

Necrology

The following is a listing of Covenant ministers, missionaries, and ministers' spouses whose deaths have been reported between the 2016 and 2017 Annual Meetings.

MINISTERS

Christman, Roy A. *Born:* May 15, 1957. *Ordained:* 1990. *Service:* pastor, Loveland, Colorado (Lifespring, associate), 1988-1997. *Spouse:* Christine Kuemmerle. *Children:* Katie Huey, Sam. *Died:* March 18, 2016.

Wood, Robert D. *Born:* June 15, 1938. *Ordained:* 1996. *Service:* pastor, Courtland, Kansas, 1994-1999; Twin Lake, Michigan, 1999-2004. *Spouse:* Betty (divorced), Linda Howe. *Children:* David Wood, Heather Jones, Elizabeth Wood, Brenda Townsend, Michael Townsend, Debra Townander. *Died:* July 30, 2016.

Van Heuveln Merle E. *Born:* June 3, 1928. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* pastor, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Faith) 1953-1956; Cook, Minnesota, 1956-1960; Superior, Wisconsin, 1960-1964; Stambaugh, Michigan 1964-1968; Clear Lake, Wisconsin 1968-1980; Hawley, Minnesota 1982-1984; Saginaw, Minnesota, 1984-1991; Cloquet, Minnesota, 1987-1993. *Spouse:* LaVaughn Swenson (divorced). *Children:* Vince, Tonya Smith. *Died:* August 21, 2016.

Liljegren, William H. *Born:* January 2, 1923. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* pastor, Thomaston, Connecticut 1955-1959; Chicago, Illinois (North Park, associate) 1959-1964; Phoenix, Arizona (Squaw Peak), 1964-1974; Flossmoor, Illinois, 1974-1984. *Spouse:* Esther Soderstrom (deceased), Shirley Hedeem Sellman. *Children:* Sally Thomas, John, Nancy Nelson. *Died:* August 27, 2016.

Nelson, Chester L. *Born:* March 24, 1932. *Transferred ordination:* 1991. *Service:* pastor, Spokane, Washington (Minnehaha), 1990-1995; Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, 1995-2001. *Spouse:* Doris Wickstrom (deceased), Bonnie Jean Colby. *Children:* Lynda Klymko, Leslie Thorpe, Kelvin. *Died:* August 27, 2016.

Carlson, Dwight M. *Born:* October 2, 1932. *Ordained:* 1959. *Service:* pastor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1958-1962; Thomaston, Connecticut, 1964-1972; *Spouse:* Carolinda Norman. *Children:* Colleen Murdoch, Brenda Stermer, Mary Piterak. *Died:* September 2, 2016.

Robert W. Nelson. *Born:* Mary 17, 1937. *Ordained:* 1965. *Service:* pastor, Twin Lake, Michigan, 1964-1967; Blue Island, Illinois, 1967-1969; Monrovia, California 1969-1974. *Spouse:* Elaine Hawkinson (deceased), Rosemary Peck. *Children:* Karen Lane. *Died:* September 19, 2016.

Rundquist, Dolan P. *Born:* December 13, 1928. *Ordained:* 1960. *Service:* pastor, Tacoma, Washington (Harvard), 1958-1962; Loveland, Colorado (ECC), 1962-1968; Whitehall, Michigan (ECC), 1968-1972; McPherson, Kansas (Community), 1972-1980; Stillman Valley, Illinois, 1980-1985; Loomis, Nebraska 1985-1994. *Spouse:* Barbara Trumpp (deceased). *Children:* Krista Schoonover, Darin. *Died:* September 26, 2016.

Helgerson, Carl M. *Born:* March 22, 1922. *Ordained:* 1953. *Service:* pastor, Manchester, Connecticut, 1949-1952; Rumford, Rhode Island (interim), 1960-1961; Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1961-1965; retirement center administrator and chaplain, Providence,

Rhode Island, 1963-1979, East Providence, Rhode Island, 1979-1987. *Spouse*: Elsbeth Carlson. *Children*: Cynthia Bloomquist, Mark (deceased), Kurt. *Died*: September 30, 2016.

Pearson, Henry W. *Born*: November 20, 1928. *Ordained*: 1959. *Service*: pastor, Fort Frances, Ontario, 1958-1961; Edmonton, Alberta, 1961-1964; Nome, Alaska, 1964-1972; Fairbanks, Alaska (developer), 1972-1976; Drayton, North Dakota, 1976-1979; Worthington, Minnesota, 1980-1986; field director, Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska, 1986-1994. *Spouse*: Lillian Ericson. *Children*: Catherine Christensen, Gordon, Daniel. *Died*: October 17, 2016.

Ridout, Gary L. *Born*: September 28, 1934. *Ordained*: 1982. *Service*: pastor, Savonburg, Kansas, 1980-1984; Omaha, Nebraska (Bensonvale), 1984-1992; St. Peters, Missouri, 1992-1995; Blue Island, Illinois, 1995-2005. *Spouse*: Patricia Howard (deceased). *Children*: KoKay Renken, Koleen Persson, Kris Wedekind. *Died*: November 27, 2016.

Erickson, Paul H. *Born*: February 6, 1940. *Ordained*: 1968. *Service*: pastor, Chicago, Illinois (North Park, youth), 1964-1966; Chicago (Oakdale) 1966-1967; Fargo, North Dakota, 1967-1970; St. Paul, Minnesota (First, associate), 1970-1974; Portland, Oregon (First) 1974-1979; Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1979-1987; Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, 1988-1995; superintendent, Northwest Conference 1995-2003. *Spouse*: Joan Harms. *Children*: Cari Pietrzyk, Scott (deceased), Lisa Greenwood (deceased). *Died*: December 20, 2016.

Hector, William M. *Born*: December 30, 1931. *License first issued*: 1991. *Service*: *visitation and worship pastor*, Arvada, Colorado (Arvada), 1991-1997; *assistant chaplain*, Covenant Village of Westminster, Colorado, 1997-2001. *Spouse*: Janet Hankins. *Children*: Greg, Kim LeBlanc. *Died*: December 20, 2016.

Duffield, Craig W. *Born*: December 18, 1955. *Ordained*: 1999. *Service*: Ridgway, Pennsylvania, 1997-2016. *Spouse*: Jean McEvers. *Children*: William (deceased), Matthew, Elaine, Katrina, Sophia, Anthony, Patrick, Nicholas, Jodi. *Died*: January 5, 2017.

Carold V. Anderson. *Born*: March 10, 1922. *Ordained*: 1954. *Service*: pastor, Brandon and Salem, South Dakota, 1952-1954; New Richland, Minnesota, 1954-1961; Northlake, Illinois, 1961-1964; Clyde, Kansas 1964-1970; Denver, Colorado (Lakewood, church planter) 1970-1972; Staples, Minnesota, 1973-1976; Rockford, Illinois (Evergreen), 1976-1985; Axtell, Kansas, 1985-1987. *Spouse*: Doris Bergquist (deceased). *Children*: Stephen, Janice, Pamela Christopherson, Mark. *Died*: February 8, 2017.

McLaughlin, Mary Nella *Born*: October 24, 1947. *Ordained*: 1994. *Service*: co-pastor, South Chicago, Illinois, 1985-1990; Patterson, California, 1994-1999; *chaplain*, Emanuel Medical Center, Turlock, California, 1998-2003. *Spouse*: David Bruce (divorced). *Children*: Frank, Cristian, Kathleen, Matthew, Cara, Megan, Jonathan. *Died*: February 11, 2017.

Wood, John A. *Born*: June 29, 1954. *Ordained*: 1991. *Service*: pastor, Rolling Hills Estates, California (youth), 1979-1988; Buffalo, Minnesota (youth), 1988-1989; Rosemead, California, 1990-2000. *Spouse*: Susan Carlson. *Children*: Charissa. *Died*: February 12, 2017.

Bringerud, Göte M. *Born*: February 24, 1922. *Transferred ordination*: 1971. *Service*: pastor, Orange, Massachusetts, 1971-1974; Lafayette, Indiana, 1974-1979; Lockport, Illinois, 1979-1989. *Spouse*: Carol Johnson (deceased). *Children*: Lisa Westberg, Tina Olson, Kurt, Bruce. *Died*: March 3, 2017.

Train, Edmund E. *Born:* June 18, 1919. *Ordained:* 1949. *Service:* pastor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1948-1952; Cambridge/Lexington, Massachusetts, 1952-1966; Greeley, Colorado (First), 1966-1973; Crystal Lake, Illinois, 1979-1984; nucleus builder, Central Conference, 1973-1979. *Spouse:* Dorothy Nyquist (deceased). *Children:* Louise Gustafson, Linda Drimalla. *Died:* March 5, 2017.

Henderson, Stanley R. *Born:* August 16, 1932. *Ordained:* 1963. *Service:* pastor, Turlock, California (Beulah, youth), 1956-1962; Downey, California, 1962-1964; Oakland, California (First), 1965-1974; Rockford, Illinois (First), 1974-1981; superintendent, Northwest Conference, 1981-1995. *Spouse:* Mary Frances Awbery. *Children:* Daniel, David. *Died:* March 10, 2017.

Sandstrom, William M. *Born:* January 10, 1928. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, South Chicago, Illinois, 1954-1959; Sioux City, Iowa, 1959-1962; Rockford, Illinois (First, associate), 1967-1970; Chicago, Illinois (Ravenswood), 1970-1979; Minneapolis, Minnesota (Elim), 1979-1986; director of hi-league work, Covenant Offices 1963-1967; chaplain, Covenant Village of Plantation, Florida 1986-1993. *Spouse:* Laura Lou Johnson. *Children:* Peter, Kari French. *Died:* March 22, 2017.

Wiberg, Glen V. *Born:* May 1, 1925. *Ordained:* 1953. *Service:* pastor, Haddam Neck, Connecticut, 1951-1957; Princeton, Illinois, 1957-1964; Youngstown, Ohio, 1964-1970; Chicago, Illinois (North Park), 1970-1979; New Brighton, Minnesota, 1979-1991. *Spouse:* Jane Mabes. *Children:* Kathie Frank, Carl (deceased), Sarah Betz. *Died:* March 23, 2017.

MISSIONARIES

Rigmark, Virginia M. *Born:* May 20, 1918. *Called:* 1947. *Service:* China (education), 1947-1949; Japan (education and church planting) 1949-1969. *Spouse:* William (deceased). *Children:* Carol Rigmark, Marianne Wilson-Kuroda. *Died:* June 27, 2016.

Metcalf, Melbourne J. *Born:* October 29, 1921. *Called:* 1948. *Ordained:* 1949. *Service:* pastor, Richland, Michigan, 1946-1948; missionary (evangelism, church planting, administration) Japan, 1949-1986. *Spouse:* June Norleman. *Children:* Bruce, Judy Cleversey, Linda Nelson, Debbi Larson. *Died:* August 7, 2016.

Thorpe, Roger G. *Born:* February 19, 1932. *Called:* 1965. *Service:* missionary (surgeon and medical director), Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1966-1996; ER physician, Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, 1997-2002. *Spouse:* Eileen Adell. *Children:* Charles, Douglas, Christine Olfelt, Laurie. *Died:* October 7, 2016.

MINISTERS' SPOUSES

Rebecca J. Barnes (Paul), July 20, 2016, Turlock, California
Carolyn Cedarleaf (Douglas), August 26, 2016, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Deane Pearsall (Robert), August 17, 2016, Cromwell, Connecticut
Luella Mae Hubbling (Harry), September 1, 2016, Venice, Florida
Anna Josephson (Albert), September 20, 2016, Surrey, British Columbia
Delores "Sue" Alger (Gerald), October 11, 2016, Walker, Minnesota
Bernice Stohlberg (Paul), October 25, 2016, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Curtiss L. Mortimer (I. Dawn), November 8, 2016, Chicago, Illinois
Marilyn Peterson (Gary) February 17, 2017, Des Moines, Washington
Helen Campbell (H. Clifford) March 22, 2017, Edmonton, Alberta
E. Jeanette Dieckman (Larry), March 28, 2017, Batavia, Illinois
Jon Erickson (Rebecca), April 22, 2017, Venice, Florida
Harriet R. Swanson (Berner), April 22, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Ordinands, Commissioned Staff Ministers, and Consecrated Missionaries

FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

Alexander Gee Jr. *Serving:* Fountain of Life Ministries, Madison, Wisconsin.
Ordaining body: Church of God in Christ

John Paul Harris-Webster. *Serving:* Community Evangelical Covenant Church, Lenexa, Kansas. *Ordaining body:* Church of the Nazarene

Michael A. Hotz. *Serving:* Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Ordaining body: Evangelical Church Alliance

Scott T. Loo. *Serving:* Great Exchange Covenant Church, Santa Clara, California.
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church USA

CONSECRATED TO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Jennifer A. Hoskins. *Serving:* Ecuador

COMMISSIONED TO STAFF MINISTRY

Tabatha L. Mason. *Serving:* Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California.
Specialization: Counseling

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SERVICE

Virginia R. Ahrens. *Serving:* First Evangelical Covenant Church, Rockford, Illinois.
Specialization: Congregational vitality

William L. Gardner. *Serving:* Wycliffe–Canada, Langley, British Columbia.
Specialization: Intercultural studies

Denise M. Kesanen. *Serving:* RiverWorks Community Development, Rockford, Minnesota. *Specialization:* Counseling

Tammy J. Long. *Serving:* South Bay Community Church, Fremont, California.
Specialization: Christian formation

Samuel S. Randall. *Serving:* Maple Grove Covenant Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota. *Specialization:* Christian formation

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

Dane S. Anderson. *Serving:* Bethany Covenant Church, Bedford, New Hampshire

Julie B. Anderson. *Serving:* First Covenant Church, Jamestown, New York

Leo D. Anderson. *Serving:* Desert Springs Covenant Church, Pasco, Washington

Ryan J. Ashley. *Serving:* Restoration Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado

Abraham D. Bejarano. *Serving:* Emmanuel Covenant Church, Northridge, California

David D. Bjorlin. *Serving:* Resurrection Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

David G. Brown Jr. *Serving:* First Covenant Church, Youngstown, Ohio

G. Coby Cagle. *Serving:* Quest, Seattle, Washington

Anita L. Carey. *Serving:* Kingdom Covenant Church, Miami, Florida

Eloy Castro. *Serving:* Fuente de Vida Covenant Church, Riverside, California

Clayton Chan. *Serving:* Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey

Matthew L. Cisneros. *Serving:* Mayo Clinic Health System–Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dierdra G. Clark. *Serving:* New York Covenant Church, New Rochelle, New York

Jeannette L. Conver. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church, Kent, Washington

Williadean Crear. *Serving:* Grandview Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama

Mario Diazceballos. *Serving:* Vision Covenant Church, Azusa, California

Eric C. Ek. *Serving:* Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills, Michigan

J. Casey Franklin. *Serving:* Inversion Covenant Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Jean Cheng Gorman. *Serving:* Pacific Southwest Conference, Concord, California

Kenneth E. Harris. *Serving:* Detroit Bible Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan

Ali Hasan. *Serving:* Great Exchange Covenant Church, Santa Clara, California

Mark A. Hawke. *Serving:* Grace Place, Berthoud, Colorado

Timothy E. Hawkinson. *Serving:* Renew Covenant Church, Carroll, Iowa

Mathew T. Hollen. *Serving:* St. Thomas Covenant Church, Salem, Oregon

Christopher M. Hoskins. *Serving:* Serve Globally, Ecuador

Richard W. Johnson. *Serving:* Sanctuary Columbus, Columbus, Ohio

Heidi R. Johnston. *Serving:* Sharp Mesa Vista Psychiatric Hospital, San Diego, California

Michael L. Jordan. *Serving:* La Viña Covenant Church, Kerman, California

Anne M. Jorgensen. *Serving:* Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Wallace G. Kelley. *Serving:* Presbyterian Homes, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Jamie Kim. *Serving:* Reah International, Skokie, Illinois

Kevin M. Kokx. *Serving:* Nashua Covenant Church, Nashua, New Hampshire

Linea R. Lanoie. *Serving:* Gateway Covenant Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Robert S. Lee. *Serving:* Convergence Covenant Church, Oakland, California

Bohyon Lim. *Serving:* Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington

Jill J. Lind. *Serving:* Edgebrook Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Brian D. Majerus. *Serving:* First Covenant Church, River Falls, Wisconsin

Denise E. McKinney. *Serving:* Redeemer Covenant Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sharon E. McQueary. *Serving:* New Harvest Christian Church, Oregon, Ohio

Margarita M. Monsalve. *Serving:* Navegando con Jesus Covenant Church, Torrance, California

Yumiko Nakagawa. *Serving:* Highrock Covenant Church of Brookline, Brookline, Massachusetts

Brian D. Nanninga. *Serving:* Life Church Livonia, Livonia, Michigan

Carlos Ortiz. *Serving:* El Encino Covenant Church, Downey, California

Stephen F. Pace. *Serving:* The Rock Covenant Church, Olympia, Washington

Joseph A. Poppino. *Serving:* Covenant Community Church, Fairfield, Ohio

Michael J. Rice. *Serving:* Life Covenant Church, Canton, Michigan
Jessica M. Ronhaar. *Serving:* Arlington United Church, Arlington, Washington
Janet E. Russell. *Serving:* Bellingham Covenant Church, Bellingham, Washington
Ann M. Snowberger. *Serving:* St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington
Brent D. E. Strobel. *Serving:* Evergreen Covenant Church, Mercer Island, Washington
Kevin D. Swanson. *Serving:* Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey
Gideon Y. Tsang. *Serving:* Vox Veniae, Austin, Texas
Gamaniel Valle. *Serving:* Nueva Vision Covenant Church, Canoga Park, California
Elizabeth L. Vanderpool. *Serving:* Bayside of Placerville Church, Placerville, California
Angela L. Yee. *Serving:* Saddleback Church, Irvine, California