

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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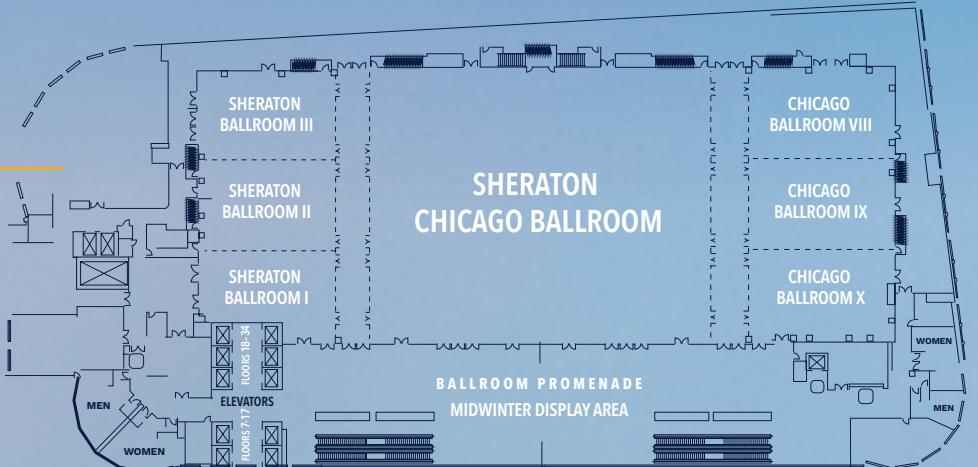
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MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2026 GUIDE

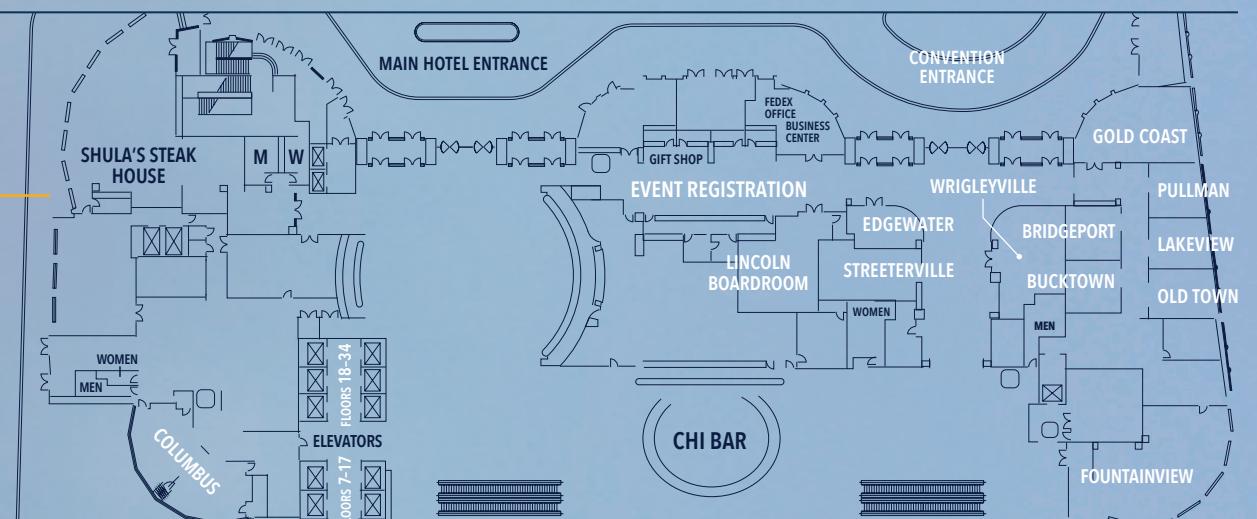
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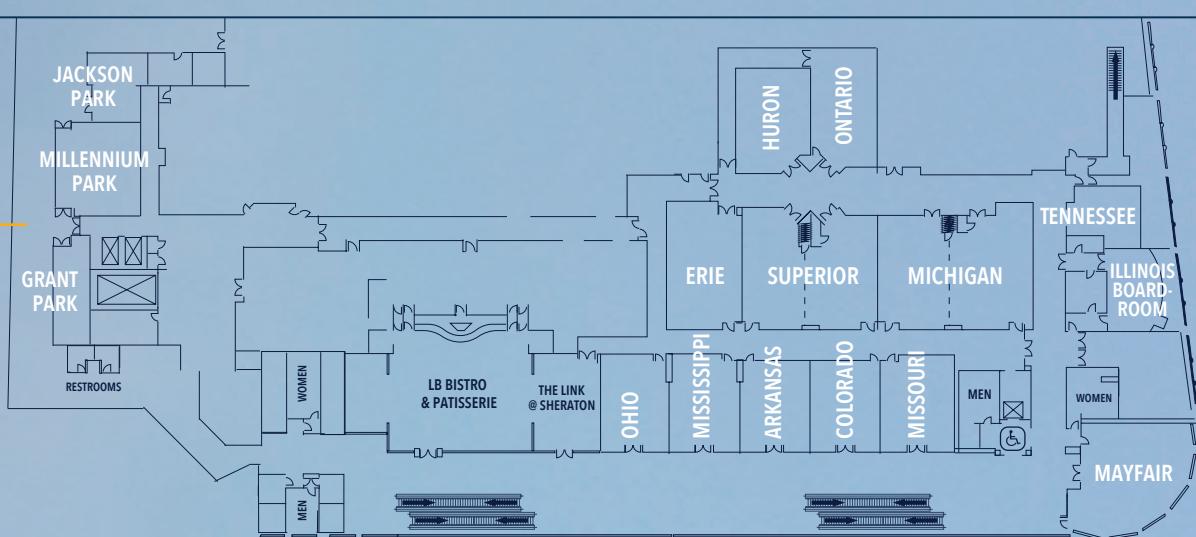
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updates to room locations
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information.

If you have further questions,
stop by registration.

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FINANCIAL CONVERSATIONS

Come with financial questions, concerns, and goals. Bring any statements or documents pertinent to this confidential conversation with a financial professional from Covenant Trust Company. You will receive tools and ideas to move forward with confidence and a clearer vision for the future. Stop by the Covenant Trust Company display to see if any openings are available.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a ministry of listening, discernment, and prayer in a confidential setting of encouragement and compassion. Trained spiritual directors are available at Midwinter for a 50-minute session. Stop by registration to see if any openings are available.

CONVERSATION HOUR WITH PRESIDENT TAMMY SWANSON-DRAHEIM

An opportunity to meet, ask questions, and have casual conversations with President Tammy Swanson-Draheim in a small group setting. Stop by registration to see if any openings are available.

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All purchases made onsite at the Midwinter bookstore come with a complimentary bookmark. If you place an order online, bring your order number to the onsite bookstore to receive your bookmark.

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*Love
one another.
forgive
one another.
encourage
one another.
pray for
one another.
one another*

Two simple words.
Fifty-plus appearances
in the New Testament.
Infinite implications for
how we do life and
ministry together.

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monday

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM Registration Open

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS (Morning)

Pre-registration required for all

8:00 AM North Park Theological Seminary Classes: Covenant Orientation, Ignite, and Equip

- FLDC 5300: Vocational Excellence/FLDC 7315 Intercultural Development Module —GRANT PARK > LEVEL 2

- MNST 5108: Ministry Identity and Practice —COLORADO > LEVEL 2

- ECCO 5020/HSTY6300: History of the Evangelical Covenant Church —TENNESSEE > LEVEL 2

- ECCO 5030: Theology of the Evangelical Covenant Church —ARKANSAS > LEVEL 2

1:00 PM ECCO 5040: Mission and Ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church —MISSOURI > LEVEL 2

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training
Ramelia Williams and Eliza Stiles —HURON > LEVEL 2

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Capacitación en Santuarios Seguros
Alma Zamudio and Oscar Cortez —ONTARIO > LEVEL 2

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Ascent to Jerusalem: Pilgrimage, Politics, and Peacemaking in the Holy Land
Hannah Baker and Beth Seversen —JACKSON PARK > LEVEL 2

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM COVENANT WOMEN OF COLOR GATHERING (Women Only) —SUPERIOR > LEVEL 2

Stephanie Ahn Mathis

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM ADVOCATES FOR COVENANT CLERGY WOMEN (ACCW) LUNCH —MICHIGAN > LEVEL 2

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ASSOCIATION COVENANT CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS ANNUAL MEETING (ACCCC)

—MILLENNIUM PARK > LEVEL 2

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS (Afternoon)

Pre-registration required for all.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Committees on Ministerial Standing (COMS)
Danielle Ng —LINCOLN BOARDROOM > LEVEL 3

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Theology 101 Through an Indigenous Lens
Tamara Fore-Ravelo, Terry Wildman, Darlene Wildman, Shari Russell, Corey Greaves —ERIE > LEVEL 2

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PREACHING COHORTS

Cohort 1: The Interior Life of the Preacher
Jake Bradley, Jessica Boggs —EDGEWATER > LEVEL 3

Cohort 2: Deeper Roots, Wider Reach: Building a Rhythm of Compelling Preaching
Melissa Wall, Kyle Thomsen —BRIDGEPORT > LEVEL 3

6:00 PM Opening Dinner & Worship

Speaker: Steph Williams O'Brien —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

9:00 PM CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

Alaska —STREETERVILLE > LEVEL 3

Great Lakes —COLUMBUS > LEVEL 3

Canada —WRIGLEYVILLE > LEVEL 3

Midsouth —OHIO > LEVEL 2

Central —MICHIGAN > LEVEL 2

Midwest —ONTARIO > LEVEL 2

East Coast —HURON > LEVEL 2

Northwest —MAYFAIR > LEVEL 2



tuesday

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM HOSTED BREAKFAST: Pre-registration required. Crescendo —ERIE > LEVEL 2

9:30 AM Morning Worship

Speaker: Tammy Swanson-Draheim

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

11:15 AM - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

HOSTED MEALS: Pre-registration required.

- Church Planters Lunch —CHICAGO VIII > LEVEL 4
- Covenant Chaplains Association (CCA) Annual Meeting Break for lunch after the meeting. —ERIE > LEVEL 2
- Serve Globally Lunch —CHICAGO X > LEVEL 4
- Spiritual Direction as a Practice for Resilience in Ministry (NPTS) —MICHIGAN > LEVEL 2

NOON - 4:00 PM ASSOCIATION OF COVENANT CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS ANNUAL MEETING (ACCCC)

—MILLENNIUM PARK > LEVEL 2

2:00 - 4:00 PM All Midwinter Breakout Panel Discussion —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

A reflective panel discussion commemorating 50 years of women's ordination, featuring worship, historical dialogue, justice-focused conversation, and guided table discussions to celebrate legacy, engage current realities, and inspire continued commitment to women in ministry in the Evangelical Covenant Church.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM DINNER BREAK (on your own)

7:00 PM Evening Worship

Speaker: Harvey Carey —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

9:00 PM ANTIRACISM DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY (ADP) RECEPTION

Pre-registration required.
—CHICAGO X > LEVEL 4

Rev. David Swanson and Dr. Gabriel J. Catanus

9:00 PM HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE (Open to all)

—MAYFAIR > LEVEL 2

Sarah Hillabrant



wednesday

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM HOSTED BREAKFAST: Pre-registration required. Racial Righteousness —CHICAGO X > LEVEL 4

9:30 AM Morning Worship

Speaker: Sophia Magallanes-Tsang —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK

HOSTED MEAL: Pre-registration required.

Missional Vitality —CHICAGO VIII > LEVEL 4

EARLY START 11:15AM - 4:30PM PREACHING COHORTS

Cohort 1: The Interior Life of the Preacher
—EDGEWATER > LEVEL 3

Cohort 2: Deeper Roots, Wider Reach: Building a Rhythm of Compelling Preaching —BRIDGEPORT > LEVEL 3

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Session 1 repeated at Session 2)

SESSION ONE: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

SESSION TWO: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

- Alignment and on Mission: How Good Governance Can Help Your Church Thrive (Mary Hendrickson; Dierdra Clark) —ERIE > LEVEL 2
- Reconciliation as Mission: Living as Reconcilers in a Divided World (Grace Shim; Julio Isaza) —MICHIGAN > LEVEL 2
- Unleash the Power of Hope: Transform Lives Through the Gospel (Leisha Hawley) —MISSOURI > LEVEL 2
- Prayer: In It Together (Jon Ireland; Jono Shaffer) —MILLENNIUM PARK > LEVEL 2
- Welcoming the Stranger: Connecting with and Loving Your Immigrant Neighbors (Zach Szmara) —MISSISSIPPI > LEVEL 2
- Moral Injury: Caring for One Another's Invisible Wounds (Jim Fisher) —ONTARIO > LEVEL 2
- Start and Strengthen...One Another (Glenn Peterson) —SUPERIOR > LEVEL 2
- Facility Facelifts: Affordable Upgrades with Big Ministry Impact (Rob Hall; Rollie Persson; Paul Kruit) —STREETERVILLE > LEVEL 3
- Building a Culture of Unity on Your Team (Alex DeJesus) —WRIGLEYVILLE > LEVEL 3
- Coming Alongside Families with Disability (Lisa Jamieson) —OHIO > LEVEL 2
- TENx10: Discipling the Next Generation (Raymond Chang) —HURON > LEVEL 2
- Grief Awareness: More Than Compassion: A Skill Every Pastor Needs (Lisa Orris) —GOLDCOAST > LEVEL 3



wednesday continued

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM DINNER BREAK (on your own)

5:00 PM ETHNIC ASSOCIATIONS GATHERINGS

RSVP requested.

- African American Ministers Association (AAMA) —CHICAGO VIII > LEVEL 4

- Asociación Latina de la Iglesia Del Pacto Evangélico (ALIPE) —CHICAGO X > LEVEL 4

- Covenant Asian Pastors Association (CAPA) —CHICAGO IX > LEVEL 4

- Indigenous Ministers Association (IMA) —OFF-SITE Meet in the lobby > LEVEL 3

7:00 PM Evening Worship (in Spanish)

Hosted by ALIPE (OPEN TO ALL)

Speaker: Edwin Guzmán —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

thursday

7:30 AM Covenant Kids Congo Walk for Water Put on your t-shirt (and bundle up!) and join us at the CONVENTION CENTER DOORS > LEVEL 3

9:30 AM Morning Worship

Speaker: Max Lee —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

11:15 AM - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

HOSTED MEALS: Pre-registration required.

- Vision for Renewal: Reimagining Ministry in a Changing World —CHICAGO X > LEVEL 4

- Paul Carlson Partnership: Water for the Least of These: Serving Congo with Christ's Love —SUPERIOR > LEVEL 2

- Town & Country Commission —CHICAGO VIII > LEVEL 4

- Spiritual Directors, hosted by the ACSD —ERIE > LEVEL 2

- NPTS Panel Discussion: Resilience in Ministry: Lessons from Covenant Clergy women —MICHIGAN > LEVEL 2

2:00 - 4:00 PM All Midwinter Breakout

Speaker: Wayne Park —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

Five Ways to Activate Business People & Professionals into Mission (and Gain Ministry Partners Along the Way!): Often the laity are viewed as supporters of the work of "real" ministry. Learn how clergy can come alongside our parishioners on the real front lines of ministry—at work—to re-envision the priesthood of all believers.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM DINNER BREAK (on your own)

7:00 PM Evening Worship

Speaker: Steve Carter —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

friday

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Morning Session

Speaker: Amy Julia Becker —BALLROOM > LEVEL 4

Reimagining the Good Life: Join us for our closing session exploring the theology of disability and the call to become a community of welcome—reshaping how we see flourishing, belonging, and one another.