

**EFCA Network
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2026**

The EFCA Network convened for the 2026 Annual Meeting at 5:30pm on February 6, 2026 with nine Network members present including four members of the Network Board of Directors.

The meeting was led by Network Board member Mike Davis as chairman Darin Anderson was unable to be present.

Reports

Mike opened in prayer and called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for attending and updated the membership on the last year's work of the Network Board—spreading encouragement among all EFCA leaders. He passed out a letter from the Network Board that had information about Board members' terms of service and the need for prayer and conversation about the future of the Network.

Mike thanked Network Board of Directors who had recently completed their terms of service – Darin Anderson (completed the second of two three-year terms), Tammy Medders (completed the second of two three-year terms), John Mochel (completed the second of two three-year terms), Chi Eng Yuan (completed the second of two three-year terms), Samantha Frykholm (completed a three-year term), and Renato Jimenez (completed a three-year term).

2026 Election of Officers

Mike Davis (who has two years remaining on his second term) shared that Renato Jimenez was willing to serve a second term, Todd Hessel (a former Board member and chairman) was willing to serve again, and that John Mochel was willing to serve a special one-year extension to his second term and as the representative from the Network to the Board of Ministerial Standing. Samantha Frykholm indicated that she was also willing to serve again. A motion was made to elect these four members as indicated and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Later in the meeting, John Mochel motioned both to elect Matt Mitchell (Pastor of Lanse EFC in Lanse, PA) to the Network Board and to serve as chairman. Matt accepted the nominations. These motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

2026 Budget

Mike Davis explained that the Network Board had prepared a budget for 2026. The total amount budgeted would be \$10,000 or less. A motion was made to approve this budget and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

{Subsequent note: The amount of the budget is \$4,000. [Board Travel (\$2,000), Admin (\$500), District Projects (\$1000), and Promotion (\$500).] The previous year's budget was \$43,500 of which 92% was expended [Board Travel (\$156), Gifts (\$40,000), Promotion (\$96)], and \$85 of additional revenue was contributed leaving \$41,387 currently in the Network fund].}

Discussion on Dissolution

The Network Board members present led those gathered in a thoughtful discussion of the future of the EFCA Network.

All present agreed that the Network has had a long and fruitful ministry, beginning in 1894 when 37 Free Church pastors formed a Ministerial Association at a conference in Boone, Iowa.

In the letter shared with the membership, the Network Board wrote, “There is no doubt that the MA played a vital role in the early organization and ministry fruitfulness of the EFCA, and laid the groundwork for the many excellent structures that have arisen to serve the expanding needs of our movement. In recent years, however, there has been discussion about whether the Network has an ongoing part to play or if it is time to gratefully and gracefully allow this structure to pass into the history of the EFCA.

The argument for dissolution is simply that there are very few tangible tasks the Network still performs for the EFCA, other than the constitutional requirement to have a Board Member who also serves on BOMS. The Network Board has spent the last several years prayerfully looking for ways to assist in connecting leaders with one another, but continually discover that other teams and programs are actively and effectively working on the initiatives we might pursue like marriage enrichment, recovery and leader health.”

All present were grateful to our Lord for the historical ministry of the Network including the last seven years of encouragement and spurring of each other on in a vital, relational, identity-fortifying network of church leaders.

At the same time, all present agreed that it seemed that the time has come to end the formal structure and dissolve the Network organization. The membership discussed the best way to do this in accordance with the Network Bylaws, in harmony with the EFCA Articles of Incorporation and leadership (EFCA Board of Directors, Board of Ministerial Standing, Office of the President, etc), and with adequate advanced notice for the membership to prayerfully consider this proposal.

A motion was made to recommend the dissolution of the EFCA Network at the next Annual Meeting which will be in February of 2027. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Mike Davis thanked all for attending, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Matt Mitchell and approved by all who were present.

2026 EFCA Network Board

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