



# 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

**April 27 - 29, 2017**



# Looking Back As We Move Forward

*Central Conference Ministerial Association Annual Meeting  
April 27 - 28, 2017*

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*Evangelical Covenant Church  
3600 S. 9th St., Lafayette, IN 47909*

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# WELCOME FROM CHAIR OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Central Conference Mission Friends:

Welcome to Evangelical Covenant Church and our conference's 131st Annual Meeting. It has been an exciting year for the Central Conference and we are grateful for your church's partnership. Together, we are doing work that none of our churches could do alone.

Our gathering is far more than a formality. We gather to celebrate the stories of those called by God to serve our churches, to welcome new churches into the Central Conference family, to taste the diversity of the Kingdom of God in worship, to demonstrate our missional call in how we spend our money, to select our leaders, to listen to the stories of our sisters and brothers in Christ, and to thank God for the opportunity to serve Jesus with so many faithful people.

In addition, this year we will have the opportunity to celebrate Superintendent Jerome Nelson's leadership over the past 12 years and to vote on the nomination of Pastor Danny Martinez as the next Superintendent of our conference.

I hope you will be inspired by the work that our Central Conference staff, camp leaders, and denominational leaders are doing on our behalf and that you will return to your local churches with a renewed sense of the Kingdom movement that you are a part of.

Thank you for making our ministry together a priority and joining us this week. God continues to present us with wonderful opportunities and we need the skills and gifts of every Central Conference church. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Thank you for being here!

Blessings,

-Dan Teefey



Delegates per Church	
Church Members	Delegates
Up to 99	2
100 to 224	3
225 to 449	4
450 to 699	5
700 to 999	6
1000 or more	7



# WELCOME FROM EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH



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Pastor Stacey Littlefield  
Evangelical Covenant Church  
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Dear Delegates,

Greetings! It is a privilege to welcome you to the Evangelical Covenant Church of Lafayette, Indiana. I pray this 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church will be marked by inspiring worship, meaningful conversation, enriching fellowship, and productivity in the business before us.

ECC Lafayette predates the founding of the Covenant by 15 years and will celebrate 150 years of ministry in 2020. Our mission is to know God, follow Jesus, and pursue God's purposes in the world. Whether in our own local community, an under-resourced neighborhood near the city's center, or a small village in Haiti, our desire is that we learn to faithfully proclaim, represent, and demonstrate God's kingdom wherever we are.

We pray that you feel welcome here at ECC and in the city of Lafayette as we come together to do the work of the conference. May you sense the presence of God's Spirit in the work you will do this weekend; may you be nourished by connecting with old friends and making new ones; and may you leave here refreshed and rejuvenated to continue the work of the kingdom in your own homes, churches, and communities.

In Christ,

*To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the world.*

# WELCOME FROM CHAIR OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Colleagues in Covenant ministry,

February, 2017

I am honored to write to you on behalf of the Central Conference Ministerial Association (CCMA). The CCMA serves The Evangelical Covenant Church, the member churches and camps of the Central Conference, as well as all the ministers serving the churches of the Central Conference.

Anyone holding Covenant credentials (licensure, commission, or ordination) in our conference is a member of the CCMA, and we encourage each member to attend our Annual Meeting and Fall Retreat, as well as the Covenant's Midwinter Conference and Annual Meetings, if possible. We encourage Pastors and ministers serving our churches without credentials to pursue credentialing with the Covenant, and to attend our events as well.

The CCMA is charged with three areas of care:

**Caring for our Fellowship.** We do this primarily through two meetings a year: our annual meeting in the spring, and our Fall retreat.

**Caring for our Continuing Education.** We uphold this value at each of our meetings by inviting regional and national leaders to speak to us on topics related to our lives as vocational ministers.

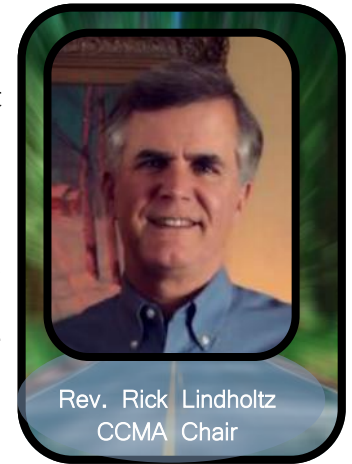
**Caring for our Ordination.** We do this by forming a Committee on Ministerial Standing (COMS) to assist ministers and our national church body in the process of securing ministry credentials.

Holding Covenant Credentials carries both privileges and responsibilities. We attend our Conference Meetings if possible, and send a word of greeting when we cannot. We serve on committees that further our common work. And we maintain good standing in the Covenant Ministerium, which encompasses.

- Paying dues of \$125 per year to the CCMA, which is split between our national church body and the conference;
- Completing the annual Vocational Growth Survey;
- Updating their Covenant Profile once every three years; and
- Maintaining healthy relationships with their Covenant Ministry Colleagues.

We gather for our Annual Meeting on April 27-28, at Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette, Indiana.

We welcome **Dr. Boaz Johnson** as our **Continuing Education** Guest Speaker on Thursday evening. Growing up in the slums of New Delhi, Dr. Johnson's search for the meaning of life began early. When he walked to Hindu grammar school, Dr. Johnson faced a dilemma. "I encountered two different realities," he says. "One was the reality of poverty and injustice. The other was that of high-caste Hindu learning." He wrestled with this dichotomy, and expanded his spiritual search. "The philosophy of life taught and espoused by Jesus the Messiah, as seen in the Gospels, captured my mind and imagination," Dr. Johnson says.



# WELCOME FROM CHAIR OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Decades later, that initial encounter with Jesus continues to fascinate Dr. Johnson, and informs his life and work as an expert on the relationship of evangelical Christianity to world religions.

On Friday, we will hear the life stories of some who are seeking Ordination and commissioning in the Covenant, and after hearing of the grace of God at work in their lives and callings, we will vote to recommend that these sisters and brothers move forward in this process. Our recommendation is recognized at the Conference Annual Meeting.

Our Schedule will be as follows:

## Thursday, April 27

- 11:00 AM            Registration opens. Dues may be paid at this time.  
                         Lunch is available at local restaurants.
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM    CCMA Business Session 1
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM    Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM    CCMA Business Session 2
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM    Dinner in area restaurants
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM    Continuing Education with Dr. Boaz Johnson,  
                         followed by light refreshments

## Friday, April 28

- 7:30 – 9:00 AM    Registration
- 8:00 AM            Coffee available at Evangelical Covenant Church
- 9:00 – Noon        CCMA Business Session 3, with Ordination  
                         Testimonies and Credential voting by  
                         CCMA Membership

We look forward to seeing you at Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette IN. We pray that our gathering will provide refreshment and encouragement, as we connect with Jesus Christ and with one another, and pursue together our common ministry as the CCMA.

In Jesus,

Rev. Rick Lindholtz, on behalf of the CCMA Executive Committee

## **Local Restaurants:**

### **Arni's Pizza**

3111 Builder Drive (765) 807-0400  
2323 Wallace Ave. (765) 447-9436

### **La Scala** (Italian Restaurant)

312 Main St. (765) 420-8171

### **East Side Grill**

(Burgers, Steak & Chicken)  
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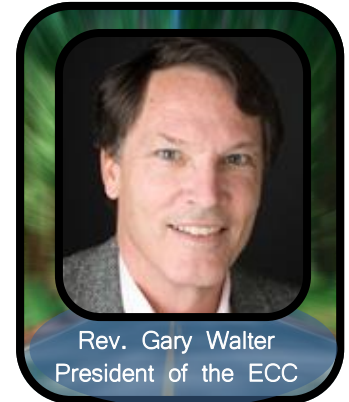
# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

March 2017



The Evangelical Covenant Church

TO: Annual Meeting of the Central Conference  
Rev. Jerome Nelson, Superintendent  
Rev. Daniel Teefey, Conference Chair



Grace and peace to you as you gather in the bond of Christ.

**Three Strand Strong.** This biblical image comes from the book of Ecclesiastes, which declares that ‘a cord of three strands is not easily broken.’ That’s our partnership defined at its core: the local congregation, the conference, and the denomination working together.

We, as a cord of three strands, work to accomplish God’s mission in our communities, in our conferences, and around the world. We base our work around our five mission priorities. Together, we start and strengthen churches, make and deepen disciples, develop leaders, love mercy and do justice, and serve globally. This mission is only possible because of the combined efforts of the congregations in your region, together with the over 850 churches that make up the ECC today in the United States and Canada.

Be sure to watch for the Central Conference’s 3 Strand Strong video being shown at this Annual Meeting. It’s an inspiring look at the compelling Kingdom impact through our combined efforts. Because of our strong partnership in our shared mission, we accomplish much. We invite you to visit [www.CovChurch.org](http://www.CovChurch.org) for information, stories, videos, and resources on all that is happening with the ministries and initiatives of the Covenant all around the world.

In addition to your conference annual meeting, we’d love to have you join with hundreds of other Covenanters June 22-24 in Detroit, Michigan for **Gather 2017**, the Evangelical Covenant Church’s annual business meeting. The annual meeting of the Ministerium will take place just before Gather. Once again, the Detroit Metro churches are hosting Impact Detroit, a powerful time of workshops and hands-on experiences that will impact the city of Detroit as well as each delegate who participates.

I am grateful to serve this movement in partnership with people like you. With God’s help, may we remain *Three Strand Strong* in our shared mission and ministry.

In It Together,

Gary B. Walter,  
President

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# CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**11:00 am** Registration begins. (Life Center)

Dues may be paid at the time.

*Lunch is available at local restaurants.*

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** Business Session 1

**3:00 pm - 3:30 pm** Break

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm** Business Session 2

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**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** Continuing Education w/Dr. Boaz Johnson,

*Followed by light refreshment.*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**7:30 am - 9:00 am** Registration

**8:00 am** Coffee available at Evangelical Cov Church

**9:00 am - Noon** CCMA Business Session 3, with Ordination Testimonies and Credential voting by the CCMA membership.

Intro. of Superintendent Nominee and Q & A

*Central Conference Annual Meeting delegates are invited to attend this session as observers in order to hear the Ordination Testimonies.*

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## CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm** Registration begins (Life Center)

**11:00 am - Noon** New Delegate Orientation

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm** Central Conf. Executive Board Meeting

**12:30 pm - 2:00 pm** Opening Lunch & Fellowship (Life Center)

**2:00 pm - 3:45 pm** Breakout Sessions

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm** Business Session 1

Chairperson, Rev. Daniel Teehey presiding

1. Call to Order

2. Greeting and Prayer:

Pastor Stacey Littlefield

3. Welcome, Recognitions, and Acknowledgements

4. Organization of Meeting

• Adoption of Standing Rules

• Adoption of Agenda

• Appointment of meeting committees & officers

5. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting minutes

6. First Credential Report

7. Presentations from the

Evangelical Covenant Church

8. Introduction to Three Strand Strong

9. Recognition & Award Presentations

**(Time Certain: 5 pm)** 10. Intro. of Superintendent Nominee and Q & A

**5:30-6:45 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**Worship Service:** Holy Communion

*Dessert & Fellowship afterwards*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**7:30 am** Coffee & Snacks

**8:30 am** Worship & Devotions: Pastor Stacey Littlefield

**9:00 am** Business Session 2

9. Final Credential Report

10. Nomination Commission—Presentation & Vote

11. Financial and Budgets

12. Recommendations of Churches

13. Superintendent & Staff Reports

*Central Conference Annual Meeting Suspended*

Harbor Point Ministries Annual Meeting

*Central Conference Annual Meeting Resumes*

14. Report on Election Results

15. Appointment of Delegates to the ECC Annual Meeting

16. Old Business

17. New Business

18. 2018 Annual Meeting Announcement

19. Resolution of Appreciation

20. Adjournment

21. Lunch & Fellowship (Life Center)



# CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION



*Rev. David Bjolin OWSa  
Masters of Divinity  
North Park Theological Seminary  
Pastor of Worship Arts at  
Resurrection Covenant Church  
Chicago, IL*



*Rev. Anne Jorgensen OWSa  
Masters of Divinity  
North Park Theological Seminary  
Associate Pastor at  
Glen Ellyn Ev. Covenant  
Church  
Glen Ellyn, IL*



*Rev. Wallace Kelley OWSa  
Masters of Divinity  
Garrett-  
Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Health Care Center Chaplain  
at The Mooring's of Arlington Heights  
Member of  
Deer Grove Covenant Church  
Palatine, IL*



*Rev. Jill Lind OWSa  
Masters of Arts in  
Christian Ministries  
North Park Theological Seminary  
Associate Pastor  
for Mission and Family at  
Edgebrook Covenant Church  
Chicago, IL*



*Rev. Alexander Gee, Jr. Trans  
Doctor of Ministry Degree  
Bakke Graduate University  
Senior Pastor at  
Fountain of  
Life Covenant Church  
Madison, WI*



*Rev. Virginia Ahrens OWSe  
Masters of Arts in  
Christian Ministry  
North Park Theological Seminary  
Associate Pastor of  
Children's Ministry at  
First  
Evangelical Covenant Church  
Rockford, IL*

# DELEGATE ORIENTATION

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference churches! Each year we come together to discern God's plan for our collective ministry, and as a delegate, you have a very important role in that task:

## **Two Roles of a Delegate:**

Participate – attend the business session, discuss the initiatives and issues, and cast your vote.

Report – note the actions taken, and update your home church on the decisions and ministries.

## **PARTICIPATE**

Although the business session is limited to Saturday, we encourage you to be present for all the elements that will bring us together to worship, celebrate, work, learn, and share.

The individual delegate is the “building block” of the meeting. You are empowered to receive reports, approve recommendations, and to question or debate the issues. Following are tips to participation as delegate, and a brief overview of parliamentary procedure.

## **Tips to participation:**

- Arrive on time for the business sessions.
- Listen carefully for both the relevance to your home church, and the collective movement of the ministry.
- Keep your name badge with you – this is your “credentials check” for validating your vote.
- Silence may be interpreted as consent and you have a responsibility to speak if you think something is not proper or not wise for the conference.
- During debate, comments should relate to the issue under discussion and focus on the merits of the issue, not the motives of merits of the person.

## **Overview of parliamentary procedure:**

- Approach the microphone. A distance of two or three inches works well.
- Wait to be recognized by the moderator (in this case, the Conference chairperson serves as moderator).
- Identify yourself. Example: “Jane Doe, Antler Covenant Church, Fawn Lake, Wisconsin”.
- Address the moderator about the topic at hand, and speak clearly in your normal tone of voice.
- Conclude your comments within three minutes. You have two opportunities to speak on any one issue.

## **REPORT**

As a representative delegate of your home church, you contribute comments and cast votes on behalf of your local congregation. It is important to report the decisions and direction of the Annual Meeting to them. Use the following ideas for reporting the news:

- Request a “ministry moment” during the Sunday worship service to share your experience and the decisions of the Annual Meeting in relevant areas of ministry.
- Author a brief article for the church newsletter.
- Prepare a bulletin insert that highlights conference ministries and meeting decisions.
- Offer to meet with your church council or board to brief them on regional activities and opportunities to participate.

# A BRIEF GLOSSARY OF COMMON PARLIAMENTARY TERMS

**AMEND, MOVE TO.** Most motions may be amended on the floor of the Meeting, particularly when they deal with the business rather than the procedures of the Meeting. All amendments must be germane to the original motion. Amendments can be made in three (3) ways: addition, deletion, or substitution. When an amendment has been seconded, it must be debated and decided, or otherwise dealt with, before the motion it seeks to amend may be further considered.

**APPEAL FROM THE RULING OF THE MODERATOR.** A delegate is testing the Moderator's ruling against the opinion of the Meeting. The motion to appeal requires a second. An affirmative vote by the Meeting sustains the Moderator's ruling.

**BALLOT, TO ORDER THE VOTE ON A PENDING QUESTION TO BE TAKEN BY.** The Bylaws and Rules specify that certain questions be decided by ballot. Questions other than these may also be decided by ballot if a majority of the Meeting concurs with a request from a delegate for it.

**DIVISION OF THE ASSEMBLY.** This is a vote by rising. It may be demanded by any delegate to verify a vote taken by voice or by a show of hands, or may be ordered by the Moderator when a show of hands or by voice has been "too close to call." If it is still not possible to discern the outcome visually, the Moderator may order a count by the Sergeants-at-Arms. A majority of the Meeting may also order a count.

**INFORMATION, POINT OF.** Asking a question about the business at hand.

**MR. OR MADAME MODERATOR.** The traditional form for addressing the Moderator from the floor of the Meeting.

**ORDER, POINT OF.** A delegate calls the Moderator's attention to a possible breach of the Rules. If the delegate is not satisfied with the Moderator's subsequent explanation, he or she may appeal if the point has been raised concerning an actual ruling of the Moderator.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN.** An advisor to the Moderator and Members of the Assembly on Parliamentary Law.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY, POINT OF.** Asking a question about the application of the Rules in the business at hand.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, POINT OF.** A delegate believes that his or her rights or the rights of another are being infringed upon.

**POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME.** A delegate may move to postpone the item under discussion until a later point in the Meeting. The motion requires a second and is debatable.

**PREVIOUS QUESTION, MOVE THE.** A motion to cut off debate on an issue which requires a second, and a two-thirds majority. An affirmative vote merely cuts off debate and is not a vote on the motion under debate.

# A BRIEF GLOSSARY OF COMMON PARLIAMENTARY TERMS

**PUTTING THE QUESTION.** Taking a vote.

**RECONSIDER, MOVE TO.** A Motion to reconsider an item previously voted on may be made at any time, though it may have to wait until other business has been dealt with before it can be taken up. If a majority decides that the item previously voted upon will be reconsidered, debate on it re-opens, and another vote is taken or it is otherwise disposed of, by referral, etc.) The motion to reconsider has unique characteristics: it may be made only by a delegate who originally voted with the prevailing side on the item; it may be made no later than the day following the original vote; it cannot apply to an item when provisions of it have already begun to be carried out (such as the signing of a contract); and it cannot be itself reconsidered.

**REFER, MOVE TO.** (Not to be confused with a motion to table.) A referred motion goes to a Board or Committee as designated by the Motion to Refer. It requires a second and is debatable.

**SECOND.** A seconder need not agree with the motion or vote for it. The seconder need only agree that the motion deserves the attention of the Meeting.

**SUSPEND THE RULES.** It is possible to suspend a rule that is standing in the way of accomplishing what the Meeting clearly wants to do either by motion or by unanimous consent. Bylaws may not be suspended unless they are in the nature of “rules of order.” This is a complex issue, with each instance subject to the interpretation and ruling of the Chair.

**TABLE, MOVE TO.** (Or “LAY ON THE TABLE.”) Unlike a referred motion, a tabled motion goes nowhere. No one considers it, or studies it, or does anything with it until a motion passes to “take it from the table.” If this does not happen at this Annual Meeting, the motion is dead; i.e., we could not move to “take something from the table” that was put on the table at a previous Annual Meeting.

----- Adapted from “Delegate Orientation for the 2005 Covenant Annual Meeting”



# MEETING STANDING RULES OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

## **Governing Documents**

The Conference-adopted written authorities that govern the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference are the Conference Constitution and Bylaws and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*. The Conference Annual Meeting is additionally governed by applicable rules of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the Illinois Nonprofit Corporation Act.

## **Standing Rules**

*Robert's* provides, however, that a given meeting of delegates may establish its own standing rules of order to meet its specific needs. These standing rules supplement the written authorities. The general provisions of *Robert's* apply in every situation not specifically addressed by or superseded by the standing rules or other governing documents.

## **Obtaining the Floor**

Only persons wearing appropriate credentials as delegates, advisory delegates, or resource persons may be present on the floor of the Annual Meeting or request speaking privileges. With the exception of points of order, points of personal privilege, and other such items, which require urgent attention, only those persons who approach a microphone shall be recognized by the Moderator.

## **Voting**

Voting on a motion brought by a delegate will typically be by voice vote. Any delegate may request a secret ballot, which when supported by a seconding or ten percent of the delegates, will be implemented. The Moderator may call for a secret ballot at any vote.

## **Time Limits**

- Reports that contain no proposal for action by the meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes, including the questions period, with the exception of conference staff and the conference treasurer.
- Debate of any main motion, including its subsidiary motions, will be limited to thirty (30) minutes except as otherwise specified in the agenda. No amendment or other subsidiary motion to a main motion shall be allowed until after the first 10 minutes of debate of the main motion.
- No speech in debate may exceed three (3) minutes, though a delegate desiring to extend remarks may seek permission of the meeting to do so.
- Time limits may be extended for a specific period by a two-thirds majority vote.

## **Debate**

Delegates may speak once to an issue, and not again on the same issue as long as someone else, who has not yet had a turn, is seeking the floor. Once a delegate has spoken a second time the delegate has used up rights of debate on that issue.

# MEETING STANDING RULES OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

## **Submission of Motions**

All main motions and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the secretary. Motions arising from the floor during the course of the approved agenda are in order as long as they pertain directly to the business at hand. All other items must be prepared in writing and submitted in advance to the Moderator who may or may not ask permission of the Meeting to add them to the agenda in the order to be received.

## **Nominations from the Floor**

Persons placing names in nomination shall obtain the prior permission of the nominee and shall so state at the time of nomination. A brief biography, similar to that provided by the Nomination Commission nominated candidate(s), may be presented to the Moderator prior to the vote, and read to the delegates at the discretion of the Moderator.

## **Honorary and Advisory Delegates**

Honorary delegates shall have the privilege of voice but not vote in the assembly. The Moderator may recognize resource persons designated by the Executive Board to make reports or address delegate questions.

## **Non-Business Agenda Items**

With respect to the adopted agenda, the Moderator has discretion to revise the order of agenda items at appropriate times to accommodate scheduling needs and the inclusion of no-business good news updates.

# MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES Iron Mountain, MI April 29, 2016 Business Session 1 4:00-5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order - Chair Dan Teefey, Presiding - shared 1 Cor. 1:10 - as God's people, we are called to a great spirit of unity.
2. Greeting and Prayer: Rev. Pete Erickson, Pastor, First Covenant, Iron Mountain, Michigan
3. Welcome, Recognitions, and Acknowledgements
4. Organization of Meeting

Adoption of Standing Rules - MMS & Carried

Adoption of Agenda - Item 11 should read Presentation of 2016 and 2017 Budgets. Item 19 should be 2017 Annual Meeting Announcement. MM as amended, S & Carried

Appointment of meeting committees & officers

Come as motion by Exec. Board, no second needed.

Each category voted on separately.

Tellers: Bruce Bruns and Anne Jorgensen

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joanne Nelson, Andrea Spicer, Tiana Coleman, Paul Couleur, and John Dietrich

Parliamentarian: Carl Helfrich

Credentialing Committee: Norma Ramos

Approved as presented.

5. Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting minutes - MM & S, Carried
6. First Credential Report

Elected Board Members - 7

Delegates from churches - 58

**Total General: 65**

Non-Elected Exec Bd - 0

Guests - 6

Covenant Organizations - 5

Staff - 5

General Attendees - 12

**Total Additional Attendees: 28**

**Total Attendees: 93**

**Churches Represented: 35**

# MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016

CONTINUES...

7. Presentations from the Evangelical Covenant Church

a. Rebecca Gonzalez - ECC Representative - greetings from President Walter and all staff.

Mark Novak - has accepted another nomination of Executive Director of Department of Ordered Ministry

Gary Walter - has accepted another nomination for President of the Evangelical Covenant Church

Video shown - ECC "Moving the Needle"

b. Anne Jorgensen - North Park University/Seminary - recent graduate

Highlights - new building - Johnson Center

new programs - Chicago Semester

- Urban Discipleship Learning Community - Fall 2017

Seminary - diverse student body, increased online students; revised M.Div degree (completed in three years). All degrees can now be completed 2/3 online, 1/3 on campus

Certificates - Congregational Vitality  
Spiritual Direction (12th yr.)

Financial initiatives - working with Covenant Trust for educational

- Loan to be offered

working to eliminate student debt

no interest

Fall 2017 launch!

Seminary Graduation - live streamed this yr.  
see: *nptseminary* (instagram)

Journeying Together - Nov. 12th



# **MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016**

CONTINUES...

c. Cheryl Borgenson - ECC Nomination Committee

Central Conference's representative to ECC

Invited everyone to consider nominating people for various ECC Boards.

d. Peter Heintzelman - Field Services Rep, Covenant Trust Company

video shown about Nina Larson Ministry House &

Grace Evangelical Covenant Church - Chicago

Welcomed individuals and churches talking to CTC about estate planning.

e. Beth Severson - Evangelism team leader, Make & Deepen Disciples Team

Pastors' Cohort - Evangelism

shared Pastor Tim Heintzelman's story about Cohort

f. Scott Bolinder - Community Bible Experience

Initiative - read the New Testament together -

8 wk community plan

video was shown.

Two start dates - Sept 25th (finish right before Advent)

Feb. 19th (finish before Easter)

g. Traveling Team from Solid Rock - Lake Beauty Bible Camp (MN)

Five students shared about this ministry

College Program - dive into the Bible

9 month deep faith community; 27 transferable credits.

Cost \$12,100 for year - Tuition, books, room & board, & Holy Land trip

8. Recognition & Award Presentations - Debbie Griffith Samuels

Compassion Mercy & Justice Commission

2016 Compassion Mercy & Justice Award Recipient Karla Menucci -

Grace Covenant Church, Iron River, MI

Carla shared a special Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19

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Plaque with Name of Recipient - will hang at church of current recipient for one year. Pastor James Swanson received this plaque to keep until next year's recipient is announced.

9. MMS & Carried to suspend meeting until tomorrow morning.  
(suspend meeting for evening dinner & communion, worship & dessert)

Dan Teefey prayed for us and our meal.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Iron Mountain, MI April 30, 2016

Business Session 2

9:00 A.M.

### 9. Final Credential Report

Elected Board Members - 7

Delegates from churches -63

**Total General: 70**

Non-Elected Exec Bd - 0

Guests - 6

Covenant Organizations - 8

Staff - 5

General Attendees - 14

**Total Additional Attendees: 33**

**Total Attendees: 103**

**Total Churches Represented: 41**

MM & S to approve Credentials Report, Passed

# **MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016**

CONTINUES...

10. Nomination Commission—Presentation & Vote - Rev. Dave Green presenting

Ballot presented as printed; no other nominations for any offices/members

Motion made and seconded to vote on each one individually.

Mike DeLong - Secretary 2nd Term. Carried

Keith Perkins - Treasurer 2nd Term. Carried

Sally Pierce - Nominating Commission 2nd Term. Carried

Ken Oliver - Executive Board. 1st Term. Carried

Harbor Point Ministries Board

David Anderson - 1st Term.

Kurt Kovacic - 1st Term.

Kristine Brandel - 2nd Term.

One vote for all three. Carried.

11. Presentation of 2015 Final, 2016 Revised, and 2017 Budgets - Keith Perkins

a. Audit Opinion - from Capin Crouse. They are in agreement with our books.

b. Income Statement -

1. Ending Fund Balance - \$106,425.78

2. Net Surplus (Deficit) - (\$473)

3. Denominational Support explained

4. Gain on sale of asset - Agape \$49,391

Motion comes as Recommendation from Executive Board

There was no discussion

Approved by voice vote.

c. 2016 Revised Budget -

Original budget had a deficit of \$45,890

Revised budget has a deficit off \$23,223

Motion comes as Recommendation from Executive Board -

Question re: 2% salary increase was eliminated,

in part to decrease in giving from churches

Salary levels maintained.

Budget approved by voice vote.

# MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016

CONTINUES...

- d. 2017 Estimated Budget- identical to 2016 Budget just approved

Motion comes as Recommendation from Executive Board -

There was no discussion

Budget approved by voice vote.

- e. Contributions from Churches - Proposed Fiscal Year Change

Keith explained practice of posting church giving into previous year issue.

For example, \$26,319 was taken in this year (Jan) for last year (2015)

Clean Audit requires this practice cease.

Denomination has changed its Fiscal Year Dates.

Executive Board recommends **Fiscal Year Change from Feb 1. to Jan 31.**

(Transition for this year would be January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017)

No Discussion

Voice vote taken. Passed.

Notes: Beth Fredrickson, ECC of Milwaukee, questioned why Milwaukee church is highlighted in yellow. This was by mistake.

Pastor Lance Davis, New Zion Christian Fellowship, spoke of his church's support, and explained that they had sent in a check for \$4,500. Dollars

Pastor David Swanson, Director of Church Planting, spoke to the contribution requirements on Church Plants, that plants are required to contribute.

Chair Dan Teefey encouraged us share with our churches the importance of giving and serving, to consider our giving at home as well as in our churches.

## 12. Recommendations of Churches

### Churches Joining

By Adoption:

1. Peacemakers Korean Covenant Church - Pastor Min Ho Choi  
Recommendation for Reception into Central Conference  
Officially and Overwhelmingly Approved!

By Joining (NEW):

2. New Life Covenant Church in Palatine - Pastor Joon Hwang



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CONTINUES...

2. New Life Covenant Church in Palatine - Pastor Joon Hwang  
Recommendation for Reception into Central Conference  
Officially and Warmly Approved!

Dave Swanson prayed for these churches.

Churches Closed / Removed from Central Conference Roster:

1. Agape Community Covenant Church - dismissed due to disassociation  
books closed
2. Evergreen ECC - attendance & membership declined, closed.
3. Villa Park - merged and now part of Christ Covenant
4. Emmaus Covenant Church (Korean) - Arlington Heights, IL Closed
5. Hallelujah Korean Covenant - Northbrook, IL closed
6. Christian Vision Korean Covenant Church - Northbrook, IL Closed
7. Antioch Korean Covenant Church - Des Plaines, IL - Closed
8. Damascus Korean Covenant Church - Mt. Prospect, IL - Withdrawn
9. Korean Ark Covenant Church - Morton Grove, IL - Closed

Jerome explain In order to clear up the Central Conference church roster, this group of 8 Korean churches which closed or left some time ago are now presented for removal.

Motion passed, churches are deleted from roster

Chair Dan Teefey prayed for all these churches

## **13. Superintendent & Staff Reports**

1. Superintendent Jerome Nelson -
  - a. Rev. Dave Swanson - Director of Church Planting  
Existing Churches pairing with new plants  
Rev. Derek Boggs - ECC of Princeton  
working with Kingdom Covenant Church Plant  
(David Washington)  
Rev. Bruce Bruns - Anchor Covenant of Lake Geneva  
working with a Latino plant in Lake Geneva

# **MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016**

CONTINUES...

- b. Rev. Peter Sjoblom - personal thanks for prayer for Joanna - Cancer Free!
  - Bi-Vocational work of pastors & churches
  - established churches can assist at-risk churchesRev. Debbie Griffith Samuels - shared about her church Fellowship Christian Church

- c. Meagan Gillan - ECC Women Ministries - Celebrating 100 years!
  - Invitation to Triennial in Kansas City, MO
  - Scholarships from Covenant Trust available

- d. Rev. Debbie Griffiths Samuel -
  - CMJ Grants - mailing has been sent out; Applications due end of May
  - Next year, Commission will be responsible Children's Ministry Grants
  - Rob Lowe - using Journey to Mosaic for his confirmation class

## **2. Other staff reports included in printed Annual Report**

Rev. David Green prayed for our Conference Staff.

Motion to suspend Central Conference Meeting for HBM Annual Meeting, Seconded, passed.

### **Central Conference Annual Meeting Suspended**

*Harbor Point Ministries Annual Meeting*

### **Central Conference Annual Meeting Resumes**

Returned to session 11:57

- 14. Recognition of Carl Helfrich & David Green - faithful service on Central Conference Executive Board

- 15. Recognition of hosting church and staff

Resolution of Appreciation - Dan Teefey presented to First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain & Pastor Pete Erickson and his team!

- 16. ECC Resolution - presented by Rebecca Gonzalez
  - update of 1997 Resolution; now has stronger biblical and theological basis
  - Will come before EEC Annual Meeting in June in Arizona for discussion
  - No action necessary at this meeting.

# **MINUTES OF THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE APRIL 29-30, 2016**

CONTINUES...

17. ByLaw Amendments - presented by Rebecca Gonzalez  
explained the proposed changes, especially the following:

Limited Liability Company - Section 12.7 - Bezalel, LLC assists the ECC, the regional conferences, conferences' institutions, ECC congregations, and corporations established by the ECC in acquiring and developing real property for ministry as stated in its Articles of Incorporation. The ECC is the sole member of the LLC, and the voting members for the Executive Board of the ECC exercise the reserved powers of the ECC. Day to day operations are managed by a Board of Managers elected by the Executive Board of the ECC.

18. Appointment of Delegates to the ECC Annual Meeting -

Recommendation from Exec. Board that Rev. Peter Sjoblom & Rebecca Nakamura be our Conference Delegates

Voice vote taken. Passed.

19. Old Business -

Rebecca Gonzalez - Delegate Notebook for ECC Annual Meeting in AZ will be available online at ECC website no later than May 25th.

20. 2016 Annual Meeting Announcement -

Pastor Stacey Littlefield & the ECC Lafayette (Indiana) invite all Central Conference churches and members to come to for the 131th Annual Meeting of the Central Conference at Lafayette, Indiana. April 27-29, 2017 including Ministerial Meeting.

21. Adjournment -

Motion Made and Seconded. Passed! (12:13 pm)

Chair Dan Teefey closed our meeting in prayer.

Lunch & Fellowship followed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Michael D. DeLong

# 2017 CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING CREDENTIALS REPORT

GENERAL	1 <sup>st</sup> Report	Final Report
Elected Executive Board Members		
Delegates from churches		
<b>Total Credentialed Delegates:</b>		
<b>ADDITIONAL</b>		
Non-elected Executive Board Members		
Guests		
Covenant Organizations		
Staff		
General Attendees		
<b>Total Additional Attendees:</b>		
<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES:</b>		
<b>CHURCHES REPRESENTED:</b>		



# CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 2017 BALLOT

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Please vote for one person in each pairing. Incumbents stand alone.

### 2017 BALLOT

I. EXECUTIVE BOARD* (Three-year term)	II. HARBOR POINT MINISTRIES BOARD** (Three-year term)
Member	Member
<input type="checkbox"/> * Alberto Galvan - 2 <sup>nd</sup> term (Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Jerusalem – Jerusalem Covenant Church, Streamwood, IL)	<input type="checkbox"/> ** Shalondon Christensen - 2 <sup>nd</sup> term (Oakdale Covenant Church, Chicago, IL)
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Member	Member
<input type="checkbox"/> * Bill Orris - 2 <sup>nd</sup> term (Hope Covenant Church, Crystal Lake, IL)	<input type="checkbox"/> ** Dwight Huse - 1 <sup>st</sup> term (First Covenant Church, Iron Mountain, MI)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Member	Member
<input type="checkbox"/> * Laurie Schwalm - 1 <sup>st</sup> term (Evergreen Evangelical Covenant Church, Rockford, IL)	<input type="checkbox"/> ** Heather Rose - 2 <sup>nd</sup> term (Anchor Covenant Church, Lake Geneva, WI)
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\* Running for 3 year term

\*\* Harbor Point Ministries only requires one candidate for each position.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS - BIOGRAPHIES

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



**Alberto Galvan.** Streamwood, Illinois. Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Jerusalem (Jerusalem Covenant Church). Formal Pastor and Church Planter. Alberto has been serving in some way in the church since his conversion at age 17, in the church leadership and now as a bi-vocational planter pastor. He has served on the Executive Board, filling an unexpired term, and is now being elected for a second full 3 year term, serving as one of the non-anglo representatives on the board. He loves to put his gifts in service to God and serving on this board is one way to do that.



**Bill Orris.** Crystal Lake, IL. Hope Covenant Church. Co-Pastor. He has been a pastor for 30 years...25 of those in the ECC...the last 5 years at Hope serving with his wife, Lisa; they have three children: Billy-with Jesus; died 8/7/15 at 26; Lauren, 25; Michael, 22. Bill has served in the role of a transitional Interim Pastor in 5 churches; his last interim lasting 18 months at Batavia Covenant. Bill is in his 38th season as a licensed Baseball umpire/Football & Basketball referee and has worked State Championship Games three times each in football & baseball in Illinois. He has previously served from 2006-08 on the Evangelism Commission of the Central Conference. Bill is a current member of the Central Conference Executive Board and would be honored to serve one more term.



**Laurie Schwalm.** Rockford, IL. Evergreen Evangelical Covenant Church. She graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education. She was a Mary Consultant and then a Sales-Director from 1998-2007 leading a unit of 30-40 women. She had a small Calligraphy business and continued teaching class at the local college twice a year in the Continuing Education Department. Currently, she also works at Huntington Learning Center part-time tutoring children after school in reading and math to help bring them up to grade level.

She's been faithfully serving at the congregation along with her husband, Pastor Jim Schwalm for 25 years before retiring. She was very active in the Women's Ministries at church as well as at the district and conference levels.

They've recently celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary and enjoy spending time with their children, Matt, Beth, and Nate and their 7 (+1 more due in March) wonderful grand children.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS - BIOGRAPHIES

## HPM BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES 2017

### Shalondon Christensen – 2<sup>nd</sup> term of service/3-year term



Shalondon Christensen with a Business Administration degree from Redlands University in California, brings solid planning and administrative strengths, coupled with vision to any endeavor in which she is involved. Her business career in insurance was on two coasts, beginning in New York, and in Pasadena, California, where more recently she was a senior underwriter for Old Republic Construction Program Group for over 10 years. Shalondon received a Masters Degree in Biblical Studies from Moody Theological Seminary in May 2016, and is involved in the children's ministry at Oakdale Covenant Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Shalondon is known for her strong organizational skills and the ability to motivate others. As a child and young adult, she volunteered with Hollis Development Corporation, in Queens, New York where she grew up. She actively contributes her strategic leadership and support to the ministry of Soldiers for the Second Coming, in Los Angeles, and the chaplaincy ministry of Ballers Behind Bars in Chicago, Illinois and the Skinner Leadership Institute in Washington D.C. She is committed to furtherance of the Gospel through the camping ministry of both Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point. Shalondon makes her home in River Forest, Illinois with her husband Mark, and their two daughters, Sara and Ava.

### Dwight Huse – 1<sup>st</sup> term of service/3-year term



I live in Kingsford, Michigan and am a member of First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. I work as a computer programmer at our local county hospital.

My wife, Karen, and I have been married for over 30 years. We met at Covenant Bible College in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. We have made the Upper Peninsula of Michigan our home for the last 27 years. Karen works part time in a coffee shop and has just started as a Deaconess at our church. Our son, Brent, will graduate from the Biblical and Theological Studies program at North Park University in May 2017. He has worked at Covenant point the last three summers and plans to be on staff at Covenant Point again this summer. Our daughter, Bonnie, is in the culinary and hospitality management programs at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bonnie has worked at Covenant Point the last five summers and plans on being an assistant cook at Covenant Point this coming summer. Both Brent and Bonnie attended the Solid Rock School of Discipleship at Lake Beauty Bible Camp in Long Prairie, Minnesota. Brent attended the first year, 2014-15, and Bonnie the second year, 2015-16.

My work at the hospital is part programming, part system administration, part application analysis, a lot of data extraction and report writing, and a little bit of hardware troubleshooting. I use some of these skills to support the computer systems at our church. I also teach an adult Sunday school class and am part of the Christian Education board of the church.

I grew up in the Covenant as my father, Robert Huse, is a Covenant pastor (retired). As a youth, I attended Bible camps at Covenant Heights in Estes Park, Colorado and Covenant Park in Mahtowa, Minnesota. As an adult, I had the honor and privilege of working for and beside Chuck Frasier. I was the summer Registrar at Covenant Point the summer of 1987. Karen was head cook that summer having spent several previous summers in that kitchen. Living somewhat close to Point, I have been able to volunteer at camp from time to time. I have also enjoyed working with Bill Fish, Kevin Johnson, and Erik Strom in these volunteer roles. I have been blessed to attend almost every Men's Retreat at Covenant Point since the days we met in the fall time frame back in the early 90's.

I see Bible camps as an essential part of the church organization. I look forward to working with the camping ministry at a different level which I have not experienced before. I am excited to see our two camps succeed at their ministry.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS - BIOGRAPHIES

## HPM Board Member Nominees 2017

### Heather Rose – 2<sup>nd</sup> term of service/3 year-term



Heather lives in Round Lake, Illinois and attends Anchor Covenant Church in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She grew up in Wilmette, IL and attended Winnetka Covenant Church for most of her life. Heather is married to David for almost 19 years, and they have three children: Scott (14), Annika (11) and Kristin (10). Heather and David met while they were both counselors in training at CHIC '94 in Ft. Collins, CO. Heather is a partner at Erickson-Papanek-Peterson-Rose, a law firm in Northbrook, Illinois. Most of their practice involves estate planning, real estate, and taxes. She has served on the leadership team at Anchor Covenant Church and recently started a ministry there for the third through fifth graders.

“My husband and I both attended both camps as children, for both summer camps and various retreats with our youth groups. As a family, we attended Covenant Point several years in the summer with Winnetka Covenant Church. Our children started attending Covenant Harbor as soon as they were able, and our son has attended Covenant Point for the last several years. Each experience with each of the camps has left each member of our family enriched and renewed. I am excited to work with this board to help promote and encourage the camps in their vital ministry.”

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 2017 BALLOT

## ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT

*Please vote YES or NO.*

**REV. DANNY MARTINEZ**

☐ YES

☐ NO

Write in:

☐ YES

☐ NO



# CENTRAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT

## Danny Martinez Nominated for Central Conference Superintendent



CHICAGO, IL (January 25, 2017) – The Central Conference Executive Board has nominated Danny Martinez, pastor of Grace Covenant Church in Spring Valley, California, to succeed Jerome Nelson as superintendent. Nelson is retiring at the end of this summer after serving three terms.

Martinez was nominated by the board through a process that began with more than 35 names submitted by constituents for consideration, said Dan Teefey, chair of the board, which also served as the search committee. After reviewing all the applications, the board engaged seven of the candidates for further consideration and interviewed four final candidates. The interview pool reflected both gender and ethnic diversity, and included candidates both serving within and beyond the conference.

Teefey said the committee was impressed with Martinez's experience. "Pastor Danny has led in nearly every capacity of the church," he said. "His background includes lay ministry, youth pastor, worship leader, and senior pastor. He also serves as the president of the Ministry of Hispanic Covenant Churches in the United States (MHICE)." (Note: The original text says MHICE, but the image shows MHPE, likely a typo in the original document.)

Teefey added, "Pastor Danny loves God, loves the church, and loves the Covenant. We are excited for him to follow God's call and serve the Central Conference."

Martinez said, "It is with great humility and gratefulness that I accept the nomination for superintendent of the Central Conference. I am a child of the Covenant and the result of much personal investment by our denominational leaders, pastors, staff, friends, and family. I am very aware that I stand on the shoulders of the many incredible people who have built a place where we can work together for the kingdom of God. I ask for your prayers and support in this transition."

The nomination will be presented for action to the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference to be held in April. If elected, he will be installed at the Covenant Annual Meeting in June and begin serving on September 1, 2017.

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## El Pastor Danny Martínez Nominado como Superintendente de la Conferencia Central

CHICAGO, IL (25 de Enero del 2017) – La Junta Ejecutiva de la Conferencia Central ha nominado al pastor Danny Martínez de la Iglesia del Pacto Grace de Spring Valley, California como sucesor del Superintendente Jerome Nelson. Nelson se jubila al final del verano del 2017, después de haber servido por tres periodos de cuatro años.

Martínez ha sido nominado por la Junta Ejecutiva a través de un proceso que empezó con más de 35 aspirantes los cuales dieron su nombre para consideración, comentó Dan Teefey, presidente de la junta ejecutiva, la cual también actuó como comité de búsqueda para esta posición. Después de una cuidadosa revisión de las solicitudes, la junta decidió escoger a siete candidatos y finalmente cuatro de ellos fueron seleccionados para una entrevista. Dentro de los cuatro candidatos entrevistados había diversidad tanto étnica como de género y además incluía postulantes sirviendo dentro y fuera de la Conferencia.

Teefey comentó que el comité estaba impactado por la gran experiencia del pastor Martínez. "El pastor Martínez ha servido en casi todos los ministerios de la Iglesia. Su trayectoria incluye: pastor laico, pastor de jóvenes, líder de alabanza y pastor principal. Además es también el presidente del Ministerio Hispano de las Iglesias del Pacto Evangélico en los Estados Unidos (MHICE)." (Note: The original text says MHICE, but the image shows MHPE, likely a typo in the original document.)

Teefey también comenta que el pastor Danny es un hombre comprometido con el Señor, con la Iglesia y con la denominación. Nos sentimos muy agradecidos por Danny y por su deseo de seguir el llamado de Dios a servir en la Conferencia Central.

Martínez comenta "con profunda humildad y agradecimiento acepto esta nominación para ser Superintendente de la Conferencia Central. Crecí en la iglesia Evangélica del Pacto. Hoy soy lo que soy gracias a que muchos líderes de la denominación, pastores, amigos y familia creyeron e invirtieron en mí. Soy muy consciente que me sostienen los hombros de aquellas personas extraordinarias y valientes que han trabajado para abrir un espacio en el cual podamos servir unidos en el Reino de Dios. Pido sus oraciones y su apoyo durante este tiempo de transición."

La nominación será presentada para su resolución en la asamblea anual de la Conferencia Central, que se llevará a cabo en abril. Si es elegido, será instalado en la Reunión Anual de la Iglesia del Pacto en junio y empezará a trabajar como superintendente a partir del 1 del septiembre del 2017.

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

TO THE

## **131ST ANNUAL MEETING**

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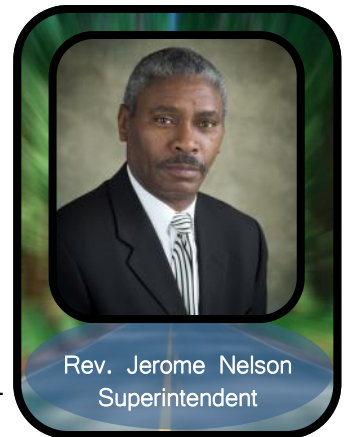
## **CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

The following is a synopsis of my activities from March 2, 2016 through March 1, 2017:

### ***Support to Congregations & Pastors***

**Worked with the Pastoral Search Committees of the following churches:**

Parkwood Community Church, Villa Park, IL	United Covenant, Ishpeming, MI
Fellowship Christian Church, Oak Park, IL	Immanuel Covenant, Chicago, IL
Riverside Covenant, West Lafayette, IN	Zion Covenant, Sheboygan, WI
Community Covenant, Kirkwood, MO	New Community, Chicago, IL
Country Covenant, Crampton Hills, IL	Faith Covenant, Wheaton, IL
St. Paul Covenant, Franklin Park, IL	ECC Portage, IN
Community Covenant, Chicago, IL	Bethel Mission, Wallace, MI
North Park Covenant, Chicago, IL	Batavia Covenant, Batavia, IL
Mission Covenant, Blue Island, IL	ECC, Paxton, IL



Rev. Jerome Nelson  
Superintendent

Installed 10 Pastors

Met with or contacted 20 Pastors

Worked with 5 other churches on a variety of issues

Preached in or attended 22 churches

### ***Denominational Activities***

Attended 2 Council of Superintendent's Meetings

Attended 7 Denominational Meetings

Served on Giving/Stewardship Task Force

Attended Annual Meeting

Attended Midwinter Conference

Attended Annual Ministerium Annual Meeting

### ***Other Conference Activities and Responsibilities***

Carried out my daily Superintendent's duties and responsibilities

Attended 2 Covenant Children's Ministries Board Meetings

Attended Conference Ministerium Annual Meeting

Attended and spoke Pastors & Spouse Retreat

Hosted 2 Workshops for Pastors

Took 1 month Sabbatical

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome Nelson".

Rev. Jerome Nelson

# DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING

## Report to the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference

Church planting in the Central Conference is a mission priority that we pursue *together*. While God calls specific people to start new churches, it is our conviction that these new ECC churches will always do best when surrounded by other ECC churches. This support is critical for a few different reasons:

1. Church planting partnerships are two-way streets of missional momentum. The new church benefits from the prayers, wisdom, and resources of established congregations. In turn, new church plants provide the opportunity for churches to stretch in faith and have a front row seat to God's activity.
2. In the Central Conference we plant churches in a variety of contexts in order to reach diverse communities. This means that each new church looks different from the last and each requires unique ministries and leadership along with a clear understanding of the local context. Partnering with established churches allows a new church to take the necessary time to do the slow, important work of building contextual ministries with local disciples and leaders.
3. Finally, we plant churches that are self-consciously ECC in their orientation and outlook. Establishing relationships between church plants and existing churches early on allows for these new churches to more rapidly join the larger fellowship and mission of the Central Conference.

I'm pleased to share that all of our most recent church plants are benefitting from partnerships with ECC churches in the conference. Within the past nine months we have signed church planting agreements with David Washington and Gregorio Martinez. David and Vernee are leading Kingdom Covenant Church in the Roseland community on Chicago's far south side. Supporting them in this work are churches in Princeton, Glen Ellyn, and Winnetka. Gregorio and Anita have started Iglesia El Buen Pastor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This new church is the direct result of Anchor Covenant Church praying for a way to reach the growing Hispanic community with the gospel. This new church is an answer to their prayers! Anchor has partnered with Gregorio and Anita by opening their facility to this new ministry and on any given Sunday evening a growing mix of seasoned disciples and new believers gather for worship.

Our church plant in Marion, Indiana provides a challenge to our commitment to plant churches together since there aren't any nearby ECC churches. However, Andrew Morrell has been intentional about inviting other local churches to partner with this multi-ethnic church and Pastor Shaun Marshall of Community Covenant Church in Chicago has provided regular coaching to Andrew and his team.

Please keep these and our other young churches in your prayers. And pray for those who are discerning whether God is calling them to plant a church in the Central Conference. Thank you for being an important part of the vision to plant churches together.



# DIRECTOR OF MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Compassion Mercy and Justice Commission - Ministry Grants** were awarded to conference churches totaling over \$10,000.00. Churches reached out into their communities by offering various youth summer events, Mentor & Tutoring Programs, Community Food Pantry, youth writing camps and Prison Ministry Initiatives. The **2016 Central Conference Compassion Mercy and Justice Award** was presented to **Karla Menucci of Grace Covenant Church in Iron River, Michigan**. Since 2010, Three Threads, a ministry initiated and conceived by Karla Menucci has been touching the lives of the women of Grace and Mission Bible Training Center through prayer, devotion, various projects and meals as they build



This is a vibrant ministry still going strong serving the homeless with resources and other opportunities. We spent time looking at various ministry initiatives and ended our time together with lunch at Restoration Cafe a ministry of the Rockford Rescue Mission.

I am grateful for the many years of hard work and dedication of Evelmyn Ivens who completed her term last year. I am also thankful for the hard work and commitment of Commission members Ryan Cooper, Drusilla McClelland, Lance Davis, and Marc Tao.... Thank you so much!

The Central Conference, New Zion Covenant Church and School District 205 in Dolton Illinois partnered to bring a water borehole to the girls section of a school campus in Zorko in Ghana West Africa. I along with Pastor Lance Davis and LaNiece Flagg from New Zion traveled to Zorko in the Northern part of Ghana West Africa for the Commissioning Ceremony. The ministry partnerships goal is to bring another borehole for the boys section of the school campus.

Other Ministry Activities in 2016- Provided Spiritual Direction and Mentor sessions throughout the year. Facilitated Pre-Midwinter Workshop in January and taught Adult Enrichment classes at New Zion. Preached at Batavia Covenant Church, facilitating Preschool opportunities for several conference churches, participated in Fall and Spring COMS. Attended Gather 2016 in Phoenix and Ministry Mentors Training at North Park Seminary and collaborated with Rob Lowe of Rockford offer suggestions on a J2M experience for middle school youth. I assisted in creating a video for the Ghana Borehole Project, I am the Liaison for Hispanic Ministries in the Conference and I attended the Hispanic Picnic in August.

# DIRECTOR OF MISSION AND OUTREACH

I continue to Pastor Fellowship Christian Church in Oak Park by providing Pastoral Counseling, Spiritual Direction, Bible Study, sometimes Preaching, Mentoring and Counseling to the members, attendees and community. We were able to remodel the sanctuary, fellowship space and Narthex which has made huge impact on our worship experience and outreach to the community. We are working with Peter Sjoblom with our new vision and strategic plan.

Finally, I am grateful for our Central Conference Executive Board, who are great encouragers and supporters of the ministries of the Central Conference and my dedicated and gifted colleagues; Jerome Nelson, David Swanson, Norma Ramos, Peter Sjoblom, and Mary Wolf.

My prayers are with our retiring Superintendent Jerome Nelson as he lives into a new-normal! And, my prayers and encouragement covet our newly nominated Superintendent Danny Martinez.....Welcome!!

Peace,

Rev. Debbie Griffith Samuels

# DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

## Report to the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference

### April 2017

*Breaking “the power of the one who holds the power of death, that is the devil, freeing those who all their lives were held in slavery from their fear of death.*  
*” Hebrews 2:14&15*

Fear is most common emotion. The writer of Hebrews states that the fear of death seems to underlie the notion of enslavement. The word anxiety actually relates to the choke around the neck of slaves in shackles. It relates to constriction like angina. This fear can grip us personally and our churches corporately. Change is considered a common trigger of anxiety.



We live in a world of sudden changes. Nothing seems safe. Someone said that it is not change we fear but loss. In our generational cohorts we experience loss in different ways. We need to be sensitive to that anxiety but it is often easy for that anxiety to become chronic, choking off creative ways the Spirit might choose to lead.

The work of Congregational Vitality could be identified as creating a climate in each congregation which moves beyond fear and into the freedom of the movement of the Holy Spirit. It starts with making sure that we are having the important conversations about who we are (identity) and where the Spirit is leading.

As we conclude the first decade of this initiative in Congregational Vitality within the Covenant Church, a study was engaged to examine the effects of this movement within the denomination. The author of the report, Linda Cannell, interviewed 98 pastors, 5 lay leaders, 7 DCV's, the director of PULSE (our survey tool) and the director of COOP (pastoral coaching).

Some important observations were that generally we had moved from a climate of anxiety to one of hope. Veritas is being experienced positively as pastors had moved from being skeptical to the initiators of the pathway. EPIC was again received quite positively as a tool to help a congregation engage change. (Several mentioned that both workshops were perceived as too long and laden with too much information.) The tools developed for strategic ministry planning were definitely seen as complex. Often they were abandoned for more simple approaches. We are reworking these tools to help simplify the process.



# **DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY**

## **Report to the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference**

### **April 2017**

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Directors of Congregational Vitality / Associate Superintendents were understood to be helpful across conferences using the tools in creative ways that address each congregation's uniqueness.

The introduction of the 10 healthy missional markers was also significant. They gave congregations a more concrete metric than simply money and attendance. One pastor from the Central Conference mentioned that "it gets us talking about the right things". The growth of the Vitality Facilitator network and other avenues of coaching will be important in the future.

3 new participants in Navigate this year are Trinity Covenant Church in Oak Lawn, Immanuel Covenant in Chicago and Community Covenant in Kirkwood MO. I will work with each church through pieces of the pathway this coming year.

The certificate in Congregational Vitality at NPTS has been well received. I serve as an adjunct to each of the 3 classes. I teach concepts on congregations as family systems and affects of anxiety in the culture. Our second cohort has begun and each has had over 20 participants.

This past year of transition has allowed me the opportunity to work with several search committees. I've also officiated 6 installations of pastors in local congregations.

On a personal note, I am grateful to our Superintendent Jerome Nelson for allowing me to serve the conference these past dozen years. He has been a dear friend, confidant, and has called out gifts in me that I wasn't sure I had.

I'm also blessed by the trust you have invested in me as the church. Pastors have opened their hearts and minds as have many leaders in our congregations, allowing me to pursue sometimes difficult conversations and observations which have lead to better health. I'm deeply humbled to serve our conference in this way.

Humbly submitted,

Peter Sjoblom

# HARBOR POINT MINISTRIES BOARD REPORT



*Connecting Camps & Churches*

Ever wonder what our kids are doing these days? They're doing what youth have always done – playing sports, taking music lessons, going to school – and, they're also spending a lot of time in front of digital screens and moving through their days attached to earbuds.

In 2015, a large-scale, comprehensive study of American young people's use of media found that teens ages 13-18 average about *nine hours* of entertainment media use *each day*, and tweens, ages 8 to 12, consume about *six hours* of entertainment *daily*. \* Whew. That's a lot of passive connection to a virtual world where messages about the gospel of Jesus Christ are distorted or nonexistent.

Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point create connections, too – but to real people, in real places, modeling real lives in relationship to Jesus Christ. In your camp environments, campers experience connections that surpass digital relationships and transcend ordinary life. As youth, and yes, even adults, set aside their TVs, smartphones, computers and tablets and unplug for a while, they encounter opportunities that change how they think and live once they're back home. How? By participating in outward experiences that prompt inner change.

Specifically, camp at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point is focused on settings and opportunities that unleash the power of the Holy Spirit so that campers:

- Live into the freedom created by temporary community
- Experience God in nature
- Are loved and cared for
- Engage in spiritually defining moments

In 2016, your camps continued to impact thousands of lives for Christ. Our programs touched more than 30,000 people, including hundreds of Covenant families, and many others from throughout the Midwest. We also trained 150 summer staff – the next generation of leaders for the church and the world.

During the Harbor Point Ministries Annual Meeting you will learn many encouraging and God-honoring details about the work of your two camps. Be sure to attend!



## Thank you

We value you, our owner congregations. Thank you for praying for us, providing financial support, sharing volunteers, sending youth campers, participating in camp experiences, and inviting other to come to camp, too. Thank you! We are eager to serve you.

In 2017, plan to go to camp. We'll see you there!

Beth Fredrickson  
Executive Director  
Harbor Point Ministries



\*The Common Sense Census: Media Use by Tweens and Teens, 2015. Available at [www.common sense.org/research](http://www.common sense.org/research).

# NOMINATING COMMISSION

This is my first report as the chair of the Central Conference Nominating Commission as I begin my second term with the executive board. It's been an exciting new year as we have all transitioned as a board into the "official search committee" in selecting our candidate for Superintendent. The intensive and prayerful journey now bears the fruit of our work as new leadership emerges. However, this is only the beginning of a new chapter of our story as God's people. The on going search continues for recommendations of leaders to serve the board and supporting commissions. The success of finding the right people, to serve in the right positions at the right time takes the intentionality of engaging one another in those conversations to learn who God is preparing for the great opportunities to serve this conference. Your input is valuable to fulfilling this responsibility.



Our conference is blessed with diversity on several levels. We have many people to draw from as we seek representation across generations and ethnicities, clergy and lay, male and female, on our boards and commissions. It's essential that each district is represented and we look for diversity of professions among our churches. We always welcome recommendations for our running list which is consulted each year for persons who fit the demographics needed at any particular time, in completing the process of assembling the ballot for the Annual Meetings.

On the Central Conference website, [www.centralconf.org](http://www.centralconf.org), you will find a list of members of the boards and commissions as well as present chairs of those groups. There is a volunteer application that can be downloaded, filled out and electronically emailed to the Central Conference office. You can also receive an application by calling or writing the Central Conference office and they'll be happy to assist.

Serving on the Nominating Commission this year is Daniella Flores, Debbie Griffith-Samuels and Sally Pierce. Our past chair, David Green has been generous in his help and guidance as an advisory as we move forward. I'm grateful for his wisdom and friendship.

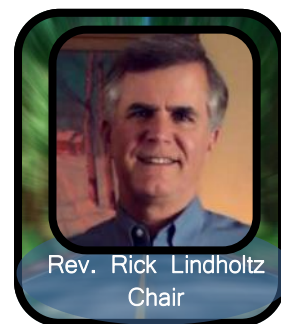
We appreciate your prayers as we look for gifted leaders called to serve our conference to carry on the work of God's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Sally Pierce  
Chair

# EVANGELISM COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT

Evangelism Commission  
Report to the  
Central Conference Annual Meeting 2017  
and the  
Central Conference Ministerial Association Annual Meeting 2017



Rev. Rick Lindholtz  
Chair

I am encouraged by the new initiatives that are offered by our church body through the **Make and Deepen Disciples** Mission Priority, and grateful for the Central Conference's participation. **Make and Deepen Disciples** provides the ministry of **Evangelism**, and last year, we were blessed to have as our guest at the Central Conference Annual Meeting **Beth Seversen**, who now serves The Covenant as **Director of Evangelism**.

- ✓ **Learn more about the Covenant's Evangelism Strategies at [covchurch.org/evangelism](http://covchurch.org/evangelism)**

In late summer, a number of Covenant Pastors attended **Amplify**, a conference focused on Evangelism. Sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Wheaton College and the Mission America Coalition, Amplify featured an **Organic Outreach Intensive** attended by many of those Covenant Pastors who attended.

- ✓ **Learn more about Organic Outreach at [organicoutreach.com](http://organicoutreach.com)**

**Amplify** will be held again June 27-29, at Harvest Bible Chapel, Naperville IL. I encourage Covenant Pastors to attend, and encourage their churches to underwrite the cost of your pastors' attendance.

- ✓ **Learn more about Amplify 2017 at [amplifyconference.tv](http://amplifyconference.tv)**

In the early fall 2016, a **cohort** of ten Covenant Pastors began. The cohort brings these pastors together for study, learning, prayer and accountability as we seek to raise the evangelism temperature in our lives, our congregations, and our conference. The cohort is one of eight cohorts in Covenant Churches across the US, involving some eighty Lead Pastors – approaching 10% of all Lead Pastors in our church body.

I ask your prayers as we (the pastors participating in this year's cohort) strategize how we can build on the good foundation that has begun through the Evangelism cohort and related efforts in our conference.

- ✓ **Learn more about Evangelism cohorts at [covchurch.org/evangelism/lead](http://covchurch.org/evangelism/lead)**

By now, I hope your church has heard about, and has perhaps taken some steps in the **BLESS Intentional Evangelism Initiative**. This strategic plan invites Christians to engage with unbelieving friends through these simple steps:

<b>B</b>	<b>Begin with Prayer</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Listen with Care</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Eat a meal together</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Serve in Love</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Share your story of faith in Jesus</b>

- ✓ **Learn more about the BLESS Missional Practices at [covchurch.org/bless](http://covchurch.org/bless)**

Rick Lindholtz

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting and the Ministerial Association Meeting 2017

The Central Conference Ministerial Association (CCMA) is made up of Pastors and ministers holding credentials (ordination, commission, licensure) in The Evangelical Covenant Church.

The CCMA is led by an Executive Committee elected by its membership. The Executive Committee leads the CCMA as together we provide care in three specific ways:

**We care for the Fellowship** of Covenant Pastors and Church Ministry Staff, predominantly by planning two events each year: an Annual Meeting in late April, and a Fall Retreat in early October.

And **we care for the ordination** of Covenant Pastors in part by forming a Committee on Ministerial Standing (COMS) from the members of our association. These members interview Pastors as they move towards final, permanent credentialing. As a body, the CCMA votes to recommend these pastors as they move through the process of credentialing.

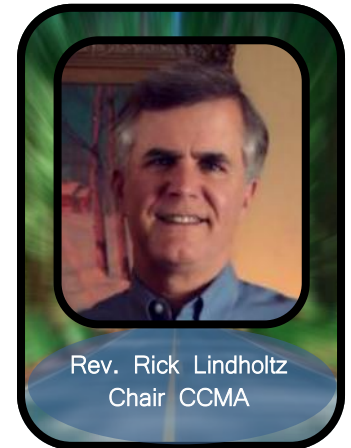
Pastors who hold credentials in the Central Conference of The Evangelical Covenant Church (licensed, commissioned or ordained) are members of the CCMA, with privileges and responsibilities. In order to maintain “good standing”, they are asked to do these things:

- Pay dues of \$125 per year to the CCMA, which is split between our national church body and the conference;
- Complete the annual Vocational Growth Survey;
- Update their Covenant Profile once every three years; and
- Maintain healthy relationships with their Covenant Ministry Colleagues.

Our Ministerial Association met twice in 2016. Our first gathering took place April 28-29, 2016 in Iron Mountain, Michigan. **Dr. Ross D. Peterson**, Executive Director of Midwest Ministry Development and ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church, spoke to those in attendance on the topic **Beyond Surviving: Flourishing in Ministry**. Our gathering went on to conduct our Annual Meeting at that time.

Our second gathering was our Annual Retreat, which is designed to benefit Lead Pastors, Staff Pastors and Ministers, and Spouses of those in ministry. It took place October 3-5, 2017, at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This retreat featured two speakers: **Rev. Jerome Nelson**, our Superintendent, attending his final Retreat in that role before stepping into retirement at the end of August; and **Dr. Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom**, who spoke on **“Reading the Bible in a Complex World”**.

The Ministerial Association will gather again for the annual retreat at Covenant Harbor, October 2-4, 2017. Please see the next “Save the Date” page for additional information.





# CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting and the Ministerial Association Meeting 2017

Pastors and Ministers, this is for you.  
Churches and Church Board members,  
it is to your advantage to make it easy  
for your ministry staff to attend.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Central Conference

### FALL RETREAT

for Pastors and Spouses

OCTOBER 2-4, 2017

at Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI

The goal of our Fall Retreat is to encourage and refresh Pastors and Spouses through rich fellowship, an escape from our schedules for several days, and reflecting together on our spiritual journey as those in a vocational calling.

with Guest Speaker Rev. Byron Spradlin . . .

“Surviving My Public Ministry by Resetting My Personal Worship”

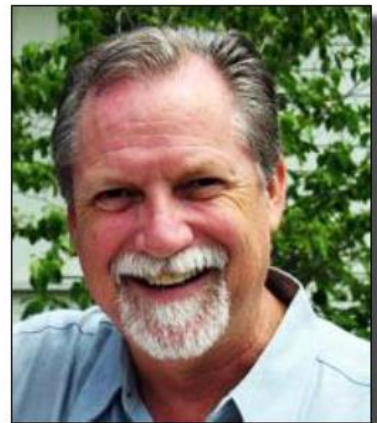
#### Four Sessions:

- ✓ Worship: Falling in Love with God
- ✓ Worship: Getting Comfortable with my Calling to be with God
- ✓ Worship: Developing a Daily Companionship Worship Walk with God
- ✓ Worshipping Personally: 7 Practices that Liberate My Soul

### About Byron Spradlin . . .

God has used Byron, since he surrendered his life to Christ at age 19, as a musician, recording artist, published songwriter (ASCAP & NARAS), youth pastor, worship pastor, evangelist, church planter, senior pastor, Bible teacher, professor, and artists-in-missions strategist.

Byron is the Founder and President of Artists in Christian Testimony Intl. A.C.T. Intl exists to mobilize and equip artistic and innovative ministries and missionaries for Christian work around the world. Byron serves as the international *Senior Associate for the ARTS* for the global Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. He is professor of Worship, Imagination & the Arts at Williamson College in Franklin TN. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the international Jews for Jesus mission, having previously served 35 years as Founding Board Chair and the performance coach for their first music-evangelism team, *The Liberated Wailing Wall*. Since 2014, he has served on the Board of *World Venture* mission agency based in Denver, CO



His ministry experience ranges through almost 50 nations, and from arts in evangelism, missions and ministry, to Jewish & Muslim Evangelism, to church planting, to worship ministry and coaching, and the theology of worship, imagination and the arts.



# REPORT FROM WOMEN MINISTRY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### Triennial XV “Quenched” in Kansas City, Missouri - July 2016

We prepared to celebrate 100 Years of women in ministry. In preparation, Presidents from across the national conference connected and served as advisors, and coordinated as a team for this event to take place.

Over 900 women from various cultural background and ages attended. There were also Triennial X Men who attended and were very helpful with some of the heavy lifting and sound equipment. We are grateful for their presence “wouldn’t want to have done this without them”.

### Triennial XVI will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2019

#### Upper Peninsula - Great Lakes region in Covenant Point :

- **held their Spring Celebration in Covenant Point:** 100 women attended
- Held their Fall Retreat “Spiritual Contentment” at Covenant Point Bible Camp 2016: 63 women, but normally 100 women attend
- is preparing for Gather and Works Project for Spring Celebration in April 29, 2017

### Women Ministry Central Conference

#### Fall Retreat 2016

- Hosted By Wisconsin (Badger District)
- Theme: “**Fortify**” Attendance 2016 276, but normally 300 plus women

#### August 2016

- Met with WMCC Leadership Team that consist of officers, focus ministry chairs and AVA region coordinator, district liaisons and ministry coaches.
- Formed a team of 6 ladies and myself. We clarified each position and expectations of each role. Completed in February 2017 to be presented in our Spring Celebration ‘17.
- Updated the Constitution WMCC.

We:

- offer \$500.00 scholarships to women who attend North Park University
- give a stipend to new church plants for women ministry initiatives
- offer Scholarships for Fall Retreat to help women who have financial hardships last year we supported 44 women
- also will come to your church and share why women ministry is important to the life of the church.
- also pick a programs to support for areas we are hosting retreats

EX: Bought dressers for a women and children shelter

- made 100 blankets for a children shelter
- made dresses to send to Cameroon to cloth women and girl

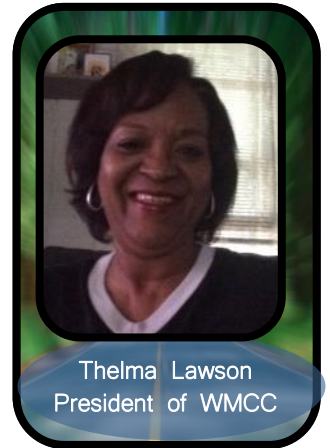
WMCC is Conference Project 2017 We are only able to give due to generous donations from all who support Women Ministry. We appreciate all the contributions whether financial, talent or your time.

WMCC Leadership Team will continue to connect with Churches within their Districts throughout the Conference. We continue with covenant cores of growing leaders through the Word of God to make and deepen disciples.

We are embracing and sharing the “BLESS” Initiative at our Spring Celebrations and Fall Retreats and as we go out to various churches and communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma E. Lawson, President Of WMCC



# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### Kingdom Covenant Church 2016 Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers, it is my joy to share with you about the wonderful things God is doing in and through Kingdom Covenant Church. We are in an infancy stage as a church but there is great evidence of God's work among us and clear signs of healthy growth.

In July after two years of preparation, we signed the Covenant Agreement with the Central Conference. We also completed an 11-month Bible study through the entire book of Acts. During which we gathered weekly to study verse by verse through Acts paying careful attention to principles of kingdom expansion into new communities and apostolic church planting. This helped prepare us theologically and developed our understanding of the New Testament Church as it was birthed.



Rev. David Washington  
Church Planter

Our aim was to fulfill God's call to start a church in the Roseland/Pullman area on the south side of Chicago. Out of 72 communities in Chicago, Roseland is 6th on the list of the most violent in our cities. It is an under resourced community that is in need of the extra support a community engaged church could provide. However, the challenge to get started was quite burdensome. We wrestled with finding space in the community we felt God was calling us to serve. Just weeks before we were set to launch we had no place in the community to hold our services. Mission Covenant Church in Blue Island, IL opened their doors and allowed us to use their sanctuary on Sundays during the month of August.

We took advantage of this blessing to have prayer services. Every Sunday we prayed for guidance about how to move forward on our journey. After much prayer and labor, the Lord provided for us the Curtis School of Excellence as our worship venue. Curtis is an elementary school located in the heart of the Roseland community (32 E. 115th Street, Chicago, IL 60628). Our services begin at 10am in the auditorium. You may enter through the rear entrance of the school for worship.

We held our launch service on September 11, 2016. The theme, "Nine One One," addressed the emergency our community was faced with and the need for the church we were planting. The message at our launch service came from Amos 9:11 (nine one one), a passage that reflects a time when the Israelites were in a state of emergency. We launched with just around 170 people in attendance. Since launching our average weekly attendance has been in the 60-70 range. There's been many curves and turns along this journey but God has been faithful to us.

The church planting journey is strenuous and very taxing on the body and mind. I have learned how to pay attention to my body and become more disciplined with my devotional life. This has proved to be helpful. It doesn't make it easy but it helps me to keep moving. I have also learned that this work requires more than the church planting team. The body of Christ collectively contributing has made a difference in our journey.



# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

Critical to our launch were partnerships with key churches in the Central Conference. I thank God for Pastor Derek Boggs and the Evangelical Covenant Church of Princeton, IL., Pastor Michael Langer and the Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, Pastor Shaun Marshall and Community Covenant Church of Blue Island, IL., and Pastor Peter Hawkinson and Winnetka Covenant Church in Wilmette, IL. These ministries helped to make our launch possible, and continue to walk alongside of us collaborating in ministry and providing support on various levels.

Since launching, we have been committed to reaching the lost and building believers through evangelism. Though there's a lack of volunteers, people double up and get the work done and we are grateful. In addition to the immediate community, Kingdom Covenant Church ministered to inmates at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, IL. Each month we provide Bible studies and chapel services for 150-200 men in this facility. We have witnessed more than 40 men invite Jesus into their lives to be their Lord.

Kingdom Covenant Church is seeing signs of healthy growth as a church plant. Families from our community are being drawn to worship. Following our launch, we began Kingdom Kids to provide space for children ages 3-11 to worship and learn about God on Sundays. Though there's a need for more volunteers the Children's ministry is thriving.

Adequate volunteers continue to be a challenge for us. Though there's a lack of volunteers around people double up and get the work done and we are grateful. The biggest struggle for us has been the challenge of funding our ministries. Like any new ministry, our church has to depend heavily upon outside contributions. Serving a poor community makes this even more of a need for us. Despite healthy attendance, for a church just starting, the size of our congregation has not grown to a point to handle all the costs of ministry by itself. This has been the most humbling part of our experience. A balance of learning how to pray, trust God and ask people for help when we need it. I thank God for the struggle because I am learning a lot through it and I thank God for the blessings because it reminds us that it is God doing the work more than we are.

Kingdom has been intentional about community outreach and mission. Thanks to the support of many, we were able to provide school supplies for over 100 children in the community. On October 31, we gathered in the community to give out treat bags packed with candy and Christian tracts for the neighborhood children trick or treating. We prayed for the neighborhood and our presence provided a light on Halloween for the community. I was surprised to see the response of our congregation for a clothes and food drive in December. Through their contributions we were able to provide Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children and over 30 turkeys for families in need. I am so thankful to God that our congregation is learning early in our development, the importance of community outreach and service. It is truly a joy to be able to make a difference in this stage of our journey. We are thankful for the support of the ECC and the Central Conference to help us serve our community. I am convinced that the church exists to advance the kingdom of God which reaches beyond the four walls of our gathering. We are thanking God for all that He has done in, for and through Kingdom Covenant Church. I am forever grateful for the leadership of Jerome Nelson and David Swanson who provide the guidance and the coaching that I need. This journey would have ended long ago without their help.





# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### Iglesia Del Pacto Evangélico Jerusalén (Jerusalem Covenant Church)

February 2017

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in this 131th annual meeting of The Central Conference from Jerusalem Covenant Church, we pray for God's continuance blessings upon the Central Conference and all Covenant Churches.*

Dear. Sisters and Brothers

Planting a Church is a great privilege and the most amazing task a person can receive from God but it is also the most difficult and hard task to accomplish.

Over the past four years Jerusalem has had a lot of challenges, changes, ups and downs and if you know our history from previous reports you will agree with us, that it hasn't been easy but it is the call from God that keeps us going, our strong believe that God himself is planting Jerusalem Church, despite all the adversity we have confronted.

I am extremely please to announce you that Jerusalem church is moving and growing with solids steps and I feel positive to say that in God 's time, Jerusalem will be ready to be call a SOLID CHURCH.

Today, Jerusalem:

- is established in a building church, we have a healthy partnership and healthy relationship with Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Cutler is an awesome pastor, he truly understands the kingdom of God and has open his church to bless Jerusalem with plenty of resources from his Grace Church. And it is because of this men and women that today Jerusalem is moving into another solid step and becoming more and more into a solid Church.
- Our finances structures are well developed and now the church has a clear understanding of the Budget expensive and how to use it.
- In terms of leadership structure, Jerusalem have amazingly well developed, is well organize and getting stronger.
- Our biblical educational, teachings/preaching is also well developed. On Sunday, the church provides the community with a 9:30 am Sunday school for adults and youth and children and at 10:45 am worship services.



Rev. Alberto Galvan  
Church Planter



# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

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- On Wednesday we have our prayer day, following with a short biblical teaching for adults and children. On Saturday we do outreach, intentional evangelism door to door in the surroundings areas.

Now, Jerusalem has reach this healthy level not only for what I do but also through many hard people like Francisco, Becky, Elizabeth, Pepe, German, Lupita , Stephanie, Ruthy, Isaac, Yolanda, Erica, and of course through all the support and wise advise from Jerome Nelson and David Swanson, this are the instruments that God have been using to establish Jerusalem church.

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There is not enough words to express our gratitude, to all Central Conference Staff and Churches, thank you for been God's instruments to bring Christ Salvation to the lost, thank you for all your financial support but above all thank you for your prayers, Jerusalem Church have overcome many difficult times and challenges but it is through your prayers that we have overcome all and I know more challenges will come our way but I know that with your continuances prayer we will also overcome them.

" I have come to a deep understanding that we are only the instruments of this great task and that it is indeed God Himself who is truly planting Jerusalem Church, to God be the Glory".

May God bless you all!

Sincerely your humble servant

Alberto Galvan



# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### El Buen Pastor Covenant Church



Rev. Gregorio Martinez  
Church Planter

Dear brothers and sisters of the Evangelic Covenant Church,

El Buen Pastor Covenant Church surges from an experience in August 2014 that left a mark in my life. During the baptisms of the Hispanic churches I was supposed to promote the CHET extension in Chicago but got there late due to my job at the time. I asked Rev. Daniela Flores to reserve my food and she told me that the cook at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva would have it saved for me. To my surprise when I got there I noticed that all of the cooks were Hispanic and that none were Christian, so I asked one of the cooks if he had ever gone to a church and he told me that no one had invited him to one. He also said that if someone did he would be glad to go. I asked myself how can someone work at a Christian place and not get invited to a church. As soon as I could I asked the pastors of the Hispanic churches if there were any Hispanic churches in Lake Geneva and they all said no. I couldn't understand how no one had seen the necessity of a Hispanic church in Lake Geneva yet.

After a couple of months I still had this going around in my head and I told Rev. Daniela Flores and she was the one that gave me David Swanson's phone number. I called him and explained to him my thoughts and he said we should meet up and discuss more these thoughts and go over how the process of church planting works. After meeting with each other David expressed to me how the pastor of Anchor Covenant Church in Lake Geneva had been praying for a Hispanic pastor. He had also seen the need of a Hispanic church to help the growing Hispanic population in Lake Geneva. Then after a few months we got together and went over the requirements and that's when we got the certificate of Covenant Church Planters.

In the next meeting I had with Pastor Bruce after expressing my views we came to an agreement that both of our prayers were being answered. He then told me his church was open for our use free of charge.





# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### CONTINUES...

Right away we started planning and asked for support from our mother church Renacer Covenant Church. They gladly embraced our visions and offered us their support. Rev. Javier Barron also was willing to send two families to support us for a while. Although only one family said yes, they have been our right arm in everything. They drive an hour from Illinois to Wisconsin and sometimes come tired but they are still faithful. They are also preparing to be the next Church Planters. Most of all though the help of our mother church helped us the most with their donations of money during the time we would come to Lake Geneva to talk to people of the community.

The first service of El Buen Pastor Covenant Church was on May 7th, 2016. Only two families attended, not including my family and the family from the mother church, which still remain constant to this day.

Our relationship with this community is based on a Bible verse in Mathew 9:35-38: And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.**

God has sent us to establish a friendship first and then to share his word. We found this method to be very affective because they had been recently been shared the word of God too aggressively, therefore making them very closed when it came to the gospel.

At first our services were Saturdays in the mornings and Tuesdays in the afternoons but these hours were not working for our members because most of them worked on those days. We then asked the Anchor Covenant Church to let us have services on Sundays at 5 pm which we find the best fitting. We now have matrimony studies on Thursdays at 7pm, which are a real blessing to everybody.



# REPORT FROM APPROPRIATED CHURCH

## Report to the Central Conference Annual Meeting

### CONTINUES...

We thank God for the growth we have seen in our congregation, at first we had less than 25 but now we see 35 or 45 and 80 on certain occasions. On January 31, 2017 we made our first board of the church. We hope that in the future we will be able to put members in charge of different areas in our church.

We still go around spreading God's gospel not only in Lake Geneva but also in Walworth, Sharon, Burlington; Genoa City, Delavan, and Darien Elkhorn. We have also been visiting family members of our congregation in prison to help them in their time of need.

Our goals for the end of 2017 are to make the church more known, to work harder with the matrimonies and families of our church, and to start involving more the new people from our church. We wish to also have leaders that our in charge of different areas because this would allow them to get involved more.

By august we plan on having a group ready for baptisms and hopefully by that time they will have matured in their faith and understandings. We ask for your prayers to help us know how to teach the new comers God's words and his plans for them.

Pastoral family: Gregorio Martinez, Anita Martinez, Ana. J. Martinez and Ruth. P. Martinez would like to thank personally the Evangelic Covenant Church, Rev. Rebecca Gonzalez, Rev. David Swanson, Rev. Jerome Nelson and every leader that has helped us and or prayed for us. God bless!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Gregorio Martinez



# CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES

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State & City	Church Name	2016	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>ILLINOIS</b>								
Batavia	Batavia Ev Covenant Church	4,265	262	4,003	4,594	5,272	5,676	5,388
Belvidere	Evangelical Mission Covenant Church	3,000		3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
Berwyn	Centro Cristiano El Poder Del Amor	0		0	0	0	0	0
Bolingbrook	City of Hope	100		100	0	300	0	500
Blue Island	Mission Covenant Church	500		500	200	250	0	250
Calumet City	St Peter's Faith Health Covenant Church	300	25	275	200	0	0	0
Calumet Park	Community Covenant Church	6,000		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Campton Hills	Country Evangelical Covenant Church	3,200	800	2,400	3,200	3,350	3,200	3,200
Carpentersville	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Renacer	3,000		3,000	2,500	2,000	1,000	2,000
Champaign	Berean Covenant Church	120		120	0	0	0	0
Chicago	Albany Park Covenant Church	1,200	100	1,100	1,100	725	900	1,270
Chicago	Assyrian Evangelical Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	Atonement Covenant Church	100		100	50	50	369	0
Chicago	Beverly Evangelical Covenant Church	3,000		3,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Chicago	Calvary Covenant Church	0		0	924	1,100	0	0
Chicago	Cross Fellowship, Inc (CLOSED)	Closed		0	5,283	0	1,000	0
Chicago	Edgebrook Evangelical Covenant Church	5,475	1,400	4,075	5,600	5,575	6,018	6,390
Chicago	Gospel Way Evangelical Covenant Church	0		0	300	1,000	0	0
Chicago	Grace Evangelical Covenant Church	6,000		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,626
Chicago	Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico Belen	7,246	513	6,734	0	7,169	12,285	4,569
Chicago	Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico Grace	0		0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico Peniel	3,879	982	2,896	4,769	2,959	2,750	2,850
Chicago	Iglesia Del Pacto Vida Plena	800	300	500	0	950	600	900
Chicago	Immanuel Evangelical Covenant Church	1,000		1,000	0	500	2,250	3,400
Chicago	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	253		253	215	465	291	555
Chicago	Kingdom Covenant Church	637		637	0	0	0	0
Chicago	New Community Covenant Church	0		0	11,228	10,000	20,356	27,047
Chicago	New Community Cov. Bronzeville	9,244	1,904	7,340	4,884	5,776	2,990	3,159
Chicago	Ninth Hour Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	North Park Covenant Church	24,521	2,803	21,717	19,117	22,769	24,849	26,128
Chicago	Oakdale Covenant Church	0		0	2,000	0	2,000	4,000
Chicago	Ravenswood Evangelical Covenant Church	2,100		2,100	2,000	2,695	2,000	2,000
Chicago	Resurrection Covenant Church	5,000	5,000	0	0	2,823	7,879	9,260
Chicago	The House Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	Thrive Ev Covenant Church	0		0	786	530	357	0
Crest Hill	Good Shepherd Evangelical Covenant Church	5,250	250	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Crystal Lake	Hope Evangelical Covenant Church	9,478	2,462	7,015	7,311	8,582	7,039	583
Dolton	New Zion Christian Fellowship Church	4,500		4,500	0	3,500	3,500	0
De Kalb	Hillcrest Covenant Church	3,600		3,600	3,600	3,600	3,924	4,440
De Kalb	Rock Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Elgin	Evangelical Covenant Church	3,500		3,500	3,250	3,000	3,500	3,000
Evanston	Sojourner Covenant Church	2,259	597	1,662	2,903	3,133	3,369	3,123
Flossmoor	Friends 4 Life Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Franklin Park	St Paul's United Church of Christ	500		500	500	250	0	0
Galesburg	Covenant Church	11,054	936	10,118	8,795	10,664	10,435	11,004
Glen Ellyn	Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church	36,000		36,000	35,500	34,000	33,000	32,000
Glenview	Glenview Korean Covenant Church	1,100		1,100	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,200
Hinsdale	Evangelical Covenant Church	37,322	8,259	29,063	38,247	33,961	31,081	32,920
Libertyville	Libertyville Covenant Church	20,625	4,125	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	21,000
Libertyville	Redeemer Life	4,483	408	4,075	6,108	6,249	9,741	6,974
Lincolnwood	Community Evangelical Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Machesney Park	North Park Evangelical Covenant Church	650	50	600	600	600	600	1,200
Matteson	City of Truth	0		0	1,267	1,031	909	516
Moline	Elim Covenant Church	4,000	333	3,667	5,049	5,138	5,049	4,840
Moline	First Covenant Church	4,400	400	4,000	4,040	4,080	4,800	4,350
Morton Grove	St. Luke's Christian Community Church	WITHDREW		WITHDREW	WITHDREW	1,500	900	0
Morton Grove	Korean Ark Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Mount Prospect	Northwest Covenant Church	17,308		17,308	14,398	12,739	23,294	25,139
Naperville	Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church	16,249	1,138	15,110	17,669	19,693	25,266	28,359
Northbrook	Lakeview - merged w/Antioch Korean Cov	-		0	0	0	0	0
Northbrook	Lakeview Covenant Church	3,750		3,750	3,750	3,500	3,250	3,000
Northbrook	Northbrook Evangelical Covenant Church	10,000		10,000	10,000	9,500	9,400	9,000
Oak Forest	New Beginning Covenant	0		0	0	0	0	0
Oak Lawn	Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church	2,100		2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Oak Park	Fellowship Christian Church	2,300	500	1,800	1,650	500	0	0
Orland Park	Hope Covenant Church	4,463		4,463	1,575	3,150	3,150	3,150



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Palatine	Deergrove Covenant Church	14,400	1,185	13,215	12,390	9,225	14,765	14,078
Palatine	New Life Covenant Church	3,000		3,000	2,800	2,792	3,001	3,543
Paxton	Evangelical Covenant Church	2,500		2,500	1,500	3,375	2,500	2,500
Peoria	First Covenant Church	1,320		1,320	1,320	1,320	1,200	1,500
Princeton	Evangelical Covenant Church	12,390		12,390	13,215	11,855	11,413	11,165
Rockford	Bethesda Evangelical Covenant Church	10,000		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Rockford	Broadway Covenant Church	6,350		6,350	6,699	6,830	7,220	6,966
Rockford	Evergreen Evangelical Covenant Church	50		50	273	204	273	324
Rockford	First Evangelical Covenant Church	20,850	3,750	17,100	17,550	23,400	26,000	27,000
Schaumburg	Chicago Woori Church	200		200	500	500	0	0
Schaumburg	Covenant Church Of Schaumburg	4,000	333	3,667	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,800
Stillman Valley	Valley Evangelical Covenant Church	2,700	200	2,500	1,251	4,587	8,413	9,000
Streamwood	Iglesia Del Pacto Ev Jerusalem	3,150	586	2,564	2,670	1,886	0	0
Villa Park	Evangelical Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	2,358	1,406
Villa Park	Christ Covenant Church	1,523		1,523	0	4,000	6,625	0
Wheaton	Faith Evangelical Covenant Church	14,365	1,105	13,260	13,098	12,936	12,800	11,040
Wilmette	Winnetka Evangelical Covenant Church	22,869	2,643	20,226	21,185	29,021	29,700	31,350
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR ILLINOIS:</b>		<b>415,497</b>	<b>43,352</b>	<b>372,145</b>	<b>385,911</b>	<b>411,760</b>	<b>460,544</b>	<b>457,063</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>								
Donaldson	Evangelical Covenant Church	1,200	300	900	900	900	825	1,350
Bloomington	Sacred Heart Ev Covenant Church	0		0	1,000	3,000	1,500	100
Gary	Church Of Gary Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	500
Indianapolis	Hope Evangelical Covenant Church	4,260	330	3,930	3,960	4,170	3,425	4,307
Indianapolis	Manantial de Vida	0		0	0	0	0	0
Lafayette	Evangelical Covenant Church	41,357	3,142	38,215	37,202	43,760	42,779	43,436
Portage	Evangelical Covenant Church of Portage	1,380		1,380	1,150	1,380	1,380	1,380
South Bend	Evangelical Covenant Church	7,094		7,094	7,165	5,940	6,955	7,468
West Lafayette	Riverside Covenant Church	24,997	3,759	21,238	19,170	16,755	16,316	15,306
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR INDIANA:</b>		<b>80,288</b>	<b>7,531</b>	<b>72,757</b>	<b>70,547</b>	<b>75,906</b>	<b>73,180</b>	<b>73,847</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>								
Foster City	Mission Covenant Church	800		800	800	400	600	625
Gladstone	United Evangelical Covenant Church	4,769	438	4,330	5,596	6,627	6,677	6,543
Iron Mountain	First Covenant Church	7,210	572	6,638	5,270	6,673	5,239	6,329
Iron River	Grace Covenant Church	5,000		5,000	5,000	4,999	9,000	9,175
Ishpeming	Mission Covenant Church	117		117	130	0	1,359	477
Menominee	Community Covenant Church	600		600	600	1,334	2,004	1,200
Norway	Evangelical Covenant Church	4,800		4,800	4,800	4,565	4,500	4,200
Skandia	Community Covenant Church	800		800	800	800	800	800
Stephenson	Bethlehem Covenant Church	367	26	341	331	476	648	888
Stephenson	Lost Lake Covenant Church	300		300	300	300	600	600
Wallace	Bethel Mission Covenant Church	300		300	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR MICHIGAN:</b>		<b>25,063</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>24,026</b>	<b>23,627</b>	<b>26,174</b>	<b>31,427</b>	<b>30,837</b>
<b>MISSOURI</b>								
Florissant	Christ Covenant Church	0		0	1,200	1,200	1,600	0
Kirkwood	Community Covenant Church	3,492		3,492	3,492	3,492	7,900	0
Saint Louis	Outpour	537		537	556	615	0	1,019
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR MISSOURI:</b>		<b>4,029</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,029</b>	<b>5,248</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>1,019</b>
<b>WISCONSIN</b>								
Beloit	Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church	2,550	1,250	1,300	1,450	1,525	1,300	1,300
Boulder Junction	Community Church	2,500		2,500	2,500	1,250	3,950	3,200
Elkhorn	Millard Community Church	5,290	1,250	4,040	1,040	1,667	8,552	922
Green Bay	Bay Evangelical Covenant Church	6,922		6,922	257	565	0	0
Lake Geneva	Anchor Covenant Church	5,951	2,460	3,491	1,659	4,828	1,438	5,000
Madison	Arbor Covenant Church	2,000		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Madison	Fountain of Life	6,000		6,000	4,000	1,500	0	0
Milwaukee	Evangelical Covenant Church	2,932	650	2,282	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260
Milwaukee	Harvest Center Ministries	880	200	680	957	1,014	1,134	608
Park Falls	Evangelical Covenant Church	0		0	0	0	0	0
Sheboygan	Zion Covenant Church	3,500	250	3,250	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR WISCONSIN:</b>		<b>38,524</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>32,464</b>	<b>17,123</b>	<b>20,109</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>18,790</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$563,401</b>	<b>\$57,979</b>	<b>\$505,422</b>	<b>\$502,456</b>	<b>\$539,255</b>	<b>\$598,785</b>	<b>\$581,555</b>
% change over prior year:				0.59%	-6.82%	-9.94%	2.96%	-3.30%
NOTE: Several churches regularly give additional financial support to other Conference ministries.		563,401		505,422	502,456	539,255	598,785	581,555

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE DISTRICTS

## Chicago North

Assyrian ECC – Chicago  
Community ECC – Lincolnwood  
Edgebrook ECC - Chicago  
Grace ECC - Chicago  
Iglesia Albany Park - Chicago  
Iglesia Belen - Chicago  
Iglesia Grace - Chicago  
Immanuel ECC - Chicago  
Jesus People USA Cov. - Chicago  
New Community - Chicago  
North Park Covenant - Chicago  
Ravenswood ECC - Chicago  
Resurrection Covenant – Chicago  
River City Covenant - Chicago  
Sojourner Covenant – Evanston  
Winnetka ECC - Wilmette

## Chicago South

Atonement Covenant - Chicago  
Beverly ECC - Chicago  
Calvary Covenant - Chicago  
Community Cov. - Calumet Park  
Friends4Life Cov. - Flossmoor  
Gospel Way ECC - Chicago  
Iglesia Douglas Park - Chicago  
Iglesia Peniel - Chicago  
Kingdom Covenant Church - Chicago  
Mission Covenant - Blue Island  
New Community Bronzeville -Chicago  
New Zion Christian – Dolton  
Oakdale Covenant - Chicago  
St. Peter's Faith Health Cov – Calumet City, IL  
The City of Truth Cov - Oak Lawn  
The House Covenant - Chicago  
The Nineth Hour Cov - Chicago  
Trinity ECC - Oak Lawn

## Lake Shore

Glenview Korean – Glenview  
Gyu Ja Shee -Elk Grove Village  
Lakeview Cov. - Northbrook  
Northbrook ECC-Northbrook  
Northwest - Mt. Prospect  
Peacemakers Korean Cov Church – Elk Grove Village

*\* Fellowship denote New Church Plant*

## Fox Valley

Batavia Covenant - Batavia  
Chicago Woori Church - Schaumburg  
Country ECC – Campton Hills  
Covenant Church of -Schaumburg  
DeerGrove Covenant - Palatine  
ECC - Elgin  
Hillcrest Covenant - DeKalb  
Hope ECC - Crystal Lake  
Iglesia Jerusalem - Streamwood (\*Fellowship)  
Iglesia Renacer - Carpentersville  
New Life - Palatine (\*Fellowship)  
The Rock Covenant - DeKalb

## Northern Illinois

Bethesda ECC - Rockford  
Broadway Cov. - Rockford  
Ev. Mission Cov. - Belvidere  
First ECC - Rockford  
North Park ECC - Machesney  
Valley ECC - Stillman Valley

## Western Illinois

Covenant - Galesburg  
ECC - Princeton  
Elim Covenant - Moline  
First Covenant - Moline  
First Covenant - Peoria

## Western Suburban

Centro Cristiano El Poder Del Amor – Berwyn  
Christ Cov Church – Villa Park  
City of Hope - Bolingbrook  
ECC - Hinsdale  
Faith ECC - Wheaton  
Fellowship Christian - Oak Park  
Glen Ellyn ECC - Glen Ellyn  
Good Shepherd ECC - Crest Hill  
Hope Covenant - Orland Park  
Naperville ECC - Naperville  
St. Paul's ECC – Franklin Park

## Indiana

Berean - Champaign, IL  
Church of Gary - Gary  
Covenant Community - South Bend  
ECC - Donaldson  
ECC - Lafayette  
ECC - Paxton, IL  
ECC of - Portage  
Hope ECC - Indianapolis  
Riverside - West Lafayette  
Sacred Heart ECC – Bloomington (\*Fellowship)

## Great Lakes-MI/WI

Bethel Mission Covenant - Wallace  
Bethlehem Covenant - Stephenson  
Community - Boulder Junction  
Community Cov. - Menominee  
Community Covenant - Skandia  
ECC - Norway  
ECC - Park Falls  
First Covenant - Iron Mountain  
Grace Covenant - Iron River  
Lost Lake Covenant - Stephenson  
Mission Covenant - Foster City  
Mission Covenant Church - Ishpeming  
United ECC - Gladstone

## St. Louis

Christ Covenant - Florissant  
Community Covenant - Kirkwood  
Outpour - St. Louis

## Southern Wisconsin

Anchor Covenant - Lake Geneva  
Arbor Covenant - Madison  
Bay ECC - Green Bay  
ECC - Milwaukee  
El Buen Pastor - Lake Geneva (\*Fellowship)  
Fountain of Life - Madison  
Harvest Center - Milwaukee  
Libertyville Covenant - Libertyville  
Millard Community - Elkhorn  
Redeemer ECC – Beloit  
Redeemer Life - Libertyville  
Zion Covenant - Sheboygan



# 131<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

## Registration Materials



## Looking Back As We Move Forward

*Central Conference Annual Meeting  
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