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Happy New Year Central Conference!

I am extremely grateful for your partnership in 2018 and look forward to a stronger partnership in 2019. We are better together in Jesus Christ!

The Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (CCECC) is a group of 107 churches in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Missouri. There are many Spirit led stories to share with you and we are excited to do that at our conference annual meeting, Celebration 2019, at Covenant Harbor Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Lake Geneva, WI, from April 25-27, 2019. We invite your church to send delegates to this important gathering.

This year we are in the process of planting and adopting five new churches. We are in awe to see what God is doing among our established congregations to partner with these initiatives. Several local Covenant churches have opened their doors to share their buildings with new church plants and we will showcase them at Celebration 2019.

The Central Conference staff has also walked alongside established churches in vitality initiatives, pastoral and staff searches, training needs, crisis intervention and congregational care. Our staff is available to do this for all Covenant churches in the Central Conference that request it.

Recently, we welcomed Rev. Jill Lind to our CCECC staff as our director of congregational care, taking over some responsibilities in church vitality initiatives. Associate Superintendent Peter Sjoblom is now serving the conference part-time as he prepares for retirement. We are so grateful for his deep love for Covenant congregations and his amazing work, walking alongside churches, pastors and leadership teams.

Now, more than ever, we are also counting on your financial partnership. We cannot do the work we are called to do without you. Thank you for designating 3.5% of your local church budget to support conference-wide efforts.

I look forward to seeing you in 2019. If I have not visited your congregation yet, I would like to schedule a time to meet with you this year. Please contact the Central Conference office at 773-267-3060, or email info@centralconf.org.

May God's blessings be with you and your church in 2019.

Rev. Danny Martínez
Superintendent of the CCECC