

BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION

A RESOURCE GUIDE: FOREST LAKES DISTRICT EFCA



Identification

- Well known & respected association of churches
- Congregational polity
- Evangelical orthodoxy (Statement of Faith)
- Unity based on essentials and charity in non-essentials
- Committed to our Forest Lakes core values, marks of a healthy leader, and vision in over 140 congregations in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula

Conferences, Retreats & Connecting Opportunities

- Fall and spring leadership conferences
- Affinity, geographical & multicultural networks
- DISTRICTS Youth Conference
- Oasis Retreat for ministry leader couples
- Refresh Retreat for lead pastors and spouse
- Student Ministries Leadership Training
- Worship Summit (2 locations)
- Renewal Retreat for student ministry leaders and their spouse

Church Health & Support

- Conflict resolution & reconciliation support
- Church revitalization planning
- Church health assessments
- Access to counseling services & leader care
- Strategic planning support
- Recovery church placement
- Elder training & coaching
- Access to resources

Church Multiplication

- Recruiting, resourcing and networking with planters and churches
- Planter assessments, residencies & internship programs
- Planter coaching & training cohorts
- Revolving funds & grants available
- Planter and spouse retreats & other networking opportunities
- All Peoples initiative for multicultural church planting

Credentialing & Ordination

- Nationally recognized licensing & ordination
- Credentialing coaching
- Gateway & Prepared Cohorts (EFCA)

National Benefits

- Partnering with 17 districts and 1,600 congregations across the US
- EFCA conferences
- ReachGlobal Missions & Crisis Response partnership
- Universities (Trinity International University & Trinity Western University)
- Seminary (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)
- Discounted tuition at EFCA schools

Benefits & Financial Planning

- 501(C)3 status available
- Retirement plan (FCMM), life insurance, disability insurance
- Health insurance (Guidestone)