

October 29, 2026

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As a credentialed leader in the EFCA, you are a voting member of the EFCA Network (formerly the EFCA Ministerial Association, founded in 1894), and you are invited to participate in the annual EFCA Network Meeting on February 4, 2027 at Valley Church in West Des Moines, Iowa in conjunction with the Theology Conference.

At this meeting, we will be voting on a motion to dissolve the Network as an organization. This decision is the fruit of [a prayerful, decade-long discussion](#) about the ongoing role of the Network in the life of our association of churches. After [a long and fruitful ministry](#), spinning off many other significant ministries, it seems that this formal structure has run its course and is no longer needed.

[At the 2026 annual meeting](#), the membership unanimously voted to recommend dissolution and directed the Network Board to (1) work with the EFCA Board of Directors on the best way to facilitate that dissolution and to (2) research and recommend the most appropriate ministry within the EFCA to transfer the remaining monetary assets of the Network to carry on its mission.

Since that meeting, the Network Board has interviewed numerous former Network Board Members and Executive Directors of the Ministerial Association to determine the most appropriate recipients of the remaining Network funds (approximately \$40,000) nearly all of which came from dues paid in by members of the Ministerial Association.

After prayerful consideration, the Network Board unanimously recommends that these funds be transferred to the EFCA Pastoral Care Ministries operating out of the National Office. EFCA Pastoral Care Ministries, led by Greg Strand (Executive Director of Theology and Credentialing) and Scott Barber (Director of Pastoral Theology and Care), carries on a significant amount of the same work that the Ministerial Association accomplished in previous generations such as the EFCA Theology Conference, the Recovery Church Network, and benevolence for pastors experiencing hardship.

The Network Board hopes that this transfer of funds may continue the legacy of our ministerial association by facilitating new initiatives to foster pastoral health throughout the EFCA such as the Pastor/Theologian Cohort Program and District Conflict Coaching Team training projected to launch in 2027.

At the most recent EFCA Network Board meeting, the Board unanimously adopted the following motion to be voted upon at the annual meeting:

IT IS HEREBY MOVED by the Board of Directors of the EFCA Network as follows:

1. That the EFCA Network shall dissolve and cease to exist effective August 1, 2027 contingent, however, upon adoption of amendments to the EFCA Bylaws by the 2027 EFCA Conference in June, 2027 removing references to the EFCA Network from the EFCA Bylaws; and
2. That upon dissolution, the remaining assets of the EFCA Network shall be transferred to EFCA Pastoral Care Ministries in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of [The EFCA Network bylaws](#).

The full agenda for the annual meeting is posted [on the EFCA Network website](#).

As an official member, please consider attending this important and potentially final meeting of the EFCA Network. And please pray for a unified decision and smooth transition to what follows.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact EFCA Network Chairman, Matt Mitchell (pastormatt@lansefree.org).

Grateful for what the Lord has done and will continue to do in His grace,

2026 EFCA Network Board

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