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**170 Congregations
in the NCD**



**1600 Churches
in the EFCA**

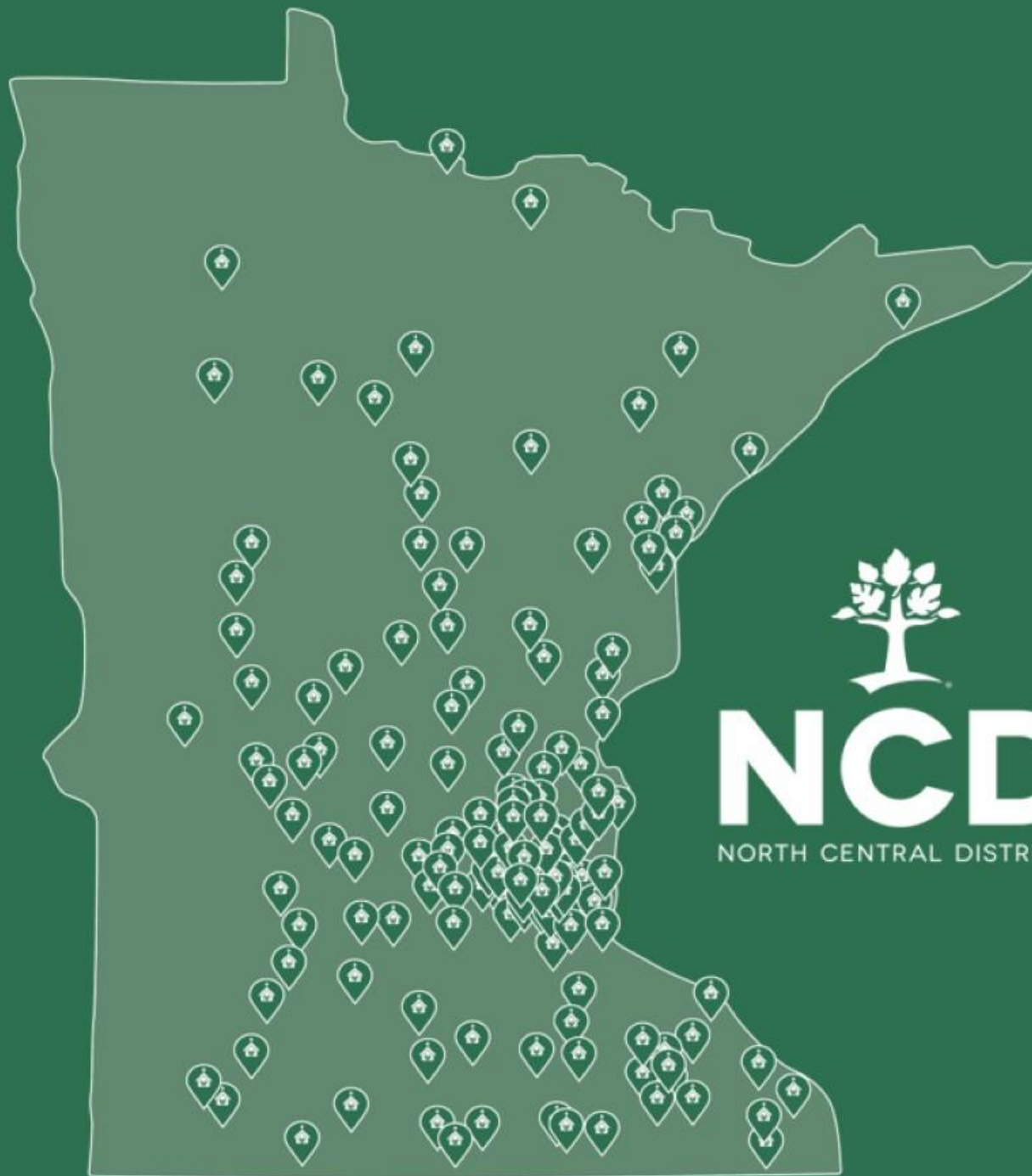


**550 Missionaries
in the EFCA**

We are a family of churches
on mission in Minnesota.

All we do is serve pastors,
church leaders and churches.

Our district team is grateful
for your partnership.



Our District Staff



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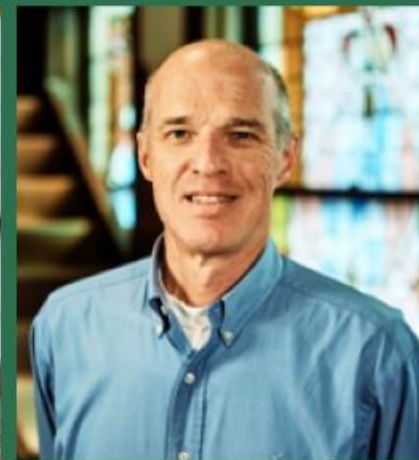
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NOT LOSING HEART

2 Corinthians 4:1-18



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by Edwin L. Greenhoff

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and
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of the
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as pastor. By December of 1889, there were five churches in Oklahoma, three in Arkansas, and two in Missouri.

North Central District Association

As Scandinavian immigrants spread across the upper Midwest in the 1870s and '80s, so did the Free Church. Churches were started in Albion, East Chain, Kost, Kerkhoven, Minneapolis (First), Milaca, Moorhead, St. Paul, Malmo, Windom, Burns, Constance, Kragero, Orrock, Svea Hill, Watertown, and Wyanette all before the turn of the century. All of these were in the state of Minnesota.

A preliminary meeting of ten ministers met in Albion, Minnesota, on November 24, 1906 to discuss an organization! A committee was appointed, and through its efforts an organizational meeting was held in Minneapolis on January 19, 1907. The name given to the new missionary society was "The Swedish Free Church District Society of Minnesota." Its purpose, like that of all the other district societies, was to promote home missions work. At the first meeting, decisions were made to call an evangelist, a financial solicitor, and to publish a paper to promote the work. At that time, the 12th Ave. Church in Minneapolis was publishing its own paper, the *Missions-Posten*, and arrange-

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- This passage is framed by the words “we do not lose heart,” which mean “not being discouraged” or even “not being afraid in the face of great difficulty.”



Turn to 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians



1. We don't lose heart because our message (the gospel) and our purpose (God's glory) don't change (4:1-6).



2. We don't lose heart because Jesus and his gospel are the treasure, and we are simply "jars of clay" (4:7-12).



Us	Jesus and his gospel
We are “jars of clay”	Jesus and his gospel are the treasure
All-surpassing power not from us	All-surpassing power from God
Hard pressed on every side	Protects us from being crushed
Perplexed	Protects us from despair
Persecuted	Prevents us from being abandoned
Struck down	Protects us from being destroyed
Carrying the death of Jesus	So that the life of Jesus may also be revealed
Given over to death for Jesus’ sake	So that his life may be revealed
So then, death is at work in us	But life is at work in you



3. We don't lose heart because our God can be trusted (4:13-15).



4. We don't lose heart because "what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (4:16-18).



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