

2010 Annual Conference

Have You Signed Up?

Winnipeg promises great sceneries and hospitality. However, this is not only the reason to be at the Annual Conference this year. The Annual Conference serves as an opportunity to bring together pastors and lay leaders who serve in the Chinese Evangelical Free Churches in North America and Panama, to support and encourage each other. It is also a time for refreshing and regenerating our commitment to the Lord.

This year, we are co-hosting the Conference with the Central District of Evangelical Free Church of Canada (EFCC) from September 23 - 25, at Winnipeg Evangelical Free Church located at 500 Lagimodiere Blvd, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The theme for the Joint Conference is "Empowering & Equipping". We hope the messages will better prepare our pastors and lay leaders to carry out church ministries more effectively.

We are blessed to have invited Dr. Don Page to be our keynote speaker of the Joint Conference. Dr. Don Page is currently Trinity Western University's Senior Fellow and Professor Emeritus in the Master of Arts in Leadership program. He served as the university's Academic Vice President before establishing the MAL program and the Laurentian Leadership Centre in Ottawa. Before joining the university in 1989 he was a foreign policy analyst in the federal government. Today, he is best known for his workshops and writings on servant leadership that are based on Jesus' principles for leading.

In addition to the joint Conference, we have added an extra day of retreat for ANACEFC pastors. Lay leaders are invited to attend. Registration for ANACEFC Conference starts 4pm on Wednesday, September 22, followed by the joint Conference the next day which starts at 2 pm. The theme of the one-day ANACEFC retreat will focus on "The Church and its Pastor" based on 1 Peter. It will be held at Canad Inns, 1824 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg. We have invited Rev. John Herman to be our speaker. Rev. John Herman has served as the Executive Director of Pastoral Care for the EFCA since 1992. In addition to providing leadership to the activities of the EFCA Ministerial Association, he serves on the EFCA

Board of Ministerial Standing and administers the EFCA Placement website MinisterConnection.net. Of special interest is the pastoral care he provides through his training and oversight of a network of recovery churches. You can discover more about each of these ministries at www.efca.org/pastoralcare.

We encourage spouses of the pastors to attend the Retreat. We have also planned a special session for spouses.

Schedule for ANACEFC Retreat:

Wednesday - September 22

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Fellowship time
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Worship and Prayer
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Session 1 - A Flock served by a Good Shepherd
8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Break
8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	Session 2 - A Healthy Body served by a Faithful Spokesman
9:15 p.m.	Adjourn

Thursday - September 23

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Worship & Devotion
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session 3 - A Household served by a Godly Example
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Session 4 - The Ministry of Restoration
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Concluding session
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.	Lunch and Free Time

Tentative Schedule of Joint Conference:

Thursday- September 23

2:00 p.m. - 4: 00 p.m.	Registration
4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Welcome - WEFC, Central District, Anacefc
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Reports- TWU/TWS, EFCC, EFCA, Anacefc
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Supper
6:45 pm. - 7:00 p.m.	Break
7:00 p.m. - 7; 30 p.m.	Worship, Devotional, Prayer
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	First session- Dr. Don Page (1.5 hrs)
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Friday Morning September 24

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Worship, Devotional, Prayer
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Second Session- Dr. Don Page (1.0 hrs)
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Refreshments
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Third session Dr. Don Page (1.5 hrs)
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	ANACEFC Business Meeting
	Group Discussions based on sessions with Don Page
6:00 p.m. -	Banquet- includes worship singing, "God Stories"
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Saturday September 25

8:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m.	Worship, Devotional, Prayer
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- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Fourth Session with Dr Don Page (1.5 hrs)
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Central District Business Meeting
- Group Discussions based on sessions with Don Page (for ANACEFC members excluding Central District members)
- 1:00 p.m. Close Conference with light lunch

We anticipate a great Conference this year. Don't miss out! Please register for the Conference by September 8th. Please also book your hotel room by August 23rd. For more information, please refer to the Registration form attached.

Nomination of New Board Members

We have at least two vacancies on the Board in the coming year. We ask our churches to prayerfully consider nominating pastors and/or lay leaders to serve our Chinese churches with us. You may forward their names to Elaine Cheng at elaineottawa@gmail.com prior to the Conference.

Annual Report Due

For each church, we ask that you provide a brief report of your church, maximum of one page. This will be included in the Conference manual. It is an opportunity to keep others informed of your church. Please share one thing you would like others to know about your church. It could be a thanksgiving item or a prayer request. The report is to submit to Elaine Cheng via email at elaineottawa@gmail.com. Please also take this opportunity to update us with your church info – address, phone number, contact person. Thank you.

Check out ANACEFC Web Site

A new look and a new way to reach you! You asked at the last Annual Conference that we could interact more on key issues. The new format provided you this opportunity. You can reply to an existing prayer request or existing discussion topic. Please check out our web site at www.anacefc.org.