

## TWU Names New President

**O**n March 16, Trinity Western University announced that Jonathan S. Raymond, Ph.D., was unanimously elected to serve as its new president. Dr. Raymond has also been named to the faculty of TWU's department of psychology. He replaces Neil Snider, Ph.D., who steps down June 30 after serving as president for 32 years.

Jonathan Raymond's extensive cross-cultural experience and academic expertise prepare him well to lead TWU into a future with even greater worldwide impact. "I see Trinity Western University becoming more and more a world class university with a distinctive place in national and international higher education," Dr. Raymond said.

"Dr. Raymond will enhance the reputation that has already been established," affirmed Dr. Allan Hedberg, chairman of the university's Board of Governors.

Dr. Raymond received his bachelor's degree from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., and his master's and doctorate from the University of Kentucky, in the field of social psychology. He currently serves as president of William and Catherine Booth College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is co-editor of The Salvation Army's journal of theology and ministry, *Word & Deed*. He and his wife, Irene, have two children and worship with The Salvation Army.

*For more information, contact Keela Keeping, TWU media relations specialist at (604) 513-2027 or visit the Web ([www.twu.ca](http://www.twu.ca)).* ■

### » EFCA Statement of Faith Revision

To follow progress on the discussions and emerging revisions to the EFCA Statement of Faith—a process that started in summer 2004—please visit the online Web log (also known as a "blog"): [blogs.efca.org/sof](http://blogs.efca.org/sof)

There, you'll find the latest revision, with clear indications of changes since its last version. You'll also find a forum for offering comments and questions about the Statement of Faith, as well as about the process.

"It's important that we have this theological discussion, because we are not the same denomination that wrote the 1950 statement," said EFCA President Bill Hamel during the Midwinter Ministerial, held in January 2006. "Are we willing to dialog openly, with our finger on the text, about the essentials of the faith?" ■

*Taped portions of the Midwinter discussion are available through NextStep Resources ([www.nsresources.com](http://www.nsresources.com) under "EFCA resources").*

## A Dream, a Bike Ride, a City Renewed

**H**ow do you combine a passion for riding cross-country with a commitment to seeing a city transformed? To Andy Krumsieg, the answer involves getting others involved and sharing that passion.

On March 25, Andy embarked on a cross-country bike ride to raise awareness of the holistic ministries of Jubilee Community Church (EFCA) in St. Louis, Mo. The ride also jointly celebrated 20 years of urban ministry for Andy and Debbie Krumsieg and 10 years of ministry for Jubilee. (See "Going Deep," *Beacon* magazine, Sept./Oct. 2002, p.6.)

Andy serves as director of Jubilee Christian Development Corporation, which works to bring affordable housing, as well as economic and academic empowerment, to the neighborhood surrounding the church.

After starting in Carlsbad, Calif., Andy rode approximately 75 miles each day, six days a week, through the major metropolitan cities of Phoenix, Dallas and Jackson, Miss., before reaching St. Simon's Island, Ga., on May 3. Daily phone calls and photo updates were posted online.

Andy hoped his cross-country trip would garner attention and participation in a Memorial Day weekend fundraiser: a St. Louis-area bike ride to benefit all the Jubilee community programs.

To learn more about Jubilee Community Church and its commitment to inner-city transformation, as well as opportunities to offer support, check out the Web site ([stlouisjubileeride.com](http://stlouisjubileeride.com)) or contact the church at (314) 533-5400. ■



Andy Krumsieg

# Award-Winning EFCA DVD

Each year, the Telly Awards recognize outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs, as well as video and film productions worldwide ([www.tellyawards.com](http://www.tellyawards.com)). More than 10,000 entries are received each year.

This year, the EFCA's own "Rebuilding Lives" DVD, about Compassion Ministries' relief work in South Asia, won five Telly Awards. A silver Telly—the highest honor—was awarded in the category of sound/sound design.

Silver Telly Award winners for film/video from the past have included ABCNEWS.com, Fox Sports Net SW, PeopleSoft, Pittsburgh Steelers, The History Channel and Nike, Inc.

Videographer David Turner also created powerful DVDs on Katrina relief and Sudan relief (see page 24).

To request a copy of "Rebuilding Lives," visit [www.efca.org/rebuildinglives/order/index.html](http://www.efca.org/rebuildinglives/order/index.html). For more information on EFCA Compassion Ministries and its relief work in South Asia, visit [www.efca.org/international/compassion/crisis/disasterreliefupdates.html](http://www.efca.org/international/compassion/crisis/disasterreliefupdates.html). ■



## [ LETTERS ]

*EFCA Today*, spring 2006, hit all the right buttons for inspiring leaders to live intentionally in service for our Lord.

Earlier on the day that I read that issue, a joke came in my e-mail, that, with only a slight tweaking, became for me (a retiree) an anecdote illustrating how fragile the line can be between my living a life of intention and one of serendipity:

A lay-leader businessman was frantically driving down Main Street, late for an important meeting, but there wasn't a parking space to be found.

Eyes fixed heavenward, he cried out, "Lord, you know how important this business meeting is. If you find me a parking place, I won't miss a morning devotional. I'll be regular at prayer meeting. I'll even promise to work on the KRAs in my personal life to improve my kingdom effectiveness."

Miraculously, a parking space appeared!

Looking up again he said, "Never mind, Lord. I found one."

— Peter Kushkowski, Valley Bible EFC, Haddam, Conn.



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## » EFCA Leadership Conference Official call

The 122nd Leadership Conference of the Evangelical Free Church of America will be held June 28-30, 2006, at the Colorado Convention Center in downtown Denver. EFCA churches are entitled to representation in the business session of the conference on the following basis: delegates appointed by each EFCA church (two delegates for the first 100 or fraction of 100 members plus one delegate for each additional 100 or fraction of 100 members); one pastor from each EFCA church; members of the Ministerial Association, General Board, District Boards; tenured faculty of Trinity International University; and commissioned missionaries.

Rev. Lou Diaz, Moderator

Rev. William Culbertson, Secretary

### Important Business Session Information

In accordance with the EFCA bylaws, nominees must be voted on by credentialed delegates to the EFCA Leadership Conference. We encourage all delegates to be informed of the items to be voted on.

A list of nominees for the election is available at [www.bthetree.org/meeting.html](http://www.bthetree.org/meeting.html). Please take note of these important items before attending the Leadership Conference. If you do not have Web access and want a copy of the nominees, please contact Paula Pust at (800) 745-2202 or via e-mail ([ppust@efca.org](mailto:ppust@efca.org)).

## » An Invitation to Alliance

Get connected with how God is developing strong leaders in the EFCA. Partner with the Alliance of African-American Resources for the Kingdom to strengthen black pastors and church planters in our movement. On Thursday evening of this year's Leadership Conference (June 29), we will be requesting prayer and financial support for this exciting alliance.

To learn more about projects connected with AARK, contact Dante Upshaw, director of African-American Ministries, at [dupshaw@efca.org](mailto:dupshaw@efca.org) or (612) 385-6982, or visit the Web ([www.efca.org/urban/africanamerministries/aark.html](http://www.efca.org/urban/africanamerministries/aark.html)). ■

