

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

2008 Annual Conference

April 14-15, 2008

Calvary Evangelical Free
Church

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Retooling

Transformation

Retooling Transformation

Regarding Transformation...

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the good news of the kingdom...**” (Matthew 4:23; 9:35; Luke 4:43; 8:1). His message did not change in three years of public ministry. If we fail to include the kingdom, repentance, and growth in kingdom living in the good news we preach today, we reduce and alter the message of Jesus and are guilty of devising a different gospel.

The message of the gospel over the past fifty years has increasingly emphasized the access door to the kingdom instead of what is behind the door... as though getting saved is all there is to it. We have worked so hard at marketing the entrance that it has itself become the gospel. But the “pearl of great price” is living in the kingdom of God, not merely entering it.

What this overemphasis has produced is a generation of believers who think the issue is getting in and getting others in. Recruiting. Not training. Not much attention is paid to what they are getting into – a whole new way of life. The **transformation process** is severely weakened in those who accept salvation without understanding the significance of the kingdom component. We now have a gospel that changes us only a little, or not at all. It’s no secret that we have a gigantic problem with non-followers inside and outside our churches.

Jesus did not call the cross or His death and resurrection the good news. For Jesus, the kingdom was the good news. The atonement, reconciliation, redemption, justification and propitiation are all essential ingredients of the gospel, but the theme of the good news is the rest, freedom, peace, and high investment value of living life under the leadership of the Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth. Plan to join us as we seek our great King and rediscover His Transformational kingdom message together with Dr. Jan Hettinga.

Your servant,
Tom Mouw, District Superintendent

Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 13th

7:00 Fireside Chat

Monday, April 14th

8:30 Registration

9:30 Session 1: **Retooling Transformation**
Rediscovering a Transformational Message

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Session 1: **Retooling Transformation**
Releasing the Government of God

3:00 Workshops

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Session 1: **Retooling Transformation**
Restructuring Transformational Community

Tuesday, April 15th

7:30 Mission Minnesota Breakfast

9:30 Session 1: **Retooling Transformation**
Re-Awakening a Missional Movement

11:00 District Business

12:00 Adjournment

12:15 Shamineau Lunch (free, see
Registration Form for details)

Conference Information

- Registration fee is **\$69/per person** (includes programming, Monday lunch, evening dinner, and Tuesday breakfast). Registration deadline is April 1st. Postmarked after April 1st will incur a \$20 late fee. Cancellations are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee after the April 1st deadline.
- Dr. Jan Hettinga is senior pastor of Northshore Baptist Church (BGC) in the Seattle area and author of *Follow Me*. A brief visit to the church's website (nsb.org) will reveal volumes of how the powerful kingdom emphasis in his book has grown out of and worked itself into the dynamic life and ministry leadership core of this church.
- Come early Sunday evening for a “fireside chat”. Greet NCD staff members and fellow pastors in an informal, come-and-go atmosphere.
- Calvary EFC is graciously hosting our 2008 conference. Calvary is located at the north side of Rochester, just east of exit #55, 22 East). Go to calvaryefc.org for directions or call our office.
- Please see your pastor or check with your church office for additional conference registration material and official delegate information.
- Lodging will be on your own at nearby hotels. See registration form for suggestions.
- Note: no childcare will be provided.



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