## Get to know the Partnership Fund



# Why are churches encouraged to give 1% of their annual budget?

The EFCA requests 1% of the local church budget based on the national office's budgeted need. Currently, the Partnership Fund accounts for 26% of the national office's needed revenue. If 100% of churches contributed at the full 1%, funding would be sufficient, predictable, and enable a variety of essential resources and services to local churches.

### 60% OF EFCA CHURCHES VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARTNERSHIP FUND

The EFCA national office depends on the faithful financial support of local churches to serve with excellence.

### How do churches contribute?

Please send a check with "Partnership Fund" in the memo to the EFCA national office or visit **efca.org/partnership** to contribute.

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## What is the Partnership Fund?

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of local churches, districts, and national and international ministries, knit together by a shared Statement of Faith and mission, and is funded through voluntary support from churches and individuals. As a part of the EFCA, your church is stronger when the movement is stronger.

## Local churches contribute to the ministry of the EFCA national office through the Partnership Fund.

Your support of the Partnership Fund equips and expands the work of the EFCA national office. Each EFCA church is encouraged to contribute 1% (plus the percentage the local district requests) to strengthen national and international ministries that help churches, districts and the broader movement accomplish kingdom ministry.





# Why should your church support the Partnership Fund?

### + YOU ADVANCE THE MISSION OF THE EFCA

The national office loves the local church and desires to support EFCA leaders as they fulfill the Great Commandment and Great Commission and bear fruit for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The national office aligns collaborative ministry efforts and maximizes the collective energy of EFCA churches. It is our privilege to serve, resource, convene and guard the movement.

Through gifts to the Partnership Fund, you support the EFCA's mission to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people– opening doors for disciplemaking, the strengthening and planting of churches and the extension of gospel ministries across the country and around the world. *(E.g. Credentialing, GATEWAY, Church Multiplication and more)* 



#### + YOU SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY OF CHURCHES

The EFCA is a family. Your brothers and sisters in EFCA churches across the country share the same Statement of Faith and core theological convictions. You also share bonds formed through unique ministry experiences. As a family, we rely on one another. Whether you partner with pastors in your backyard, or network with district, national and international leaders, we are better together and depend on the ongoing support of our brothers and sisters within the movement.

Through gifts to the Partnership Fund, you encourage, equip and expand ministries for your family of EFCA churches and create opportunities for connection and growth with like-minded leaders. (E.g. Affinity groups, EFCA One, Challenge, Theology Conference and more)

### + YOU EXPAND THE IMPACT OF YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Every EFCA church has a unique ministry calling and context. Yet, God calls us beyond our own neighborhoods and into the nations.

Through gifts to the Partnership Fund, you join national and international ministries in gospel-centered efforts to make disciples and plant churches. (E.g. International missions through ReachGlobal, child sponsorship and church planting through GlobalFingerprints, ministry after disaster through Crisis Response and more)

### + YOU CELEBRATE AND PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S WORK

The local church is the heart of the EFCA. Without faithful local churches and church leaders, the EFCA national office would not exist. We are proud to support you and celebrate what God is doing in and through your community.

Through gifts to the Partnership Fund, you join in the celebration and participate in God's work. Together, the national office and EFCA churches glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people.

### Thank you for your partnership!



Celebrate what God is doing through Encuentro Church in Odessa, Texas.