

Senior Pastor

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Ongoing Pastoral Training

One of the best ways to ensure that a church will continue growing in healthy ways is to make sure the church's leaders and pastors are growing. With this in mind, I'm excited to be participating in a special opportunity called "Next Network Turbo Training."



The Next Network training consists of a group of 12 EFCA pastors from around the country who meet monthly from October 2010 until May

2011 to receive training on growing as disciple-making leaders and to discuss the pressing questions our churches are facing. The topics we're studying include: "Leading From 30,000 Feet," "Strategic Thinking," "Growth Barriers," "Staff Leadership," "Church Systems," and "Planning the Weekend." I feel like this training is an excellent "hands-on" follow-up to my seminary education.

The Forest Lakes District of the EFCA believes so strongly in this training that they have subsidized one-third of its cost. When I presented this training opportunity to the church council, there was quick agreement on the value of training like this; I'm very thankful that Friedens' leadership believes so strongly in the growth the church's leaders and desires to see Friedens continue to grow as a disciple-making church.