

CELEBRATION

At **Celebration 2018**, we rejoiced in the many ways God is moving among us in local Covenant churches that make up the Central Conference. Here are some highlights from the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC).

166 attendees, which included **80** delegates from Central Conference churches spanning five states.

Thursday night, **Reverend Kanyere Eaton**, pastor of Fellowship Covenant Church, Bronx, New York, shared a sermon on participating a connecting within the conference.

Friday night, **Superintendent Danny Martinez** spoke on the feeding of the 5,000. God provides the bread and we are called to share that bread with those around us. He also cast a vision for planting 20 churches.

Two churches were honored, each celebrating **150 years of ministry** in 2018: ECC, Princeton, IL and the Covenant Church of Galesburg, IL.

The **church planters** of our conference were introduced, and prayed for, at the Friday evening service:

- **Alberto Galvan**, Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico Jerusalén (Jerusalem Cov. Church), Streamwood, IL
- **Jeremy Falk**, Uptown Church, Chicago, IL
- **Gregorio Martinez**, El Buen Pastor (The Good Shepherd), Lake Geneva, WI
- **Andrew Morrell**, Real Community Cov., Marion, IN
- **David Washington**, Kingdom Cov., Chicago, IL

Churches **being removed from the ECC roster** in the Central Conference are: Chicago Woori Church, Schaumburg, IL; Sojourner Covenant Church, Evanston, IL; and Evangelical Covenant Church, Portage, IN. We thank God for the many lives impacted by the ministries of these churches.

The **2018 Compassion Mercy and Justice Award** was presented to **Tim and Kelley Reed** from the Central Conference of the ECC and Grace Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), Chicago, IL, for selflessly helping and assisting others through their work at Grace ECC. Grace ECC received a plaque on behalf of the ministry of Tim and Kelley Reed.

On Saturday, **Paul Hawkinson, ECC treasurer and executive director of finance**, brought a greeting and presentation from the Evangelical Covenant Church.

The Central Conference treasurer, Keith Perkins, presented the fiscal 2017 results, and a 2018 revised income and expenses reports, as well as the projected 2019 budget. The budget was approved.

There are **12 candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament** from the Central Conference:

- **Jonathan Baek**, Glenview Korean CC, Glenview, IL
- **Troy Cady**, Grace ECC, Chicago, IL
- **Julie Capel**, Faith United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL
- **Jon Dietrich**, ECC, Princeton, IL
- **Meagan Gillan**, The ECC, Chicago, IL
- **Jeff Hunter**, North Park CC, Chicago, IL
- **Denise Johnson**, Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, IL
- **Andreton Jones**, City of Hope CC, Bolingbrook, IL
- **Libby Piotrowski**, North Park CC, Chicago, IL
- **Tomas Sanabria**, Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park, Chicago, IL
- **Amy Smith**, U.S. Army, Fort Drum, NY
- **Andrew Sturdy**, currently in the call process

Elected to the **Central Conference Executive Board**:

- **Dawn Jones** – first term (Community Covenant Church, Calumet Park, IL)
- **Reverend Jorden Meyers** – first term (Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette, IN)
- **Tomas Sanabria** – first term, Vice Chair (Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park, Chicago, IL)

Elected to **Harbor Point Ministries**:

- **Erik Brorson** – second term (Ravenswood Evan. Covenant, Chicago, IL)
- **Anne Jorgensen** - first term (Glen Ellyn Covenant, Glen Ellyn, IL)
- **Brian Zahasky** –second term (Libertyville Covenant, Libertyville, IL)

Celebration 2019 will take place on April 25-27, 2019.

Location: Covenant Harbor Bible Camp and Retreat Center, Lake Geneva, WI.