

VISION *for* RENEWAL

A SPIRIT-LED CALL TO NEW LIFE
AND REIMAGINED MINISTRY
ACROSS THE COVENANT



The Evangelical Covenant Church



Dear Covenant Family,

With gratitude and hope, I invite you to journey with us toward a vision rooted in our heritage and filled with the promise of good news for the whole world.

For 140 years, the Evangelical Covenant Church has been united in Spirit-empowered mission—a three-strand cord of churches, conferences, and denomination as faithful partners. Today we stand at a crossroads, discerning the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit breathing renewal into our shared life. Amid both change and challenge, we have the opportunity as the Evangelical Covenant Church to build on our legacy as mission friends called to new life in Christ.

This **Vision for Renewal: A Spirit-led Call to New Life and Reimagined Ministry Across the Covenant** is a call to reimagine the Church for the next generation. Grounded in our commitment to being 3StrandStrong, we are focused on developing strong leaders, growing vibrant churches, and nurturing disciples who embody Christ's love. May this vision inspire us, stirring a holy ambition for what God can do when we unite humbly, courageously, and prayerfully to advance God's mission together.

Thank you for your faithful partnership. I invite you to join me as we move forward together in Vision for Renewal. Let us trust God's leading as we respond to his call for this next season in the life of the Evangelical Covenant Church, for God's glory and our neighbor's good.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tammy Swanson-Draheim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Tammy Swanson-Draheim

President, Evangelical Covenant Church

A holy **RENEWAL**

In a time when churches are facing challenges, pastors are experiencing burnout, and many churches are closing, we know that God is at work doing a new thing (Isaiah 43:19).

**We believe this is a God-ordained moment—
an opportunity to realign ourselves with the
mission of Jesus.**

A Spirit-led **CALL**

With God's help, and through the faithful partnership of our eleven conferences and churches across the Covenant family...

**... our future can be one of renewal,
not retreat.**

Through our 3StrandStrong partnership, we are saying yes to a future filled with gospel boldness, kingdom creativity, and Spirit-empowered unity.

We are focusing on three key areas of renewal:

- empowering resilient leaders
- planting and revitalizing churches
- nurturing authentic, Christ-centered faith.

As the Evangelical Covenant Church, let us meet this moment in prayer, seeking God's renewal and reimagined ministry.

Together, we commit to lead with hope, boldly share this vision within our congregations, and generously support this movement of renewal. Over the next five years, we will invest more than \$20 million to bring this vision to life.

Our **VISION** *in* **ACTION**



Empower **RÉSILIENT MISSIONAL LEADERS** *for Lasting Impact*

In our changing world, we need Spirit-led leaders—women and men who serve with wisdom and reliance on God. We are committed to raising up pastors who are rooted in Scripture, guided by prayer, and compelled by a passion for discipleship and justice.

Support for Pastors



Investing in spiritual, emotional, and financial health to strengthen and equip pastors for long-term, vibrant ministry. (Matching grant available through the Lilly Endowment.)

Next-Gen Global Mission



Launching a new global mission pathway to send out ten young leaders annually, especially Gen Z, millennials, and those from multiethnic mosaic churches.

Lay Leader Training



Equipping and empowering lay leaders through training and mentoring to help churches thrive. A new director of lay leadership will partner with conferences to coordinate this work.

GROW *New and Thriving* **CONGREGATIONS**



We seek to remain mission-driven—both rooted in the gospel and adaptable to our ministry contexts, embracing innovation, deepening spiritual formation, and strengthening evangelism.

Strategic Sending Churches



Identifying, empowering, or planting 15 sending churches in every conference over five years as incubators of leadership development and church planting.

New Church Models and Leaders



Supporting new church planter leadership and internship pathways, emerging church models, and Latino church planting.

Church Health and Vitality



Equipping congregations to grow spiritually and remain mission-focused in order to thrive.



*Proclaim & Live
the **GOSPEL**
Make **DISCIPLES**
& Extend **MERCY***

Throughout our history we have sought to proclaim the gospel along with demonstrating compassion through mercy and justice.



Global Change-Makers

Supporting global indigenous partners who equip local leaders to transform communities through initiatives in food security, peacemaking, vulnerable families, women's empowerment, anti-sex trafficking, healthcare, and economic development.



Evangelism and Discipleship

Expanding evangelism through innovative outreach via digital platforms alongside practical community care and renewing evangelism efforts to youth through our Covenant camp programs.



Compassion, Mercy, and Justice

Offering local churches grants for community transformation and establishing immigration legal aid centers.

JOIN THE
VISION *for*
RENEWAL
MOVEMENT

Now is the time for restoration, reimagination, and renewal within the Evangelical Covenant Church for the sake of generations to come.

Be part of what God is doing in and through us—moving forward together with faith, hope, and expectant hearts for God's glory and neighbor's good.



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Our VISION

The Evangelical Covenant Church envisions living into the kingdom of God through a prayerful, multiethnic, intergenerational growing movement of churches, served by women and men striving to follow in the way of Jesus by loving our neighbors as Jesus loves us.

As a movement of congregations, conferences, and denomination, we are strengthened by prayer, partnership, and a shared mission. We embrace the distinctives that shape our identity: a deep commitment to Scripture, spiritual growth, and hearts of compassion for those who are hurting.

Our Guiding PRINCIPLES



Prayerful

Through prayer in the Spirit, we align our hearts to God's heart (Ephesians 6:18).



Multiethnic and Intergenerational

Our multiethnic mosaic of churches reflects the kingdom of God in all its variety, ministering to all generations (Revelation 7:9).



Evangelistic

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through word and action, seeking both spiritual transformation and biblical justice as we participate in the restoration of God's kingdom on earth (Matthew 28:19-20).



Committed to Women and Men in Ministry

We support and equip women and men who are called to serve the Church (Galatians 3:28).



Disciples Who Seek To Make Disciples

We focus on following the way of Jesus, making disciples from all nations (Philippians 2:1-5, 14-16).



Unified in Love

We reflect God's love for all, that we may be one, unified in Christ (1 John 3:16; 17:20-23).

