

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS
The Evangelical Free Church of America
135th General Conference - June 25, 2025

The order of placement on the ballot is alphabetical according to action taken by the EFCA Nominating Committee. 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 MODERATOR *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

***Steven Hawn**, Five Oaks Church, Woodbury, MN; Attorney, Laws Offices of Steven D. Hawn, P.A.; Board of Directors Vice Moderator, Secretary, Chair, Presidential Search Committee, EFCA; Board of Regents, Executive Committee, Board Governance Committee, Trinity International University; Governing Board, Five Oaks Church.

EFCA VICE MODERATOR *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

Joe Henseler, Faith Church, Allentown, PA; Lead Pastor.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

***Anna Bellum**, Hope Church, Albuquerque, NM; Outreach Director; Board of Directors and Missions Leadership Network Directional Team, EFCA.

***Angela Brown**, Oxboro Evangelical Free Church, Bloomington, MN; Chief HR Officer, Cassia; Board Member and Vice Chair of Board of Directors, EFCA; Board of Regents and Presidential Search team, Trinity International University; Deacon of Missions, Deacon of Children's Ministry, youth and senior pastor search committees, Oxboro Evangelical Free Church.

***Zach Guyton**, Bethany Evangelical Free Church, West Orange, NJ; Lead Pastor; EFCA Board of Directors.

Adam Kane, Northeast Bible Church, Garden Ridge, TX; Executive Pastor; Member of Planting Board, Citizen's Church, Plano, TX.

***Shelley Mellon**, Journey Church, Yuma, AZ; Broker, RL Jones Insurance Services, Inc; EFCA Board of Directors; Board of Elders, Journey Church.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – District Superintendent Representative *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

Michael Shields, Valley Church, West Des Moines, IA; District Superintendent, EFCA Central; Board Member, EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing; Board Member, EFCA Ministerial Association; Board Member, EFCA Central District; Board Member, Interim Pastor Ministries.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL STANDING

Pastors *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

***Dave Abernethy**, Mound Evangelical Free Church, Mound, MN; Lead Pastor; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing; Director of Credentialing, North Central District.

***John Biegel**, Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, Annandale, VA; Lead Pastor; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing; District Board of Ministerial Standing, EFCA East.

District Representatives *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

Nominated by the EFCA Board of Directors to be confirmed by the Conference.

Brett Gleason, Orchard Evangelical Free Church, Vernon Hills, IL; District Superintendent, Great Lakes District; EFCA Director of Assessment; Director of Church Planting, Associate Director of Church Planting, Church Planting Missionary, Great Lakes District.

***Brian Wright**, Elim Evangelical Free Church, Valley City, ND; District Superintendent, Northern Plains District EFCA; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing; Senior Pastor, Cornerstone EFC, Owatonna MN; Board member, Northern Plains District; Pastor, Mott Evangelical Community Church, Mott, ND.

Board of Ministerial Standing positions *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

Position appointment to be confirmed by the Conference.

Brian Berg, chair, Woodlands Church, Plover, WI; former Senior Pastor; EFCA Board of Ministerial Standing; chair, District Board of Ministerial Standing, Forest Lakes District.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE *(Requires “yes” or “no” vote)*

Lisa Brizuela, Creekside Church, Rocklin, CA; Ministry Administrative Assistant & Prayer Director, EFCA Western District.

Gissella Concha, Eastside Community Church, Jacksonville, FL; Preschool Teacher, Beaches Chapel Preschool; Church Planting Team, Sunday School Director, Women’s group leader, Director of Urban Evangelism Training (national and international), Koinonia pastors and leadership retreat, EFCA East.

Jeff Foote, Grace Church, Longmont, CA; Senior Pastor; Board Member and Chairman, Church Planting leadership team, Board of Ministerial Standing, Rocky Mountain District; Word & Spirit affinity group leadership team, EFCA.

Josh Reese, Northlife Church, St. Germain, WI; Senior Pastor; Leader, Regional Pastor Network, Northern Wisconsin; Co-leader, Team 400 gatherings; Board member, Forest Lakes District.

**Incumbent*