

EFCA HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND POLITY COURSE
CrossPoint Church
9801 France Ave. S
Bloomington, MN
September 12-13, 2023

Tuesday, September 12 (8:00 AM-4:00PM) – Lunch provided

Wednesday, September 13 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) – Lunch provided

The cost for the class is \$50 *ONLY FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON*, and pre-registration is required.

Payment can be made online (<https://give.efca.org/> - for one-time gift put in \$50 in the “other” box and 8008 in Designation box), mailed to above address to - Attn.: Dani Richards, or brought with you the day of the course.

Introduction

The EFCA History, Theology and Polity course is considered the baseline for any/all of the credentials in the EFCA. If one desires to minister in the EFCA and be licensed and eventually receive their Certificate of Ordination or Certificate of Christian Ministry, this material is mandatory. In the past this class was only offered at our EFCA seminary, so all those who desired to minister in the EFCA and who did not attend our seminary were required to meet this requirement through an independent study. We now offer the class in an intensive two-day format in other locations. We believe there is much to be gained in a class setting versus the independent study format.

Objectives

- ❖ Designed for those seeking a greater understanding of the EFCA or anticipating possible credentialing. Attention is paid to history, polity, doctrine, missionary outreach, current trends. Attendees are challenged to consider these distinctives in relation to their own concepts of ministry context and potential.
- ❖ Attendees will become familiar with the heritage and distinctives of the Free Church in order to appreciate its present structure, ministry, and mission.
- ❖ Participants will envision how God might use them in furthering his kingdom through the Free Church.
- ❖ Participants will fulfill one of the key requirements for credentialing in the EFCA.

Required Reading

It is *recommended* you read the three books listed below prior to the course. (It is *required* that the books are read before receiving a permanent Certificate). These books are available at NextStep Resources, the EFCA Bookstore, and they can be ordered by calling 800.444.2665 or online at www.nsresources.com

EFCA Spiritual Heritage Committee. *Evangelical Convictions*, 2nd Edition
(Theology) Hanson, Calvin B. *What it Means to be Free! A History of the EFCA*
(History) Olson, Arnold T. *The Significance of Silence* (Ethos)

Instructor

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Ministry License Paper

A Ministry License paper must be presented to your district as part of the EFCA credentialing process but is not a pre-requisite for the class.

Tentative Course Outline

Topics will include many/most of the following:

- Church, Churches and Denominations
- History
- Polity
- Statement of Faith (Doctrine/Theology)
- National and District Partnership
- Credentialing and Placement
- ReachNational
- ReachGlobal
- Pastoral Care
- Ministry Advancement
- Christian Investors Financial (CIF)
- Free Church Ministers' and Missionaries' Retirement (FCMM)
- Education (Trinity International University)

HOTEL/RESTAURANT INFO:

Holiday Inn Express Bloomington (only 10 minutes from the church)

5120 American Blvd. W

Bloomington, MN 55420

Book online: [EFCA September](#)

We have rooms reserved for the 12th and 13th .

Cost is \$114/night and includes a hot breakfast.

Local Eateries:

Near the church

Davanni's Pizza & Hot Hoagies

8605 Lyndale Ave. S – Bloomington

Grand Szechuan

10602 France Ave S – Bloomington

Willy McCoys (Great burgers and big menu)

10700 France Ave S – Bloomington

Near the hotel

Chillis

7801 Normandale Blvd.

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Full Tilt Tavern

8301 Normandale Blvd.

Bloomington, MN

Olive Garden

4701 American Blvd. W

Bloomington, MN

****There are NUMEROUS options inside the MOA, including food courts – 10 min. drive.**