

Necrology

The following is a listing of Covenant ministers, missionaries, and ministers' spouses whose deaths have been reported between the 2017 and 2018 Annual Meetings.

MINISTERS

James L. Chester. *Born:* August 3, 1967. *Ordained:* 1995. *Service:* pastor, Osage City, Kansas, 1993-1998; Harris, Minnesota, 1998-2004; Fairfield, Ohio, 2004-2013; hospice chaplain, Crossroads Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio, 2014-2016. *Spouse:* Sonja Sorensen. *Children:* Nathaniel, Gabriel. *Died:* June 27, 2017.

DuWayne V. Winters. *Born:* November 13, 1938. *Ordained:* 1979. *Service:* pastor, Bessemer, Pennsylvania, 1977-1983; Sharon, Pennsylvania (developer pastor), 1983-1984; Silverhill, Alabama, 1984-1990; prison chaplain, Alabama Department of Corrections. *Spouse:* Eunice Rae Scholz. *Children:* Cynthea, Tracey, Vanessa, Nathanael. *Died:* July 8, 2017.

Harold E. Nelson. *Born:* September 21, 1921. *Ordained:* 1959. *Service:* pastor, Florence, Wisconsin, 1956-1957; Fence, Wisconsin, 1956-1957; Marquette, Michigan, 1957-1963; Carlshend, Michigan, 1960-1963; Elgin, Illinois (Lily Lake), 1964-1967; mental health chaplain, Lincoln, Illinois, 1967-1979; Galesburg, Illinois, 1979-1987. *Spouse:* Edith Almborg (deceased). *Children:* Kathy, Linda, Jennifer. *Died:* July 29, 2017.

Dinsmore, James K. *Born:* November 16, 1934. *Transferred ordination:* 1989. *Service:* pastor, Mankato, Minnesota (associate), 1986-1996. *Spouse:* Jolene Cox. *Children:* David, Jeff, Randy, Dianne. *Died:* August 15, 2017.

K. Wesley Olson. *Born:* February 10, 1930. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, Elgin, Illinois, 1952-1958; St. Paul, Minnesota (Roseville), 1958-1967; New Brighton, Minnesota (associate), 1967-1979; Mankato, Minnesota, 1979-1986; superintendent, Midwest Conference, 1986-1995. *Spouse:* Harriet Settergren. *Children:* Lynda, DiAnn, Brenda, Kent (deceased). *Died:* August 28, 2017.

Lars J. Silverness. *Born:* July 14, 1925. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, Floral Park, New York, 1954-1958; chaplain, Creedmoor State Psychiatric Hospital, Queens, New York, 1958-1980; Clearview Community Services, Flushing, New York, 1980-1988; Association of Chaplains, Middleton, New York, 1988-1996; Kennedy Airport Protestant Chapel. *Spouse:* Natalie Larsson. *Children:* Scott, Richard. *Died:* August 30, 2017.

Vernon K. Lund. *Born:* May 11, 1926. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, Nelson, British Columbia, 1950-1952; Portage Park, Illinois, 1953-1958; Stambaugh, Michigan, 1958-1961; Minneapolis, Minnesota (Bethany), 1961-1969. *Spouse:* Elaine Johnson. *Children:* Kenneth, Curtis, Carol, Kristine. *Died:* September 13, 2017.

Howard P. Johnson. *Born:* October 11, 1925. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, Gresham, Oregon, 1952-1958; Drayton, North Dakota, 1958-1961; Rochester, Minnesota (Rochester), 1961-1969; Milwaukie, Oregon, 1969-1974; Olympia, Washington, 1975-1987; Portland, Oregon (Sunset), 1987-1991. *Spouse:* Arleen Youngberg. *Children:* Myrna, Evan, Marlan. *Died:* September 30, 2107.

Bennie Simmons Jr. *Born:* March 25, 1948. *Ordained:* 1994. *Service:* pastor, Gary, Indiana, 1980-2017. *Spouse:* Willa Johnson. *Died:* October 24, 2017.

Donald A. Njaa. *Born:* March 11, 1930. *Ordained:* 1959. *Service:* pastor, Rockford, Illinois (Bethesda, associate), 1956-1959; Thomaston, Connecticut, 1959-1964; Waltham, Massachusetts, 1964-1973; Elgin, Illinois, 1978-1981; nucleus builder, East Coast Conference, 1974-1978; associate superintendent, Central Conference 1981-1984; executive minister of the ordered ministry, Evangelical Covenant Church, 1984-1998. *Spouse:* Terri Rafos. *Children:* Kari, David, Sarah. *Died:* October 28, 2017.

Rodney M. Johnson. *Born:* October 28, 1943. *Ordained:* 1970. *Service:* pastor, Madison, Wisconsin, 1969-1992. *Spouse:* Susan Satterberg (divorced). *Children:* Jenny, Paul. *Died:* December 24, 2017.

Ronald L. Magnuson. *Born:* June 8, 1931. *Ordained:* 1959. *Service:* pastor, Oak Lawn, Illinois (assistant), 1958-1960; chaplain, teacher, North Park Academy 1960-1969; pastor, Harbert, Michigan, 1970-1996. *Spouse:* Marlene Dahlstrom. *Children:* Mark, Lisa. *Died:* February 8, 2018.

Earl R. Johnson. *Born:* March 20, 1927. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* St. Paul, Minnesota (First, assistant), 1954-1958; Lincoln, Nebraska, 1958-1962; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1962-1966; Red Wing, Minnesota, 1966-1970; Blue Island, Illinois, 1970-1973; Aberdeen, Washington, 1975-1977; Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1977-1987; Oberlin, Kansas, 1987-1989; counselor, Princeton Children's Home, Princeton, Illinois, 1973-1975. *Spouse:* Linnea Sandberg (deceased). *Children:* Roger, Beverly, Kathleen (deceased). *Died:* February 26, 2018.

Charles J. Duey Sr. *Born:* August 1, 1928. *Ordained:* 1959. *Called:* 1959. *Service:* missionary, Alaska, Ecuador, 1958-1967; pastor, West Hartford, Connecticut, 1967-1987. *Spouse:* Alice Lindquist (deceased), Eleanor Johnson. *Children:* Cheryl, Charles, Craig, Jeanne, Karen. *Died:* March 7, 2018.

J. Paul Thompson. *Born:* April 5, 1965. *Transferred ordination:* 1998. *Service:* pastor, Mount Prospect, Illinois, 1995-2016; Chandler, Arizona, 2016-2018. *Spouse:* Mary Beth Zimmer. *Children:* Katherine, Victoria, Bradley. *Died:* March 14, 2018

James A. Swanson. *Born:* July 17, 1937. *Ordained:* 1968. *Service:* pastor, Detroit, Michigan (associate), 1967-1969; Kewanee, Illinois, 1969-1971; Cranston, Rhode Island, 1971-1978; Springfield, Virginia, 1978-1988; Buffalo, New York, 1988-1996; chaplain, Covenant Village of Florida, Plantation, Florida, 1996-2003. *Spouse:* Beverly Nyberg. *Children:* Karl, Karna, Erika, Nils. *Died:* March 18, 2018.

John E. Sandberg. *Born:* April 18, 1933. *Ordained:* 1959. *Service:* pastor, DeKalb, Illinois, 1958-1963; Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1963-1968; Kansas City, Missouri, 1968-1972; Wheaton, Illinois, 1972-1976; Lunenburg, Massachusetts, 1976-1985; chaplain, Covenant Village of Cromwell, Connecticut, 1994-1998. *Spouse:* Mary Hanson. *Children:* Judy, Joanne. *Died:* March 31, 2018.

Ronald D. Mancini. *Born:* January 12, 1943. *Ordained:* 1979. *Service:* pastor, Elgin, Illinois (Country), 1969-1978; Anoka, Minnesota, 1978-1993; Rocklin, California, 1993-2003; Anchorage, Alaska (First), 2003-2008. *Spouse:* Susan Meyers. *Children:* Elizabeth, Kimberly, Michael, Amy. *Died:* April 6, 2018.

James H. Gaderlund. *Born:* June 8, 1946. *Ordained:* 1973. *Service:* pastor, Glen Ellyn, Illinois (assistant), 1971-1975; Portland, Oregon (First, associate), 1976-1979; Eugene, Oregon, 1979-1992; Los Altos, California, 1992-2010. *Spouse:* Pamela Hunt. *Children:* Erik, Blake. *Died:* April 14, 2018.

Michael D. FitzGerald. *Born:* August 24, 1952. *Ordained:* 1984. *Service:* pastor, Mercer Island, Washington (associate), 1984-1989; Rochester, Minnesota (Rochester), 1989-1998; Scotts Valley, California, 1998-2011. *Spouse:* Cynthia Sue Towne. *Children:* Amy, Lindsay. *Died:* April 15, 2018.

Paul E. Sparrman. *Born:* February 23, 1934. *Ordained:* 1961. *Service:* pastor, Norwalk, Connecticut, 1960-1965; Quincy, Massachusetts, 1965-1971; Bowie, Maryland, 1972-1979; Denver, Colorado (First), 1979-1984; Worcester, Massachusetts (Salem), 1984-1999. *Spouse:* Gunvor (Gunnie) Holmquist. *Children:* Eric, Lisa, Jonathan. *Died:* April 18, 2018.

Maynard W. Anderson. *Born:* February 11, 1921. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* Northport, Michigan, 1952-1957; Duluth, Minnesota (Gethsemane), 1957-1965; Saginaw, Minnesota, 1959-1965; Wheaton, Minnesota, 1965-1985. *Spouse:* Virginia Moxon (deceased). *Children:* Eric, Linnea. *Died:* May 21, 2018.

MISSIONARIES

Carolyn Kelly. *Born:* May 9, 1924. *Called:* 1951. *Service:* missionary, Ecuador, 1951-1989. *Spouse:* Ted (deceased). *Children:* Tom, Mark, Karen, David. *Died:* September 15, 2017.

Gordon J. Christensen. *Born:* July 9, 1925. *Ordained:* 1950. *Called:* 1950. *Service:* missionary, DR Congo, 1950-1966, 1968-1990; pastor, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, 1966-1968; *Spouse:* Geneva Noren. *Children:* Susan, Michael, Mary Lynn. *Died:* April 6, 2018.

Robert. C. Peterson. *Born:* December 21, 1925. *Called:* 1952. *Ordained:* 1962. *Service:* missionary, DR Congo, 1952-1991. *Spouse:* Ruth Ann Peterson (deceased). *Children:* Linnea, Daniel, Ann, Richard. *Died:* April 22, 2018.

Ann (Kullberg) Carlson. *Born:* April 10, 1923; *Called:* 1947. *Service:* missionary, China and Hong Kong, 1947-1951. *Spouses:* Kenneth Swanson (deceased), Arne Carlson (deceased). *Children:* Gladys (deceased), Carolyn (deceased), Loretta, Carol, Roger, Debbie, Harold, Lenora, Mark. *Died:* May 9, 2018.

SPOUSES

Edith Nelson (Harold), May 4, 2017

Janice Nelson (Elton), July 12, 2017

Mary Larson (Kevin J.), October 11, 2017

Catherine “Kitty” Salo (William), December 20, 2017

Jerome Maleski (Ann), December 28, 2017

Marian Carlson (David E.), February 5, 2018

Mary Frances “Frankie” Henderson (Stanley), February 9, 2018

Donna Swanberg (Harold), February 25, 2018

Lois Hirsch (Robert), February 27, 2018

LaVerne Madvig (Donald), March 18, 2018

Kira de Leon Ardon (Melvin), April 29, 2018

Ernestine Olson (Richard), May 7, 2018

Janice Swanson (Warren), May 11, 2018

Linnea Johnson (Earl), May 23, 2018

Elna Jean Foss (Francis), May 24, 2018

Ordinands and Commissioned Staff Ministers

FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

John C. Bangs. *Serving:* Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Washington. *Ordaining body:* International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Sung Hoon Hwang. *Serving:* Disciple Community Church, Bellevue, Washington. *Ordaining body:* Presbyterian Church USA

James D. Kwek. *Serving:* Edmonton Sudan Covenant Church, Edmonton, Alberta. *Ordaining body:* Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan

Daniel C. Palomino. *Serving:* Vitas Healthcare, Torrance, California. *Ordaining body:* Free Methodist Church

Elliott E. Scott. *Serving:* Lifepath Church, Houston, Texas. *Ordaining body:* Presbyterian Church USA

COMMISSIONED TO STAFF MINISTRY

Amy N. Dufrene. *Serving:* Oak Heights Covenant Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota. *Specialization:* youth ministries

Sarah E. Monson. *Serving:* New Day Covenant Church, Rochester, Minnesota. *Specialization:* music ministries

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SERVICE

Daniel S. Bruggeman. *Serving:* Renew Covenant Church, Carroll, Iowa. *Specialization:* youth ministries

Connie C. Carrillo. *Serving:* Covenant Care Hospice, Turlock, California. *Specialization:* Christian formation

Christopher A. Logan. *Serving:* Bethany Covenant Church, Berlin, Connecticut. *Specialization:* intercultural studies

Dieula Previlon. *Serving:* Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church, Carrollton, Texas. *Specialization:* counseling

Jordanna M. Sadri. *Serving:* Bayside Covenant Church, Granite Bay, California. *Specialization:* leadership

Stephen E. Salowitz. *Serving:* The Seed Company, Arlington, Texas. *Specialization:* world Christian studies

Jennifer L. Trees. *Serving:* Hillside Covenant Church, Walnut Creek, California. *Specialization:* Christian formation

Crystal A. Vogt. *Serving:* United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. *Specialization:* pastoral care

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

Melvin G. Ardón. *Serving:* Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Rolling Hills Estates, California

Jonathan C. Baek. *Serving:* Glenview Korean Covenant Church, Glenview, Illinois

Judith K. Behnke. *Serving:* Eastside Covenant Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

Michael J. Bingeman. *Serving:* Bryan Health, Lincoln, Nebraska

Barbara J. Bjelland. *Serving:* Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Kevin Brown. *Serving:* Still Waters Covenant Church, Yorktown, Virginia

Hefu E. Brunold III. *Serving:* Open Door Community Church, Stockton, California

Taylor K. Burgoyne. *Serving:* Eastside Covenant Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

Troy B. Cady. *Serving:* Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Julie J. Capel. *Serving:* Faith United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois

C. Reynolds Chapman IV. *Serving:* Church in Motion, Holly Springs, North Carolina

Jeanette D. Christianson. *Serving:* Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

Timothy R. Coyer. *Serving:* Prairieview Covenant Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin

Kevin P. Diamond. *Serving:* Community Covenant Church, San Andreas, California

Jonathan L. Dietrich. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church, Princeton, Illinois

Kari J. Dubord. *Serving:* Bethlehem Evangelical Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Alvaro “Willy” Franco. *Serving:* Canto Nuevo Covenant Church, Pittsburg, California

Meagan S. Gillan. *Serving:* Women Ministries, Covenant Offices, Chicago, Illinois

Matthew S. Gillis. *Serving:* Pilgrim Covenant Church, Granby, Connecticut

Kathryn E. Hage. *Serving:* Quest Church, Seattle, Washington

David A. Ho Sang. *Serving:* Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey

Cynthia J. Hoover. *Serving:* re-entering call process

Jonathan C. Hovey. *Serving:* New Life Covenant Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Jeffrey W. Hunter. *Serving:* North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Andrew H. Hyun. *Serving:* Hope Church Midtown, New York, New York

Andrea M. Johnson. *Serving:* First United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Denise A. Johnson. *Serving:* Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, Illinois

Andreton J. Jones. *Serving:* City of Hope Covenant Church, Bolingbrook, Illinois

Timothy L. Keener. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Margaret A. Kohring. *Serving:* Federated Covenant Church, Dowagiac, Michigan

Jonathan B. MacDonald. *Serving:* Restoration Covenant Church, Redlands, California

Mary C. March. *Serving:* New City Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Matthew D. Mattoon. *Serving:* Village Covenant Church, Azusa, California

Claire N. McClun. *Serving:* re-entering call process

Tyler J. Menssen. *Serving:* Solid Rock School of Discipleship, Long Prairie, Minnesota

Deborah C. M. Montzingo. *Serving:* Bethany Covenant Church, Lyndhurst, Ohio

Stephanie K. W. O'Brien. *Serving:* Mill City Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Amanda M. Oppenhuizen. *Serving:* Cornerstone Covenant Church, Turlock, California

Joel J. Osterlund. *Serving:* Mayo Clinic and Hospice, Rochester, Minnesota

Christopher R. Pappenfus. *Serving:* First Covenant Church, Willmar, Minnesota

Kors Pater. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church, Rainy River, Ontario

Benjamin R. Pease. *Serving:* Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Heather J. Perkins. *Serving:* The Journey, Wichita, Kansas

Scott M. Peterson. *Serving:* Redwood Covenant Church, Santa Rosa, California

Elizabeth L. Piotrowski. *Serving:* North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Justin O. Porath. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church, Whitehall, Michigan

Preston W. Pouteaux. *Serving:* Lakeridge Community Church, Chestermere, Alberta

Tomás V. Sanabria. *Serving:* Albany Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Katherine M. Schoen. *Serving:* Redwood Covenant Church, Santa Rosa, California

Philip A. Skei. *Serving:* On Ramps Covenant Church, Fresno, California

Amy J. Smith. *Serving:* Army chaplaincy

Nicole S. Smith. *Serving:* Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Daniel W. Stringer. *Serving:* InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles, California

Andrew R. Sturdy. *Serving:* re-entering call process

Stephen J. Wiens. *Serving:* Genesis Covenant Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Edrin C. Williams. *Serving:* Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Robert M. Zurinsky. *Serving:* Emmanuel Bible Church, Seattle, Washington