

Annual Report To The Churches



116th Annual Conference
of the
Midwest District EFCA
February 23, 24, 2012

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Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Appointment of Committees:
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Distribution
 - c. Tellers
4. Report of Credentials Committee
5. Action on Church Plant Delegates
6. Recognition of Honorary Delegates
7. Adoption of agenda as a guide
8. Chairman's Report
9. Financial Report
10. Foundation Report
11. Christian Homes Report
12. Church Planting Reports
13. Boards of Ministerial Standing Report
14. Action on Board Recommendations:
 - a. Church Plant Autonomy
 - b. Election
 - c. Budget
15. Superintendent's Challenge
16. Trinity International University – Carl Johnson
17. Report from Superintendent Search Committee
 - a. Q & A
 - b. Recommendations
 - c. Vote
18. Reading of minutes dispensed by action of the 116th Annual Meeting with motion to be approved by District Board.
19. Other Business
20. Approval to destroy ballots
21. Report on Superintendent vote
22. Candidate response
23. Invitation to host 2013 Conference
 - Kearney Evangelical Free Church
 - Kearney, Nebraska
 - February 21-22, 2013
24. Adjournment

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**Midwest District EFCA
115th Annual Meeting
February 25, 2011
Hastings Evangelical Free Church, Hastings, Nebraska**

1. Chairman Rob Mitchell called the annual meeting of the Midwest District Conference to order.
2. A motion was entertained to accept these delegates as the voting membership of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest District. Motion carried.
3. A motion was entertained to accept the agenda as a guide. Motion carried.
4. A motion was entertained from the District Board to recommend Finding Life Church, Omaha, NE for autonomy. Motion carried.
5. A motion was entertained from the District Board to change the following items in the By-laws:
 - A. To change section 3.201 to read “The District Board shall consist of ten (10) members.”
 - B. To change section 3.204 to read “The position of Treasurer shall be appointed by the District Board for a one year term. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a Treasurer may serve. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board. The Treasurer is an officer of the Board.”
 - C. To change section 3.601 to read “At the first meeting of the District Board following the regular annual meeting of the conference, the officers of the District, consisting of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and financial secretary shall be elected by the District Board from its members. Officer shall be elected for one year and hold office until their successors are elected.” The motion was corrected due to a typo of section 3.204, which should have read 3.205. Motion carried.
6. Bill Bauhard gave the financial report. The total income for 2010 Budget was corrected to \$644,285 from the reported \$624,285. The motion to receive the financial report and to approve the budget for 2011 carried.
7. Chm. moved to elections. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Midwest District Board – Dr. Rob Mitchell, Hillcrest EFC, Seward, NE
Dr. Kevin Carnes, Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS
Mr. Larry Nyberg, Loomis, NE EFC

Boards of Ministerial Standing:

East Region -	Rev. Wayne Feigal, Calvary Bible EFC, Jewell, KS Mr. Kurt Andres, Geneva, NE EFC
South Region -	Rev. Ken Cooper, West EFC, Wichita, KS Rev. Dan Curnutt, First EFC, Wichita, KS
West Region -	Dr. Tom Barnes, Minden, NE EFC
Foundation Board –	Pastor Doug Reed, Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE Mr. Don Holen, Westmark EFC, Loomis, NE

Christian Homes –

Mr. Jim Lindner II, West EFC, Wichita, KS
Mr. Dave Malone, Kearney, NE EFC
Mr. Jack Wilkins, Kearney, NE EFC
Mrs. Marlys Anderson, Holcomb EFC, Holdrege, NE
Mr. Wayne Cowan, Oxford, NE EFC
Mr. Doug Gustafson, Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE
Mr. Steve Stroup, Loomis, NE EFC

8. The location for next year's Midwest District Conference was announced. It will be in Newton, KS.

A motion has been made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes for this meeting and have them approved by the Midwest District Board. Motion carried.

9. Motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Chairman

It has been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Midwest District Board of Directors in 2011. The Midwest District has been blessed with an outstanding Superintendent, staff, and Board of Directors who provide excellent leadership. I have benefited and been blessed by seeing God-honoring men lead and am honored to have had the privilege of serving Christ on the District Board.

This was another exciting year for the Midwest District and marked the beginning of the leadership transition for the District as we began the search process for a new District Superintendent. The search process is moving forward and we covet your prayers as we seek a new Superintendent for the Midwest District. The District Conference in Hastings was a successful and exciting event. We conducted breakout sessions to meet with the member churches and their delegates to discuss how the District might better meet the needs of the local congregations. We had an excellent session and look forward to expanding on some of the ideas we received.

It has been a blessing to work with Superintendent Bill Smith and the District ministry leadership team. The District Staff excels at meeting the needs of the District. Bill's wisdom and leadership during his tenure as Superintendent has touched the lives of many people. He has prepared the District well for moving forward. I have been blessed to see Bill use his gifts to address some difficult situations in a God-honoring manner. Please continue to pray for Bill and the rest of the District ministry leaders, staff, and District Board during the transition process.

I want to thank Bill Bauhard, Steve Bergstrom, Claire Boroff, Kevin Carnes, Abdel Gonzalez, Doug Reed, Larry Nyberg, and Mike Vincent for serving on the District Board of Directors in 2011. God has gifted these men in many ways and they have proven to be servant leaders of character. It has been an honor and an encouragement to serve with you.

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District Superintendent

“Churches Reaching People – What’s the Church Got To Do With It?”

Organizations have different reasons to exist. The Evangelical Free Church of America and the Midwest District are all about the Church. The ‘Church’, that called out group of people who are part of God’s forever family through faith in Jesus Christ as the only provision for man’s sin and separation for a Holy God. Since the Book of Acts the Church has been a vehicle through which our Lord works to draw people to Himself. And over the years the Church has labored in a world where spiritual matters are often avoided or used for the personal agendas of individuals or countries. At the core of God’s design is that

the Church be the touch of love and grace for people who need to know that their Heavenly Father loves them and cares for their eternal destiny.

Our conference this year provides the opportunity to rethink just how the Church reaches people. In every town, village and community, the needs of people are expressed in different ways. Acts of compassion and assistance come from various sources. And while the Church can make provision for the physical and emotional needs of those around them, the greatest need for connecting with/reaching people relates to their eternal relationship with God. I trust you will be challenged this year to rethink just how your Church is Reaching People. The bottom line is that the Church has a vital mission to bring the news of the Kingdom to those who are separated from God's love.

As I look back on this past year I feel a great sense of peace about the district work God has placed in our hands. We know that the job will never be done until we stand before our Lord and Savior, but until then it is fulfilling to see how lives are changed, congregations assisted, leadership teams supported, and churches are planted. Your district staff continues to be used by God to train and encourage church leaders at a number of levels. So much of our work is done in ways that are not very public. Yet, we know that your investment and support are well placed in this called out staff to serve our Lord through serving you.

1. A few highlights from 2011 include:
 - a. Two district staff, Shawn Ammons and Neal Brower provided training in a neighboring district.
 - b. Ken Massey taught at the Seminary in Minsk, Belarus where over 100 churches have been planted from graduates over the years.
 - c. Five key church planting leaders from our district attended a Leadership Forum on church planting with Neal Brower.
 - d. A rural and small church conference held in March was attended by 57 pastors and church leaders.
 - e. Eric Douglass provided worship training for a non EFC in Rexford, KS.
 - f. Two worship leader learning communities meet within the district.
 - g. Six pastoral clusters meet on a monthly basis for study, prayer, encouragement and fellowship.
 - h. A TUMI, The Urban Missions Institute, an EFCA Theological Training event was approved for western Nebraska and Kansas.
 - i. District staff led mission teams to Peru and Mexico.
 - j. A district wide youth retreat was held in March in the Wichita area.
 - k. A "Discipleship is Relationships" tour visited a number of churches in our district as well as being invited to a neighboring district.
 - l. Bridge of Hope held a 'Mega Day' where 13 churches and 76 volunteers put in over 595 hours to clean up and fix up the property.
 - m. The District-owned property next to the office received a 'facelift' to the exterior.
 - n. The congregations in Taylor and Orleans, NE completed ministry and closed.
 - o. I had the privilege of facilitating a meeting between ReachGlobal and the EFC of Mexico to explore future ministry and cooperation. During this trip I was able to be part of the dedication of the construction project in Tlanchinol, Mexico.
 - p. A new district logo – 'CHURCHES REACHING PEOPLE' was launched.
 - q. Neal Brower began full time ministry with the district this past December.
 - r. Shawn Ammons was able to take a well deserved sabbatical.

2. Church Health

- a. The District staff launched a new idea in the fall. Connection/Ogallala was the first of what we believe will become a rotating district event. To better 'Connect' with local church leaders an event is scheduled within a region of the district where all the district staff comes to meet with leaders from churches in the area. During a three hour schedule, each staff member meets with leaders (from various churches in the region) in their area of ministry interest. In Ogallala eight churches participated and over 40 were in attendance.
- b. The EFC of Pleasanton, Nebraska was released from Support Team Program (STP) supervision. This three year process helped this congregation to reestablish ministry and gain direction for the future. A special thanks to our EFC congregations in Kearney, Broken Bow, Central City, and Holdrege who provided pastoral and lay leadership to the STP Board. Pastor Dave Oldham was called as pastor.
- c. Pastor Adam Neel was installed at the EFC in Oakland, NE. Pastor Josh Black was installed at First EFC, Wichita, KS.
- d. Six churches are currently being served in their search for a Sr. Pastor.
- e. One congregation has asked the district to do a full evaluation of its ministry. This should be completed by March of 2012.
- f. Four churches were assisted in the area of church health concerns.

2. Pastoral Care

- a. We were saddened but rejoiced in the completed ministry of Pastors Donald Leff and Melvin Loge this past year.
- b. A number of pastors received personal help with various issues over the year.
- c. Nine men went through the EFCA Credential process.

3. District Board

- a. A word of thanks to Chairman Rob Mitchell as he completes his service on the Board this year. We have been blessed through his leadership and participation.
- b. Two board members experienced motorcycle accidents this past year, Bill Bauhard of Omaha and Abdel Gonzales of Wichita.
- c. A search committee was established and is working for the position of Superintendent. Lord willing, a candidate will be presented sometime this year.
- d. I am so very thankful for these men and their interest and support for the district ministry. Their wise counsel and guidance provide a great working relationship.

3. The Year Ahead

- a. We expect that this will be a year of transition. Sometime during the year a new Superintendent will be in place who will need your support and encouragement. I trust many of you will plan to invite him to your church or leadership team to get acquainted. I am sure that the next years of district ministry will be exciting, challenging and fulfilling.
- b. Staff Change – As recently announced, Ken Massey has completed his service as Missions Mobilizer and will transition to other personal projects related to missions. Pray for Ken and Mary Ann as they enter this new adventure of ministry and service. We are thankful for Ken's work among us.
- c. John Regier will return to the district for further training of those who are following his principles for counseling. The dates are March 19-23. I continue to receive reports on the benefits of his ministry from those he has trained.
- d. Watch for a "Connections" meeting in your area. The district staff is excited about this opportunity to engage local church leaders and provide networking opportunities for advancing ministry.

It has been another great year of ministry. What a blessing you have given to Sue and me as we serve you and your congregations. We have a wonderful staff that keeps things in order. I am thankful to Nancy Simmerman, Cindy Renteria, and LaRene Beebout for their skill and passion to serve our District well. We all have new things ahead of us and the adventure of walking with the Lord goes on. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

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Director of Church Planting

After 27 years as local church pastor with the EFCA, I stepped into full time focus on a district level multiplying ministry as of December 1. The personal and kingdom implications are many, but from the perspective of the King, I'm sure, just a few small steps.

An end in officially shared ministry was experienced in Grandview, MO (Hispanic: Nueva Vision), Blue Springs, MO and South Sioux City, NE (Hispanic: Nueva Vida). We no longer have any District sponsored Sudanese efforts, though some local churches continue to explore the most effective means to serve. We are also advancing our efforts to reproduce healthy churches in the following ways:

Mosaic Lincoln (Church Planter: Aaron Loy) has begun with strength in conviction, gospel, heart, finances and numbers (175).

Siloam, Emporia, KS (Church Planter: Phil Brown) is something of a "pilot" project, tackling ministry from the "missional" approach. While Phil is fully funded for ministry, they have no plans, short or long term, to rent or build facilities, or organize the more conventional programs. This relationally driven ministry will keep its focus on the gospel's power to change lives.

El Faro, West Wichita, KS (Church Planter: Flavio Gonzalez) is being launched out of Genesis. Please pray for smooth transition and God's provision of sound leadership for both mother and daughter church.

We will present three churches for autonomy at this year's conference. Each is a unique model, revealing the need to constantly adapt to the nature of God's work in every place:

Heritage Evangelical Free Church, Udall, KS – pray for interim Pastor Steve Ward as he guides this group into its own identity and impact, including a pastoral search.

Valley Community Church, Marquette, KS – pray for finances, a plurality of qualified leaders, and Pastor Ron Gunsolley, whose dedicated service has established a strong foundation in another of our smaller communities needing a gospel witness.

CentrePoint Community Church, Whitewater, KS – this may be the first time a new plant has been granted autonomy without a pastor! Their strong membership is carrying on effective ministry in the community.

A unique advancement that some of our churches might consider is what Pastor Ken Cooper and the West EFC (Wichita, KS) is doing. For a decade they've funded a church planting vision, and now strategized for intentional multiplying ministry to reach their entire county. They've designated Chris Rollman to shepherd a planter residency focus. Pray for the development of planter/leaders from within the local church and the wise recruitment of planter/leaders from around the country.

The larger picture of church planting in North America is seeing an upsurge in "Missional Community – a local approach to multiplying the church." At last year's conference I made the bold statement that every church could "plant a church." It was met with expected skepticism. But if we redefine "church" and respect the priesthood of every believer, we just might see an awakening of "the sleeping giant" that bears the seeds of 100-fold harvest. Imagine a community of friends around YOU, seeking spiritual life in Jesus together, and that group becoming an identifiable community of worshiper-learner-prayer-giver-sharers that expands as "God adds daily those who are being saved." Raising up reproducers from among us is God's next wave of growth in our country, as it has been globally for some time now.

Then, I hope to begin a regional approach to multiplying kingdom laborers by identifying key leaders (pastoral and otherwise) in the East, Central, and Western portions of the two states of our district this year. Around these servants we'll establish centers for discovery, encouragement in multiplication, and will provide coaching, prayer, financing, and training. I'm calling for overall motivation in every district church to engage with undaunted intentionality in becoming truly reproductive great commission organisms.

Deep gratitude is extended to all who invested heart, time, money, and every kind of resource for the sake of the lost among us. My heart is grateful to Kerry Relihan and Ron Gunsolley, who have faithfully served on the "Church Development Team" for several years now. Their prayer, counsel, and wisdom has served to lead us to those efforts, projects, and funding efforts that has brought about the growth of our district planting ministry. This is why God gives us our next breath. Let's use all He provides for the hearts of those yet to believe in Jesus. May He come quickly!

Yours for posturing the church for God's true movement,

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Missions Mobilizer

Every year of walking with our Lord is a grand adventure and 2011 was certainly no exception. The year started off with a bang on New Year's Eve as I was privileged to lead a team of 10 very eager Bible couriers to a major Asian city. From that city we carried God's Holy Word into a closed country for five glorious days. By His grace we were privileged to carry approximately 10,000 copies of scripture to His waiting servants. We didn't get to meet any of these servants who have been praying fervently for a copy of His Word but we are eagerly waiting to be introduced to them by our Lord when we all meet in heaven. What a glorious day that will be!

The latter part of January was spent with me praying with this phrase in mind, "You learn more from failure than you do from success." With much effort a Hutchinson, KS class of *Perspectives On The World Christian Movement* was attempted. With an eye toward God's grace it didn't have enough students to form. With much prayer, counsel, and hard work a class will again be attempted in January 2012. I am hard to discourage so we'll see what our Lord has in mind for this class.

A highlight of last year's annual conference was the contacts that were made that culminated in a first ever mission trip for one of our churches. What a blessing!

Another highlight of the year was a mission trip to visit the El Cordero church in Chihuahua, Mexico. I had visited this church two years ago and was impressed with their humble attitude, servant hearts, and hard work ethic. At that time they had a vision to start another church on the other side of their 1 million citizen city. I was eager to see their progress and I wasn't disappointed. By God's grace and leading they had started not one but two churches, had plans for a community building and were beginning discipleship classes in their chosen area across town. What a blessing to see them so eagerly serving their Lord!!

This last fall I was again blessed to go to Belarus and teach The Gospels and Acts at the Minsk Bible School. It was a trip of encouragement. I was encouraged to be a small part of what our Lord is doing in Belarus and the Belarussians seemed encouraged that their friend from America would again come and see them. Belarus is struggling mightily with political, economic and social problems that are very serious. But, in the midst of all the problems God's Church seems to be thriving. New churches are being planted, many people are trusting the Lord and His Word is being proclaimed no matter what the government says. It's a very hard time to be serving our Lord in Belarus but it's also a time of much fruit. I was certainly honored to see our old friends and make new ones.

In the midst of these trips it was always encouraging to visit mission teams and dream of how we can grow together in reaching all the nations for our Lord. Rev 7 states that there will be representatives of ALL nations and ALL tongues in heaven. Jesus stated in Matt 24:14 *that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.* All nations is referring to every people group in the world. When there is a church in every people group then Jesus will have the freedom to come. The end of the age is near, the goal is in sight. Let's work together to finish strong!!

Rejoicing in His service till the job is done, Phil 4:4 & Matt 24:14

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Director of Student Ministries

This past year was a great year to reach people for Christ. It is exciting to see adults and teenagers commit to be disciples who make disciples. Pastors, youth pastors, youth workers, and churches are joining together to fulfill the great commission.

We led a Disciplemaking Training tour that equipped 200 leaders from 29 churches. Training current and future leaders is one of our top priorities. Ephesians 4:12 challenges us to equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. **Praise God!**

We hosted Eric Rodriquez for a ninety-day Internship. We met Eric on a short-term mission to Chihuahau, Mexico in 2009. 2011 was Eric's second internship to the MWD. God blessed the MWD through Eric's three months here in Kansas and Nebraska. God blessed Eric as well. He shared with us that this experience was the best experience of his life. He said he was going back to Mexico to be a disciple who makes disciples as a lifestyle. **Praise God!**

In June we offered a four week Disciplemaking Experience that hosted interns from both Mexico, Peru and the MWD. It was awesome to do ministry shoulder to shoulder with our Mexican and Peruvian brothers. This ministry opportunity trained Servant Leaders in the disciplemaking lifestyle. Part of the internship was leading camps for JH, HS, and Families. People came to salvation in Christ, dusted their Bibles off, and committed to be workers in the harvest field as they headed back to their homes, schools, and work places. **Praise God!**

In July we sent two short-term teams out. One went to Mexico and the other went to Peru. It was an awesome opportunity for us to serve with our brothers and sisters in other cultures. When we go, we commit to honor their culture, have a teachable heart, and partner with their ministries vision, mission, and values. God used the lack of comfort to shape next generation servant leaders into his likeness. **Praise God!**

In August a group of youth pastors finished a two-year study in the life of Christ. It was a great experience for us to see how Jesus made disciples. In addition to our study we evaluated each ministry represented and had extended prayer time together. Pray for the youth pastors and youth workers in the MWD to model the disciplemaking lifestyle for the youth under their care. **Praise God** for the youth pastors and youth workers He has blessed our churches with.

September – December was my first Sabbatical experience. I was blessed in so many ways during these ninety days. I took Grandpa and a few boys bow hunting in Colorado for two weeks. I took a pastor friend for some continuing education in Dallas, TX. I took my wife and two daughters to Costa Rica to visit some missionary friends. I was blessed with extra time to love on and serve our nine children. The theme of my sabbatical was *“It takes a changed life to bring about life change.”* I came away from my experience more healthy in spirit, soul, and body. **Praise God** for the opportunity to lie down in green pastures and be restored.

During deer season we were able to donate 3400 pounds of venison meat protein to food banks to help feed the poor and needy. Thank God for the landowners, hunters, and financial donors who made it possible for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. **Praise God!**

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Associate Minister

Our vision in the Midwest District is Churches Reaching People. We want to close our eyes and in 20 years see this becoming a reality. So what does musical worship have to do with fulfilling that dream? I believe that every ministry in the church should be about making disciples, including the music ministry. That is the heart that I have taken into the numerous events throughout 2011. From leading worship at Mens’ Retreats and directing a youth worship team, to learning communities in Kansas and Nebraska, this message of making disciples has gone with me.

Here are a few highlights from this last year:

- Launching a second Worship Leader Learning Community (meeting in Hastings, NE).
- Directing a youth worship team from two churches to lead musical worship at a youth retreat.
- Gathering with worship leaders from around the country to discuss what makes a health worship ministry.
- Discipling two young men
- Connecting with worship leaders at the Connection Ogallala event. Be looking for information about more of these Connection Events coming to your part of the district.
- Training a worship leader from scratch.
- Seeing how God has provided financial support for me throughout the year.

I am continually amazed at what God allows me to be a part of. I am even more amazed at His amazing love and grace, that He would save sinners like us, and then use us to be a part of spreading His fame.

I want to leave you with a quote from a worship leader, Bob Kauflin. In the conversation of outward expressiveness in musical worship, Bob says that we are not trying to manipulate people into some sort of outward expressiveness in musical worship, we just want people to respond like they just heard the greatest news in the world...because we have heard the greatest news: THE GOSPEL, and that is what we

are singing about. May our music ministries preach the Word of Christ in our songs, and may our hearts, minds, and affections be in awe of who God is and what He has done, properly responding to Him in worship with a life daily surrendered to Him!

For His glory and fame!

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Director of Theology and Credentialing

The purpose of the District Board of Ministerial Standing (DBOMS) is to uphold the requirements for credentialing as mandated by the National Conference of the EFCA. DBOMS is not a policy making body, it is an arm of the National Board of Ministerial Standing that upholds the policy and guidelines for credentialing as dictated by the EFCA. We see to it that this policy is adhered to and that guidelines are met. Almost all latitude in policy or procedure at the DBOMS level is centrally controlled by the office of the National Director of Theology and Credentialing who himself answers to the National Board of Ministerial Standing and ultimately the President of the EFCA, William Hamel. The DBOMS doesn't make the rules or procedures, we enforce the rules, policies, and procedures which we have been directed to uphold.

Our Regional Chairmen (Brian Anderson, South; Wayne Feigal, East; Scott Harvey, West) are all very interested in helping candidates succeed in the credentialing process. However, please be aware, the time to ask questions is not 35 days before your interview. Don't risk getting turned down for an interview by not getting one of these men to look at your paper well in advance of scheduling an interview. I am also available to help you, as are other credentialed pastors in the District.

The DBOMS is a gatekeeper. Our job is to see that those who have been called of God into ministry are also qualified to receive an EFCA ministerial credential. Just because a person is called of God does not necessarily mean that they are a good fit with the EFCA. Sometimes we have to affirm that someone is called of God, but that they are not a good theological fit with the EFCA. These are difficult issues. Please pray for those who have taken on this important task. The EFCA would fail to own its distinctive as a denomination if the DBOMS in every District did not do its job.

I want to express my personal thanks to all the men across the District who work so hard on the DBOMS committees in order to help ministers accomplish their goal for being credentialed in the Free Church. Your tireless efforts, insights, care, and concern for candidates and our mandate from the EFCA, are appreciated.

The following men sat for interviews in 2011 for **credentialing**. This is merely a report of who sat for interviews, *not a statement on the successful or unsuccessful completion of requirements*.

West Region:

- ✓ Bradley A. Zook, Brookside Church, Omaha, NE, License, 3 October
- ✓ John Alford, Brookside Church, Omaha, NE, License, 3 October

East Region:

- ✓ Scott A. Moore, Grand Island, NE EFC, License, 11 February
- ✓ John W. Houston, Brookside Church, Omaha, NE, License, 3 May
- ✓ Dr. Ezekiel Pipher, Heartland EFC, Central City, NE, Ordination, 13 September

South Region:

- ✓ William Gorman, Christ Community EFC, Leawood, KS, License, 29 January
- ✓ Andrew Jones, Christ Community EFC, Leawood, KS, License, 29 January
- ✓ Joshua Black, First EFC, Wichita, KS, License, 29 January
- ✓ Eric Douglass, Midwest District EFCA Staff, License, 30 April

District Ordinations: (This credential is provided for pastors seeking to fulfill immigration status requirements.)

- Ø Juan Fernandez Martinez, 27th November, District Ordination, Nebraska City, NE.

I am always happy to answer any questions you might have of credentialing, the process and requirements. I am happy to read papers and make suggestions for anyone writing a paper at any level as are the Regional chairmen of DBOMS.

We currently have one Gateway class in progress. It is being facilitated by Flavio Gonzalez and assisted by Dennis Hesselbarth in Wichita for Spanish speakers.

Currently we have two, "*The Urban Ministry Institute*" (TUMI) theological training courses in progress. One is held each month at Landmark Church, Belleville, KS and it is being taught by Pastor Phil Thengvall from First Free in Wichita, KS. The second is being held at New Hope, Ogallala, NE and is being taught by Pastor Brian Fugleberg from Harvest EFC, Goodland, KS. Anyone who may be interested in taking the course may join one of these studies even though they are already in progress, if you desire to do so. Contact one of the facilitators or me to sign up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Greg H. Hubbard

Rev. Hubbard is the pastor of the Smith Center, Kansas EFC.

Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries

One of the special features of the Hispanic congregations in our District is that they all are at different stages of development. Each faces unique challenges related to its particular stage of development. Each

is striving, as well, to grow into the next stage of corporate life in Christ. The Year 2011 was a year of steady growth for our Hispanic ministries, with more victories than setbacks. Our Hispanic fellowships continue to show tremendous potential for making disciples of Jesus Christ and becoming viable, reproducing churches.

Our most mature work, in many ways, is the *Génesis* church in Wichita, Kansas. Plans that would allow Pastor Flavio to move on and make way for a new Senior Pastor, however, were frustrated this year. Nevertheless, the goal remains the same. Please pray with us that *Génesis* would find a pastor in 2012, thus fully releasing Flavio to do the work of church planting. In the meantime, Flavio continues to move forward with the early stages of planting the *El Faro* church in the Hilltop area of Wichita. A lot of prayer is going into this project. The Partner Advisory Team is up and running, giving supervision and aid. Please pray that additional donors would be moved to underwrite the costs of this mission. Wichita has an estimated 50,000 to 70,000 Hispanics and it would be thrilling to see a second church actively reaching out to this spiritually needy segment of the population.

Exciting news is coming out of Lexington, Nebraska! Juan Santos and I will be training church leaders this year at *Camino de Vida*. The plan is to have weekly training sessions for prospective deacons and elders. In addition, monthly seminars will be held for a larger group of lay leaders of the church. This is a huge step toward maturity as this church has benefitted from the wise decisions of the Partner Advisory Team and is now ready to take on more and more self-direction. We are hopeful the leadership program will become a prototype for training that can be used in other contexts in the District. Pray for Juan who is a servant leader with a vision for biblically-driven ministry.

Both Fidel Torres and Juan Fernández are in the early church-planting stages of ministry. In Hastings, Nebraska, Fidel had the privilege of baptizing 10 believers this year and now has a group of about 30 meeting on Sunday mornings. Juan, who has been focusing on pre-evangelism in rural Southeast Nebraska, is considering a shift to a more urban approach, perhaps in Lincoln or Omaha. Our prayer is that both men will be enabled to raise up a nucleus of devoted disciples around which viable churches might be built up.

In closing, one of my primary goals this past year has been to work at forming a sense of “team” among the Hispanic pastors and church planters. To achieve this we have been conducting bimonthly pastoral retreats. Besides challenges from God’s work and equipping sessions, we have been working on spending informal time together—simply forging bonds as brothers in Christ. Like any pastor or church planter on the front lines of ministry, one can feel out-numbered, out-resourced, and all alone. It’s great to have brothers in Christ that can listen compassionately, dialogue intelligently, and pray fervently for one another. In this and in all areas, God has been at work among our Hispanic brethren. We appreciate your continued prayer, emotional, and financial support. Thank you!

In Christ,

Michael Bell

Rev. Bell is the pastor of the Alma, NE EFC.

Boards and Committees

The District Superintendent serves as an ex-officio member of all boards and committees. Members are elected to serve three year terms unless otherwise noted. Terms begin at the close of the annual meeting where elected.

District Board – *six elected members, District Superintendent, Chairman of Christian Homes Board, Chairman of Foundation Board*

	Term
Mr. Bill Bauhard, Treasurer (Brookside Church, Omaha, NE)	appt. 2010
Mr. Claire Boroff, Vice Chairman (Kearney, NE EFC)	second, ends 2/2013
Dr. Kevin Carnes (Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS)	first, ends 2/2014
Mr. Abdel Gonzalez (Evangelica Libre Genesis, Wichita, KS)	first, ends 2/2013
Mr. Rob Mitchell, Chairman (Hillcrest EFC, Seward, NE)	second, ends 2/2012
Mr. Larry Nyberg (Loomis, NE EFC)	first, ends 2/2014
Dr. Michael Vincent (Victory Road EFC, Norfolk, NE)	first, ends 2/2013
Mr. Stephen Bergstrom (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	Christian Homes Board Chairman
Pastor Doug Reed (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	Foundation Board Chairman

East Region Board of Ministerial Standing – *six elected members*

	Term
Mr. Kurt Andres (Geneva, NE EFC)	first, ends 1/2014
Mr. Phil Awtry (Highland Park EFC, Columbus, NE)	first, ends 2/2013
Mr. Darin Christensen (Highland Park EFC, Columbus, NE)	first, ends 2/2013
Rev. Vance Christie (Aurora, NE EFC)	second, ends 2/2013
Rev. Wayne Feigal, Chairman (Calvary Bible EFC, Jewell, KS)	first, ends 2/2014
Rev. Paul Hofrichter (Grand Island, NE EFC)	first, ends 2/2012

South Region Board of Ministerial Standing – *six elected members*

	Term
Rev. Brian Anderson, Chairman (Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS)	second, ends 2/2013
Rev. Ken Cooper (West EFC, Wichita, KS)	first, ends 2/2014
Rev. Dan Curnutt (First EFC, Wichita, KS)	first, ends 2/2014
Mr. Bill Friedline (Clearwater, KS EFC)	second, ends 2/2013
Dr. David Pauls (Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS)	appointed, ends 2/2012
Mr. Mike Wise (First EFC, Wichita, KS)	first, ends 2/2012

West Region Board of Ministerial Standing – *six elected members*

	Term
Mr. Dan Anderson (Broken Bow, NE EFC)	second, ends 2/2012
Dr. Tom Barnes (Minden, NE EFC)	first, ends 2/2014
Rev. Scott Harvey, Chairman (Broken Bow, NE EFC)	first, ends 2/2014
Mr. Mike Hoover (Alliance, NE EFC)	second, ends 2/2013
Mr. Chris Kuehn (Minden, NE EFC)	first, ends 2/2013
Rev. Robert Reuss (Alliance, NE EFC)	second, ends 2/2013
Rev. Matthew Snell (Keene EFC, Axtell, NE)	second, ends 2/2012

Midwest District Foundation Board – *nine elected members.*

** Treasurer appointed annually.*

	Term Ends
Mr. Chris Carlson (Victory Road EFC, Norfolk, NE)	2/2012
Mr. Donald Holen (Westmark EFC, Loomis, NE)	2/2013
Mr. David Kment (Stanton, NE EFC)	2/2013
Mr. Jim Lindner, II (West EFC, Wichita, KS)	2/2014
Mr. David Malone (Kearney, NE EFC)	2/2014
Rev. Lowell Myers (Hillcrest EFC, Seward, NE)	2/2012
Pastor Doug Reed, Chairman (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2013
Mr. William C. Smith (West EFC, Wichita, KS)	2/2012
Mr. Jack Wilkins (Kearney, NE EFC)	2/2014
<i>* Mr. Jeff Hinrichs (Kearney, NE EFC)</i>	N/A

Christian Homes Board – *twelve elected members (nine are to be residents of Phelps County, Nebraska)*

	Term Ends
Mrs. Marlys Anderson (Holcomb EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2014
Mr. Stephen Bergstrom (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2013
Mr. Tom Carlson (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2012
Rev. Craig Cedar (Wilcox Community Church, Wilcox, NE)	2/2013
Mr. Wayne Cowan (Oxford, NE EFC)	2/2014
Mr. Doug Gustafson (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2014
Mr. Don Holen (Westmark EFC, Loomis, NE)	2/2013
Rev. Wes Holen (Oxford, NE EFC)	2/2012
Mr. Larry Lindstrom (Holcomb EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2013
Mr. Charlie Reeser (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE)	2/2012
Mr. Steve Stroup (Loomis, NE EFC)	2/2014
Mr. Jim Swanson (Kearney, NE EFC)	2/2012
Ex-officio member: Mr. Donald Bakke (Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE), Administrator	

Boards of Ministerial Standing East Region

The Board of Ministerial Standing—East Region is responsible for examining candidates who are seeking credentials through the Midwest District EFCA in Eastern Nebraska and North Central/East Kansas.

The laymen elected to serve on the board are: Mr. Phil Awtry and Mr. Darin Christensen, both of Highland Park EFC in Columbus NE, and Mr. Kurt Andres of Geneva EFC, Geneva, NE. The board also includes the following elected pastors: Rev. Paul Hofrichter of the Grand Island EFC, Rev. Vance Christie of the Aurora EFC, and Rev. Wayne Feigal from Calvary Bible EFC in Jewell, KS.

During the year 2011 we conducted three interviews. Two were seeking a License Leading to a Certificate of Christian Ministry. They were: John Houston, Executive Pastor at Brookside EFC, Omaha, NE; and Scott Moore, Middle School Pastor at Grand Island EFC, Grand Island, NE. Both candidates were recommended for a Ministry License. The third candidate was Zeke Pipher, Senior Pastor at Heartland EFC, Central City, NE. He was recommended for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wayne Feigal, Chairman

Rev. Feigal currently serves as pastor of Calvary Bible EFC in Jewell, Kansas.

South Region

It has been our privilege and joy be a part of the credentialing process for a number of men in 2011. Joshua Black (First EFC, Wichita, KS), Andrew Jones (Christ Community EFC, Leawood, KS), Bill Gorman (Christ Community EFC, Leawood, KS) and Eric Douglass (Midwest District and Beacon Community Church, Goddard, KS) all were recommended for a ministry license. As well, David Robinson (Harvest Fellowship, Manhattan, KS) completed his work on his ordination. We appreciate the diligent work of these men in pursuing their credentials.

I've appreciated working with a wonderful and committed group of pastors and laymen who have served on the South BOMS. They are committed to ensuring that each candidate's doctrinal position is in agreement with the EFCA so as to protect the orthodoxy and distinctives of the EFCA as well as to appropriately evaluate each candidate's life and ministry. They have done this with thoroughness, grace and wisdom.

This past year the board consisted of the following elected laymen: Bill Freidline (Clearwater EFC, Clearwater, KS), Mike Wise (First EFC, Wichita, KS) and David Pauls (Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS). The board also included the following elected pastors: Dan Curnutt (First EFC, Wichita, KS), Ken Cooper (West EFC, Wichita, KS) and Brian Anderson (Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS). In addition to the elected

board, I would also like to thank Cary Lavender who sat on at least one of our boards at some point this year.

I would also like to thank Greg Hubbard, Director of Theology and Credentialing for the District, for the many ways he assists the South BOMS as we do our work. He is an invaluable resource for me as I lead this board.

Finally, I would like to thank First EFC in Wichita who graciously hosted both of our councils this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Anderson, Chairman

Rev. Anderson serves as Pastor of Equipping Ministries at Faith EFC, Manhattan, KS.

West Region

It has been my pleasure to begin serving the Midwest District as the Chairman of the West Region Board of Ministerial Standing. I am very thankful to Greg Hubbard for his time and expertise in preparing me for my duties. I am also thankful to the veteran members of the West BOMS that continue to serve faithfully each and every year. They are truly the ones that do the “heavy-lifting” of the board.

The West Region did not have any candidates for our first two interview dates, so we were able to interview some guys from the East Region to help out their schedule. We were privileged to interview John Alford and Brad Zook from Brookside Church in Omaha, NE. Each candidate was seeking a License leading to a Certificate of Christian Ministry. Both candidates were unanimously recommended for a license.

We are also planning to interview Andy Pull from Bethel EFC in North Platte, NE in February. He is also seeking a License leading to a Certificate of Christian Ministry.

I would like to recognize Rev. Matthew Snell from Keene EFC and Dan Anderson from Broken Bow EFC as they have both completed a full two terms of serving on the West Region Board.

In Christ,

Rev. Scott Harvey

Rev. Harvey serves as Senior Pastor of the Broken Bow, NE EFC.

Midwest District Foundation, Inc.

The Midwest District Foundation was set up to provide needed financing to new or financially challenged churches throughout our District. With this goal in mind the foundation has been faithful throughout 2011. At the close of 2011 the Foundation had \$780,471. in assets. We currently have 7 loans to churches totaling \$483,135. The interest from these loans has provided assistance to many different projects throughout the District.

I would like to thank the current board members for their time and talents given during this year: Mr. Chris Carlson (Norfolk, NE), Mr. Jack Wilkins (Kearney, NE), Mr. Don Holen (Bertrand NE), Pastor Lowell Myers (Seward, NE), Mr. Jim Lindner II (Wichita, KS), Mr. William C. Smith (Wichita, KS), Mr. David Kment (Stanton, NE), Mr. Dave Malone (Kearney, NE), Supt. Bill Smith and I would also like to thank Mr. Jeff Hinrichs (Kearney, NE) for his services as Treasurer.

The Foundation has been a huge blessing to several churches over the years and it is only because people have given financial gifts – many from estate planning. The money given to the Foundation helps to start new churches throughout the Midwest District, and to encourage young congregations along the way. Please consider giving to the Foundation in your future giving.

Pastor Doug Reed, Chairman

Pastor Reed serves as Pastor of Mission at Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE.

Christian Homes

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: ... A time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up ... Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 3 (Amplified Bible)

...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content. Philippians 4:11b (King James Bible)

Change has become frequent way of life at Christian Homes. So, the verse written by Paul in Philippians 4:11 has become a challenge to adopt. In an organization with many people, dealing with frequent change can be difficult.

Many of those reading this report may have little knowledge of the Midwest District's ownership of a campus in Holdrege, Nebraska. On this campus, Christian Homes provides housing and services to seniors and the infirmed through our skilled nursing, assisted living, and independent living facilities. Our roots go back to the early years of the Evangelical Free Church when we were founded by a local Free Church pastor in 1890 as a ministry to provide a home for orphaned and needy children. In the mid-1950's, Christian Homes' ministry was refocused in the direction we serve today.

For over six years, the leadership of Christian Homes has been working towards a much needed addition to and renovation of our skilled nursing facility. It is a major project which received unanimous support by the boards of Christian Homes and the Midwest District.

We report that we have made significant progress. The majority of the new construction has been completed with the addition of two new resident wings and new neighborhood dining areas. In addition, by the time of the annual conference, well over half of the remaining portions nursing home will have been fully renovated.

As each phase of the renovation takes place, we must relocate residents and essential services. We are thankful for how smoothly this has occurred, with the Lord's guidance and His provision of talented and creative employees.

This project is slated to be completed in September of 2012.

For those who are willing to place us on your prayer calendars, please pray for God's guidance for us in the following:

- For contentment and His guidance through the remaining changes we will encounter in our project.
- His guidance in making wise decisions in the changing direction of our county. With the increasing national focus on reforming health care, Medicare, and Medicaid, we watch to see how we will be impacted as an employer and as a provider of health care services.
- His timely provision of employees as we are in a part of the country which has low unemployment.
- Our efforts to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who receive our services and with those are employed by us.

Steve Bergstrom, Chairman and Don Bakke, Executive Director

Chairman Bergstrom and Mr. Bakke attend Trinity EFC, Holdrege, NE.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry had one activity this past year, the Men's Retreat at Timberlake Ranch Camps, with Jim Slosson challenging 53 men to be bold in bearing witness to Jesus Christ. He shared the Six P's of Evangelism: Pray, Personify, Pursue, Probe, Present, and Persevere. He also shared two presentations of the gospel that men can use to share with those who are lost.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Men's Retreat; it will be at Timberlake Ranch Camps on January 18 and 19, 2013.

The Men's Ministry construction trailer is in Jewell, Kansas at Calvary Bible Evangelical Free Church. If you have need of it for a project please let Jeff Row (402-469-1915) or David Johnson (402-879-4126) know.

Respectfully submitted,
David Johnson

Rev. Johnson serves as pastor of Grace Community EFC, Superior, NE.

Women's Ministry

This year has been a quiet one for women's ministries at the district level as we are currently without a RESOUND mobilizer. However I know that God has not been quiet for I continue to be in contact with many women who are compelled to serve the kingdom of God in their homes, churches and communities! I know that God continues to bless and empower the vision of our national RESOUND team as well. More and more women are taking on the heart to multiply disciples among women and children for the advancement of our Great Commission. It's exciting. My final role on that team was the writing of an evangelism training material that will be piloted in March and ready to be used in our districts to help women engage with the world they live in. It is called "Ordinary Influence" and its purpose is to invite ordinary women to recognize the mission field they live in and begin to discover how naturally they can step into their everyday lives and have an extraordinary impact. I am very excited about passing on this training and watching it spread throughout the Midwest District, so please contact me and let's get started! As I continue to pray for God to raise up a woman to serve as our district mobilizer, please know that it is my desire to be available as needs and visions arise so don't hesitate to call or email me anytime. My husband will be traveling more throughout the district now that he is able to work full time as the church planting director and that will make it easier for me to get to where you are! Pray with me, that women will be unleashed all over this country as disciple makers. I see our influence going to the ends of the earth for generations to come!

Judy Brower

Camping Ministries in the Midwest District Camp KidzQuest

I am blessed to watch God use Camp KidzQuest, just like I've seen him use other Christian camps. While children have fun swimming, searching for treasure, and making leather bracelets, they also see God answering prayer and working in their own spiritual lives. July 2011 Camp KidzQuest held its 8th annual summer camp for children ages 9 – 12. It was a great week with anointed speakers, lots of fun activities and spiritual growth.

Camp KidzQuest was blessed by Timberlake Ranch Camps in Marquette Nebraska, and Hidden Acres in Boone Iowa sending well trained counselors and support staff. Camp was also blessed by churches and individuals who chose to partner with us to help underwrite \$2,000.00 of the cost of camp.

Like past years, every morning the day began with a staff meeting where we read scripture, prayed for each other and the campers. Prayer is a vital part of this ministry. Taking the time each day to seek the Lord and His will in reaching kids with the gospel of Jesus Christ is essential.



Camp KidzQuest is a simpler camp since we do not have many of the amenities that other camps do. We do have a pool, a lake with canoes, and basketball and volleyball courts for activities and air conditioned dormitories, dining hall and chapel. We hold

chapel in the morning and evening, make time for cabin group Bible study, and have arts and crafts, swimming and free time in the afternoon. Each cabin group also prepares for the week finale of our annual cardboard boat race by assembling a boat from heavy cardboard, trash bags, and duct tape.

Although the adjustment to no electronic devices is rough for many, campers have said it is worth it. Campers say the simpler pace of Camp KidzQuest allows them to have more fun than other camps and is a welcome break from their normal fast paced lives. Campers have said that they enjoy it as place away from the daily routines where they can grow new friendships, listen to God, and eat some of the best food around.

Every year we have had some Campers that make a decision for Christ, others whose faith is challenged, and still others who grow spiritually in their walk with Christ. Camp KidzQuest is dedicated to reaching kids with the gospel of Christ in a safe and fun environment.



Although we are currently a small camp, God has sustained us spiritually and financially. I believe that there are many more children in the Kansas City area that God wants to use Camp KidzQuest to reach. I am looking forward to what God will do through Camp KidzQuest this summer.

Rick Monson, Director
www.campkidzquest.net

Kids Great Getaway

Summer 2011 was one of the hottest on record, but that did not stop 136 intrepid campers and 71 dedicated staff from having a wonderful time enjoying Kids Great Getaway at Camp Quaker Haven in Ark City, Kansas! God was gracious and blessed the week as we focused on Him.

Kids Great Getaway is a cooperative effort organized and staffed by the Evangelical Free Churches of south-central Kansas including Wichita, Clearwater, Winfield and Newton churches. The staff is made up of the finest high school and college kids the participating churches have to offer. They come ready to serve the 4th, 5th and 6th grade children who attend. Many of the staff are former campers with fond memories of Camp Quaker Haven who are eager to see the campers experience the significant spiritual time they remember having as campers. It is a jam-packed 5 days that finds children enjoying games, meals together, making crafts, learning to have a Quiet Time, swimming at the pool, quizzing, attending missions and evening chapel services.

The speaker at Kids Great Getaway was Dave Ruckel, Children's Pastor at West Evangelical Free Church in Wichita. The missionary was Lori Day, from First Evangelical Free Church in Wichita, who serves at a school in Almaty, Kazakhstan. They both connected with the campers very well challenging them to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Pastor Dave's talks were full of illustrations that got the



Campers enjoying evening recreation.

campers involved. Lori challenged the children to pray for some specific needs of the school and she was able to rejoice with the children after camp at the Lord's answers to their prayers. It was a wonderful week!

For the first time in the camp's over twenty year history the heat forced drastic action by the camp leadership when the temperature in the un-air-conditioned cabins reached a sweltering 101 degrees. The staff decided that the girl's would sleep in the Chapel and the boys would bunk down in the Cafeteria. Any worries that this decision would result in a lively slumber party like atmosphere were relieved when after a few minutes of settling down the children fell right to sleep, exhausted from the heat and activity. It was a memory-making event for campers and staff alike!

The Camp Board for the Kids Great Getaway is made up of Dave Ruckel, Children's Pastor from West Free Church, Wichita; Becka Jahelka, East Free Church, Wichita; Karon White, Clearwater Free Church; Amy Hiebert, Children's Director, RiverPoint Church, Newton; Linda Schultz, Mandy Call and Judy Hollander, Children's Director, First Free Church, Wichita.

Timberlake Ranch Camps

It is a blessing to watch God working and see that lives are being changed! I am so thankful for the many volunteers, the staff and the Board of Directors who have a great passion for ministry.

The primary purpose of the camps is spiritual! Therefore, every specific activity, program or event works toward the common goal of leading people into a closer relationship with God. There have been some changes at Timberlake this year. But, the best changes we have seen in 2011 are those that have taken place in the life of more than 150 children who accepted Christ as their Savior.

There is much excitement for what God is doing! The future is bright and we are expecting God to use the camp ministries in a mighty way. We believe that the potential is tremendous and are challenged to follow God's will as we work to develop each camp program.

Timberlake Ranch Camps Inc. is indeed blessed with wonderful facilities for the purposes of Christian camping. We have learned that the camps will change in order to stay relevant. On the other hand (generally speaking) the very fact that camping has not changed is its strength. Changes in communication, brochures, recruitment methods, etc. are happening – but, when you walk onto the facilities that same peaceful, natural, quiet, fun and welcoming environment exists.

The camp ministry is as vibrant and dynamic as ever. 2011 brought more campers to Timberlake than the year before. Several staff changes were made. Heritage Ranch and Camp Oasis continue to grow.

As Timberlake works to fulfill its potential we will develop methods that meet the needs of people while maintaining the integrity of the principles upon which the camp is founded. Programming is such an essential ingredient to the camp experience.

In addition to the summer camps there are family camps and retreats. When the camps are not programming they are renting the facilities out to other groups. Groups such as youth groups, women's retreats, and civic organizations all use the camps.

The camps reduced fees in 2011 so that even more campers can attend camp. These funds are recovered through donations or through the participation from other campers.

Please consider what you can do to help reach even more people in 2012!

Respectfully,

Greg Rhoades, Administrator

Financial Report
Total Income and Operating Costs – January 1 to December 31, 2011
Proposed 2012 Budget

Income:	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Proposed
MWD Churches	\$214,124.	\$205,000.	\$205,000.
Individuals	66,756.	25,000.	30,000.
Departments	208,907.	249,135.	253,898.
<i>Director of Student Ministries</i>			
<i>Missions Mobilizer</i>			
<i>Associate Minister</i>			
Estate Gifts	500.	00.	00.
Other	11,790.	11,000.	8,000.
<i>Booster Club</i>			
<i>Administrative Fee</i>			
<i>Credentialing</i>			
<i>Revenue: rent</i>			
Matching Funds	<u>8,965.</u>	<u>60,000.</u>	<u>00.</u>
Transfer of Funds	<u>26,081.</u>	<u>38,433.</u>	<u>179,082.</u>
Total	<u>\$537,123.</u>	<u>\$588,568.</u>	<u>\$675,980.</u>
Operating Costs:			
Staff Compensation	\$328,170.	\$347,768.	\$394,483.
Staff Benefits	93,481.	100,800.	112,362.
Staff Travel	54,373.	64,575.	67,275.
Board and Committee Travel	5,853.	6,750.	8,550.
Administrative Expense	<u>55,246.</u>	<u>68,675.</u>	<u>93,310.</u>
Total	<u>\$537,123.</u>	<u>\$588,568.</u>	<u>\$675,980.</u>
Income over (under) Expenses	\$00.	\$00.	\$00.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011

<u>Assets</u>	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$307,251.	
	Certificates of Deposit	500,815.	
	Fixed Assets: Office Equipment	47,072.	
	Vehicles	56,750.	
	Real Estate	<u>149,675.</u>	<u>\$1,061,563.</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	Payroll Withholding	00.	
	Insurance Premiums – Employee Paid	<u>00.</u>	<u>00.</u>
<u>Fund Principal</u>	Fund 1 Closing Acct.	\$20,594.	
	Fund 3 Closing Acct.	<u>297,384.</u>	<u>\$317,978.</u>
	Temporarily Restricted Funds		<u>\$743,585.</u>
	Total Liabilities, Principal & Restricted Funds		<u>\$1,061,563.</u>

Mueller Financial Services of Grand Island, NE has completed the field work of their formal review of the 2011 district financial records. There were no material errors or omissions identified in the field work. The final report will be reviewed by the District Board at its next Board meeting in April.

Church Planting

Emporia, Kansas

Siloam

Planter: Phil and Sharon Brown

We are Siloam an EFC missional/incarnational church plant in Emporia, Kansas. We began meeting with a few interested folks last March, when we worked through the Tangible Kingdom Primer. The intent was to help people understand what it meant to live a missional/incarnational life day to day. We also investigated what a church made up of these kinds of people would look like. We met for about three months Thursday evenings.

For those who are not familiar with the Missional/incarnational model of Church, let me explain. Missional is the concept of every believer a missionary 24/7. Incarnational is a reminder of the fact that God came to earth in the form of a man and we are the representatives of that man to the world. We believe we are called to enter the community and minister in their midst rather than ask them to join us in order to be ministered to in a building we call church. We are the church and we are sent to alert Emporia to the universal reign of God through Jesus Christ.

We began with about 20 people and whittled our way down to 9 by June. This was not a concern since we were trying to help people determine if this style ministry resonated with them. We have in the meantime added three more people.

We named ourselves Siloam, which means "sent" (John 9:7). We began meeting on Sunday's at 11:30 for our gathering time. We have a very diverse group with people from 95 to 20 somethings. We have on guy who is a seeker and hasn't missed a week. He has great questions and has commented on the love he senses at Siloam. Our gathering is a very informal time where we share what we see God doing in our individual and corporate lives. We challenge one another from the Word and sing if time allows. We celebrate God's work in our midst, and pray for one another. We end each weekly gathering sharing a meal together. Our Sunday gathering is a community building time, and a life on life time.

We have done several things as a whole body, we went to a play at the college together, we had a party over the Labor Day weekend for ourselves and those in our lives we wanted to share a fun time with. We did a project for the city which gave us an opportunity to work together and to have a small impact on Emporia. Little tasks we hope will lead to more ways the city sees they can use us. We are also getting involved in a city wide "Food for Students" project which provides food for children identified by the school system as being at risk of not having enough food on weekends. We are also planning to partner with some other churches to provide meals on Saturday's because there is no service available through the mission organizations for the homeless over the weekend.

I spend a lot of time at Starbucks (they gave me a Christmas card good for two free beverages because I am such a regular). I know most of the baristas by name and they are ready with my favorite drink when I

walk through the door (a grande of the days bold with one splenda in it). I also spend time at the other local coffee shops and some of the restaurants. I have discovered that the public Library is a great place to hang out and meet people. I pray each day that God will lead me to people who need His touch, I am amazed (I know I shouldn't be) that daily God answers that prayer.

Our prayer is that God will send more missionally-minded folks to help develop a community that could one day multiply itself into other missional/incarnational works here in Emporia.

Leawood, Kansas

Christ Community Downtown

Planter: Bill and Rachel Gorman

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2011 MINISTRY YEAR

- Launch of prayer meetings – January
- Assembly of Launch Task Force – July
- Identification of 1500 Grand facility – July
- Move from prayer meetings to weekly Sunday evening worship gatherings – August
- Kauffmann Center Neighborhood Clean-Up - September
- \$50,000 Matching Gift - September
- Move from Sunday evening to Sunday morning worship gatherings – October
- Lease signed on 1500 Grand facility – January 2012 (Lord willing!)

PEOPLE

These people are a committed part of our team. We have others who attend more occasionally who aren't listed here.

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| • Bill Gorman* | • Sarah Reardon* | • Eliana Jacobs |
| • Rachel Gorman* | • Natalie Morrell | • Elisa Jacobs |
| • Nathan Shain* | • Ken Shively | • Gabe Coyle* |
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| • Lena | • Josh Jacobs | • Erin Tompkins |
| • Lora Vogt | • Trish Jacobs | |

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PLANS FOR 2012

These are just a few of the things we have planned for the upcoming year.

- Launch public services
- Launch community groups
- Conduct Razor's Edge Intensive/Leadership Training winter/spring 2012

- Launch Razor's Edge Downtown fall 2012
- Host community association meetings, book studies, lunches, CMDA events, etc. in the new facility

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray that we would quickly gain at least 15-20 more people as we prepare for a public launch
- Please pray that we would maximize the matching gift
- Please pray that we would see many people who are far from God come to know Christ
- Please pray as we work to build our worship arts team as we prepare for our public launch

Lexington, Nebraska

Camino de Vida

Planter: Juan and Maria Santos

A few weeks ago I went to visit a young man at the Lexington jail; we opened the bible to read the story of Jesus and Nicodemus and I asked him: Do you know what it means to be born again? No; he answered, but I know I need Jesus in my life; I've made so many bad choices; I know I really need to give my life to the Lord. With tears in his eyes he asked God to forgive his sins and accepted Jesus as his personal savior. What a joy it was for me to be used by god to bring the good news of salvation to Ricardo and to witness how the Lord had prepared his heart for that moment.

Camino de Vida continues to reach out to the Lexington Hispanic community bringing the message of salvation by grace and inviting people to join the family of God. We have an average attendance of 50 people in our services. We are reaching out to a first and second generation so even though we our services are in Spanish we teach the children and youth in English.

ESL and Spanish GED classes are part of our community outreach; we praise the Lord for our volunteer workers who have invested many hours helping people in the process of learning English, becoming a US Citizen or getting a GED in Spanish. We have seen several people come to the Lord and some of them are now part of our church because of this.

We thank the Lord for the generosity of churches and individuals who have made an effort to support the work of Camino de Vida through the years; our local offerings bring about 50% of our yearly ministry expenses so we really appreciate your willingness to help us.

Wednesday nights have become very special to me since we started having our adult's bible study, kids club, youth group and the English church prayer meetings at the same time, it reminds me that someday we are going to be together in heaven worshipping the name of our Lord regardless of our language or ethnic background; we are very blessed to be able to work together for the kingdom of God.

We are going to take a big step beginning in 2012; we are thinking of putting together our first leadership team with the vision of training men to be our future deacons and elders; Michael Bell is going to guide us in this process and they will be receiving training in different areas such as hermeneutics, church leadership and bible knowledge, we ask your prayers for this matter so we can complete this training and we would be able to see this group of men growing and strengthening their faith and love for the Lord.

As you know planting a church has many ups and downs; but also it is very rewarding to see how the word of God has an impact in people's lives when we share with them the message of salvation. A few months ago my wife asked me to pray for her as she was feeling God's guidance to talk to her friends about Jesus; Six weeks ago she invited two of her coworkers to have a bible study at our house; one of them said: I will go but we have to invite the "other girls"; so they invited three more and Maria was able to start a bible study with five young ladies. Last night before they finished their bible study they told my wife how thankful they were to have someone that could explain the bible to them. I pray that all of them will make a decision to follow Jesus and that someday they will be counted as members of the family of God.

Philippians 1:6 He who started the good work in you will carry it onto completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Lincoln, Nebraska
Mosaic Lincoln
Planter: Aaron and Megan Loy

In the summer of 2010, roughly a dozen people gathered in a living room in north Lincoln in what would be the beginning of a new church. This church would be one passionately committed to reaching the city's unreached with the gospel. In the months that followed, this team would grow to over 35 wonderful people – planning, dreaming, fundraising, creating, and praying - all crazy enough to believe that God was indeed about to do something fresh and powerful in our city.

On March 6, 2011, Mosaic Lincoln officially launched in Antelope Park. Since then, Mosaic has grown to nearly 200 in weekly attendance, including people from many different faith backgrounds. Mosaic has seen atheists come to church, Muslims get connected in life groups, Buddhists come to Christ, even recovering Baptists give church another shot. (Just kidding, but seriously.) Since launching, they have seen dozens of people commit their lives to Christ for the first time and many who had previously given up on religion connect with church and recommit their lives to Jesus. They like to say that they are a church for the unchurched and dechurched.

“Mosaic has steadily grown since launch, but to be honest, that was never really the goal. Having a big church doesn't excite me. Having a hip church doesn't excite me. Being a pastor doesn't excite me. None of those things will ever get me out of bed in the morning. But getting to be a part of seeing lives changed forever by the message and movement of Jesus? Seeing those far from God come to experience the life that is in Christ? Seeing Jesus' church empowered and unleashed to be the church in a world that desperately needs it to be? That is something I can give my life to.”

Marquette, Kansas
Valley Community Church
Planter: Ron and Joanne Gunsolley

Valley Community Church has continued to minister in Marquette with outreach to the unchurched, empathy for the disenfranchised and comfort for the distressed. As we seek to reach people for Christ our challenges continue to be bigger than we are but not bigger than our God. This keeps us dependent upon Him for every endeavor.

We increased our caring for our leadership in providing housing for our worship leader, Craig Hull, and his family, Vanessa and Eliana. We did this to assist them financially as Craig would be completing his student teaching and therefore unable to substitute teach which was one of their sources of income. They moved into the basement of the parsonage this summer and were available for a special summer outreach in the city park that we called LOL – “Living Out Loud”. This was an effort to bring the church to the community outside the doors of the building. The plan was to provide hot-dogs and s’mores and lead in worship choruses around a campfire in an informal setting every Saturday evening. Things were going well building bridges to families and individuals in the community until the oppressively hot days hit. People were not interested in sitting by a campfire in over 100 degree heat so we had to suspend this outreach. During the few weeks we were able to host this event we built good will in the community and met new people.

Our air-conditioning failed by the end of the summer and a new HVAC system needed to be installed. Thanks to a matching gift from the District Foundation of \$3500 we were able to raise the additional funds to accomplish the project. Because so much of our congregation is on fixed income or living on the edge of poverty we used a “seed money” concept to enable people to give over and above gifts by investing the Lord’s money and their labor in creative ways to raise funds. Garage sales, baking, craft projects were all included as ways our people contributed to see the Lord supply for us. Additionally several people were able to give special gifts toward this project. One blessing that resulted from this was a renewed sense of the people working together and the sense of excitement at seeing God at work. The Lord has blessed us to see 4 come to faith in Christ this year. We have also seen our people reaching out to invite others in the community to fellowship with us.

2011 has been an eventful year of organizational progress for Valley Community Church in Marquette, Kansas. We completed our constitution and by-laws, interviewed charter members and have continued to seek to build the congregation and reach the community with the gospel. We established a budget for being autonomous that will continue to depend upon outside support at this time, as we seek autonomy. We are thankful for the partners who have helped us get to this point, First Evangelical Free Church of Wichita, Landmark Church of Belleville, KS, Calvary Bible EFC of Jewell, KS.

Nebraska City, Nebraska
Iglesia Evangelica Libre Fe Eficaz
Planter: Juan Fernandez

“We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1st Thessalonians 1: 2, 3.

We just had our Christmas dinner in one of the communities, a year and a half after being on site we have been able to gather four Hispanic families and two church families to this special event. Each one of them has spent time on our Educational outreach for either learning English or Spanish. The children loved and appreciated receiving generous gifts and quality time from the family members of the church. Pillows, sheets, blankets, and personal hygiene items were given to each one of these children. Thanks, for your support, it is priceless.

“FE Eficaz” is a church plant that understands the importance of reaching out to the community. Our target has been the first and second generation of the Hispanic families. We have accomplished 180 hours of ESL and Children outreach for each community. God has provided faithful volunteers that go out of their comfort zone and go in obedience to the missionary field. People are now coming to the doors of the church who are satisfied and looking forward for what the Lord has in store for us next year.

The PAT and District have been participating actively as well in; providing feedback, sound doctrinal counsel, ideas on how to continue setting up a Core team for “Fe Eficaz”, and they continue raising the funds for the follow up in this ministry. We have met every 2nd Monday of the Month for a monthly report, prayer, discussion and projection of the activities for the month. We have just been able to have an ordination test and Service for the Church, Juan Fernandez. This is an evidence of the long term commitment on how we continue serving for the Kingdom until the Lord comes or call us home.

There are many ways to communicate with different people, but communicating with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the most important communication. The relevance of planting a church is enormous that cannot be done in our own strength, abilities or methods. God brings birth to a church by providing healthy Christians to reproduce and make disciples. The importance of the prayer partners is vital before, during and after God brings a core group together for “Fe Eficaz”.

Continue praying for us, here are some ideas on how to pray.

For our District, “Fe Eficaz” PAT and a strong Hispanic Leadership to minister effectively.

For the prayer partners, prayer request communication and needs being shared.

For Family Financial partners.

For Salvation and growth of three healthy strong Christian families in each community.

Felíz Navidad 2011 y Próspero 2011 lleno de bendiciones en Cristo Jesus Señor Nuestro!

Udall, Kansas
Heritage Evangelical Free Church
Interim Pastor: Steve Ward

Instituted functioning Elder Board

Instituted functioning Deacon Board

Instituted functioning Committee Structure

Installed new Heating/AC system for Sanctuary (Fixed original system for basement)

Instituted Bible Club Ministry for 1st - 8th grades

Sent 3 kids to Bible Camp

Baptized 4 children (5th, 6th & 7th graders) who had trusted Christ and requested baptism

2 teenagers came to Christ

Began preparations for Computer Ministry to the Community, to begin in March, 2012

Finished approvals for Constitution, By-laws, etc. for EFCA

Closed down Partnership Advisory Team in preparation for full acceptance in the EFCA in February, 2012

Installing new projector, screen, and electronics/computer area; Using old temporary system for computer ministry. Finished in February, 2012

Installing bathroom upstairs to allow elderly to continue church attendance; finished in February, 2012

Repaired Church Roof

Initiated an Evangelistic Home Bible Study for teens and adults

Involved in City Park Evangelistic Ministry (one day community wide event)

Helped start 5th Sunday Community Singspirations

Continued financial and prayer support for Church Missionaries

Whitewater, Kansas Centre Point Church

Planter: A team actively seeking to be God's men for this church while waiting for the Lord's direction on adding a pastor.

It has been a great experience watching the Lord lead in the birthing and growth of Centre Point Church. The mission that God has given us is to step out of our comfortable Christian circles and reach out cross-culturally to the spiritually disconnected people in Whitewater. This includes both the "lost" that do not know the Lord as their savior and the "found" that have not been plugged in with other believers and have been living the Christian life on their own. It is exciting to look around at Centre Point and see people at all stages in their spiritual life from seeker to servants who are drawn together because of what the Lord is doing in their lives.

We are now just over 1 year old and are learning how to walk. A group of men have been taking turns teaching the Word on Sunday mornings. They are clearly growing in their ability to communicate what God's Word says and how to apply it to our lives. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the congregation about this. We are still in prayer for the Lord's leading on the timing and details of hiring a pastor. In addition, we started a Sunday School time for kids through 4th grade during the last half of the service. The youth 5th grade through high school meet on Sunday nights, with 30+ youth and 6+ leaders.

Sunday morning is a gathering of 80–100 people that are clearly growing together into a spiritual family. We enjoy the worship, teaching, and fellowship of the Sunday service. But we are also building personal relationships with each other away from the building. Some of the people we hardly knew a year ago are now our close friends, spiritual encouragers, and prayer supporters.

A unique feature of our church is that 50% of those attending are college age and under. In fact, the sound system, video projection, and much of the music are led by this group. They have also led the Easter Sunrise and Christmas Eve services. They are already becoming the spiritual leaders of the next generation.

God has given us a great building right on Main street in the center of Whitewater. We are committed to investing into the activities and life of the town in addition to sharing the Gospel. Allowing the building to be used by other people and groups has helped promote a good relationship with the town. It has also encouraged the beginning of personal friendships that we pray will grow into natural bridges to share the Gospel.

This year Centre Point is applying for autonomy as a full-fledged church. It is now time for us to get out of the nest and fly on our own. The Partnership Advisory Team members from other EFCA churches have been Harold Roesler (chairman), Irv Penner, Ron Gunsolley, and Neal Brower. We have also been blessed that Norman Tillotson, the pastor from a neighboring Baptist church, was given permission from his elders to join the PAT. How awesome that God has given us favor like this with other local churches!

These men have been very helpful in supporting the local PAT members with good suggestions and planning. Thank you all PAT members for your faithfulness in investing time and prayer!

One of the town leaders told me, “We are so excited to see life happening in downtown”. I know they were thinking of it from a secular, business perspective. But Centre Point’s prayer is that ultimately many people in Whitewater will develop a deep, personal relationship with the true Life-giver as we “Connect with the Spiritually Disconnected and Grow Together in Christ”.

William Carey, Leadership Team Member

Wichita, Kansas
El Faro
Planter: Flavio and Yolanda Gonzalez

This is a report of El Faro Evangelical Free Church in Wichita KS. We have been working on this project for about 3 years. But in the last 4 months we have started doing Bible studies every Tuesday night. Since I am still working at Genesis Church full time, we are only having services at El Faro once a week. We have organized prayer walks throughout the neighborhood twice since opening our doors. With the help of some members of East Free Church, Hilltop Urban and our brother Ross Hollander we have been able to cover the whole Hilltop neighborhood. We have 2 regular families in the church and we have had our first person come to Christ her name is Rosalva. We are currently renting the basement of Hilltop Church. We are paying around \$150 a month to Hilltop to use their facilities. Our goal is that in this year I want to start working full time at El Faro. We need a lot prayer and your support to reach our financial goal for our first year. When we reach that goal Genesis will start looking for a full time pastor. At that point I will dedicate all my time to El Faro. We are asking for prayer for Genesis in looking for a new pastor (one who is more handsome and younger!!!) And for El Faro that the Lord will grant me full time in El Faro soon. May God bless you.

Abdel and Flavio Gonzalez

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Leawood, KS

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