



NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS
The Evangelical Free Church of America
134th General Conference - June 21, 2023

The order of placement on the ballot is determined by lot according to action taken by the EFCA Nominating Committee. The positions listed for each nominee include those in which they have served as a member of an Evangelical Free Church; not all are necessarily current positions. Church membership is the first item listed in each entry.

EFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS *(Requires "yes" or "no" vote)*

Cabot Ashwill, LifeSpring Community Church, Spring Grove, Ill.; Senior Pastor; Church Planting Catalyst, EFCA Great Lakes District; Director of International Ministry Touch Global (ReachGlobal).

Ed Allie, River of Life Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Director of Digital Voice of the Customer (customer research/insights), US Bank; Elder Board; EFCA Audit Committee member.

Tammy Medders, New City Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; Director of Biblical Teaching ministry, New City Academy; Director of Adult Ministries, Director of Outreach and Director of Children's Ministry, New City Church; Oversight of residency program and staff development program; EFCA Network board member; EFCA Mission Network.

Cyndi Leamon, Trinity EFC, South Bend, Indiana; Director of Discipleship and Groups; Director of Ministry to Women, EFCA Great Lakes District; Great Lakes District Superintendent Search Committee member; EFCA Prepared equipping program coach; Director of Ministry to Women and Children.

Ken Cooper, West EFC, Wichita, Kansas; Lead Pastor; Midwest District Board; Midwest District Board of Ministerial Standing; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing.

John Secrest, Compass Church, Naples, Florida; Senior Pastor/Church Planter; Young Adult Pastor, Arlington Heights EFC (The Orchard), Illinois; Missionary church planter, Hungary Country Leader, Evangelical Free Church Mission (ReachGlobal).

***Debby Rowe**, Oakwood Church, Hartland, Wis.; Volunteer & lay leader; EFCA Board of Directors; EFCA Audit Committee; EFCA Prepared equipping program coach; Resound Women's Ministries project coordinator and trainer; superintendent search committees, district conference workshop leader, Forest Lakes District; co-chair of Lead Pastor search team, teacher, trainer and coach of women, discipling champion.

Mark Balmer, Parkview EFC, Iowa City, Iowa; Lead Pastor; Area Superintendent, Great Lakes District-Moline Area.

***Roberto Munguia**, Hillside Church/Iglesia Libre en Cristo, San Jose, Calif.; Pastor of Hispanic Ministries; Associate Pastor of Hispanic ministries, Austin Oaks Church (Nueva Vida), Austin, Texas; EFCA Board of Directors.

***Bill Riedel**, Redemption Hill Church, Washington, D.C.; Lead Pastor; Planting Pastor, Cornerstone EFC, Annandale, Virginia; Pastor, Faith Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; EFCA East District Board, EFCA East District Board of Ministerial Standing (South Region); EFCA Board of Directors; Chair EFCA Board of Directors; Trinity International University Board of Regents.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL STANDING

Pastors (*Requires "yes" or "no" vote*)

James Walden, Riverside Community Church, Columbia, South Carolina; Lead Pastor; Church Planting Catalyst for the Carolinas, EFCA Southeast district.

***Paulo Freire**, Hope EFC, Wantage, New Jersey; Lead Pastor; Credentialing Specialist, EFCA East district; Treasurer, EFCA Network; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing.

District Representatives

*Position appointments by the EFCA Board of Directors to be confirmed by the Conference.
(Requires "yes" or "no" vote)*

Kerry Doyal, district superintendent, Allegheny District

Jon Payne, district superintendent, Forest Lakes District

Michael Shields, district superintendent, EFCA Central district

David Gustafson, tenured professor, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Brian Wright, district superintendent, Northern Plains District

Board of Ministerial Standing positions

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David Linde, chair, North Central District

NOMINATING COMMITTEE *(Vote for no more than five)*

Erik Valenzuela, Iglesia El Camino, Aurora, Colo.; Pastor; Church Planter, Director of Hispanic Churches, Church Planting leadership team, Rocky Mountain District.

Loree Veith, Bethel Church, Fargo, North Dakota; Licensed Professional Counselor; Director of Counseling; Women's Ministry Director; Worship Ministries Director.

Deb Hinkel, Hershey Free Church, Hershey, Pa.; Director of Spiritual Formation and Family Ministry; Leadership Team and instructor, EFCA Prepared Ministry; Senior Leadership Team, Hershey Free Church.

Noah Palmer, Bethel EFC, North Platte, Nebr.; Retired; Board of Directors chair, Interim Pastor Ministries; District Board of Ministerial Standing (Midwest District); Missions Committee, Bethel EFC; former EFCA district superintendent, Midwest District; EFCA Board of Directors; Chair, ReachGlobal Board; EFCA senior pastor.

Todd Hessel, Ankeny Free Church, Ankeny, Iowa; Lead Pastor; Lead pastor, Mulford EFC, Muscatine, Iowa; Pastor, Algona EFC, Algona, Iowa; EFCA Ministerial Association/EFCA Network board; President, EFCA Ministerial Association/EFCA Network; Board of Directors, EFCA Central District; Chair and member, Pastor Church Relations Committee for Central District (District Board of Ministerial Standing); chair, Central District superintendent search committee.

Mary Lou McDowell, Harvest Evangelical Free Church, Ames, Iowa; EFCA Central District Director of Women in Leadership; EFCA Central District Women in Ministry Director; RESOUND National Team; Women's Ministry Director; EFCA Central District Church Planting Board.

Jenni Key, Fullerton Free, Fullerton, Calif.; Retired/Volunteer; Christian Education Board, Missions Board, Trustee Board, Pastoral Search Committee, adult fellowship leader, Fullerton Free Church; Communications Director, Women's Director, Shepherd of Prayer/Mentoring, Fullerton Free Church; EFCA West Superintendent Search Committee; EFCA Missions Board; EFCA Board of Directors member and chair; EFCA President Search Committee.

Luther Eatman, Bridge of Hope Community Church, Kansas City, Kansas; Lead Pastor/Church Planter; EFCA All People Team; African-American Fellowship Servant-Leadership Team of the EFCA; Gulf-Rim church planter, EFCA Southeast district; Midwest District Board of Directors.

Matthew Mitchell, Lanse EFC, Lanse, Pa.; Pastor; EFCA Spiritual Heritage Committee; EFCA Blog book review coordinator; Allegheny District Constitutions and Credentials Chair (District Board of Ministerial Standing); Allegheny District Board Member; Allegheny District Superintendent Search Team chair.

Randall Discher, Constance Free Church, Andover, Minn; Lead Pastor; Camp Shamineau board member; North Central District board chair and member.

**Incumbent*