

District Board Chairman

Welcome to the EFCA Central Leadership Conference.

It has been my pleasure serving the Lord with the men and women of EFCA Central over the last several years. As I embark on my sixth and last year as Board Chairman, I look back and see how I have been so blessed by those around me while serving in this ministry. We truly are a group of Life-Giving Churches. I encourage you to take full advantage of the many resources provided in EFCA Central. Some of these are Hidden Acres Christian Center, the opportunities for youth from Reach Students Central District, and Larry Austin with church health. I also encourage you to join in the ministry through your local churches and by serving in EFC Central ministry with our Church Multiplication teams, Hidden Acres Christian Center, Multicultural & Multiethnic Ministry, and the various boards that make up our ministry. Don't procrastinate! While you are here at the Conference, get in contact with me, Mike Shields or Pastor Dane Schaudt (Vice Chair of the District Board and Chair of the Committee on Nominations) to let them know you are ready and willing to serve. We had in our midst a great example and servant leader in Hidden Acres Board Chairman and District Board Member, Dave Landon. Dave went to be with the Lord this past November. His funeral was a recitation of his love of Christ that was shown in how he loved and served others. This love was shown through the love he had for his work and the people he worked with whether as a manager of Welding Engineers at Vermeer in Pella or his work around the world as President of the International Institute of Welding. It was shown through his commitment to the ministry of his church, Hidden Acres and EFCA Central. It was shown in the love for his family. Dave found great joy in loving people and in service to Christ. When you keep your eyes on Christ, you will find there truly is great joy in service as well. It is a privilege to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please continue in your faithful financial and prayer support for the EFCA Central staff, boards, and the ministries of the Central District.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Jones

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