

2022 Student Ministry Report

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Our District Student Ministry exists to bring youth leaders together for mutual encouragement, equipping and training to reach and release students with the Gospel. Our hope is to see this generation live as disciples who love God, love people, and make more disciples, ad infinitum!

It was exciting to have the national [EFCA Challenge Conference](#) back in person in 2022 following our 2020 virtual gathering. The district student ministry leaders gathered in March for our annual student ministry retreat at Camp Tejas and continued to meet monthly over Zoom to sharpen one another in ministry. We studied the book and topic of *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel* by Christopher Yuan which addresses identity, relationships, and sex from God's perspective amidst the current LGBTQ+ cultural climate in which students live. Our national [EFCA training series](#) continued its second year, and the EFCA Renewal gathering took place in November with the largest group to date.

Several seasoned youth leaders in our district transitioned to new ministries in 2022, and several new youth leaders took the leadership reins across our district. This coming year we look forward to continuing to gather and strengthen one another for ministry.

Here are the 2023 Happenings:

- District Student Ministry Leaders Monthly Zoom Gathering: Email Tim (trowley@gracelaredo.org) or Jason (jason@hopefellowship.com) to get connected.
- [EFCA Student Ministry Virtual Training Series](#):
 - March 16: Evangelism (Vašek Andrš)
 - April 4: Dynamic Small Groups (Larry Osborne)
- [EFCA Apex Mission Trips](#): New sites were opened in Laredo and other international locations starting this summer for the ministry to continue to expand its fruitfulness. There are still open spots available this summer on trips to Laredo, as well as Miami, South Jersey, and Chicago!
- [EFCA Renewal Conference \(Florida\)](#): A getaway weekend (November 10-13) for Student Ministry Leaders and their spouses to renew their relationship with God, calling, and ministry.

And, SAVE THE DATE for [Challenge 2024](#): July 1-5, 2024 in Kansas City! This is the EFCA's biennial national gathering for students entering 7th grade through completion of 12th grade, committed to helping plant and water the gospel among the next generation. Challenge blends aspects of a conference, a mission trip and camp to create a catalytic environment that moves beyond the mountaintop moment to building missional momentum within your group.

Following Jesus Together,

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