



Evangelical Friends Church
EASTERN REGION

May 21, 2019

Dear Pastor and Moderator/Clerk,

“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God ... because that is why I was sent” (Luke 4:43). Thus, Jesus began and continued His public ministry... defining, illustrating, and modeling life in God’s kingdom. This kingdom is the new residence for those who trust and follow Jesus Christ as His disciples. Understanding and living fully in it represents human life at its very best (John 10:10). Yet, after 2,000 years, “kingdom” and “disciple” are terms that remain vague in the minds, and sometimes even vacant in the lifestyles, of many Christ-followers.

At Yearly Meeting 2019, we’ll connect these terms (“Kingdom Disciples”), and unpack them in life-altering ways. In 2017, we ***“launched*** our boats,” embracing our mission to make disciples. We were encouraged in 2018 to ***“lift*** our nets,” expecting miracles. This year the challenge before us is to learn how to ***“live*** fully in the Kingdom” as disciples of Jesus.

The dates for Yearly Meeting are July 20-22, 2019.

We hope you will invite members of all ages from your church to join! They can look forward to the:

- Christian Law Association Seminar with Dr. David Gibbs on Saturday morning;
- Celebrate the Kingdom service on Saturday when we will worship together and celebrate what God is doing in EFC-ER churches;
- Worship services featuring Keas Keasler on Saturday evening, Sunday morning, and Monday evening;
- Worship service featuring the EFC-ER Executive Director, followed by a dessert reception on Sunday evening;
- Equipping Workshops presented by the EFC-ER Ministry Teams on Monday morning.

Delegates will participate in business sessions on Saturday and Monday afternoons.

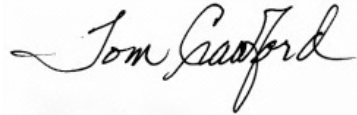
Attached you will find the delegate sheet for the 2019 Yearly Meeting as well as paragraph 430 from the *Faith & Practice* 2018 Edition.

Please return your church’s delegate list before June 21, 2019.

Delegate forms should be returned to Julia McDonald at jmcdonald@efcer.org or mailed to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters c/o Julia McDonald at 5350 Broadmoor Circle NW, Canton, OH 44709.

Complete details will be available soon on our website at www.efcer.org/ym19.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Crawford
EFC-ER Executive Director



2019 YEARLY MEETING DELEGATES

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PASTORAL DELEGATES

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430 YEARLY MEETING DELEGATES AND DELEGATE BODY COMPOSITION

- a) A delegate represents the local church at Yearly Meeting sessions. The local church determines the delegate selection process.
- b) The lead pastor of each local church and one full-time associate pastor will serve as delegates. All other staff pastors may qualify to serve as part of a church's delegation if selected by the local church.
- c) Additionally, each church will send one delegate for each fifty members or major portion thereof as reported to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters at the end of the previous calendar year.
- d) A church with fewer than twenty-five members may have one delegate in addition to its lead pastor.
- e) A developing church may seat a delegate who represents that church.
- f) Churches should select delegates who are:
 - i. Active members in the local church;
 - ii. Open to participate in the business sessions and discussions while being supportive of decisions made by the delegate body;
 - iii. At least eighteen years of age.
- g) The local church will forward the names and contact information of delegates and alternates to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters by the deadline established by the Oversight Board.
- h) Alternate Delegates
 - i. Each local church should appoint as many alternate delegates as necessary. The alternate delegates should be selected on the same basis as regular delegates.
 - ii. In the absence of a lead pastor delegate, a person may be appointed to be a delegate in that seat.
- i) EFC-ER Missionaries as Delegates
 - i. All active EFC-ER missionaries in attendance at Yearly Meeting will serve as delegates.
- j) Financial Assistance to Delegates
 - i. The local church is expected to contribute to the expenses of delegates attending Yearly Meeting.