

132nd Covenant Annual Meeting

Covenant Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Program

Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center
Detroit, Michigan
June 22-24, 2017

COVENANT MINISTERIUM

Thursday, June 22

8:30–9 a.m.	Worship
9–11:30 a.m.	Continuing education
1–4 p.m.	Business session

THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 132ND ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 22

5:30–8:30 p.m.	Opening banquet Worship service: Consecration of missionaries Speaker: Al Tizon
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Friday, June 23

8:30 a.m.–noon	Worship Speaker: Marisol Martinez Business session
1:30–4:15 p.m.	Business session CovTalk speakers: Donna Erickson, John Kerl, James Kwek, Cynthia Wu
7–8:30 p.m.	Worship Service: Installation of executive ministers Speaker: Jack Sara

Saturday, June 24

8:30 a.m.–noon	Worship Speaker: Catherine Speaker: Marisol Martinez Business session
1:30–4:30 p.m.	Business session
7:00–8:30 p.m. consecration	Worship Service: ordination, commissioning, consecration Speaker: Josef Rasheed

Annual Meeting of the Covenant Ministerium

Detroit, Michigan

June 22, 2017

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Catherine Gilliard, president, called the meeting to order.

PRAYER

Robert Johnson, vice-president, prayed.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING AND STANDING RULES

The agenda was approved.

The standing rules were adopted.

Robert Johnson reviewed the good standing requirements: members must pay their denominational and conference dues; update their profile within the past three years; complete the vocational growth tool annually; and maintain regular healthy connections with ministerial colleagues.

A motion for the following appointments was approved:

Auditor—Lori Anderson

Parliamentarian—Rick Lindholtz

Resolutions—Mary Peterson

Sergeants-at-arm—Ed Lee, John Martz, Liz Jensen, Joe Muzzi

Tellers—Chris Eltridge, James Amadon, Jeannette Conver, Jessica Ronhaar

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Marisol Martinez, president of the Covenant Church of Mexico, was recognized.

GREETINGS FROM COLLEAGUES

Colleagues who could not be present for the meeting but sent their greeting will be listed on the ministerium website.

REFLECTION FROM MINISTERIUM PRESIDENT

Catherine Gilliard introduced three scheduled times during the meeting to hear from one another—opportunities to speak words of lament, longing, and gratitude, followed by prayer. She encouraged participation from as many voices as possible. She spoke of how we are divided in many ways and that we can easily bring those divisions into the church. She said that we need to work together to talk through best practices in a polarized world, and that we want to hold one another accountable in being healthy; that we need to be self-aware and lead out of our best selves.

VOICES OF LAMENT

Lavern Holdeman led the shared voices of gratitude and prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lavern Holdeman, treasurer, reported that last year it was decided that any excess over \$15,000 would be granted to the Minister's Crisis Fund. The ministry conferences line item has been eliminated. Canadian pastors expressed their concern about the conversion rate, so the executive committee decided to allow Canadian pastors to make their due payments in Canadian dollars. There was a shortfall of dues last year, but the executive committee is confident that this year's dues will remain steady. The ministerium voted to receive the financial report and they voted to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget. They also approved the auditors' report.

PRESENTATION OF THE BALLOT

The following ballot was presented on behalf of the nominating committee:

Secretary (3-year term)

Beth Ernest

Jeannette Conver

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Mark Novak, Danielle Ng, and Andy Sebanc explained the process and proposed changes to the Rules for the Ordered Ministry. They identified four significant changes: 1) removal of the license for theological students, 2) changes to the "inactive status" category that will involve reporting for purposes of both accountability and care—the inactive category will now have "inactive in good standing" and "inactive not in good standing," 3) eliminate the "25-year-rule," which allows a permanently credentialed person who has been actively ordained/commissioned for twenty-five years to maintain active standing even if they go out of call, and 4) change the dual standing option to require that those who hold permanent credentials in the ECC and seek credentials with another denomination move to inactive status on the ECC roster.

The motion to approve the proposed changes was brought by the Board of the Ordered Ministry. Following a number of questions and comments, the ministerium voted to approve the changes.

REPORT ON NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

In his report on the university, Michael Emerson, provost, reported that the school's aspiration is to become the nation's leading city-centered Christian university. Starting in the fall, the school will begin a one-year residential discipleship program called CRUX. It is a one-year opportunity to live in community and serve with urban outreach partners. Marcus Hill will be the director of this program. Changes are being made in the Center for Youth Ministry Studies—Tim Ciccone has committed to one year to reboot the program and will help in hiring a new director for the CYMS. Emerson also said that they will be implementing a plan for mission integration for faculty, which will include training of how to integrate faith and learning and a town hall meeting on what it means to be a Christian university.

REPORT ON NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dave Kersten, dean, introduced three new full-time faculty members, Hanna Ondrey, Elizabeth Pierre, and Dwight Perry, who is also dean of faculty. He also announced the Thriving in Ministry grant for Covenant pastors. The seminary is about to launch the Covenant Scholars program in partnership with National Covenant Properties, Covenant Trust Company, and the ECC financial offices, to offer aid and interest-free loans to full-time MDiv students at the seminary.

There are more than 300 students enrolled, they are taking fewer classes, and taking longer to graduate. This creates financial challenges for the school.

Other highlights include: partnering with Cross Purpose group out of Denver, offering an urban certificate; launching a cohort in partnership with the Pacific Southwest Conference; and rebooting the Church Planting Certificate.

Dave reported that he has taken on the additional role as vice-president of church relations for the university. He thanked Carl Balsam who is serving as the acting president of North Park University. There is a development appeal in the memory of Richard Carlson. A scholarship in justice ministries will be established in memory of Richard and in honor of Jolene Bergstrom-Carlson.

SEMINARY DEAN OF FACULTY INTRODUCTION

Dwight Perry, the new dean of faculty at the seminary, introduced himself to the group and talked about why he felt called to this new position.

VOICES OF LONGING

Jennifer Zerby led the shared voices of longing and prayer.

REPORT FROM DEVELOP LEADERS/ORDERED MINISTRY

Mark Novak, executive minister of develop leaders/ordered ministry, thanked the ministerium for their ongoing prayer and support. He remarked on the richness of the stories of those ministers who are seeking credentialing in the ECC. He reported that there is good traction with the Healthy Pastors paper, and he encouraged churches and pastors to read it. We need to talk to each other and we need to stay healthy, he said. He expressed his gratitude to the Board of the Ordered Ministry for all of their hard work. They recently did a workshop on trauma and domestic violence. Mark then announced that he will be resigning his position effective August 31 so that he can work closer to home in Seattle. He received a standing ovation from the assembly. Catherine prayed for Mark and his family.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals have been moved from active to inactive: Mark Almlie (OWSa), Joshua Anway (OWSa), Timothy Beam (OWSa), Gavin Dluhosh (OWSa), Gavin Ellis (OWSa), Brian Gleason (CSM), Tina Herrin (OWSa), Todd Kussman (OWSa), Elizabeth McColl (OWSa), Lindsay Small (OWSa).

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 132nd Annual Meeting

that the ministerial standing of the following individuals have been moved from active to leave of absence: M. Karen Lichlyter-Klein (OWSa), Jason Mach (OWSa).

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individual has been moved from inactive to active: Daniel Shelton (OWSa).

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the following four ministers resigned their ministerial standing and requested that their names be removed from the roster of Covenant ministers: Marie Carlson (OWSa), Promise Lee (OWSa), Matthew Nightingale (CSM), Michael Nyman (OWSa).

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium concur with the recommendation to reinstate the ordination standing of Eva Cudmore.

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak recommended that the Covenant Ministerium concur with the recommendation to dismiss the following individuals from the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church and removed their names from the roster: Adam Anderson (OWSa), Abel Orozco (OWSa).

The Ministerium approved the reports and concurred with recommendations to reinstate and dismiss.

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Mark Novak presented the list of applicants seeking ministerial licenses. The Ministerium approved the granting of licenses to those listed.

On behalf of the Board of Ordered Ministry, Carol Lawson and Mark Novak recommended the following candidates for the indicated permanent credential. By voice vote the Ministerium approved the candidates for recommendation to the Annual Meeting of the ECC. Individual seconds, submitted in writing by current members of the Ministerium, are indicated in parenthesis

Transfer of Ordination

Alexander Gee Jr.
John Paul Harris-Webster
Michael A. Hotz
Scott T. Loo

Consecration to Missionary Service

Jennifer A. Hoskins

Commission

Tabatha L. Mason

Ordination to Word and Service

Virginia R. Ahrens (Bill Orris)
William L. Gardner
Denise M. Kesanen
Tammy J. Long
Samuel S. Randall (Lars Stromberg)

Ordination to Word and Sacrament

Dane S. Anderson
Julie B. Anderson
Leo D. Anderson
Ryan J. Ashley
Abraham D. Bejarano
David D. Bjorlin
David G. Brown Jr. (Tom Sharkey)
G. Coby Cagle
Anita L. Carey
Eloy Castro
Clayton Chan
Matthew L. Cisneros
Dierdra G. Clark
Jeannette L. Conver
Williadean Crear
Mario Diazceballos
Eric C. Ek (Tom Ek)
J. Casey Franklin
Jean Cheng Gorman
Kenneth E. Harris
Ali Hasan
Mark A. Hawke
Timothy E. Hawkinson (Lars Stromberg)
Mathew T. Hollen
Christopher M. Hoskins
Richard W. Johnson
Heidi R. Johnston
Michael L. Jordan
Anne M. Jorgensen
Wallace G. Kelley
Jamie Kim
Kevin M. Kokx
Linea R. Lanoie
Robert S. Lee
Bohyon Lim
Jill J. Lind
Brian D. Majerus (Todd Ertsgaard)
Denise E. McKinney
Sharon E. McQueary
Margarita M. Monsalve
Yumiko Nakagawa
Brian D. Nanninga
Carlos Ortiz
Stephen F. Pace
Joseph A. Poppino (Paul Allen, Lars Stromberg)
Michael J. Rice
Jessica M. Ronhaar

Janet E. Russell
Ann M. Snowberger
Brent D.E. Strobel
Kevin D. Swanson
Gideon Y. Tsang
Gamaniel Valle
Elizabeth L. Vanderpool
Angela L. Yee

PENSION PLAN CHANGES

Paul Hawkinson, executive director of finance, reported that the Board of Pensions and Benefits will be evaluating the future of the ministers' pension plan, and will be looking for feedback as this process moves forward. He emphasized that the board is looking at this in a completely proactive way. There are no conversations about termination or cuts in this process right now.

This has been a defined benefit plan, and the ECC is one of the last denominations to still have such a plan. It covers 2,200 clergy and surviving spouses. The plan is 98 percent funded.

Hawkinson said that the hope is to ensure the highest quality retirement for the ministerium; to ensure that the plan is funded long-term; and to optimize retirement offerings to serve the whole of the church.

He outlined the anticipated timeline: Late last year, the board advised that it hire an outside consultant. The board is going to continue to gather information and will narrow the list of options by October. It will discuss recommended changes at Midwinter 2018. Any changes would be presented at Gather 2018.

Possible outcomes include: amendments to the current plan; buyouts of inactive but vested participants; close the plan (new credentialed ministers would come into a new form); or freeze the plan.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE CONCLUDING SERVICE

Executive committee members Jim Stanley-Erickson (East Coast) and Max Lopez-Cepero (Alaska) were recognized upon the completion of their service, as was Jen Zerby, secretary of the ministerium.

CLERGY LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

Fifty-eight pastors who have turned sixty-five in the past year were recognized for more than 1,500 years of combined service.

VOICES OF GRATITUDE

Robert Johnson led the shared voices of gratitude and prayer.

ECC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gary Walter reported on the growth and health of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Specifically, he reported that 40,000 Bibles were ordered through the recent Community Bible Experience program sponsored by Make and Deepen Disciples; Covenant Kids Congo has reached 10,000 sponsorships; a new region for global ministry has been established called MENA (Middle East North Africa). Walter told the ministerium that they would be hearing more about

Three Strand Strong in the coming months. It is an emphasis on supporting the ministries of the congregation, conference, and denomination. He reported that human sexuality continues to be a major conversation in the denomination and among pastors. He stated that there is room for good ministry within our current position. In conclusion, he expressed his gratitude for Mark Novak as he steps away from his position as executive minister. Dick Lucco will be the interim executive minister effective September 1. The Board of the Ordered Ministry will serve as the nominating committee for this position. Every name suggested will be reviewed by the entire committee. The nominee will be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS

Ed Lee of the nominating committee announced that Beth Ernest had been elected secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

Mary Peterson brought a resolution honoring pastors, missionaries, and spouses of pastors who had died in the past year and a resolution of gratitude for those who planned the meeting. They were passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

ADDENDUM

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2017

	2016-2017 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed
Income			
Dues	\$116,607.67 ¹	\$123,600.00	\$124,100.00
Interest	7.21	20.00	10.00
Annual Mtg Registration	6,474.75	5,500.00	5,500.00
Other Income	50.00	0	0
Total Income	\$123,139.63	\$129,120.00	\$129,610.00
Expenses			
<i>General Expenses</i>			
SPE	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Annual Meeting	5,617.06	5,500.00	6,000.00
Executive Committee	16,470.55	16,000.00	20,000.00 ²
Ministry Conferences	0	4,000.00	
Administration	6.47	120.00	110.00
<i>Midwinter Scholarships</i>			
Pastors, chaplains, ret. pastors	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
NPTS	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Organizations and Ministries</i>			
Women Intern Grants	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Diversity Intern Grants	2,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ACCW	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Covenant Quarterly	500.00	500.00	500.00
CHET	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
NPTS Deacon's Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Ministers' Crisis Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Western Alaska Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$119,594.08	\$129,120.00	\$129,610.00
Net Income	3,545.55	0	0
Beginning Cash Balance	27,675.96	27,675.96	31,221.51
Excess to Min Crisis (Paid)³	0	0	(16,221.51)
Ending Cash Balance	31,221.51	27,675.96	15,000.00
Excess to Min Crisis (Accrued)⁴	(16,221.51)	(12,675.96)	0

¹Includes \$1,190 from prior fiscal years and ECC Canada dues paid in Canadian dollars.

²Ministry Conferences is being eliminated and rolled into Executive Committee.

³See footnote 4.

⁴Excess over \$15,000 to Ministers' Crisis Fund accrued on April 20, 2017, paid in May 2017.

Minutes of the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center
Renaissance Ballroom
Detroit, Michigan
June 22-24, 2017

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2017
8:32 a.m.

1. MORNING WORSHIP

Moderator Sam Chang called the business session of the 132nd Annual Meeting to order at 8:32 a.m., beginning with a time of worship. Marisol Martínez Velasquez, president of the Covenant Church in Mexico, spoke.

2. OPENING STATEMENT BY THE MODERATOR

Moderator Sam Chang explained procedures, issued an opening statement, and introduced the officers and staff on the platform. Norma Ramos, manager of ministry services, announced in Spanish that supporting material for various agenda items were written in Spanish and available to delegates.

3. GREETING FROM GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

The moderator recognized Garth McGrath, superintendent of the Great Lakes Conference, who greeted the assembly on behalf of the conference and its churches.

4a. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS AND MOTION

The moderator recognized David Greenidge, chair of the credentials committee, who presented the following motion on behalf of the credentials committee: "Those persons who have currently been registered and certified as delegates with the committee on credentials together with those who shall subsequently be registered and certified in the course of this Annual Meeting shall constitute the official roster of the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church."

Greenidge then reported that registration as of Friday morning included 315 credentialed voting delegates and 196 additional registrants in various non-voting categories for a total registered conference attendance of 511.

The motion carried.

5. ACTION ON THE STANDING RULES

The moderator recognized Nancy Lewis, vice-moderator, who, on behalf of the agenda committee, moved the adoption of the standing rules as follows:

STANDING RULES OF ORDER
2017 COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

1) Obtaining the Floor

Only persons wearing appropriate credentials as delegates, advisors, or resource persons may be present on the floor of the Annual Meeting or request speaking privileges. With the exception of points of order, points of personal privilege, or other items that require urgent attention, only those persons who approach a microphone shall be recognized by the moderator.

2) Voting

Voting on motions will typically be by voice vote. Any delegate may request voting by ballot on any particular question. This request, when supported by ten percent of the delegates present and voting, will be implemented. The moderator may direct that voting be by ballot on any question.

3) Time Limits

a) Reports that contain no proposal for action by the meeting shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, including the question period, with the exception of the president's report, the treasurer's report, and items specified in the agenda as longer reports.

b) Debate on any main motion, including its subsidiary motions, shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, except as otherwise specified in these standing rules and the agenda. No amendment or other subsidiary motion to a main motion shall be allowed until debate on the main motion has ceased or ten (10) minutes have passed.

c) No speech in debate may exceed three (3) minutes unless this period is extended by a majority vote at the request of the speaker.

d) Time limits may be extended for a specific period by a two-thirds vote.

4) Submission of Motions in Writing

All main motions and complex subsidiary motions shall be submitted in writing to the secretary.

5) Items of Business Not on the Agenda

The Bylaws provide in Section 7.8.a.ii that "Items of business that are not on the agenda may be submitted in writing by a delegate to the moderator. If the item submitted is in order, a majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to place that item on the agenda." It is further strongly requested that such items be submitted to the moderator as early as possible in the course of the meeting.

6) Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda are routine, procedural, informational, self-explanatory non-controversial items that require action but generally don't require discussion or debate. Acting on these items move the meeting along, allowing for more time for substantive issues. Items on the consent agenda may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any two delegates. Items removed from the consent agenda shall be acted upon by the assembly at a place in the agenda determined by the moderator. If the consent agenda is not adopted by the unanimous consent of the meeting, then each of the items on the consent agenda shall be acted upon by the assembly as a separate motion at a place in the agenda determined by the moderator.

7) Nominations from the Floor

A nomination from the floor shall be accepted only if the person nominated has agreed to have his or her name placed in nomination. (Note that the Bylaws provide in

Section 7.9.c.v.2 and 7.10.j.ii that a delegate making a nomination may provide descriptive information similar in scope and content to that provided to the Annual Meeting by a nominating board or committee.)

8) Modification of Agenda Order

The moderator shall have the discretion to revise the order of agenda items to accommodate scheduling needs.

Agenda Committee Members

Sam Chang, *moderator*

Nancy Lewis, *vice-moderator*

Jo E. Wolfe, *secretary*

Jonathan Wilson, *parliamentarian*

Gary B. Walter, *president of the Covenant*

The motion to adopt the standing rules carried.

6. ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, who on behalf of the Executive Board recommended the adoption of the agenda as follows:

Times Certain

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Gather Together: Banquet and Worship

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Morning Business Session with Worship

1:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

Afternoon Business Session

1:30 p.m.

Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award

1:40 p.m.

Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition

2:45 p.m.

Ministerial Credentials

3:30 p.m.

CovTalks

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Morning Business Session with Worship

9:15 a.m.

T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award

11:00 a.m.

2018 Mission and Ministry Budget

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Business Session

Reports exceeding the ten (10) minute time limit per Standing Rule 3.a are marked: e.g., (30-minute report)

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

- 1. Morning Worship (*Time Certain–Friday 8:30 a.m.*)

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

- 2. Opening Statement by the Moderator
- 3. Greeting from Great Lakes Conference, Superintendent Garth McGrath
- 4. Report on Credentials and Motion
 - a. Credentialing Report #1
 - b. Credentialing Report #2
 - c. Credentialing Report #3
- 5. Action on the Standing Rules

6. Action on the Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda (*Este material también se encuentra en Español*)
7. Approval of Honorary Delegates and Resource Persons
 - a. Honorary Delegates
 - b. Resource Persons

MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSION

8. Churches Removed from the Roster
 - a. Recognition and Prayer
9. Churches Applying for Membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church
 - a. Recognition and Prayer
10. Commissioning of Church Planters
 - a. Recognition and Prayer

STATE OF THE MISSION

11. Report of the President* (*Este material también se encuentra en Español*)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOR THE MISSION

12. Call of President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
 - a. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
13. Call of North Park Theological Seminary's Faculty Members
 - a. Report from the ECC Executive Board
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
14. Report from North Park University Presidential Nominating Committee
15. Report of the Board of Nominations and Vote*
 - a. Report of the Board of Nominations
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
16. Actions to be Taken from the Ordered Ministry (*Time Certain–Friday 2:45 p.m.*)
 - a. Change in Standing
 - b. Approval of Licenses
 - c. Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination
 - d. Presentation of Candidate for Consecration to Missionary Service
 - e. Presentation of Candidate for Commissioning
 - f. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service
 - g. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament
17. Changes to the Rules of Ordered Ministry*

HONORING FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE MISSION

18. Lifetime Service Recognition (*Time Certain–Friday 1:40 p.m.*)
 - a. Clergy
 - b. Missionary Personnel*
19. Recognition of Executive Board Members Concluding Term of Service*
20. Recognition of Jerome Nelson, Central Conference Superintendent
21. Recognition of Jeff Anderson, Canada Conference Superintendent
22. Recognition of David Dwight, President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
23. Recognition of David Parkyn, President of North Park University
24. Recognition of Dennis Weidler, General Manager of KICY
25. T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award (*Time Certain–Saturday 9:15 a.m.*)
26. Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award (*Time Certain–Friday 1:30 p.m.*)

FUNDING THE MISSION

27. Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Report*
 - a. Report from the Board of Pensions and Benefits
28. Presentation and Adoption of the 2018 Mission and Ministry Budget*
(*Time Certain–Saturday 11 a.m.*)

ROUNDTABLE

29. Roundtable Discussion
 - a. 2016 Roundtable Update: Developing Lay Leaders*
 - b. 2016 Roundtable Update: Annual Meeting Visioning
 - c. 2017 Roundtable Topic: Covenant Clergy Pension Plan*
 - d. 2017 Roundtable Topic: North Park University Presidential Search*

DIMENSIONS OF THE MISSION

30. Mission and Ministry Leadership Report
31. Report from Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET)
32. Report from Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
33. Report from Covenant Trust Company
34. Report from National Covenant Properties
35. Report from North Park University
 - a. Report of the President of North Park University
 - b. North Park University Constitutional Amendments
 - c. Report of the Dean of North Park Theological Seminary
36. Report from Paul Carlson Partnership
37. Mission and Ministry Leadership Response to Delegate Questions
38. CovTalks* (*Time Certain–Saturday 3:30 p.m.*)

ORGANIZING FOR MISSION

39. 2017 Bylaws Amendments
40. Approval of Minutes of 132nd Covenant Annual Meeting
41. Arrangements for 2018 Annual Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

42. Recommendations for Continuation of Commissions
 - a. Commission on Biblical Gender Equality
 - b. Commission on Covenant History

PREPARING TO GO FORTH IN MISSION

43. Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the ECC
44. Close of the Meeting
 - a. Delegate Evaluation
 - b. Report to Congregations
 - c. Closing Statement
 - (1) Resolution of Sympathy
 - (2) Resolution of Gratitude
45. Adjournment
46. Benediction

Annual Meeting Officers

Moderator: Sam Chang

Vice-moderator: Nancy Lewis

Secretary: Jo E. Wolfe

Parliamentarian

Jonathan Wilson

The motion to adopt the agenda as presented carried.

7. APPROVAL OF HONORARY DELEGATES AND RESOURCE PERSONS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, who recommended the approval of the following persons as honorary delegates:

Award recipients: Douglas Lunde, T.W. Anderson Layperson Award recipient; William M. Watts Sr. and Marva C. Watts, Irving Lambert Urban Ministries Award recipients.

Emeriti: Paul Larsen, president emeritus of the Covenant; Glenn and Sharon Palmberg, president emeritus of the Covenant and his spouse; Curtis D. Peterson, executive minister emeritus of serve globally; Robert Larson and Novella Larson, executive secretary emeritus of church growth and evangelism and his spouse.

International guests: Simon Kamau, moderator of the Covenant Church of Kenya; James Kwek, pastor of South Sudanese Covenant Church of Canada; Marisol Martínez Velazquez, president of the Covenant Church of Mexico; Jack Sara, president of Bethlehem Bible College. Simon Kamau and Jack Sara brought greetings.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez then recommended the approval of the following persons as resource persons: Donn Engebretson, Jacqueline Holt, Advancement; Jane Swanson-Nystrom, Edgar Torres, Communication; Lawrence Anderson, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence; Terri Cunliffe, Covenant Retirements Communities; Carol Lawson, Theresa Marks, Danielle Ng, Develop Leaders; Michele Harbeck Haley, Finance; Dominique Gilliard, Adam Gustine, Love Mercy Do Justice; Meagan Gillan, Tim Ciccone, Steve Burger, Beth Severson, Make and Deepen Disciples; Rollie Persson, Peter Hedstrom, National Covenant Properties; Carl Balsam, Michael Emerson, Owen Youngman, North Park University; Norma Ramos, Marti Burger, Operations; Jonathan Wilson, parliamentarian; Nancy Jo Hoover, Byron Amundsen, David Husby, Mark Severson, O'Ann Steere, Deborah Masten, Renée Hale, Pia Pena-Restrepo, Josef Rasheed, Catherine Knarr, Chrissy Palmerlee, John Kerl, Eugenio Restrepo, Serve Globally; Alex Rahill, Fredrik Wall, Start and Strengthen Churches.

The motion was seconded and carried.

8. CHURCHES REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, presented a recommendation from the Executive Board, based on recommendations from the respective conferences, that the following churches be removed from the roster of member churches:

Withdrawn

All Nations Church, Loganville, Georgia
Centro Cristiano el Poder del Amor, Berwyn, Illinois
Community Evangelical Church, Chicago
Journey Covenant Church, Norman, Oklahoma
Mulberry Covenant Church, Sneedville, Tennessee
Relevant Word Ministries, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Closed

- Bayshore Covenant Church, Bradenton, Florida
- Catalyst, an Evangelical Covenant Church, Los Angeles
- Ciudad Cristiana Covenant Church, Torrance, California
- Dundee Covenant Church, Dundee, Oregon
- Emmanuel Covenant Church, Nashua, New Hampshire
- Emmanuel Road Covenant Church, Hopkins, Minnesota
- Evangelical Covenant Church/Lanyon, Harcourt, Iowa
- Faith Covenant Church, Omaha, Nebraska
- Fellowship Covenant Church, Miami, Florida
- Good Shepherd Evangelical Covenant Church, Blaine, Minnesota
- Grace Harbor Covenant Church, Aberdeen, Washington
- Grace Life Church, Los Angeles
- Java Journey, Hickory, North Carolina
- Jesus the Recreator Covenant Church (Recreate), San Jose, California
- Journey Covenant Church, Liberty, Missouri
- Kingdom Covenant Ministry, Atlanta, Georgia
- Murphys Covenant Church, Murphys, California
- Newsong North Orange County, Fullerton, California
- South Sudan Evangelical Covenant Church, Des Moines, Iowa
- Vista Covenant Church (Oak Hills Covenant), Vista, California

The motion to remove the churches from the roster carried.

Rachel Burke, member of the Executive Board, led in prayer, thanking God for ministry of those churches.

9. CHURCHES APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, executive director of start and strengthen churches, to present the churches applying for membership. Wenrich invited the conference superintendents, associate superintendents, and directors of church planting to introduce pastors and representatives from each church applying for membership. Upon the recommendation of the respective conferences and regions and on behalf of the Executive Board, Wenrich moved that the 132nd Annual Meeting accept the following churches into membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church:

Church	Approximate Membership	Approximate Attendance
EAST COAST CONFERENCE		
Highrock North Shore Covenant Church Salem, Massachusetts	35	150
GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE		
Grace Community Covenant Church Louisville, Kentucky	15	60
MIDWEST CONFERENCE		
Pan y Vino Covenant Church Prairie Village, Kansas	45	140

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE		
Radiant Covenant Church Renton, Washington	20	90
Immanuel Evangelical Covenant Church Spokane, Washington	0	140
Renew Covenant Church Seattle, Washington	35	35
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE		
My Father's House San Marino, California	21	32
On Ramps Covenant Church Fresno, California	30	115
SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE		
Greater Faith Covenant Church Riverdale, Georgia	75	65

Individually, the churches were accepted into membership of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and the moderator declared them to be full members. Alex Rahill, director of church planting, prayed for the new congregations.

10. COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH PLANTERS

Rahill introduced Andrew and Kasey Morrell of Real Community Covenant Church in Marion, Indiana, and David Swanson, director of church planting for the Central Conference. After sharing their path to church planting, the Morrells signed a Covenant agreement to develop a church plant. Phil and Rici Skei of On Ramps Covenant Church in Fresno, California, prayed for them and their church plant, Real Community Covenant.

Rahill introduced the church planters:

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Gregorio Martínez, Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico El Buen Pastor,
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

EAST COAST CONFERENCE

Kevin Kokx, Nashua Covenant Church, Nashua, New Hampshire
Andrew Mook, Sanctuary East Side Covenant Church, Providence,
Rhode Island

Andrew Hyun, Hope Midtown Covenant Church, Manhattan, New York
Craig Okpala, Hope Jersey City Covenant Church, Jersey City, New Jersey
Mike Park, Hope West Side Covenant Church, Manhattan, New York
Dave Capozzi, Brockton Covenant Church, Brockton, Massachusetts

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF CANADA

Phillip Nethagani, Abundant Life Covenant Church, Brampton, Ontario
Scott Wall, Commons Covenant Church (second campus), Calgary, Alberta
Elena and Patrick Franklin, The Gathering—an Evangelical Covenant Church,
Mitchell, Manitoba

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

Arthur Duren, Kingdom Embassy Covenant Church, Muskegon, Michigan

MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Chad Pickering, New Life Wichita Covenant Church, Wichita, Kansas

Greg and Susan Russell, Renovate Covenant Church, Parker, Colorado

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Doneila McIntosh, Lighthouse Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sten Carlson, Midcurrent Covenant Church, Hudson, Wisconsin

Steve Anderson, Lakeside Covenant Church, Chaska, Minnesota

Daniel Lukas, Awaken Covenant Church, Maplewood, Minnesota

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Alejandro Marsalek, Place of Grace Covenant Church, Paramount, California

Fredy Merida, Vida Abundante Evangelical Covenant Church, Burbank,
California

Isaac Scott, Vida Nueva Covenant Church, Perris, California

Leonardo Carrillo, Comunidad Cristiana Covenant Church, Alhambra,
California

Eloy Castro, Fuente de Vida Covenant Church, Riverside, California

John Wenrich prayed.

30. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP REPORT

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis called the delegates attention to the annual report, which was included in the July–August edition of *The Covenant Companion* and provided at registration. She invited delegates to submit in writing any questions they might have of administrators by the end of Friday’s business session for responses from administrators during the Saturday afternoon session.

11. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Walter pointed to the “Stronger Together” collaborative report printed in *The Covenant Companion* highlighting the work of the five mission priorities and related ministries. He then identified additional challenges and opportunities within the ECC.

The ECC grew for the twenty-fourth consecutive year and attendance in churches is 235,000 on any given weekend. Thirty percent of Covenant churches are ethnic or multi-ethnic, and the ECC has the most diverse leadership team of any denomination in the U.S. today. Churches participating in Community Bible Experience ordered more than 40,000 Bibles. We started eighteen new churches and seventy-five established churches participated in Congregational Vitality workshops. Two dozen congregations received starter grants for community-based initiatives. Internationally, we stand in partnership with fifty-two countries; we have reached 10,000 sponsorships through Covenant Kids Congo; and have named a new region MENA (Middle East North Africa) that will focus on kingdom matters, persecuted Christians, and the refugee crisis. The ECC has 1,900 active clergy, and 2,500 overall. Lay leadership training is expanding. We have experienced generous financial giving and strong financial care. The new Three

Strand Strong emphasis identifies congregation, conference, and Covenant as working in service together. It reframes the financial guidelines for contributing to ministry to a combined tithe—6.5 percent to the denomination and 3.5 percent to the conference.

Addressing the issue of human sexuality, Walter spoke of three previously identified points: 1) the ECC's position is celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in heterosexual marriage; 2) there is room for ministry within that position; 3) the ECC confesses and acknowledges that we have not always done a good job in equipping for good connection in ministry within our position. He reported that the church will continue to use annual regional conferences and Midwinter conferences as a source for training within the church's position.

Walter then called individuals from each ministry priority to speak to a particular focus. Cecilia Williams, executive minister for love mercy do justice, Adam Gustine, director of ministry initiatives, and Lance Davis, pastor of New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton, Illinois, spoke on the work of CovEnterprises, specifically Bezalel. John Wenrich, executive director of start and strengthen churches, and Leo Anderson, pastor of Desert Springs Covenant Church in Pasco, Washington, spoke about rural vitality initiatives. Al Tizon, executive minister of serve globally, Nancy Jo Hoover, acting regional coordinator for MENA, Jeff and Darlene Anderson, regional coordinators for MENA beginning in October, and Jack Sara, president of Bethlehem Bible College, reported on the new mission area of MENA (Middle East-North Africa). Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of make and deepen disciples, Beth Seversen, director of evangelism, and Joe Poppino, pastor of Covenant Community Church, Fairfield, Ohio, spoke on the BLESS evangelism initiative.

Garth McGrath, superintendent of Great Lakes Conference, prayed for the names presented from the BLESS initiative and for the five mission priorities.

Walter called on Mark Novak, executive minister of the ordered ministry, who announced that he was resigning as of August 31 due to family health issues. The assembly expressed its appreciation for Novak's service.

In closing, Walter lamented the deep pain that is felt in several communities and among many people who are fighting for place. He called on the church to express the four values that have sustained and nurtured the Covenant—biblical, devotional, missional, and connectional—so that a dark and broken world will know the light of Christ's truth, the warmth of Christ's love, and the beauty of Christ's character.

Alice Lee, chair of the Executive Board, prayed for Walter and the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

27. FISCAL YEAR 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

The moderator recognized Paul Hawkinson, executive director of finance and treasurer of the Covenant, who reported on the ECC's balanced cash budget for 2016 and that the church was given a clean, unqualified opinion. Hawkinson reported that there was one prior period adjustment identified and proposed by management (finance committee) to the auditors. Over the last seven years, the church has received earnings on endowment gifts that are restricted permanently or temporarily. The earnings on these gifts were classified as restricted for a purpose on our books, but from a GAAP accounting standpoint, reclassified in

the financial statements as unrestricted. The earnings to these large principles living legacy and other funds were reclassified to be in alignment with the restricted stated donor purpose of the base corpus of the gift—a donor friendly reclassification and conservative position to take.

Michael Wilson, member of the Executive Board finance committee, prayed for Hawkinson.

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis gave announcements about lunch, which was provided by North Park University and Theological Seminary. The assembly recessed at 12:02 p.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2017

1:30 p.m.

26. IRVING LAMBERT OUTSTANDING URBAN MINISTRIES AWARD

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, president, and Cecilia Williams, executive minister of love mercy and do justice, to present the Irving C. Lambert Award to William M. Watts Sr. and Marva C. Watts from Gospel Way Covenant Church in Chicago, Illinois. Williams gave a history of the award, and Walter presented a citation, which highlighted various aspects of the Wattses' ministry and contributions in urban and ethnic ministries.

4.b. CREDENTIALING REPORT #2

The moderator recognized David Greenidge for his second report. Registration thus far included 333 credentialed voting delegates and 205 additional registrants in various non-voting categories for a total registered conference attendance of 535.

18. LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

The moderator recognized Mark Novak, executive minister of develop leaders, who explained that the Lifetime Service Recognition is given to credentialed individuals when they turn sixty-five. This year's list represents 1,502 years of combined service, he said. Novak called those present forward to be recognized, and Gary Walter, president, presented them with certificates of recognition (asterisk indicates those present for the award):

Jesse B. Adams, Robertsdale, Alabama
Mark R. Alberici, Columbus, Georgia
Paul R. Allen, Clarendon Hills, Illinois*
Lon Allison, West Chicago, Illinois
Kirt E. Anderson, Naples, Florida*
Robert H. Anderson, Roseville, California*
Gregory E. Asimakoupoulis, Mercer Island, Washington*
Michael R. Baker, Sugar Land, Texas
Paul A. Barnes, Turlock, California
David P. Benedict, Bemidji, Minnesota*
Mark A. Bengtson, Sargeant, Minnesota

Gregory J. Bestland, Buffalo, Minnesota
Paul D.G. Bramer, Toronto, Ontario*
Dorothy H. Brown, Leawood, Kansas
Thomas L. Cameron, Minneapolis, Minnesota*
Keith E. Carlson, Dassel, Minnesota*
Keith W. Carpenter, Kent, Washington*
T. Daniel Clayborne, New Sweden, Maine
Hugh Milton Coke, Tucker, Georgia
Paul A. Day, Portland, Maine
Dwight A. Diller, Riley, Kansas*
David K. Eaton, Duluth Minnesota
Daniel R. Edwards, Neenah, Wisconsin
Harvey J. Fiskeaux, Nome, Alaska*
Gerald Froese, Sarnia, Ontario
Jorge L. Garcia, Chula Vista, California
Scot Gillan, Naperville, Illinois*
Jules D. Glanzer, Hillsboro, Kansas
Steven E. Grubbs, San Diego, California
Ali Hasan, San Jose, California*
Steven M. Hoden, Oakland, Nebraska*
Lawrence C. Hudson, Spokane, Washington
David R. Johnson, Durban, Manitoba
Raymond W. Johnston, Loomis, California
Jae H. Koo, Mt. Prospect, Illinois
Richard E. Krasky, Elk River, Minnesota
Joel A. Kruggel, Bedford, New Hampshire*
David W. Lindfors, Rockford, Illinois*
Robert A. Linscheid, Stockton, California
Lawrence W. Linsenmaier, Lakewood, Colorado
Marilyn C. Lynch, Redwood City, California
Mary C. Miller, Middletown, Connecticut*
Mark D. Mosher, Mesa, Arizona
James D. Oberg, Owatonna, Minnesota
Robert L. Owens, Lithia Springs, Georgia*
Sally A. Pierce, Batavia, Illinois
Craig E. Roberts, Loomis, Nebraska
Alberto R. Ruiz, Ceres, California
Stephen E. Salowitz, Two Harbors, Minnesota
Thomas F. Sharkey, Youngstown, Ohio*
Ronald F. Short, El Dorado Hills, California
Peter D. Sjoblom, Chicago, Illinois*
Stephen A. Tousseau, Venice, Florida
Gamaniel Valle, Canoga Park, California*
Raymond W. Wall, Rosebud, Alberta
Daniel M. Ward, Spring Valley, California
Mark G. Westlind, Chicago, Illinois*
Douglas R. Wootten, Madison, Alabama

15. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATIONS AND VOTE

The moderator recognized Dan Lillestrand, chair of the Board of Nominations, who explained the procedures and task of the board and then presented the ballot as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

6-year term

Merideth Randles

6-year term

Phil Print

6-year term

Paula Frost

6-year term

Carl Helfrich

1-year term

Vicky Reier

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

5-year term

Paul Andrew Petersen

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

5-year term

Karen Hallberg Ingebretson

5-year term

Daniela Flores

5-year term

Darrell Nelson

5-year term

Debbie Hamilton

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

5-year term

Bruce Peterson

5-year term

Valton Barrett

5-year term

John Douglass

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

6-year term

David Kim

6-year term

Sue Poston

6-year term

Karen Manlove

6-year term

James Rose

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

5-year term

Erin Oleniczak

5-year term

Jay Carstenbrock

5-year term

Virgil Applequist

5-year term

Mary Miller

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICER FOR 2018 AND 2019

Secretary

2-year term

Michael DeLong

The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The moderator declared nominations closed.

12. CALL OF PRESIDENT OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

The moderator recognized David Danielson, member of the Executive Board and liaison to the Board of Benevolence, and Roger Oxendale, candidate for the president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence. Danielson explained the process for selecting the candidate and shared Oxendale's qualifications for the position. He then recommended on behalf of the Covenant Ministries of Benevolence and with the concurrence of the Executive Board, the nomination of Roger Oxendale as president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence.

The moderator asked for nominations from the floor. None were presented, and the nominations were closed.

13. CALL OF NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S FACULTY MEMBERS

The moderator recognized David Kersten, dean of North Park Theological Seminary and vice-president of church relations, who introduced the following three individuals for call as faculty members: Dwight Perry, candidate for dean of faculty, professor of homiletics and leadership; Hauna Ondrey, assistant professor of church history; and Elizabeth Pierre, assistant professor of pastoral care.

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis prayed for all of the candidates.

12.b., 13.b. and 15.b. VOTE

The moderator recognized Bill Dolezal, chair of the tellers, for instructions on voting. The tellers distributed the ballots.

MISSION MOMENT—COVENANT KIDS CONGO

Donn Engbretson, director of global mission advancement and project leader for Covenant Kids Congo, and Gary Gaddini, chair of the pastor advisory committee for Covenant Kids Congo, reported that the ECC has reached the goal of sponsoring 10,000 children. Three thousand children are still waiting for sponsorship. Thanks to CKC, 28,000 people in the city of Gemena have clean water, and their goal is to provide water for everyone there—300,000 people. CKC is

now moving into phase two, which is called, One More Child. They encouraged every Covenant church to be engaged in this partnership.

The moderator recognized Joshua Kang, member of the Executive Board, to pray for this ministry.

29.a. 2016 ROUNDTABLE UPDATE: DEVELOPING LAY LEADERS

The moderator recognized Mark Novak to provide a 2016 roundtable update. The Develop Leader's team is working on providing relevant practical resources that are accessible for lay leadership. Themes include conflict in the local church, leadership training, and financial training leadership. Dan Pietryzk is working on financial leadership with the Lilly Grant.

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT—PROJECT DEBORAH

The moderator recognized Carol Lawson, director of ministry services, who reported that Commission Biblical Gender Equality Commission initiated Project Deborah to recognize, mentor, and celebrate called and gifted women in the church. Lawson urged delegates to encourage women in their churches as they discern their call to lead and serve those around them.

16. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ORDERED MINISTRY

The moderator recognized Mark Novak, executive minister of develop leaders, and Carol Lawson, director of ministry services.

Change in Standing

Novak presented the following reports from the Board of the Ordered Ministry:

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following ministers has been moved from active to inactive: Mark Almlie, Joshua Anway, Timothy Beam, Gavin Bluehosh, Gavin Ellis, Brian Gleason, Tina Herrin, Todd Kussman, Elizabeth McColl, Lindsay Small.

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following minister has been moved from active to leave of absence: M. Karen Lichlyter-Klein, Jason Mach.

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following ministers has been moved from inactive to active: Daniel Shelton.

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the following individuals have resigned their ministerial standing and requested that their names be removed from the roster of Covenant ministers: Marie Carlson, Matthew Nightingale, Michael Nyman, Promise Lee.”

Novak presented the following motions:

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends to the 132nd Annual Meeting that the ordination standing of Eva Cudmore be reinstated.”

The motion carried.

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends to the 132nd Annual Meeting the dismissal of the

following persons from the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the removal of their names from the roster of Covenant ministers: Adam Anderson, Abel Orozco.”

The motion carried.

Novak prayed.

Approval of Licenses

Novak referred delegates to the list of applicants for licensure and presented the following recommendation: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 132nd Annual Meeting grant ministerial licenses as follows.” The names of those with ministerial license will appear in the roll of ministers in the *Covenant Yearbook*, 2017-2018 edition.

The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination

Carol Lawson presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends that the 132nd Annual Meeting approve the following persons’ applications to transfer their ordination to the Evangelical Covenant Church:”

Alexander Gee Jr., Fountain of Life Ministries, Madison, Wisconsin

John Paul Harris-Webster, Community Evangelical Covenant Church,
Lenexa, Kansas

Michael A. Hotz, Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scott T. Loo, Great Exchange Covenant Church, Santa Clara, California

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for transfer of ordination to the Evangelical Covenant Church:

Alexander Gee Jr. by Lance Davis

John Paul Harris-Webster by Karl Eric Peterson, Susan L. Peterson

The moderator offered delegates an opportunity to vote on each candidate application separately. After hearing no request for separate votes, delegates voted for the candidates as a group. The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidate for Consecration to Missionary Service

Lawson presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends that the 132nd Annual Meeting grant consecration to missionary service to the following person:”

Jennifer A. Hoskins, Ecuador

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation: Steven Hoden, Carolyn Poterek, Anne Jorgenson.

The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidate for Commissioning

Lawson presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends that the 132nd Annual Meeting grant commissioning to the following person:”

Tabatha L. Mason, Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation: Gary Gaddini.
The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service

Lawson presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 132nd Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and service to the following persons:”

Virginia R. Ahrens, First Evangelical Covenant Church, Rockford, Illinois

William L. Gardner, Wycliffe–Canada, Langley, British Columbia

Denise M. Kesanen, RiverWorks Community Development, Rockford,
Minnesota

Tammy J. Long, South Bay Community Church, Fremont, California

Samuel S. Randall, Maple Grove Covenant Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for ordination to word and service:

Virginia R. Ahrens by Chris Aupperle, Peter Dibley

Denise M. Kesanen by Keith Robinson

Tammy J. Long by Catherine Gilliard

The moderator offered delegates an opportunity to vote on each candidate application separately. After hearing no request for separate votes, the candidates were voted as a group. The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament

Novak presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 132nd Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and sacrament to the following persons:”

Dane S. Anderson, Bethany Covenant Church, Bedford, New Hampshire

Julie B. Anderson, First Covenant Church, Jamestown, New York

Leo D. Anderson, Desert Springs Covenant, Pasco, Washington

Ryan J. Ashley, Restoration Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado

Abraham D. Bejarano, Emmanuel Covenant Church, Northridge, California

David D. Bjorlin, Resurrection Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

David G. Brown Jr., First Covenant Church, Youngstown, Ohio

G. Coby Cagle, Quest, Seattle, Washington

Anita L. Carey, Kingdom Covenant Church, Miami, Florida

Eloy Castro, Fuente de Vida Covenant Church, Riverside, California

Clayton Chan, Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey

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

Dierdra G. Clark, New York Covenant Church, New Rochelle, New York

Jeannette L. Conyer, Evangelical Covenant Church, Kent, Washington

Williadean Crear, Grandview Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama

Mario Diazceballos, Vision Covenant Church, Azusa, California

Eric C. Ek, Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills, Michigan
 J. Casey Franklin, Inversion Covenant Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado
 Jean Cheng Gorman, Pacific Southwest Conference, Concord, California
 Kenneth E. Harris, Detroit Bible Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan
 Ali Hasan, Great Exchange Covenant Church, Santa Clara, California
 Mark A. Hawke, Grace Place, Berthoud, Colorado
 Timothy E. Hawkinson, Renew Covenant Church, Carroll, Iowa
 Mathew T. Hollen, St. Thomas Covenant Church, Salem, Oregon
 Christopher M. Hoskins, Ecuador
 Richard W. Johnson, Sanctuary Columbus, Columbus, Ohio
 Heidi R. Johnston, Sharp Mesa Vista Psychiatric Hospital, San Diego, California
 Michael L. Jordan, La Viña Covenant Church, Kerman, California
 Anne M. Jorgensen, Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
 Wallace G. Kelley, Presbyterian Homes, Arlington Heights, Illinois
 Jamie Kim, Reah International, Skokie, Illinois
 Kevin M. Kokx, Nashua Covenant Church, Nashua, New Hampshire
 Linea R. Lanoie, Gateway Covenant Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
 Robert S. Lee, Convergence Covenant Church, Oakland, California
 Bohyon Lim, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington
 Jill J. Lind, Edgebrook Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
 Brian D. Majerus, First Covenant Church, River Falls, Wisconsin
 Denise E. McKinney, Redeemer Covenant Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Sharon E. McQueary, New Harvest Christian Church, Oregon, Ohio
 Margarita M. Monsalve, Navegando con Jesus Covenant Church, Torrance, California
 Yumiko Nakagawa, Highrock Covenant Church of Brookline, Brookline, Massachusetts
 Brian D. Nanninga, Life Church Livonia, Livonia, Michigan
 Carlos Ortiz, El Encino Covenant Church, Downey, California
 Stephen F. Pace, The Rock Covenant Church, Olympia, Washington
 Joseph A. Poppino, Covenant Community Church, Fairfield, Ohio
 Michael J. Rice, Life Covenant Church, Canton, Michigan
 Jessica M. Ronhaar, Arlington United Church, Arlington, Washington
 Janet E. Russell, Bellingham Covenant Church, Bellingham, Washington
 Ann M. Snowberger, St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington
 Brent D.E. Strobel, Evergreen Covenant Church, Mercer Island, Washington
 Kevin D. Swanson, Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey
 Gideon Y. Tsang, Vox Veniae, Austin, Texas
 Gamaniel Valle, Nueva Vision Covenant Church, Canoga Park, California
 Elizabeth L. Vanderpool, Bayside of Placerville Church, Placerville, California
 Angela L. Yee, Saddleback Church, Irvine, California

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for ordination to word and sacrament:

Julie B. Anderson by Alicia Vela, Carolyn Poterek, Anne Jorgenson
 David D. Bjorlin by Byron Amundson, David Danielson, Karl Eric Peterson,
 Susan L. Peterson, Carolyn Poterek, Anne Jorgenson
 David G. Brown Jr. by Thomas Sharkey
 G. Coby Cagle by Carolyn Poterek
 Anita L. Carey by Catherine Gilliard
 Clayton Chan by Susan Gillespie
 Matthew L. Cisneros by Noel Cisneros, Karl Eric Peterson, Susan L. Peterson
 Jeannette L. Conner by Keith Carpenter
 Williadean Crear by Catherine Gilliard
 Eric C. Ek by Alicia Vela, Pam Fritz, Thomas Ek, Cheryl Ek, Linnea Ek,
 Christopher Ek, Carolyn Poterek
 Ali Hasan by Scott Loo, Carolyn Poterek
 Timothy E. Hawkinson by Craig Wickstrom, Carolyn Poterek, Anne Jorgenson
 Christopher M. Hoskins by Carolyn Poterek, Anne Jorgenson, Cheryl Clark
 Michael L. Jordan by Carolyn Poterek
 Anne M. Jorgensen by Linnea Ek, Thomas Ek
 Wallace G. Kelley by Alicia Vela
 Linea R. Lanoie by Dan Fullerton
 Jill J. Lind by Gregory Mesimore, Carolyn Poterek
 Brian Majerus by Todd Ertsgaard
 Brian D. Nanninga by Alicia Vela,
 Joseph A. Poppino by Paul Allen, Anne Jorgenson
 Janet E. Russell by Anndrea Russell, Chris Eltrich, Karl Eric Peterson,
 Susan L. Peterson, Jo Wolfe
 Brent D. E. Strobel by Carolyn Poterek
 Kevin Swanson by Susan Gillespie
 Angela L. Yee by Carolyn Poterek

The moderator offered delegates an opportunity to vote on each candidate application separately. After hearing no request for separate votes, the candidates were voted as a group. The motion carried.

Ed Delgado, president of CHET, prayed.

17. CHANGES TO THE RULES OF ORDERED MINISTRY

The moderator recognized Mark Novak, executive minister of develop leaders, and Danielle Ng, manager for the credentialing process, who on behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry and with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium and the concurrence of the Executive Board, recommended a number of amendments to the Rules for the Ordered Ministry. They presented the following summary and rationale of the proposed amendments:

Change 1: Remove the License for Theological Students (LTS) category

Rationale. Over the past several years, the demand for the LTS has been quite low: fewer than ten people per year. We believe this is because most students on internship are going into situations where they simply do not need a license. In the past, a student was much more likely to go out for a full “middler” year and would potentially be the only pastor on staff. Field education has changed considerably in the past decade, with most students going into internships with

credentialed pastoral staff supervisors. In addition, interns can always perform sacraments and ministerial functions with the permission of the credentialed pastor who is supervising them. For these reasons, we recommend the removal of the LTS category and we recommend that interns who are required to perform sacraments do so under the supervision of a credentialed supervisor.

Amended sections: Delete Section 9.4, and renumber current Section 9.5 and 9.6 accordingly. Delete reference to interim theological student license in new Section 9.5. Delete Section 11.2.a.ii.(1).

Change 2: Require regular reporting for the inactive status category

Rationale: Currently, a minister on inactive status may stay on the roster indefinitely, even if they do not maintain contact. This exposes the ECC to too much liability. A reporting system will be developed, such as a yearly form, on which inactive ministers report their current contact information and activities, and reaffirm their adherence to Covenant theology, principles, and policies. We also hope that this reporting system will act as a check-in and an opportunity for the Ordered Ministry to provide care and follow-up to the minister if needed. A minister who completes the form will be “inactive—in good standing.” A minister who does not complete the form will be “inactive—not in good standing” and will be removed from the roster after a period of non-compliance. (We would recommend removal after two years of non-compliance.) Currently, the Rules state that a minister must move to inactive status after one year out of call, although in practice we give two years. We will change the Rules to allow a minister out of call to remain active for a period of three years before moving to inactive status, provided they meet the elements of good standing and are actively seeking call. We are extending the “grace period” to three years out of recognition that the call process can be very lengthy.

Amended section: Section 11.4

Change 3: Eliminate the “25-year rule”

Rationale: The “25-year rule” is a provision in the current Rules that allows a permanently credentialed person who has been actively ordained/commissioned for twenty-five years to maintain active standing even if they go out of call. We recommend eliminating the provision because it goes against the Ordered Ministry’s values of accountability and oversight. We often say that we do not credential “at large,” yet that is exactly what we have been doing with this group.

Amended sections: Amend Section 11.4.b. and delete Section 11.4.e.

Change 4: Change dual standing option

Change the dual standing option to require those who hold permanent credentials in the ECC and seek credentials with another denomination to move to inactive status on the ECC roster.

Rationale: Currently, the Rules state that all requests for dual standing must go to the Board to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis (Section 11.2.d.). However, for the past many years, the Board has denied requests for dual standing and instead required ECC pastors to move to inactive on the ECC roster if they wish to hold an active credential elsewhere. This is on the recommendation of our legal counsel because the ECC is less liable for that pastor’s actions if he/she is on inactive status with us. Dual standing invites confusion, especially in cases of

pastoral misconduct. We recommend changing the Rules to reflect our current practice.

Amended section: Section 11.2.d

List of Proposed Minor Changes to the Rules for the Ordered Ministry

1) Throughout the document, remove “Department of the Ordered Ministry” and replace with “Ordered Ministry.”

2) Remove “statement of faith paper” references in Article 9 and replace with “licensing paper” to reflect the terminology currently in use.

3) Throughout the document, change “president and dean of NPTS” to “dean of NPTS” to reflect current title.

4) Change all references to “World Mission” or “the Department of World Mission” to “Serve Globally” to reflect new mission priority name (with the exception of the World Mission License, see following change).

5) Replace World Mission License with Global Service License (Sections 9.3 and 11.2). This request comes from Serve Globally staff.

6) Delete “project” in the description of Global Service License (Section 9.3) to allow for other missionary categories to hold the license. This request comes from Serve Globally staff.

7) In Section 9.1.b., add to the list of possible ministerial licensure qualifications: “serving in an intercultural context.” This request comes from Serve Globally staff.

8) In Section 1.1.a., delete the line, “The director of staff ministry shall be an advisor to the Board,” and replace with “The Board may appoint advisory members as needed.” *Rationale:* The Board would be better served by making the language more general.

9) Similarly, in Section 1.1.c, delete the line, “The director of staff ministry shall be an advisor to the executive committee,” and replace with, “Other staff may be appointed as advisors to the executive committee.”

10) Amend Section 11.4.a. regarding serving in a non-ECC setting to reflect current practice, by deleting the word “Board” and replacing with “conference superintendent,” so as to read: “A minister who enters the service of a congregation or institution not affiliated with the ECC shall not retain standing in the ECC for more than one year except by permission of the conference superintendent.” Delete the last sentence: “Standing shall be restored upon recommendation from a regional conference ministerial association and the Board.”

11) Amend Section 1.1.b. on the composition of the Board of the Ordered Ministry by deleting the sentence: “The chair and the secretary shall be persons ordained to word and sacrament,” and replacing with: “The chair shall hold an ECC credential.”

The motion to amend the Rules of the Ordered Ministry carried.

32. REPORT FROM COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

The moderator recognized David Dwight, president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, for his report. In his last report as president, Dwight focused on the ministry of Ädelbrook Behavioral and Development Service in Cromwell, Connecticut. Formerly known as the Children’s Home of Cromwell, it began in 1900 as an orphanage. In 2012 it became Ädelbrook and works with children

on the autism spectrum. Currently, they serve 450 clients a year in schools and residential programs.

22. RECOGNITION OF DAVID DWIGHT, PRESIDENT OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

Retiring as president of CMB David Dwight was honored at a banquet Friday evening for his service to Covenant Ministries of Benevolence.

34. REPORT FROM NATIONAL COVENANT PROPERTIES

The moderator recognized Steve Dawson, president of National Covenant Properties, who reported on the work of NCP, which currently provides \$285 million in loans to more than 300 Covenant projects.

31. REPORT FROM CENTRO HISPANO DE ESTUDIOS TEOLOGICOS (CHET)

The moderator recognized Ed Delgado, president of CHET, who shared highlights, including the school serves 600 students each year, and is helping to develop seminary education in Africa.

12. CALL OF PRESIDENT OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

13. CALL OF NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S FACULTY MEMBERS

The moderator called on Bill Doleshel, chair of the tellers, who reported the following call results:

President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence

Roger Oxendale (247 yes, 12 abstentions)

North Park Theological Seminary Faculty Members

Hauna Ondrey (251 yes, 8 abstentions)

Dwight Perry (250 yes, 9 abstentions)

Elizabeth Pierre (248 yes, 11 abstentions)

Juana Nesta prayed.

38. COVTALKS

The following four presenters gave brief talks: Donna Erickson, member of the Executive Board from Minnesota; James Kwek, pastor from South Sudanese Covenant Church of Canada; Cindy Wu, member of the Executive Board from Texas; and John Kerl, Covenant missionary and regional coordinator for Europe.

The moderator closed in prayer and the assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. for the day.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30 a.m.

1. MORNING WORSHIP

Moderator Sam Chang called the business session to order at 8:32 a.m., beginning with a time of worship. Marisol Martínez Velasquez, president of the Covenant Church in Mexico, gave a meditation on Proverbs 27:17.

4.c. CREDENTIALING REPORT #3 (FINAL)

The moderator recognized David Greenidge for the following final report from the credentialing committee:

Representing	Delegates	Churches
Conferences		
Alaska	6	4
Canada	1	1
Central	58	34
East Coast	14	11
Great Lakes	45	21
Midsouth	7	5
Midwest	24	13
Northwest	44	24
Pacific Northwest	21	13
Pacific Southwest	22	14
Southeast	6	5
Total of Conference Delegates	248	145
General		
Officers of the Covenant	1	0
Executive Board	28	13
Council of Administrators	13	3
Annual Meeting Officers	2	0
Board of Nominations	1	0
Covenant Ministerium	2	1
Assoc. of Cov. Camps and Conf. Centers	1	0
Commission Delegates	0	0
Serve Globally Fields	10	0
Regional Conference Offices	26	9
Total of General Delegates	84	26
TOTAL CREDENTIALLED DELEGATES	332	171
Honorary Delegates	13	2
Advisers from Covenant Institutions	0	0
Advisers from Non-member Churches	0	0
Resource People	39	0
Registered General Conferees	130	46
Exhibitors	13	0
Support Staff	22	1
Total Additional Attendees	217	49
Total Registered Attendance	549	220

33. REPORT FROM COVENANT TRUST COMPANY

The moderator recognized Ann Wiesbrock, president of Covenant Trust Company, who reported that CTC manages more than 3,000 accounts representing \$928 million, and in the past year CTC distributed \$7 million to various Covenant ministries in the past year.

25. T.W. ANDERSON OUTSTANDING LAYPERSON AWARD

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, president, who presented the T.W. Anderson Award to Douglas Lunde of Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

29. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: COVENANT CLERGY PENSION PLAN

The moderator recognized Paul Hawkinson, treasurer and executive director of finance, and Hugh Magill, chair of the Board of Pensions and Benefits. They explained that the board is evaluating the current pension plan in light of changing trends in ministry and trends affecting defined benefit plans. They distributed a summary of the board's evaluation process and encouraged delegates and pastors to ask questions and voice concerns. They emphasized that the board was not anticipating any potential cuts to vested participant benefits. It was reviewing the plan from a position of "relative strength." The board anticipates bringing a proposal to the 2018 Annual Meeting.

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT: COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

The moderator recognized Dave Husby, director of Covenant World Relief, and Chrissy Palmerlee, manager of ministry services for Covenant World Relief, who presented an update on the work of CWR.

35.b. NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who presented amendments to the constitution and bylaws of North Park University for action in 2018. The amendments came as a recommendation from the Board of Trustees of North Park University and the Covenant Executive Board. The following rationale for the amendments was given: "The purpose of a constitution is to set forth the fundamental principles of an organization, which is the intent of the attached restatement. The current version contained many procedural and governance items that are more appropriately cast in the bylaws of an organization. Many of the provisions of the proposed constitution have been deletions incorporated in a more cohesive manner into the amended and restated bylaws of the university.

"According to North Park University bylaws, amendments to the constitution of the university require approval of the ECC Annual Meeting. In summary, the proposed amendments clarify and reaffirm the nonprofit nature and ECC affiliate status of the university, operating within the State of Illinois; clarify and reaffirm the ECC as the sole member, with its vested authority and power; and moves procedural matters from the constitution to the bylaws."

The proposed Constitution of North Park University is as follows:

Amended and Restated Constitution of North Park University an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation

PREAMBLE

North Park University is affiliated with The Evangelical Covenant Church, and is organized exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, scientific and literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Internal Revenue laws (hereinafter the “Code”), including for such purposes, the making of distributions for organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Consistent with these purposes, the University provides, in affiliation with The Evangelical Covenant Church, undergraduate and graduate education, including a theological seminary, that integrates Christian faith, learning, and service.

North Park University, in order to accomplish its mission and purposes, has formulated and adopted this Constitution and Bylaws. North Park University shall be governed by this Constitution and Bylaws, its Articles of Incorporation, and all applicable laws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Incorporation

Section 1.1. The name of the corporation is North Park University (the “University”). The University is organized as a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois.

ARTICLE II

Offices

Section 2.1. The location of the principal office of the University is in Chicago, Illinois. The University may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the Board of Trustees may determine or as the affairs of the University may require from time to time.

ARTICLE III

Member

Section 3.1. The University shall have one class of membership. The sole member of the University is The Evangelical Covenant Church, an Illinois not for profit corporation (hereinafter, “ECC”). The ECC shall have all of the rights provided to the University’s member (i) under the University’s Articles of Incorporation, and Constitution and Bylaws, (ii) under the ECC’s Articles of Incorporation, and Constitution and Bylaws, and (iii) afforded to voting members of an Illinois not for profit corporation under the Illinois General Not for Profit Corporation Act to the extent such rights are not modified or superseded by the University’s Articles of Incorporation, and Constitution and Bylaws, or the ECC’s Articles of Incorporation, and Constitution and Bylaws. A convention of delegates representing member churches of the ECC known as the Annual Meeting is the highest constituted authority of the ECC (“ECC Annual Meeting”). The Executive Board of the ECC (“ECC Board”) is the agent of the ECC Annual Meeting in making decisions for, and otherwise acting on behalf of, the ECC when the Annual Meeting is not in session. Article III of the University’s Bylaws entitled “Powers Reserved by the Member”, as well as the Constitution and Bylaws of the ECC, specify powers reserved by the ECC as the sole

member of the University, and set forth whether such powers are to be acted upon and approved by either the ECC Annual Meeting or the ECC Board.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Trustees

Section 4.1. The affairs of the University shall, subject to the reserved powers of the Member, be managed by a Board of Trustees as more fully set forth in the University's Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Dissolution

Section 5.1. Dissolution of the University must be approved by the ECC Annual Meeting. The assets of the University shall, upon dissolution, be distributed as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the University.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 6.1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be introduced in writing at an ECC Annual Meeting but cannot be acted upon until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 6.2. At least ninety days before the ECC Annual Meeting when final action is to be taken on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the corporate secretary of the ECC shall send a copy of each proposed amendment to each ECC congregation and shall cause the text of each proposed amendment to be published in the official print publication of the ECC and/or in the electronic media the ECC regularly uses for communication with ECC congregations and members of the ECC congregations.

Section 6.3. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be adopted upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the ECC Annual Meeting.

35. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

The moderator recognized Kristine Strand, chair of the North Park Board of Trustees, who offered greetings from faculty, staff, and students. She reported that the university conferred 793 undergraduate and graduate degrees in the past school year, which was a record number. With the retirement of David Parkyn as president, she reported that the board asked Carl Balsam to serve as interim president. She then introduced Balsam, who made brief comments.

23. RECOGNITION OF DAVID PARKYN, PRESIDENT OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Gary Walter read a certificate of recognition of David Parkyn's years of service to the university.

14. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The moderator recognized Owen Youngman, chair of the North Park University presidential nominating committee, who gave a summary of the search process for the president of the school. The committee has fifteen members, nine from the NPU Board of Trustees and six from the campus community. They plan to present a candidate to the 2018 Covenant Annual Meeting.

29.d. 2017 ROUNDTABLE TOPIC: NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Owen Youngman asked delegates to form into small groups and participate in a survey for the presidential nominating committee. Youngman closed in prayer.

20-21. RECOGNITION OF JEROME NELSON, CENTRAL CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT AND JEFF ANDERSON, CANADA CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

The moderator recognized these Jerome Nelson and Jeff Anderson upon the conclusion of their service as superintendents. They were both honored at the banquet on Thursday evening.

24. RECOGNITION OF DENNIS WEIDLER, GENERAL MANAGER OF KICY

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, who honored Dennis Weidler for eighteen years of service to Radio Station KICY in Nome, Alaska.

28. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MISSION AND MINISTRY BUDGET

The moderator recognized Paul Hawkinson, executive director for finance and treasurer, who gave a presentation on the proposed mission and ministry budget for fiscal year 2018 and made the following motion: "COLT and the Executive Board recommends the fiscal year 2018 Mission and Ministry Budget in the amount of \$25,477,017 for adoption by the 2017 Covenant Annual Meeting." The mission and ministry expense budget is as follows:

Start and Strengthen Churches	\$2,974,310
Make and Deepen Disciples	\$1,256,771
Develop Leaders	\$2,635, 239
Love Mercy and Do Justice	\$1,455,931
Serve Globally	\$12,514,392
Mission Support	\$4,640,374
TOTAL	\$25,477,017

The motion carried. Mary Cunningham, member of the Executive Board finance committee, prayed.

35.c. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The moderator recognized David Kersten, dean of North Park Theological Seminary, for his report. Kersten highlighted new initiatives in enrollment in an urban program in Denver and a master-level cohort in the Pacific Southwest Conference. He also reported that he now also serves as the vice-president of church relations for the university. Kersten gave recognition to Jay Phelan upon his retirement. Phelan had served as dean and president of the seminary, and as senior professor of theological studies.

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis gave announcements and prayed before dismissing the delegates for lunch.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 24, 2017

1:33 p.m.

Moderator Sam Chang called the meeting back to order at 1:33 p.m.

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT—CHIC

The moderator recognized Tim Ciccone, director of youth ministry, and Edgar Torres, Central Conference CHIC liaison, for a video and report on the CHIC in the summer of 2018. Torres shared about having his call to youth ministry affirmed when he attended CHIC. He encouraged delegates to support giving to CHIC scholarships. Ciccone said that the goal is that every teen in the denomination can attend CHIC, and he encouraged partnerships between churches to get as many students as possible to the event.

19. RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS CONCLUDING TERM OF SERVICE

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, who expressed appreciation on behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church to Mary Cunningham, William Davidson, Stacey Heimkes, and Carolyn Poterek for their service to the Executive Board.

15.c. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATIONS AND VOTE, CONTINUED

The moderator called on Dan Lillestrand, chair of the Board of Nominations, who reported the following election results. Two hundred fifty-nine (259) ballots were returned.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

6-year term

Merideth Randles (233 yes, 26 abstentions)

6-year term

Phil Print (235 yes, 24 abstentions)

6-year term

Paula Frost (229 yes, 30 abstentions)

6-year term

Carl Helfrich (230 yes, 29 abstentions)

1-year term

Vicky Reier (229 yes, 30 abstentions)

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

5-year term

Paul Andrew Petersen (244 yes, 15 abstentions)

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

5-year term

Karen Hallberg Ingebretson (239 yes, 20 abstentions)

5-year term

Daniela Flores (237 yes, 22 abstentions)

5-year term

Darrell Nelson (227 yes, 32 abstentions)

5-year term

Debbie Hamilton (225 yes, 34 abstentions)

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

5-year term

Bruce Peterson (233 yes, 26 abstentions)

5-year term

Valton Barrett (231 yes, 28 abstentions)

5-year term

John Douglass (233 yes, 26 abstentions)

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

6-year term

David Kim (230 yes, 29 abstentions)

6-year term

Sue Poston (234 yes, 25 abstentions)

6-year term

Karen Manlove (230 yes, 28 abstentions)

6-year term

James Rose (229 yes, 30 abstentions)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

5-year term

Erin Oleniczak (227 yes, 32 abstentions)

5-year term

Jay Carstenbrock (227 yes, 32 abstentions)

5-year term

Virgil Applequist (235 yes, 24 abstentions)

5-year term

Mary Miller (232 yes, 27 abstentions)

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICER, 2018-2019

Secretary

2-year term

Michael DeLong (243 yes, 16 abstentions)

Lillestrand prayed for the newly elected board members.

18.b. MISSIONARY PERSONNEL LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

The moderator recognized Al Tizon, executive minister of serve globally, and Gary Walter, president of the Covenant, who honored the following five individuals for their missionary service: Cynthia Hoover (Mexico, 2000-2016), Thomas and Janice Kelly (Mexico, 1982-2017); Baxter and Margie Swenson (Ecuador, Colombia, and Covenant Offices, 1975-2017).

36. REPORT FROM PAUL CARLSON PARTNERSHIP

The moderator recognized Renee Hale, executive director of Paul Carlson Partnership, who gave her report. Hale outlined highlights of PCP's medical initiatives and economic development in DR Congo.

39. 2017 BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, who, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended the amendments to the Covenant Bylaws pertaining to the size of the Board of Nominations.

Amendments to Section 10.5.b and 10.5.b.ii reduce the size of the Board of Nominations from thirteen elected members to eleven elected members, and the required number of male or female members from five to four. The proposed amended Bylaw reads as follows:

- b. The Board of Nominations shall have eleven elected members and the ex-officio members identified in these Bylaws. Each member of the Board of Nominations serves all ECC congregations.
 - ii. At least four of the elected members of the Board of Nominations shall be female. At least four of the elected members of the Board of Nominations shall be male.

The motion carried.

On behalf of the Executive Board, Gonzalez recommended amendments to the Covenant Bylaws pertaining to the size of the Board of Trustees of North Park University. Amendments to Section 12.3 increase the number of appointed trustees to North Park University's board, and, therefore, the size of the entire board, which is made up of elected, appointed, and ex-officio members. Currently the size of the total board is 31 to 36 members, of which up to 9 are appointed. The proposed amendment calls for increasing the board to 34 to 39 members, of which up to 12 would be appointed. The proposed amended Section 12.3 reads as follows:

b. The Board of Trustees shall consist of thirty-four to thirty-nine members, comprised of elected members, appointed members, and ex-officio members (defined below). Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be a member in good standing of a member congregation of the ECC or another Christian church as further set forth below. Each member of the Board of Trustees serves all ECC congregations.

i. *Elected Members.*

- (1) Candidates for the Board of Trustees to be elected by the Annual Meeting shall be slated according to the procedures of the Board of Nominations and elected by the Annual Meeting. The Board of Trustees may recommend candidates to the Board of Nominations.
- (2) At least three elected members shall meet the criteria of the ECC policy on ethnic representation.
- (3) At least 20 percent of the elected members shall be clergy and at least 20 percent shall be lay.
- (4) At least nine of the elected members shall be female. At least nine of the elected members shall be male.
- (5) Each elected member shall be a member in good standing of a member congregation of the ECC.
- (6) An elected member may not be elected for consecutive five-year terms.

ii. *Appointed Members.* Up to twelve persons shall be recommended by the Board of Trustees and appointed by the Executive Board for terms of five years. Each appointed member shall be a member in good standing of a Christian church and shall be in harmony with the mission of North Park University. Appointed members are not required to be members of ECC congregations. An appointed member may be suspended or removed for cause only if such action is recommended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the other members of the Board of Trustees and approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the members of the Executive Board. Cause for suspension or removal is failure to perform duties, malfeasance, misfeasance, immorality, indiscretion, unethical behavior, doctrinal error, breach of fiduciary duty owed to the ECC, breach of a duty of confidentiality owed to the ECC, or breach of a duty of loyalty owed to the ECC.

The motion carried.

29.b. 2016 ROUNDTABLE UPDATE: ANNUAL MEETING VISIONING

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, director of operations, and Marti Burger, director of Covenant Events, who provided an update on the 2016 Roundtable on Annual Meeting visioning. Consensus response was that we meet annually, move from hotel to churches or conference centers. A concern was expressed that if we move from meeting annually we may lose some connection, cohesion, and alignment.

In addition to the roundtable discussion, Covenant Events sent an email survey to all churches and one third responded. A team will consider the comments and recommendations. In response to a concern about the expense of sending delegates, Covenant Events is looking into meeting in a church to reduce charges for 2019.

37. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RESPONSE TO DELEGATE QUESTIONS

The moderator recognized Nancy Lewis, who invited superintendents and administrators to answer questions submitted by delegates.

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT—Make and Deepen Disciples

The moderator recognized Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of make and deepen disciples, who reported that more than 400 churches participated in Covenant Bible Experience and about 40,000 Bibles were sent to the churches. She announced that in the fall a similar reading experience called Immerse will be offered.

40. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 132nd COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who recommended that the minutes of the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church be reviewed and corrected by the officers of the Evangelical Covenant Church and approved by the Executive Board.

The motion was seconded and carried.

43. PRAYER FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE ECC

The delegation joined in prayer for the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church. The moderator closed.

44.a. DELEGATE EVALUATION

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who gave instructions for completion of the 2017 Annual Meeting evaluation forms that will be emailed to delegates.

41. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018 GATHER

Rebecca Gonzalez requested the moderator recognize Mark Stromberg, superintendent of the Northwest Conference, who announced that Gather 2018 will be held June 21-23, 2018, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center.

44.b. REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS

The moderator recognized Edward Gilbreath, executive director of communications, who encouraged delegates to refer to the delegate summary when they report back to their congregations. Posted on covchurch.org, the summary highlights the events and action of the 132nd Covenant Annual Meeting.

44.c. CLOSING STATEMENT

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who presented the following resolution of sympathy:

We praise God for the following partners in ministry whom God called to himself since we last met. Their names will be shared in remembrance and gratitude within the Ordination, Commissioning, and Consecration Worship Service.

RESOLVED, that the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church express its sympathy to the families of the Covenant pastors, missionaries, and pastors' spouses who have gone to be with the Lord, and that those families be presented with a program of the worship service in which a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving will be given for their lives and ministry. Since the last Annual Meeting, we have been notified that the following Covenant pastors, missionaries, and pastors' spouses have died:

Pastors

Roy A. Christman, March 18, 2016, Fort Collins, Colorado
Robert D. Wood, July 30, 2016, Whitehall, Michigan
Merle E. Van Heuveln, August 21, 2016, Golden Valley, Minnesota
William H. Liljegren, August 27, 2016, Turlock, California
Chester L. Nelson, August 27, 2016, Spokane, Washington
Dwight M. Carlson, September 2, 2016, Guilford, Connecticut
Robert W. Nelson, September 19, 2016, Louisville, Kentucky
Dolan P. Rundquist, September 26, 2016, Leonardville, Kansas
Carl M. Helgerson, September 30, 2016, Jamestown, Rhode Island
Henry W. Pearson, October 17, 2016, Amery, Wisconsin
Gary L. Ridout, November 27, 2016, Geneva, Illinois
Paul H. Erickson, December 20, 2016, Carol Stream, Illinois
William M. Hector, December 20, 2016, Westminster, Colorado
Craig W. Duffield, January 5, 2017, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

Carol V. Anderson, February 8, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Mary Nella McLaughlin, February 11, 2017, Portland, Oregon
John A. Wood, February 12, 2017, Alhambra, California
Goete M. Bringerud, March 3, 2017, Plantation, Florida
Edmund E. Train, March 5, 2017, Northbrook, Illinois
Stanley R. Henderson, March 10, 2017, Grand Rapids, Michigan
William M. Sandstrom, March 22, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Glen V. Wiberg, March 23, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Missionaries

Virginia M. Rigmark, June 27, 2016, Northbrook, Illinois
Melbourne J. Metcalf, August 7, 2016, Mercer Island, Washington
Roger G. Thorpe, October 7, 2016, Chicago, Illinois

Pastors' Spouses

Rebecca Barnes (Paul), July 20, 2016, Turlock, California
Carolyn Cedarleaf (Douglas), August 26, 2016, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Deane Pearsall (Robert), August 17, 2016, Cromwell, Connecticut
Louella Mae Hubbling (Harry), September 1, 2016, Venice, Florida
Anna Josephson (Albert), September 20, 2016, Surrey, British Columbia
Dolores "Sue" Alger (Gerald), October 11, 2016, Walker, Minnesota
Bernice Stohlberg (Paul), October 25, 2016, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Curtiss L. Mortimer (Dawn), November 8, 2016, Chicago, Illinois
Marilyn Peterson (Gary), February 17, 2017, Des Moines, Washington
Helen Campbell (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

The motion was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez then presented the following resolution of gratitude:

RESOLVED, that the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church express its gratitude to those who have envisioned, planned, served, and executed this meeting with excellence and a deep commitment to Christ and his work in and through the Evangelical Covenant Church:

To the churches of the Great Lakes Conference and particularly the greater Detroit area for hosting Impact Detroit and offering the gift of hospitality;

To the Great Lakes Conference staff, Garth McGrath and Jodi Eidnes; local conference pastors; and special recognition to Faith Covenant Church of Farmington Hills, Michigan, for developing, coordinating and facilitating the Impact Detroit engagements and facilitating transportation services for our delegates and guests;

To moderator Sam Chang, vice-moderator Nancy Lewis, parliamentarian Jonathan Wilson, secretary Jo Wolfe, and backup secretary Norma Ramos, who faithfully and diligently shepherd us through the deliberations—a generous act that will continue to influence and guide our service to Christ, for years to come;

To Barb and Jim Coslow, volunteer coordinators; the sergeants-at-arms and their chair, Greg Applequist; and the tellers and their chair, Bill Dolezal, for overseeing the distribution of materials in the business session and helping us have voice and vote in the meeting;

To the credentials committee and their chair, David Greenidge, and Jill Ulven, Covenant events registrar, who together verified the certified delegates and tallied additional registrants;

To volunteers of all ages who welcomed us with enthusiasm, guided us to our places, served as ushers, and generally helped us have a memorable experience;

To Laura Jackson and facilitators Kimbria James, Azia Raju, and Laura Lynch for coordinating children's ministry this week;

To the worship team—Becky Ykema, Nathan Ykema, Thomas Egler, Randall Wilkens, and Jordan Gilliam—and worship leaders and participants who guided us in worship;

To the speakers who opened God's word during worship times and deepened our understanding of advancing God's mission: morning speaker Marisol Martínez Velázquez; evening speakers Al Tizon, Jack Sara, and Josef Rasheed; CovTalk speakers James Kwek, Donna Erickson, John Kerl, and Cindy Wu;

To William M. Watts Sr. and Marva C. Watts, recipients of the Irving J. Lambert Award, and Douglas Lunde, recipient of the T.W. Anderson Award, for modeling for us the life of servanthood;

To Laura Addis and Michelle Hoeft, who coproduced worship services and business sessions;

To our ECC affiliates, for their strategic insight, partnership and acts of generosity;

To the displayers who created visual reminders of our mission focus and introduced us to the multiple resources available to advance Christ's mission throughout the Evangelical Covenant Church;

To Deana Alarcon who translated worship services and business sessions into Spanish;

To the photographers and videographers who recorded our gathering and its impact for many years to come; we are thankful to all of you for the stories that will now be told as you return to your context and continue to share God's work in and through us;

To the staff of Covenant Communications who managed communication services before, during, and following the event, including design work, printing, reporting, media services, the Bookstore, and preparing our report as we return home;

To the Covenant events team—Marti Burger, director of Covenant events, Brigitte Foltz, manager of Covenant events, and Jill Ulven, registrar—who invested their time and talents in every single detail of this engagement;

To our operations team and colleagues at Covenant Offices for the collaboration, support, encouragement and God-given gifts shared with us during this important season of ministry;

To Covenant leaders (staff and volunteer, board, commission, councils, committee members) who provided input and overall guidance in preparation and served in various roles throughout our time together; and

To all of the Covenant Church delegates, general conferees, and guests who gave of their time, energy, and devotion to deliberate our future mission and celebrate our commitment to seeing more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

RESOLVED, that the Covenant Annual Meeting express its appreciation to those who offered Christian witness, service, skill, organizational excellence, hospitality, and good humor to this 132nd Covenant Annual Meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez requested a point of privilege to present gifts to Jo Wolfe, secretary, Jonathan Wilson, parliamentarian, for their service.

The moderator expressed appreciation to Rebecca Gonzalez for her work.

45. ADJOURNMENT

The moderator prayed and declared the 132nd Covenant Annual Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

46. BENEDICTION

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis gave the benediction.

Annual Meeting Officers

Moderator: Sam Chang

Vice-moderator: Nancy Lewis

Secretary: Jo E. Wolfe

Parliamentarian

Jonathan Wilson

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Roll of Certified Delegates to the 132nd Annual Meeting

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Conference delegate: Aune Carlson
Anchorage, Chugach: Dan Krause
Eagle River: Lori Michero, Todd Michero
Fairbanks: Ken Moore
Nome: Harvey Fiskeaux, Nancy Fiskueax

CANADA CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Jeff Anderson, Linea Lanoie, Raymond Wall

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Surrey, Green Timbers: Andrew Sebanc

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Cheryl Ek, Rebecca Nakamura, Jerome Nelson

ILLINOIS

Batavia: Eric Landin
Chicago, Edgebrook: Greg Mesimore
Chicago, Grace: Ronna Husby
Chicago, North Park: Nancy Bromley, William Bromley, Valerie Sanchez Lucco
Chicago, Oakdale: Darrell Griffin
Chicago, Ravenswood: Mary Anderson, Shari Reyes
Chicago, Resurrection: Scott Hanson
Chicago Heights: Linda Pointer
Dekalb, Hillcrest: Christin Bothe, Joe Bothe
Galesburg: Thomas Ek, Pamela Fritz
Glen Ellyn: Deb Colwill, Jim, Colwill, Anne Jorgensen
Hinsdale: Paul Allen, Martha Morey
Libertyville: Wesley Lindahl, Alicia Reese, Courtney Reese
Moline, Elim: Steven Peterson
Mount Prospect: Marcia Friedman
Naperville: Roy Hori, Scott Stenmark
Oak Lawn: Cathy Gardner, Patricia Petersen
Palatine, DeerGrove: Jinny Koide, Alicia Vela
Princeton: Jon Dietrich, Cindy Musselman, Ken Musselman
Rockford, Broadway: Michael Mirakian
Rockford, First: Christine Aupperle, William Aupperle, Peter Dibley
Stillman Valley: Rick Lindholtz
Villa Park: Kenneth Johnson
Wheaton: Nate Hickox, Abby Soule
Wilmette: Peter Hawkinson, Harold Jenkins, Kathleen Jenkins, Brian Madvig, Meg Madvig

INDIANA

Lafayette: Melissa Bishop, Carol Smith
South Bend: Brian Cook, Jackie Cook

MICHIGAN

Iron River: Wayne Sherwood, James Swanson

MISSOURI

Kirkwood: Carl Helfrich

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee: Charmaine Rabishaw, Shawn Rabishaw

Sheboygan: Chris McKnight, Ethan Tews

EAST COAST CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Howard Burgoyne, David Holder, Tarshia Holder

CONNECTICUT

Berlin: Christopher Ek

Easton: Gerald Lambert

MASSACHUSETTS

Attleboro: Douglas Bixby

Brewster: Kristine Strand

Indian Orchard: Alice Jumba, Francis Nakitare

Orange: Mary Hendrickson

West Peabody: Krista Stevens

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene: Brad Frost, Jenna Frost

NEW JERSEY

Englewood: Clayton Chan

Livingston: John Gillespie, Susan Gillespie

NEW YORK

Bronx: Kanyere Eaton

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Kathy Jackson, Garth McGrath, Thomas Sharkey

MICHIGAN

Canton: Richard Allen, Neil Walker

Dearborn: Adam Elhardt, Derrick Johnson

Detroit, Messiah: John Gibson, Bill Zeigler

Dowagiac: Diana Grabemeyer, William Grabemeyer

Farmington Hills: Marcia Carr, William Dolezal, Rachel Hebda, Bill Orris

Grand Rapids, First: Matthew Meyer, Mary Meyer, Linda Stone

Grand Rapids, Thornapple: Mark Eastburg, Susan Eastburg, Kimberly Korpak, Scott Korpak, Andrew Vanover

Harbert: Dana Davis, Gary Davis

Lansing: Andrew Gates

Livonia: Mozhgon Rajae, Ken White

Manistee: Herb Frost, Paula Frost

Muskegon: Doug Hale, Lisa Hale, David McGowan

Saranac: Angel Harrison-Haefner, Mike Harrison-Haefner, Ken Poor, Rebecca Poor

NEW YORK

Clay: John Goss

Jamestown, First: Julie Anderson, Adam Rohler

Jamestown, Zion: Rick Miller

Rochester: Anna Vos, Elliot Vos

OHIO

Ashtabula: Craig Wickstrom
Fairfield: Rebecca Homan
Willoughby Hills: Carol Dahl, Tim Pool
Youngstown: Lucy Sharkey

MIDSOUTH CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Garth Bolinder, Kim Kelley, Phil Mallory

NEW MEXICO

Las Cruces: Dale Petzold, Roxann Petzold

TEXAS

Carrollton: Marilou Jensen, Mary Anne Jensen
DeSoto: Rodney Gadsden, Brent Stevenson
Sugar Land: Edward Lee

MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Brian Johnson, Tammy Swanson-Draheim, Jim Volling

COLORADO

Castle Rock: Bradley Yoder, Elena Yoder
Littleton, Centennial: Lee Robinson, Valerie Weyand
Loveland, Crossroads: Katie Martinez

IOWA

Pomeroy: Dan Fullerton, Dawn Fullerton

KANSAS

Leonardville: Dwight Diller, Travis Stumpf
Lindsborg: Hank Kummer, Hannah Kummer
Prairie Village: Nick Gentry, Sharon Gentry, Andrea Mahurin, Spencer Mahurin
Salina: Steve Carmichael

MISSOURI

Kearney: Laura Coglan, Mike Coglan

NEBRASKA

Lincoln: Elizabeth Nelson
Oakland: Jim Groth, Steven Hoden
Omaha: Greg Applequist
Wakefield: Annette Chase, Linnea Ek

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Mark Stromberg, Jim Volling

IOWA

Larchwood: Laurel Buwalda

MINNESOTA

Brooklyn Center: Renee Franzen, Hollis Kim
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Dawson: Phillip Tolbert
Greenfield: Denise Kesanen, Keith Robinson
International Falls: Darren Olson

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Shoreview: Daniel Owen
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Trimont: Jordan Honnette, Katie Honnette
Worthington: Jon Loy

NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo: Cal Lindstrom, Kristi Lindstrom

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls: Jill Craig, Molly McFarland

WISCONSIN

Chetek: Noel Cisneros

Poplar: Jan Bustrak

River Falls: Melissa Ertsgaard, Todd Ertsgaard, Jim Harsdorf

Stockholm: Darren Catron

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Donald Robinson, Thomas Robinson

OREGON

Tigard: David Greenidge, Patricia Greenidge

WASHINGTON

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Bellevue, Highland: James Amadon, Mary Peterson, Kay Swanson

Bellevue, Newport: Chris Purrier, Hiromi Purrier

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Des Moines: John DeLong, David Johnson

Kent: Keith Carpenter

Mount Vernon: Randall Wilkens

Pasco: Leo Anderson

Sammamish: Ann Snowberger

Sumner: Karen Flippin, Terry Flippin, Connie Platter, Dan Platter

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Conference delegates: Ali Hasan, Rici Skei, Paul Wilson

ARIZONA

Chandler: William DeVaughn, Ryan Starr

Gilbert: Kent Bertrand

Phoenix, Paradise: DJ Uithoven

CALIFORNIA

Fremont: Bryan Murphy

Granite Bay: Dave Hanson, James Holst

Hilmar: David Ward, Kathy Ward

Kerman: Paul Betancourt, Sheryl Betancourt

Kingsburg, Evangelical: Jay Haworth

Oakland, First: Marcus Amaro, Ruth Hamilton, Lynne Kruse, Doug Robertson, Brenda Smith

Redwood City: Gary Gaddini

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Santa Clara: Scott Loo

HAWAII

Keaau: Jack Snell

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Conference delegate: Robert Owens

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