tammen	
Trinity Church - Goodland	Watseka	IL	219.297.4547	mytrinity.tv/locations-goodland-campus/	trinity@mytrinity.tv	James McGovern	40
Trinity Church - Watseka	Watseka	IL	815.432.4070	mytrinity.tv	trinity@mytrinity.tv	Ryan Mustered	436
Trinity Familia Spanish Group	Watseka	IL	815.383.7915 or	mytrinity.tv/locations-trinity-familia/	familia@mytrinity.tv	Brandon Wesley	
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