

Looking back on the 2008 District Conference

We felt the blessing of the Lord at Calvary EFC in Rochester last month as we were taught by Jan David Hettinga on the supreme Lordship of Jesus Christ. His fresh reminders of old truths were nourishing, challenging, and practical. We were brought to consider the implications of Jesus' Lordship for daily transformation of life and ministry. (More detailed teaching on his conference themes can be found in his book *Follow Me: Experience the Loving Leadership of Jesus.*) Jan is currently passing the baton of his leadership at North Shore Baptist Church in the Seattle area to a younger senior pastor. In a conference workshop Jan shared some principles of ministry succession.



We also heard some inspiring testimonies and picked up some tools in a variety of workshops. The Mission Minnesota breakfast gave us an update on district church planting, and the Shamineau lunch caught us up on camp ministries.

At the business session we elected Dan Van Loon and Ken Young to the district Board of Directors, Gerald Stigall, Tom Mason, David Luick, and Mike Goldenstein to the district Ordination Council. We re-elected Tom Mouw as superintendent. Dan Moose was elected to take the baton of Church Planting Director from Bob Nieuwendorp. Both Bob and Dan will serve full-time for a one year transition period of passing the baton, with Bob focusing primarily on ethnic ministry.

We welcomed into the district Rock Haven Church (Granite Falls), *CrossCultural* EFC (St. Paul), and Harvest Community Church (Winsted). We also approved the revised district bylaws.



Besides all this, we enjoyed fellowship with others from around the state, and were well-served by the hospitable and generous staff and congregation of Calvary.