



May 9, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the EFCA,

Greetings in the Lord!

In the [letter](#) sent last week, we informed you of the [Motion to Amend Article 9](#) of the EFCA Statement of Faith to be discussed as part of [EFCA One](#), June 18-20 at The Compass Church in Naperville, Illinois. In addition to the actual motion, we also included other significant information related to the motion, such as specific time of the Business Session, Proposed Transitional Rules for Implementation, and Special Rules relating to the Proposed Motion to Amend Article 9. If you have not read this letter with these vital details, we encourage you to do that so you can be prayerfully prepared to participate in the [2019 Business Session](#).

Since we focused on many of the pertinent details in our last communication, we also believe it is important to share with you the major reasons for supporting the motion. **Here are ten critical reasons why we affirm the motion to amend**, not in order of importance:

1. Revisits and completes the discussion begun in 2005 of broadening the acceptable views on eschatology within the EFCA.
2. Does not require anyone to change their own personal view on the millennium but does allow for a few more differences within the EFCA.
3. Acknowledges the various views of eschatology and the millennium throughout church history and recognizes the temporal specificity of Christ's return is not a doctrine "of first importance."
4. Responds to various views on the millennium in the same way we handle other doctrines that are of the same level of importance.
5. Relieves the tension between our distinctive millennial view and our distinctive approach to recognizing various levels of doctrine in favor of majoring on the majors while being centered on the gospel.
6. Emphasizes what the Bible emphasizes about the return of Christ, namely that it will be wonderfully glorious.
7. Does not change our commitment to the Bible's inerrancy, to our consensus hermeneutic, or to the major linchpins of our shared eschatology.
8. Strengthens our doctrinal integrity as a movement as now everything in our Statement of Faith is of a similarly high importance which makes it easier to be consistent in its application for the church, districts, and EFCA related ministries.

9. Answers the increasing number of requests to address this issue from many pastors, missionaries, churches, districts, and missions leaders over the years.
10. Positions us for the future as many of the highly qualified and otherwise EFCA doctrinally aligned candidates for new pastors, church planters, adoptee churches, and missionaries are unsure of or uncommitted to premillennialism.

Please **watch the video from President Kevin Kompelien**. He extends a warm invitation to attend this important EFCA One conference and to participate in the Business Session. Discussing and deciding on this motion is an important means by which we live out congregationalism. President Kompelien also recommends that you vote “yes” on the motion for the sake of upholding the integrity of our Statement of Faith.

Finally, **additional Resources and References** are available on the **EFCA website** which will be of interest to you in preparation to discuss the Proposed Motion to Amend Article 9.

Thank you for joining us in prayer. Lord willing, we will see you at EFCA One.

Because of Christ,

Jim Kallam, Chair, EFCA Board of Directors