

EFCA HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND POLITY SEMINAR

**Talbot School of Theology/Biola University Myers Hall Room 102
Greg Strand, Director of Biblical Theology and Credentialing, EFCA**

October 28-29, 2016

Friday 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Introduction

The EFCA History, Theology & Polity seminar 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 ordained, 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 have experienced a good response to offering the class in an intensive two-day format in other locations and believe there is much to be gained in a class setting over against the independent study format. We look forward to being with you.

Objectives

- Designed for those seeking a greater understanding of the EFCA or anticipating possible placement within this denomination. 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 and mission.
- Participants will envision how God might use them in furthering His kingdom through the Free Church ministry.
- Participants will fulfill one of the key requirements for credentialing in the EFCA. (For those who know they will be ministering in the EFCA, this objective is very important.)

Required Reading

It is required that you read the three books listed below prior to the seminar. These books are available only at NextStep Resources, the EFCA Bookstore, and they can be ordered by calling 800.444.2665 or on line at www.nsresources.com

Hanson, Calvin B.: **What it Means to be Free! A History of the EFCA**

Spiritual Heritage Committee: **Evangelical Convictions**

Olson, Arnold T.: **The Significance of Silence**

To Register:

Send an e-mail to Rita.Nystrom@efca.org that includes the name and location of your church or ministry and a cell phone number. **There is no charge for the seminar.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Rita Nystrom at 209.667.5789.

Registration deadline: Monday, October 17, 2016. You will receive via e-mail a map of the campus with directions and information on local lodging and dining with confirmation of your registration.