

133rd Covenant Annual Meeting

Covenant Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Program

Minneapolis Marriott City Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 21-23, 2018

COVENANT MINISTERIUM (Radisson Blu Hotel)

Thursday, June 21

8:30–11:15 a.m.	Worship and education
11:15 a.m.–noon	Business session I
1:30–5 p.m.	Business session II

THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 133RD ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 21

6–8:30 p.m.	Opening celebration and worship service: commissioning of missionaries, celebration of lifetime service recipients, celebration of retiring leaders Speaker: Gary Walter
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Friday, June 22

8:30 a.m.–noon	Business session I
1:30–4:30 p.m.	Business session II
7:30–9 p.m.	Installation service Speaker: Tammy Swanson-Draheim

Saturday, June 23

8:30 a.m.–noon	Business session III
1:30–4:30 p.m.	Business session IV
7:30–9 p.m.	Service of ordination and commissioning Speaker: Curtis Ivanoff

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Covenant Ministerium

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 21, 2018

1 p.m.–5 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Catherine Gilliard, president, called the meeting to order.

PRAYER

Robert Johnson, vice-president, prayed.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

Adoption of Standing Rules. Parliamentarian Steve Bilynskyj moved the adoption of the standing rules. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Agenda, including Consent Agenda Items. Amanda Olson requested a motion called “Pathway to Unity” be added to the agenda. The motion instructs the Board of the Ordered Ministry to form a task force of Covenant clergy charged to care for the unity of the church in regard to our position toward and relationship with LGBTQ congregants. The request was sent by President Gilliard to the Board of the Ordered Ministry for consideration. Steve Bilynskyj explained that this ruling is the appropriate path for such motions according to the bylaws. Greg Applequist was recognized by the chair to report on the work currently being done on the Board. Doug Bixby challenged the motion being deferred. The referral stood due to Ministerium procedure. The president read the motion. “Pathway to Unity” was referred to the Board.

The agenda as presented was approved.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- i. Report on the Approval of 2017 Minutes
- ii. Authorization for Approval Process for 2018 Minutes
- iii. 2017–2018 Financial Report
- iv. 2017–2018 Audit Report
- v. 2018 Proposed amendment to spread on minutes for action in 2019:

Amend Section 3.1, which now reads:

Section 3.1. Membership in the Covenant Ministerium is defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church. All members shall maintain good standing in a regional ministerial association. Good standing within the Covenant Ministerium includes annual dues, a current profile, annual completion of a vocational growth tool and regular healthy connections with ministerial colleagues. Licensed theological students, ministers and missionaries in the inactive category, and ministers serving ECC congregations without ECC credentials shall be associate members without voting privileges or the holding of office in the Covenant Ministerium.

by removing “Licensed theological students” in the last sentence, so as to read:

Ministers and missionaries in the inactive category, and ministers serving ECC congregations without ECC credentials shall be associate members without voting privileges or the holding of office in the Covenant Ministerium.

Rationale: The LTS category is no longer offered.

vi. Appointments

Parliamentarian—Steve Bilynskyj

Sergeants-at-arms—Paul Peterson, Erika Haub, Katey Hage, Rick Mylander

Tellers—Ethel Davis, Derek Boggs, Rick Lindholtz

Resolutions—Mary Peterson

Good Standing Requirement. Robert Johnson reviewed the good standing requirements for members of the Ministerium.

Recognition of Guest. Dan Springer introduced George Boka president of Communauté Evangelique de l’Ubangi Mongala (CEUM).

Greetings from Colleagues. Dan Springer announced that all greetings from colleagues unable to attend are posted on the Ministerium Annual Meeting website under General Business Items.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2017 REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The revisions to the Ministerium Constitution and Bylaws presented in 2016 for vote in 2017, presented for vote at this meeting were approved.

CENTRO HISPANO ESTUDIOS TEOLOGICOS (CHET)

Ed Delgado, president of CHET brought greetings and referred the Ministerium to his written report on the website (contained in the Annual Report of the ECC).

NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

David Kersten, dean, spoke of the Covenant Scholars Program designed to ease finances for students. There are ten students this year. The seminary hopes to make this scholarship program the primary means of financial aid.

A much needed rehab of Nyvall Hall is planned, including the kitchen, chapel, air conditioning, bathrooms, and, hopefully, an elevator to all levels.

NPTS is celebrating Carl Balsam who has been helpful to the seminary in his role as interim president of NPU.

West Coast Ignite has forty-three students who are serving in ministry while going to school at a 50 percent tuition discount. They would like to do Ignite East Coast.

Stateville Cohort—seminary classes at Stateville Correctional Center—will launch this fall with forty students. Students will earn an MA degree and serve as peer mentors in prison.

New teaching fellows at the seminary include Armida Belmonte Stephens (theology), J. Nathan Clayton (Old Testament), and Michael Walker (theology with focus on disability ministries).

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Carl Balsam, interim president, introduced Mary Karsten Surridge, current vice-president of advancement, as the nominee for president of NPU. Balsam said that Surridge has been a friend to NPU for over twenty years and has contributed to its success. Surridge knows the landscape of Christian higher education and higher education in general. She has a passion for both NPU and NPTS and is a person of great faith and humility.

Surridge said she is grateful for the legacy of the Covenant Church and North Park, which is a compass for the future. Her vision is for NPU to be the institution of discovery and high academic quality in a world-class city, stressing a life of faith and a daily walk with Jesus, remaining a strong, vibrant, and relevant Christian university. She operates from relational and historic strength with the ECC and aims to work collaboratively with the denomination.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

On behalf of the Board of Ordered Ministry, Dick Lucco and Carol Lawson recommended the following candidates for the ordination to word and sacrament. 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 parentheses.

Melvin G. Ardón
Jonathan C. Baek
Judith K. Behnke (Richard G. Mylander)
Michael J. Bingeman (Paul DeNeui)
Barbara J. Bjelland (Dennis K. Carlson)
Kevin Brown (Paul DeNeui)
Hefti E. Brunold III
Taylor K. Burgoyne (Howard Burgoyne)
Troy B. Cady
Julie J. Capel (Paul DeNeui)
C. Reynolds Chapman IV
Jeanette D. Christianson (Doug Bixby, Beth Ernest)
Timothy R. Coyer (Mark Chapman)
Kevin P. Diamond (Rick Lindholtz)
Jonathan L. Dietrich
Kari J. Dubord
Alvaro “Willy” Franco
Meagan S. Gillan (Mary Miller)
Matthew S. Gillis
Kathryn E. Hage
David A. Ho Sang
Cynthia J. Hoover (Paul DeNeui, Mary Miller, Dennis K. Carlson, Beth Ernest)
Jonathan C. Hovey (Catherine Gilliard)
Jeffrey W. Hunter (Herbert Hedstrom)
Andrew H. Hyun
Andrea M. Johnson

Denise A. Johnson (Rick Lindholtz)
Andreton J. Jones
Timothy L. Keener (Rick Lindholtz)
Margaret A. Kohring (Carol Shimmin Nordstrom)
Jonathan B. MacDonald
Mary C. March
Matthew D. Mattoon
Claire N. McClun
Tyler J. Menssen (Paul DeNeui)
Deborah C. M. Montzingo (Erika Haub)
Stephanie K. W. O'Brien
Amanda M. Oppenhuizen
Joel J. Osterlund
Christopher R. Pappenfus
Kors Pater
Benjamin R. Pease
Heather J. Perkins
Scott M. Peterson (Catherine Gilliard)
Elizabeth L. Piotrowski (Herbert Hedstrom)
Justin O. Porath
Preston W. Pouteaux
Tomás V. Sanabria
Katherine M. Schoen
Philip A. Skei
Amy J. Smith
Nicole S. Smith
Daniel W. Stringer
Andrew R. Sturdy (Paul DeNeui)
Stephen J. Wiens
Edrin C. Williams
Robert M. Zurinsky (Beth Ernest)

Prayer was offered by Nancy Ebner.

NOMINEE FOR EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF DEVELOP LEADERS ORDERED MINISTRY

a. **Report and Nomination from the Board of the Ordered Ministry.** Mark Pattie, chair of the nominating committee, reviewed the search and approval process. From thirty nominations, including a diversity of ethnicity and gender, five candidates were asked to write statements. Pattie described the nominee, Lance Davis, as “collegial, a team-builder, relational, a learner, comfortable with success and failure, and a man of deep, daily spiritual practices.” Davis, he said, emphasized being present with one another as a way to growth and discernment. He makes significant decisions openly, working with a team. He believes in and loves the ECC, our heritage, the church we are, and the church we are becoming.

b. **Nominee Statement.** Davis spoke of and thanked four influential women in his life: his wife, Kara Davis; his mother, Phyllis Davis (a recent NPTS grad), his cousin Debbie Griffith Samuels; and his sister Leslie. Thanking the nomi-

nating committee, he recognized others who were nominated for the position. He spoke of his experience in preaching, being a pastor among pastors. He told about his organization for clean water in Ghana that is now starting a church. Davis's church in Dolton, Illinois, is in a building that was used for drugs. The food pantry he started now feeds more than 140,000 people. He started a robotics program that has helped kids go on to education. Davis wants to build competency and compassion among clergy and to develop training for lay leaders. He is committed to getting to know each of us, build relationship with pastors in all areas. He believes he is called to this role "for such a time as this."

c. **Discussion.** Paul Corner asked about the way forward in the LGBTQ discussion. Davis acknowledged the pain of being marginalized, while upholding the ECC position. He said he would always listen and embrace. Aaron Johnson asked about the relationship between Scripture versus freedom. Davis said our freedom within Christ has boundaries, but the freedom is the ability to live freely in Christ. He related that to inner peace that allows us to handle issues peacefully. Tyler Mennsen asked about resourcing ethnic communities that they might become more involved in the ECC, conference, meetings, etc. Davis said that though we have come a long way, we need new ways to help us attend meetings, citing technology as a road to explore. Jeff Hunter gave a word of testimony for Davis in his work in a class in prison ministry the pastor attended. Doug Bixby asked about Davis's reflections on how a better ecclesiology might help us move forward in discussions on sexuality. Davis said he thinks the resources coming forth are helpful. We are talking about human beings.

d. **Vote of Concurrence.** Ministerium voted on whether to affirm the nomination of Lance Davis.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

Dan Springer called forward clergy who had reached the age of sixty-five. They were honored for their long years of service to God and the church (asterisk indicates attendance).

Dennis V. Anderson, Granby, Connecticut
Isolde K. Anderson, Holland, Michigan
Steven H. Annin, Tiburon, California
Conway G. Boyce, Brooklyn, New York
Anita L. Carey, Miami, Florida*
Egbert Carey, Miami, Florida*
Dennis K. Carlson, Farmington Hills, Michigan*
James H. DeGrado, Orlando, Florida
H. Alan Eagle, McKenna, Washington
Donald C. Ebb, St. Paul, Minnesota
Thomas L. Ek, Galesburg, Illinois*
J. Peter Erickson, Iron Mountain, Michigan
Susan G. Fabbro, Redwood City, California
Deborah J. Griffith-Samuels, Oak Park, Illinois
Florence E. Gustafson, Lynnwood, Washington*
Keith R. Gustafson, Lynnwood, Washington*
Timothy H. Heintzelman, Gahanna, Ohio*

Donald J. Holmertz, Decorah, Iowa*
Cynthia J. Hoover, Pompano Beach, Florida
Holly L. Hovestol, Arden Hills, Minnesota*
Mark R. Hovestol, Arden Hills, Minnesota*
Daniel F. Johnson, Hilmar, California*
Don N. Johnson, Rochester, Minnesota*
Robert W. Johnson, Turlock, California*
Timothy L. Johnson, Chicago, Illinois*
Byung-Du Jun, Eugene, Oregon
Glenn H. Kaiser, Chicago, Illinois
Mark T. Kelly, Duluth, Minnesota
John L. Kerl, Caluire, France*
John W. Konieczko, Columbia, South Carolina
Jerry M. Kosanovich, Aurora, Minnesota
John G. LeVahn, Alexandria, Minnesota
Richard J. McRostie Jr., Eureka, California
Mark R. Meredith, Sammamish, Washington
Thomas W. Miller, Zionsville, Indiana*
Ken A. Moore, Fairbanks, Arkansas*
Marc L. Murchison, Mountain Village, Alaska
Mark A. Novak, Gig Harbor, Washington
David T. Olson, Plymouth, Minnesota*
Josef Rasheed, DeSoto, Texas*
Donald T. Robinson, Mt. Vernon, Washington*
Helen D. Smith, DR Congo
Jeffrey A. Stewart, Hickory, North Carolina
Richard M. Taylor, Monroe, Washington
Timothy L. Theurer, Mariposa, California
Randall W. Thyberg, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Manuel D. Valencia, Rialto, California
Dale S. Vallejo-Sanderson, Kailua, Hawaii*
Anibal Vasquez, Bell Gardens, California

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR MINISTERIUM
OFFICERS

The following names with bios were presented as candidates for election:

President

David Swanson

Liz Mosbo VerHage

Vice Secretary

Javier Corillo

Mark Tao

There were no nominations from the floor. Both nominations closed, and the the vote was held.

ECC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gary Walter's final report as president began by reminding us that God knows our names, something Gary learned as a young man in a Covenant church. He then reported the following highlights.

We are touching more people than at any time in our history.

We find a relational home in the ECC. When Jesus had something hard to say to the rich young ruler. "Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him" a hard truth. We can't say hard truths without love.

The Covenant Executive Board has commissioned a new resource paper on freedom and responsibility. A team will be nominated and put together by the Executive Board, followed by a scope team, a broader group. Then there will be opportunities for everyone to comment. It will be an open process. A writing team will submit their work to the Board of Ordered Ministry, redraft, submit to the Council of Administrators, Council of Superintendents, back to Board of the Ordered Ministry, and so forth.

Gary asked our Hispanic brothers and sisters to stand. He acknowledged the pain of recent days with the separation of children at the border. "Your lives matter." When you are under-resourced, you are underrepresented, he said.

Gary reported that the church had needed a chief ministry office, and so he hired Dick Lucco as executive director for ministry development. Gary expressed praise for and thanks to Dick.

In concluding his report, Gary said, "Fare thee well as you go deeper in Christ and further in mission." He received a standing ovation.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Dick Lucco and Carol Lawson presented the following candidates for ordination to word and service. The Ministerium approved the candidates for recommendation to the Covenant Annual Meeting. Individual seconds are indicated in parentheses.

Ordination to Word and Service

Daniel S. Bruggeman (Paul DeNeui)

Connie C. Carrillo

Christopher A. Logan (Mary Miller)

Dieula Previlon

Jordanna M. Sadri

Stephen E. Salowitz

Jennifer L. Trees

Crystal A. Vogt

Dany Flores prayed.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE MINISTER'S REPORT

Dick Lucco offered thanks to many people, including the Ministerium, for serving often in tough places, to the many who have been praying for him and for those who have not been happy with him, for the many clergy getting their credentials in order to be able to vote at this meeting, the Develop Leaders staff, to the Board for Ordered Ministry in this difficult year, and to Catherine Gilliard, for creating space for conversations—conversations we should be having in our

churches, retreats, and conferences. Dick said it has been an honor to serve the church, and, he said, his service among us for forty plus years has formed him. We have just sent in a Lilly Grant proposal for \$1,000,000 on resilience in ministry. “Take care of yourself—body, mind, and spirit,” he said.

Dick quoted a Tibetan proverb: “The secret to a long life is to eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure” He said he has added, “pray constantly” and admonished us from Romans 12:9ff. “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” He quoted Heather Larson, executive pastor at Willow Creek, who started shortly before the blowup there: “I choose to be here. I choose to keep showing up. I choose to put one foot in front of the others. I choose to have hope there is way though this storm. I choose to live God will redeem this situation in ways we never could ever imagine.

A presentation was made to Dick Lucco citing his extraordinary service. The Ministerium gave a monetary gift in partnership with the denomination to Dick and his wife, Val, for a much-needed vacation.

VOTING RESULTS

a. **Nominee Concurrence.** Catherine Gilliard reported the results of the vote on Lance Davis for executive minister of develop leaders/ordered ministry: 447 ballots were cast—426 concurring, 21 non-concurring. Concurrence carried.

b. **New Ministerium Officers**

President: David Swanson (170), Liz Mosbo VerHage (267).
Liz Mosbo VerHage was elected.

Vice-secretary: Javier Carrillo (148), Mark Tao (287).
Mark Tao was elected.

c. **Recognition of Outgoing Members of Ministerium Executive Committee.** Dan Springer gave thanks to the members of the Ministerium Executive Committee who were concluding their service: John Martz (Midwest), Sarah Hammersburg (Pacific Northwest), Ed Lee (Midsouth), David Johnson (Canada), and Mary Peterson (ACCW).

d. **Recognition of Outgoing Ministerium Officers.** Lavern Holdeman gave thanks to Catherine Gilliard, out-going president, and Dan Springer, out-going vice-secretary.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL

On behalf of the Board of Ordered Ministry, Dick Lucco and Carol Lawson presented the following candidates for finalization of transfer of ordination and for commissioning. The Ministerium approved the candidates for recommendation to the Covenant Annual Meeting. Individual seconds are indicated in parentheses.

Finalization of Transfer of Ordination

John C. Bangs
Sung Hoon Hwang (Richard G. Mylander)
James D. Kwek
Daniel C. Palomino
Elliott E. Scott

Commissioning

Amy N. Dufrene

Sarah E. Monson

Jim Holtz offered prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF ECC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Catherine Gilliard introduced John Wenrich, nominee for president of the ECC.

Wenrich said there are three things we should know about him. “One, I follow God as best I can relying on the Holy Spirit.” He wants to be known for how he follows, not just how he leads, leaving a legacy of “followership.” A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit is a deep and life-sustaining commitment for him. He has tried to guard his heart against presumption. Two, he loves the ECC and our mosaic of Mission Friends. He felt he had found the pearl of great price when he came into the Covenant and still does. He called all of us—men, women, all ages, all of us—to rise to new challenges. Three, he said he leads out of spiritual brokenness. He is not a culture warrior, he is a Christ follower. He got into ministry not to win an argument but to lay down his life for the sake of the whole gospel; he entered ministry to make a difference, not a point.

A time of questioning the candidate followed. Jodi Mullen Fondell acknowledged that Wenrich is not a person of color or a woman and asked about hearing the voice of the LGBTQ community who are believers and want a voice. Wenrich said he feels we haven’t had the conversation on sexuality yet. In the ECC, we want to lead with love. These are our people, our sons and daughters. If the gospel is not good news for them, it is not good news for anybody. He said, you are made in the image of God if you are gay—you belong here. He is sorry for how some have been treated. “I love you. God loves you,” he said. He pointed to Michelle Sanchez’s work to develop resources that are compassionate. He has been spending a lot of time reaching out to various groups and people about LGBTQ, he said. He cited the discerned position—we have taken vows as clergy to live and act within that.

Larry Kamphausen asked how he will, as president, lead by stepping back and allow the leading to come from the priesthood of all believers? Wenrich said he has been seeking to model that by meeting with various people to learn from them, including bringing them to Chicago. Leaders model how to learn, he said.

DIRECTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLERGY PENSION PLAN

Paul Hawkinson, Covenant treasurer and executive director of finance, offered an abbreviated view of considered changes to the pension plan. Our defined benefits plan does not work for everyone, he said—people are living longer and we haven’t changed the rate of pension. He did say, “ECC plan evaluations are from a position of strength. We have a quarter billion dollars in assets.”

The guiding principles of the Board of Pension are:

- Ensure highest quality retirement benefits for our pastorate.
- Ensure long-term plan health, deliver 100 percent of benefits earned.
- Optimize offerings to better match diverse service pathways.
- Increase fairness and access for under-resourced settings.

- Honestly evaluate risk, protect the church and its servants.
- Listen well to a wide ECC constituency, seek expert advice.
- Understand economic and other (ministerial) effects of change.
- Alongside Lilly work, ensure that education is central.

The Pension Board hopes to make a presentation of the changes at the 2019 Annual Meeting with implementation by December 31, 2019. For the next twelve months the board will focus on what a new plan will look like. A new IT plan will be launched so that we will have access to our pension data. Changes will include:

- Closure of defined benefit plan to new participants (December 2019)
- Select amendments to the remaining plan
- Optional buyouts offered to “inactive vested” participants
- Optional election for active pastors to freeze current accrued benefit
- New pastors (and new money for frozen accounts) enter a 403b(9)
- Will remain mandatory at some material level (~10%) of church funding
- Credential requirements under review
- Match funding mechanism for under-resourced settings
- Match funding sustained by Lilly/ECC/donors/resourced churches
- Pensioners: no impact, while excess “gains” inure to benefits
- Inactive vesteds: optional liquidity
- Actives: optional freeze, creating a hybrid plan
- Ministerium: two-plan environment for extended period
- New pastors: compelling, long-term/portable 403b plan
- Tailored education a central theme/Lilly integration

MINISTERIUM BUDGET FOR 2019

Lavern Holdeman presented the budget for 2019, which was approved. See Addendum.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

On behalf of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, Dick Lucco and Carol Lawson presented the following motions for approval:

a. **Approval of Licenses.** That the list of applicants seeking ministerial licenses be approved. The Ministerium approved the granting of licenses to those listed. Their names appear in the list of ministers in the *2018/2019 Covenant Yearbook*.

b. **Change in Standing.** That the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals has been moved from active to inactive: Gregory DuBois (OWSa), Richard McCaskill (CSM), David Sutton (OWSa). The motion was approved. Greg Applequist offered prayer.

That the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of Karen Lichlyter-Klein has been moved from leave of absence to inactive. The motion was approved.

That the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals has been moved from active to leave of absence: Carla Dymont (OWSa), Christopher Kalton (OWSa). The motion was approved.

That the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals has been moved from inactive to active: Mary Hendrickson (OWSa), B. Daniel Nikolich (OWSa), Matthew Randles (OWSa). The motion was approved.

That the Covenant Ministerium approve the report to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the following individuals have resigned their ministerial standing and requested that their names be removed from the roster of Covenant ministers: Timothy Beam (OWSa), Tracy Hufschmid (OWSa), David Aaron Johnson (OWSa), John Lindt (OWSa). The motion was approved. Dick Lucco offered prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, CONT'D

Steve Bilynskyj was asked to re-explain the ruling President Gilliard made on the “Pathway to Unity.” He did so, citing Article 6, Section 1 of the ECC Ministerium Constitution and By-laws:

Section 6.1. Any matters arising in the Covenant Ministerium relating to the ordination, licensure, commissioning, consecration, and discipline of ministers and missionaries, and matters of policy or principle regarding the Rules of the Ordered Ministry or the work of the Board of the Ordered Ministry shall be referred to the Board of the Ordered Ministry for consideration and recommendation before action by the Covenant Ministerium.

SEASON OF PRAYER—GUIDED PRAYER BY MINISTERIAL COMMUNITY

Mary Peterson, president of ACCW, led in a time of remembering the pastors, missionaries, and clergy spouses who died in the past year. The names are listed in the minutes of the 133rd Annual Meeting of the ECC.

Looking back on the reports and discussion of the day, the following resolutions were entered:

Whereas we have been reminded that there is no mess like a church mess, therefore be it resolved that we will continue to move the dial through healthy conversations regarding sexuality, women in ministry, racial inclusion, and thriving in ministry.

Whereas we have learned about the impact of large abdominal circumferences, therefore be it resolved that we will make efforts to be healthy pastors—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Whereas we have new leaders in many levels of our denomination, therefore be it resolved that we will cover these women and men with prayer and may God lead them, guide them, and direct their steps as they follow you.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ernest, Secretary

ADDENDUM

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2019

	2018-2019 Proposed
Income	
Dues	\$128,000.00
Annual Meeting Registration	12,500.00
Other Income	00.0
Total Income	\$140,500.00
Expenses	
<i>General Expenses</i>	
SPE	\$50,000.00
Annual Meeting	10,000.00
Executive Committee	25,000.00
Administration	200.00
<i>Midwinter Scholarships</i>	
Pastors, chaplains, retired pastors	24,000.00
North Park Theological Seminary	3,000.00
<i>Organizations and Ministries</i>	
Women Intern Grants	6,000.00
Diversity Intern Grants	6,000.00
ACCW	3,000.00
Covenant Quarterly	500.00
CHET	1,000.00
NPTS Deacon's Fund	5,000.00
Financial Leadership	1,000.00
Ministers' Crisis Fund	3,000.00
Western Alaska Training	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$139,700.00
Net Income	800.00
Beginning Cash Balance	13,327.56
To Ministers' Crisis Fund (Paid)	0
Ending Cash Balance	14,127.56
To Ministers' Crisis Fund (Accrued)¹	0

¹ This is the excess over \$15,000 that is budgeted to accrue at the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year (amount as yet unknown) that will be paid to the Ministers' Crisis Fund in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

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FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 22, 2018
8:39 a.m.

1. MORNING WORSHIP

Moderator Sam Chang called the business session of the 133rd Annual Meeting to order. Beth Severson, director of evangelism, and Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of make and deepen disciples, spoke during a time of worship.

2. OPENING STATEMENT BY THE MODERATOR

The moderator 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 available in Spanish.

3. GREETING FROM NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

The moderator recognized Mark Stromberg, superintendent of the Northwest Conference, who greeted the assembly on behalf of the conference and its churches.

4a. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS AND MOTION

The moderator recognized Karen Figueroa, chair of the credentials committee, who presented the following motion: “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 133rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church.”

Figueroa then reported that registration as of Friday morning included 768 credentialed voting delegates and 292 additional registrants in various non-voting categories for a total registered conference attendance of 1,060.

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 2018 COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

1) Obtaining the Floor

Only persons wearing appropriate credentials as delegates, advisers, or resource persons may be present on the floor of the Annual Meeting or request speaking privi-

leges. 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 10 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 moves 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) Run-off Elections

In the case of an election with three or more candidates, if no candidate receives a

majority of votes after two rounds of voting, then beginning with the third round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes in that round will be eliminated. In the event of a tie among the lowest vote-getters, those tied will not be eliminated in that round. A candidate may withdraw at any point. Voting rounds will continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

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*

Michael DeLong, *secretary*

Jonathan Wilson, *parliamentarian*

Rebecca Gonzalez, *secretary of the Covenant*

Gary B. Walter, *president of the Covenant*

The motion to adopt the standing rules carried.

The moderator recognized Kyle Fletcher, technician from LumiGlobal, who introduced delegates to LUMI, an electronic voting system.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

1:30 p.m.

Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award

2:45 p.m.

Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition

3:00 p.m.

Ministerial Credentials

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m.

T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award

11:00 a.m.

2019 Mission and Ministry Budget

Reports exceeding the ten (10) minute time limit per Standing Rule 3.a are marked with an asterisk.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

1. Morning Worship
2. Opening Statement by the Moderator
3. Greeting from Northwest Conference Superintendent Mark Stromberg

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

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

STATE OF THE MISSION

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

MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSION

9. Action on Churches Applying for Membership

- a. Recognition and Prayer

10. Church Planter Commissioning

- a. Recognition and Prayer

11. Action on Removal of Churches from the Roster

- a. Recognition and Prayer

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOR THE MISSION

12. Election of President of the Evangelical Covenant Church

- a. Report of the Presidential Nominating Committee
- b. Vote
- c. Results

13. Election of Executive Minister of Develop Leaders and Ordered Ministry

- a. Report of the Board of the Ordered Ministry's Nominating Committee
- b. Vote
- c. Results

14. Call of President of North Park University

- a. Report of the North Park University's Presidential Nominating Committee
- b. Vote
- c. Results

15. Board Elections*

- a. Presentation of Ballot
 - a.1. Executive Board
 - a.2. Board of the Ordered Ministry
 - a.3. Board of Pensions and Benefits
 - a.4. Board of Benevolence
 - a.5. Board of Trustees of North Park University
 - a.6. Board of Nominations
 - a.7. Annual Meeting Officers
- b. Vote
- c. Results

16. Actions to Be Taken from the Ordered Ministry (*Time Certain– Friday 3:00 p.m.*)

- a. Approval of Licenses
- b. Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination
- d. Presentation of Candidate for Commissioning
- e. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service
- f. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament
- g. Change in Standing

HONORING FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE MISSION

17. Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition (*Time Certain–Friday 2:45 p.m.*)

18. Missionary Service Recognition

19. Recognition of Gary Walter, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church

20. Recognition of Executive Board Members Concluding Term of Service*

21. Recognition of Robert Owens, Southeast Conference Superintendent
22. Recognition of Carl Balsam, Interim President of North Park University
23. Recognition of Harold Spooner, Former President of Covenant Initiatives for Care
24. T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award (*Time Certain–Saturday 9:00 a.m.*)
25. Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award (*Time Certain–Friday 1:30 p.m.*)

FUNDING THE MISSION

26. Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Report*
27. Presentation and Adoption of the 2019 Mission and Ministry Budget*
(*Time Certain–Saturday 11 a.m.*)
28. Report from the Board of Pensions and Benefits*
 - a. Current Status
 - b. Future Considerations of Covenant Clergy Pension Plan

DIMENSIONS OF THE MISSION

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

ORGANIZING FOR MISSION

38. Approval of Minutes of 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting
39. Arrangements for 2019 Annual Meeting

PREPARING TO GO FORTH IN MISSION

40. Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the ECC
41. Delegate Evaluation
42. Report to Congregations
43. Closing Statement
 - a. Resolution of Sympathy
 - b. Resolution of Gratitude
44. Adjournment
45. Benediction

Annual Meeting Officers

Moderator: Sam Chang

Vice-moderator: Nancy Lewis

Secretary: Michael DeLong

Parliamentarian: Jonathan Wilson

President: Gary Walter

Secretary of the Covenant: Rebecca Gonzalez

Herbert Hedstrom, delegate from North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois, moved to amend the agenda with the addition of the following main motion:

“Move that the Annual Meeting approve the formation of a diverse task force which is comprised of three lay leaders and one pastor from each conference and whose composition includes gender, ethnic, theological, and sexual diversity, for the purpose of in-depth study, prayer, and discernment of a way forward on the topic of human sexuality that strives to preserve our unity as the body of Christ. The task force will be co-chaired by two ECC-ordained theologians who hold differing perspectives on the topic and are appointed by the dean of North Park Theological Seminary. The task force will provide a recommendation to the 2019 Annual Meeting for consideration.”

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded.

Debate followed with comments both in favor of and against the motion. A delegate called for the question to end debate, and delegates voted to end debate. The LUMI device was used to vote on the motion, and the motion to amend the agenda failed (yes-294, no-538, abstain-10).

The motion to adopt the proposed agenda as presented, with corrections to sequential numbering on the last two items of the printed agenda, 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:

International guests: Francisco Ivan Carrasco, president of the Covenant Church of Argentina; Jules Mboka, president of CEUM, DR Congo; Reinhard Spincke, leader of the Free Protestant Church in Northern Germany.

Emeriti: Debbie Blue, Evelyn Johnson, Novella Larson, Robert Larson, Doreen Olson, Glenn Palmberg, Sharon Palmberg.

Award Recipients: Karen Brewer, Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award; Dave and Kathy DeVries, T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award

Al Tizon, executive minister of Serve Globally, introduced the international guests, who brought greetings.

The motion to approve the honorary delegates was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez recommended the approval of the following individuals as resource persons:

Donn Engebretson, Gayle Gilreath, Jacqueline Holt, Curt Peterson, Advancement; Jane Chao, Stan Friedman, Cathy Norman Peterson, Jane Swanson-Nystrom, Communications; Lawrence Anderson, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence; Terri Cunliffe, Covenant Retirements Communities; Tanya Constanza, Carol Lawson, Theresa Marks, Danielle Ng, Develop Leaders; Christina Kempe, Fredrik Wall, Finance; Dominique Gilliard, Adam Gustine, Love Mercy, Do Justice; Tim Ciccone, Meagan Gillan, Beth Seversen, Make and Deepen Disciples; Rob Hall, Peter Hedstrom, Rollie Persson, National Covenant Properties; Scott Stenmark, Mary Surridge, North Park University; Marti Burger, Norma Ramos, Operations; Jonathan Wilson, Parliamentarian; Chris Hagberg, President's Office; Craig Anderson, Darlene Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Gretchen DeNeui, Paul

DeNeui, Renee Hale, Dave Husby, John Kerl, Letha Kerl, Cat Knarr, Deb Masten, Chrissy Palmerlee, Josef Rasheed, Eugenio Restrepo, Pia Restrepo, Mark Severen, Bob Shim, Grace Shim, Catherine Werner, Serve Globally; Shaun Marshall, Alex Rahill, Start and Strengthen Churches.

The motion was seconded and carried.

11. ACTION ON REMOVAL OF CHURCHES FROM THE ROSTER

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who on the recommendation of the respective conferences and on behalf of the Executive Board, moved that the following churches be removed from the roster of member churches:

Withdrawn

- First Covenant Church, Cadillac, Michigan
- Elim Evangelical Covenant Church, Stockholm, South Dakota
- Creekside Community Covenant Church, San Leandro, California

Closed

- The River Covenant, Kenai, Alaska
- Chicago Woori Church, Schaumburg, Illinois
- Sojourner Covenant Church, Evanston, Illinois
- Evangelical Covenant Church of Portage, Portage, Indiana
- Evangelical Covenant Church, Ridgway, Pennsylvania
- Life Church of Mt. Juliet, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
- Colorado Ridge Church, Westminster, Colorado
- First Covenant Church, Ashland, Wisconsin
- Martha Lake Covenant Church, Lynnwood, Washington

Merger

- Bethlehem Covenant Church, Worcester, Massachusetts
- Great Exchange Covenant Church (GRX Union City), Union City, California

The motion to remove the churches from the roster carried.

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

9. ACTION ON 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 on behalf of the Executive Board, Wenrich moved that the 133rd Annual Meeting accept the following churches into membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church:

Church	Approximate Membership	Approximate Attendance
EAST COAST CONFERENCE		
Church of the Resurrection Bronx, New York	20	100

Highrock Covenant Church Acton Acton, Massachusetts	40	200
Highrock Covenant Church Quincy Quincy, Massachusetts	30	110
Newton Covenant Church Newton, Massachusetts	175	150
Promised Land Covenant Church Bronx, New York	60	600
Sanctuary Church Providence, Rhode Island	70	400
MIDWEST CONFERENCE		
Faith Connection Covenant Church Washington, Kansas	25	50
Shalom Covenant Church Urbandale, Iowa	75	140
NORTHWEST CONFERENCE		
Catalyst Covenant Church St. Paul, Minnesota	150	200
City of Lakes Covenant Church Minneapolis, Minnesota	65	95
Genesis Covenant Church St. Louis Park, Minnesota	250	260
Grace Outreach Covenant Church Coon Rapids, Minnesota	35	60
New Evangelical Covenant Church Minneapolis, Minnesota	27	119
Renew Covenant Church Eau Claire, Wisconsin	100	215
PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE		
Disciple Community Covenant Church Bellevue, Washington	12	70
SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE		
Bridge to Grace Covenant Church Riverdale, Georgia	135	70

Individually, the churches were accepted into membership of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and the moderator declared them to be full members. Doris Granberry, Executive Board member, prayed for the new congregations.

10. CHURCH PLANTER COMMISSIONING

The moderator recognized Alex Rahill, director of church planting, who introduced the church planters.

ALASKA CONFERENCE

Phil Cannon, Mountain View Hope Covenant Church, Anchorage, Alaska

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Jeremy Falk, Uptown Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Andrew Morrell, REAL Community Covenant Church, Marion, Indiana

EAST COAST CONFERENCE

Stuart and Jody Chadban, Hope Upper Eastside Covenant Church, New York, New York

Drew Jackson, Hope East Village Covenant Church, New York, New York

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

Bobby Benavides, New Community Covenant Church, Elkins, West Virginia

Joey Maldonado, The Movement: An Evangelical Covenant Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Harvey Cozart, Hope City Church, Richmond, Kentucky

MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Darryl Answer, New Community Covenant Church, Kansas City, Missouri

David Barton, Trailhead Covenant Church, Longmont, Colorado

Mark Hawke, Erie's Front Porch, Erie, Colorado

Josh Ferris, Restoration Church, Loveland, Colorado

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Kevin Farmer, Epiphany Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Aaron Freer, Genesis East Covenant Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Trin Peterson, Eden Community: An Evangelical Covenant Church,
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Erico Ortega, Nuevo Pacto, Fridley, Minnesota

JD and ChristianAnn Larson, Mill City Church, North Minneapolis,
Minnesota

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Justin Noseworthy, All Things New Covenant Church, Monterey, California

Chris Ivens, Tree of Life Covenant Church, Roseville, California

Eddie Park, Hug Covenant Church, Brea, California

Eva Monzon, Maranatha Covenant Church, Los Angeles, California

Reynaldo Mora, Iglesia del Pacto Vino Nuevo, Escalon, California

Hector Pena, Agape Iglesia del Pacto, Phoenix, California

Arnold Jimenez, La Roca Covenant Church, Turlock, California

Mauricio Diaz, Iglesia Generación del Pacto, Redwood City, California

Jairo Sarmiento, Shalom Iglesia del Pacto, San Jose, California

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Darlyn Tortorella, Iglesia del Pacto Internacional, Orlando, Florida

David and Ruth Rivera, Bethesda Covenant Church, Orlando, Florida

Kevin Diamond, Rock Harbor Covenant Church, Melbourne Beach, Florida

The following individuals were called forward and introduced: Erico Ortega, Kevin Diamond, Kevin Farmer, Trin Peterson, Fil Nesta, Robert Owens, and Mike Brown. Robert Owens prayed for those who have signed agreements in the past year. A video of other church planters was shown. Fil Nesta offered prayer.

29. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP REPORT

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis called the delegates attention to the annual report 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, for his last report as president of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Referencing a number of items in his office, Walter spoke to significant elements in the ministry and life of the Covenant Church: roosters that call attention to God's actions in the world; coffee mug with the Covenant logo, reflecting that we are biblical, devotional, missional, and connectional); an Alaskan soup spoon that represents hospitality; World Vision book of photos of children who have access to fresh water through the support of CovKids Congo; piece of foundation from the first Covenant congregation, which was in Swede Bend, Iowa, signifying that we are the inheritors of a tradition.

Walter highlighted the mission and the structure of the Evangelical Covenant Church in a slide presentation. He encouraged all delegates to read the Annual Report for specifics, pointing out that we as the ECC are reaching more people in more places among more populations.

He identified three areas of concern. 1) Covenant cohesion: we have been highly relational, and new patterns of relationships are emerging. What are we doing to invest in cohesion of the Covenant? 2) Multi-ethnic kingdom mosaic: this is vitally important, and the ECC has made good progress, with one third of the church reflects diverse ethnicity. We need to be relational and intensional. Walter invited the Latino/a delegates to stand, and he said, "We stand with you—your lives matter." 3) Navigating human sexuality: affirming God's boundaries that are meant for our flourishing. Covenant churches have not done well in this sensitive area—we must grieve and grow, and we must love better, he said. We will find areas in which to move forward: three such areas are the common ground we share, resources for equipping pastors and churches, and the Board of the Ordered Ministry is engaging in learning more about human sexuality.

Walter announced that the Executive Board had commissioned a Covenant Resource Paper on Freedom and Responsibility.

Walter called the following individuals to speak to a particular focus: Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of make and deepen disciples, highlighted the Embrace webinars on human sexuality; Cecilia Williams, executive minister for love

mercy do justice, spoke on initiatives to reunite immigrant families, disaster relief, a legal service center, affordable housing, and racial righteousness; Adam Gustine, director of ministry initiatives, and Lance Davis, pastor of New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton, Illinois, spoke about Covenant Enterprises, which supports businesses that seek to impact barriers in communities.

Walter then introduced a second panel to talk about global ministries: the Rev. Jules Mboka, president of CEUM (Covenant Church in DR Congo), shared what amazing work God is doing in DR Congo; Al Tizon, executive minister of serve globally, spoke to the significant ministries of the Covenant Church in Congo and the recent developments there in public health and health care, education, and economic initiatives; and Gary Gaddini, pastor of Peninsula Covenant Church, reported that Global 6k included 80 churches, 4,000 runners, and raised \$340,000.

In closing, Walter spoke about two Covenant pastors and leaders who impacted him: Ray Dahlberg, secretary of world mission, whose life and service spoke to the fact that God's mission is in the hearts of his people and it passes from generation to generation; and Willie Jemison whose conversations with Walter always ended with a word of challenge: "You're doing good but, you know, you can do better." Walter concluded his report with the same challenge to the gathered Covenant Church, and closed with: "Fare thee well as you go deeper in Christ and further in mission; fare thee well as you walk as obedient, humbled servants; fairly thee well, fare thee well, fare thee well because we know our Redeemer lives! Amen!"

The Worship Team played "My Redeemer Lives," and then Alice Lee, chair of the Executive Board, prayed for Walter and the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

4b. CREDENTIALING REPORT UPDATE

Total credentialed voting delegates, 856; total additional registrants in non-voting categories, 298; total registered conference attendance, 1,154.

Nancy Lewis gave instructions to delegates concerning lunch options and LUMI voting devices. Delegates were adjourned for lunch at 12:19 p.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 22, 2018

1:40 p.m.

25. 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 Karen Elaine Brewer, pastor of Atonement Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois.

4b. SECOND CREDENTIALING REPORT

Total credentialed voting delegates, 857; total additional registrants in non-voting categories, 300; total registered conference attendance, 1,157.

14. CALL OF PRESIDENT OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

The moderator recognized Owen Youngman, chair of the North Park University presidential nominating committee, who presented Mary Karsten Surridge as the nominee for president of North Park University. Surridge briefly addressed the delegates. The delegates voted to call Surridge as president of NPU. Darrell Griffin, member of the NPU Board of Trustees, prayed for her.

26. FISCAL YEAR 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

The moderator recognized Paul Hawkinson, executive director of finance and treasurer of the Covenant, who reported on the consolidated operations and financial position for fiscal 2017. There was a base mission budget surplus of ~\$52,785. There was solid expense control, with actual expenses held at ~4.6 percent or \$769,555 below budget. Continued progress was made on improving net unrestricted mission reserves while managing consolidated debt. Continued strong enrollment, sound reserves, and good operating results for Bethany Benefit Service operations, which announced a 3 percent medical rate increase for 2018, bringing its three-year average trend medical rate increase to ~2.25 percent. The Pension Plan for fiscal 2017 had total net assets available for benefits of ~\$255.1 million, representing a ~105 percent funding level relative to its \$241.5 million projected actuarial liability for future benefits. “While no definitive plan is yet identified,” Hawkinson said, “we continue an ongoing evaluation of the future form of the Covenant Pension.”

Jon Bonkoski, chair of the Executive Board finance committee, prayed for Hawkinson and for God’s provision and generosity of God’s people.

12. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The moderator recognized Mary Miller, chair of the presidential nominating committee, who on behalf committee presented John Wenrich as the nominee for the tenth president of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

John Wenrich briefly addressed the delegates.

The moderator opened nominations from the floor. No additional candidates were nominated, and the nominations were closed.

Time was given for questions from delegates to the candidate.

The election followed. Wenrich was elected by a vote of 671 “yes” (82.53 percent), 142 “no” (17.47 percent), for a total 813 votes with 24 abstentions.

Rachel Burke, member of the Executive Board, offered prayer for Wenrich.

16. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ORDERED MINISTRY

The moderator recognized Richard Lucco, executive director of ministry development and interim executive minister of develop leaders, and Carol Lawson, director of ministry services.

Approval of Licenses

Lawson 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 133rd Annual Meeting grant ministerial licenses as follows.” The motion carried. The names of those with ministerial license appears in the *2018-2019 Covenant Yearbook* ministers list.

Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination

Lawson presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends that the 133rd Annual Meeting approve the following persons’ applications to transfer their ordination to the Evangelical Covenant Church:”

John C. Bangs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Washington
Sung Hoon Hwang, Disciple Community Church, Bellevue, Washington
James D. Kwek, Edmonton Sudan Covenant Church, Edmonton, Alberta
Daniel C. Palomino, Vitas Healthcare, Torrance, California
Elliott E. Scott, Lifepath Church, Houston, Texas

The moderator offered delegates an opportunity to vote on each candidate separately. After hearing no requests for separate votes, delegates voted for the candidates as a group. 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 133rd Annual Meeting grant commissioning to the following persons:”

Amy N. Dufrene, Oak Heights Covenant Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota
Sarah E. Monson, New Day Covenant Church, Rochester, Minnesota

The moderator offered delegates an opportunity to vote on each candidate separately. After hearing no requests for separate votes, delegates voted for the candidates as a group. 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 concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 133rd Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and service to the following persons:”

Daniel S. Bruggeman, Renew Covenant Church, Carroll, Iowa
Connie C. Carrillo, Covenant Care Hospice, Turlock, California
Christopher A. Logan, Bethany Covenant Church, Berlin, Connecticut
Dieula Previlon, Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church, Carrollton, Texas,
Jordanna M. Sadri, Bayside Covenant Church, Granite Bay, California
Stephen E. Salowitz, The Seed Company, Arlington, Texas
Jennifer L. Trees, Hillside Covenant Church, Walnut Creek, California
Crystal A. Vogt, United Hospital, St. Paul, 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:

Daniel S. Bruggeman, by Tammy Swanson-Draheim
Connie C. Carrillo, by Tricia Cisneros
Christopher A. Logan, by Howard Burgoyne,
Dieula Previlon, by Rachel Burke, Mark Mohrweis
Jordanna M. Sadri, by Alan Hearl, Charles “Bud” Locke

Stephen E. Salowitz, by Rich Theilen
Jennifer L. Trees, by Ginny Ahrens, Nancy Lewis

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

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament

Lucco presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 133rd Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and sacrament to the following persons:”

Melvin G. Ardón, Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Rolling Hills Estates, California

Jonathan C. Baek, Glenview Korean Covenant Church, Glenview, Illinois

Judith K. Behnke, Eastside Covenant Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

Michael J. Bingeman, Bryan Health, Lincoln, Nebraska

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

Kevin Brown, Still Waters Covenant Church, Yorktown, Virginia

Hefiti E. Brunold III, Open Door Community Church, Stockton, California

Taylor K. Burgoyne, Eastside Covenant Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

Troy B. Cady, Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

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

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

Jeannette D. Christianson, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

Timothy R. Coyer, Prairieview Covenant Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin

Kevin P. Diamond, Community Covenant Church, San Andreas, California

Jonathan L. Dietrich, Evangelical Covenant Church, Princeton, Illinois

Kari J. Dubord, Bethlehem Evangelical Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Alvaro “Willy” Franco, Canto Nuevo Covenant Church, Pittsburg, California

Meagan S. Gillan, Women Ministries, Covenant Offices, Chicago, Illinois

Matthew S. Gillis, Pilgrim Covenant Church, Granby, Connecticut

Kathryn E. Hage, Quest Church, Seattle, Washington

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

Cynthia J. Hoover, re-entering call process

Jonathan C. Hovey, New Life Covenant Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Jeffrey W. Hunter, North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Andrew H. Hyun, Hope Church Midtown, New York, New York

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

Denise A. Johnson, Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, Illinois

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

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

Margaret A. Kohring, Federated Covenant Church, Dowagiac, Michigan

Jonathan B. MacDonald, Restoration Covenant Church, Redlands, California
 Mary C. March, New City Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Matthew D. Mattoon, Village Covenant Church, Azusa, California
 Claire N. McClun, re-entering call process
 Tyler J. Messen, Solid Rock School of Discipleship, Long Prairie, Minnesota
 Deborah C. M. Montzingo, Bethany Covenant Church, Lyndhurst, Ohio
 Stephanie K. W. O'Brien, Mill City Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Amanda M. Oppenhuizen, Cornerstone Covenant Church, Turlock, California
 Joel J. Osterlund, Mayo Clinic and Hospice, Rochester, Minnesota
 Christopher R. Pappenfus, First Covenant Church, Willmar, Minnesota
 Kors Pater, Evangelical Covenant Church, Rainy River, Ontario
 Benjamin R. Pease, Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
 Heather J. Perkins, The Journey, Wichita, Kansas
 Scott M. Peterson, Redwood Covenant Church, Santa Rosa, California
 Elizabeth L. Piotrowski, North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
 Justin O. Porath, Evangelical Covenant Church, Whitehall, Michigan
 Preston W. Pouteaux, Lakeridge Community Church, Chestermere, Alberta
 Tomáš V. Sanabria, Albany Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
 Katherine M. Schoen, Redwood Covenant Church, Santa Rosa, California
 Philip A. Skei, On Ramps Covenant Church, Fresno, California
 Amy J. Smith, Army chaplaincy
 Nicole S. Smith, Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Daniel W. Stringer, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles, California
 Andrew R. Sturdy, re-entering call process
 Stephen J. Wiens, Genesis Covenant Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota
 Edrin C. Williams, Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Robert M. Zurinsky, Emmanuel Bible Church, Seattle, Washington

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:

Melvin G. Ardón by Juana Nesta, Safy Jacob
 Judith K. Behnke by Carol Roth, Anthony Porter
 Michael J. Bingeman by Tammy Swanson-Draheim, Richard Nelson, Elizabeth Nelson
 Barbara J. Bjelland by Beth Ernest
 Kevin Brown by Howard Burgoyne
 Hefi E. Brunold III by Charles "Bud" Locke
 Taylor K. Burgoyne by Howard Burgoyne, Harold Burgoyne
 Troy B. Cady by Amanda Olson, Steve Dawson
 Julie J. Capel by Todd Spieker
 Jeanette D. Christianson by Tracy Nelson-Welker, Beth Ernest
 Timothy R. Coyer by John Stewart
 Kevin P. Diamond by Beth Ernest
 Jonathan L. Dietrich by Paul Couleur, Mark Ellingson
 Kari J. Dubord by Mark Stromberg, Steve Ramgren, Becky Ramgren, Renee Franzen

Meagan S. Gillan by Carolyn Poterek, Elizabeth Sandell, Alan Hearl
 Matthew S. Gillis by Howard Burgoyne
 Kathryn E. Hage by Carolyn Poterek
 David A. Ho Sang by Howard Burgoyne, David Kim
 Cynthia Hoover by Carol Roth, Robert Tenglin, Bob Bergquist, Beth Ernest
 Jonathan C. Hovey by Catherine Gilliard
 Jeffrey W. Hunter by Robert Tenglin
 Andrew H. Hyun by Howard Burgoyne
 Andrea M. Johnson by Patrick Roberts, Kris Roberts
 Denise A. Johnson by Paul Couleur, Brian Alnes, Jim Stanley-Erickson
 Andreton J. Jones by Rachel Burke
 Timothy L. Keener by Ginny Ahrens
 Margaret Kohring by Ryan Cooper, Carol Shimmin Nordstrom, Beth Ernest
 Mary C. March by Mark Stromberg
 Matthew D. Mattoon by Juana Nesta
 Claire N. McClun by Tammy Swanson-Draheim, Patty Thompson, Sharon
 Anderson
 Tyler Menssen by Greg Satterberg, Cory Olson, Gretchen Olson, Brian
 Alnes, Rich Theilen, Mark Stromberg, Steve Dawson, Steve Weihsmann
 Deborah C. M. Montzingo by Sharon Anderson
 Amanda M. Oppenhuizen by Juana Nesta
 Joel J. Osterlund by Greg Satterberg, Tom Pappenfus, Steve Weihsmann
 Christopher R. Pappenfus by Greg Satterberg, Tom Pappenfus, Karen Kraaz,
 Lisa Putrah, Elizabeth Sandell, Rich Theilen, Mark Stromberg, Sonya
 Peterson, Myron Carlson, Carolie Carlson, Bob Bergquist
 Heather J. Perkins, Carol Roth, Tammy Swanson-Draheim, Patty Thompson,
 Ginny Ahrens
 Scott M. Peterson by Brian Alnes, Elizabeth Sandell, Steve Dawson
 Elizabeth L. Piotrowski by Robert Tenglin
 Preston W. Pouteaux by Jenell Pluim
 Tomás V. Sanabria by Rebecca Gonzalez
 Nicole S. Smith by Rachel Burke, Mark Stromberg, Renee Franzen
 Andrew R. Sturdy by Paul Couleur, Mark Stromberg, Howard Burgoyne,
 Jim Stanley-Erickson, Eric Hedberg,
 Stephen J. Wiens by Aaron Thompson
 Edrin C. Williams by Rachel Burke, Rich Theilen, Mark Stromberg
 Robert M. Zurinsky by Carolyn Poterek, Keith Tungseth, Lynn Tungseth,
 Beth Ernest

Henry Greenridge prayed for all candidates.

Change in Standing

Lucco presented the following reports:

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant
 Ministerium reports that the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministe-
 rial standing of the following individuals has been moved from active to inactive:
 Gregory DuBois (OWSa); Jeffery Hokanson (CSM); Richard McCaskill (CSM);
 David Sutton (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the concurrence of the Covenant

Ministerium reports to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individual has been moved from leave of absence to inactive: Karen Lichlyter-Klein (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium reports to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals has been moved from active to leave of absence: Carla Dymant (OWSa), Christopher Kalton (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium reports to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following individuals has been moved from inactive to active: Mary Hendrickson (OWSa), B. Daniel Nikolich (OWSa), Matthew Randles (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium reports to the 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting that the following individuals have resigned their ministerial standing and requested that their names be removed from the roster of Covenant ministers: Timothy Beam (OWSa), Tracy Hufschmid (OWSa), David Aaron Johnson (OWSa), John Lindt (OWSa).”

Lucco prayed for each of the above.

13. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF DEVELOP LEADERS AND ORDERED MINISTRY

The moderator recognized Mark Pattie III, chair of the nominating committee of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, who, on behalf of the board and in concurrence with the Ministerium, presented Lance Davis as the nominee for executive minister of develop leaders and ordered ministry.

Davis briefly addressed the delegates.

The moderator opened nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations were closed.

Time was given for questions from delegates to the candidate.

The election followed. Davis was elected by a vote of 721 “yes” (98.23 percent) to 13 “no” (1.77 percent) for a total of 743 votes with 9 abstentions.

Jeff Houston prayed for Davis.

The vice-moderator adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:33 a.m.

Moderator Chang called the business session to order. Danny Martinez, superintendent of the Central Conference, led a time of worship.

24. T.W. ANDERSON OUTSTANDING LAYPERSON AWARD

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, president, who presented the T.W. Anderson Award to Dave and Kathy DeVries, members of Anchor Covenant Church, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

17. LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

The moderator recognized Richard Lucco, who presented the Lifetime Service Recognition given to credentialed clergy and missionaries when they turn sixty-five. This year's list represents 1,189 years of combined service, he said. Lucco called those present forward to be recognized, and Gary Walter, president, presented them with certificates of recognition (asterisk indicates those present for the award):

Dennis V. Anderson, Granby, Connecticut
Isolde K. Anderson, Holland, Michigan
Steven H. Annin, Tiburon, California
Conway G. Boyce, Brooklyn, New York
Anita L. Carey, Miami, Florida*
Egbert Carey, Miami, Florida*
Dennis K. Carlson, Farmington Hills, Michigan*
James H. DeGrado, Orlando, Florida
H. Alan Eagle, McKenna, Washington
Donald C. Ebb, St. Paul, Minnesota
Thomas L. Ek, Galesburg, Illinois*
J. Peter Erickson, Iron Mountain, Michigan
Susan G. Fabbro, Redwood City, California
Deborah J. Griffith-Samuels, Oak Park, Illinois
Florence E. Gustafson, Lynnwood, Washington*
Keith R. Gustafson, Lynnwood, Washington*
Timothy H. Heintzelman, Gahanna, Ohio*
Donald J. Holmertz, Decorah, Iowa*
Cynthia J. Hoover, Pompano Beach, Florida
Holly L. Hovestol, Arden Hills, Minnesota*
Mark R. Hovestol, Arden Hills, Minnesota*
Daniel F. Johnson, Hilmar, California*
Don N. Johnson, Rochester, Minnesota*
Robert W. Johnson, Turlock, California*
Timothy L. Johnson, Chicago, Illinois*
Byung-Du Jun, Eugene, Oregon
Glenn H. Kaiser, Chicago, Illinois
Mark T. Kelly, Duluth, Minnesota
John L. Kerl, Caluire, France*
John W. Konieczko, Columbia, South Carolina
Jerry M. Kosanovich, Aurora, Minnesota
John G. LeVahn, Alexandria, Minnesota
Richard J. McRostie Jr., Eureka, California
Mark R. Meredith, Sammamish, Washington
Thomas W. Miller, Zionsville, Indiana*
Ken A. Moore, Fairbanks, Arkansas*
Marc L. Murchison, Mountain Village, Alaska
Mark A. Novak, Gig Harbor, Washington
David T. Olson, Plymouth, Minnesota*
Josef Rasheed, DeSoto, Texas*
Donald T. Robinson, Mt. Vernon, Washington*

Helen D. Smith, DR Congo
Jeffrey A. Stewart, Hickory, North Carolina
Richard M. Taylor, Monroe, Washington
Timothy L. Theurer, Mariposa, California
Randall W. Thyberg, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Manuel D. Valencia, Rialto, California
Dale S. Vallejo-Sanderson, Kailua, Hawaii*
Anibal Vasquez, Bell Gardens, California

33. 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. Carlos C. Tarin, CPA, gave a report as well. A National Covenant Properties video was shown.

Roy Applequist prayed for Dawson and NCP.

15. BOARD ELECTIONS, VOTE, AND RESULTS

The vice-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

Scott T. Dennis

6-year term

Diane Trujillo Leavitt

6-year term

Julie A. Persson

6-year term

Vicky J. Reier

3-year term

David Holder

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

5-year term

James A. Fretheim

5-year term

Meghan A. K. Johnson

5-year term

Theodore B. Law

5-year term

Juana I. Nesta

5-year term

Julia D. Sandstrom

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

5-year term

Sharon R. Anderson

5-year term

Randall E. Friesen

5-year term

Terrance S. Woodson

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

5-year term

Rachel E. Burke

5-year term

Jim Stanley-Erickson

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

6-year term

Hilary Applequist

6-year term

Kristen M. Brown

6-year term

Sixto Michael Carrion

6-year term

Karen A. Rydell

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

5-year term

Gregory E. Crawford

5-year term

Gail Dahlstrom

5-year term

Peter C. Nelson

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Vice-Moderator

2-year term

Weston W. Gibson

Moderator

2-year term

Jonathan M. Wilson

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

Voting was by electronic device, and the following results were announced:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Scott T. Dennis, 625 yes, 8 no, 7 abstentions

Diane Trujillo Leavitt, 616 yes, 16 no, 15 abstentions

Julie A. Persson, 616 yes, 12 no, 15 abstentions

Vicky Reier, 614 yes, 11 no, 10 abstentions

David Holder, 606 yes, 11 no, 15 abstentions

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

James A. Fretheim, 640 yes, 7 no, 12 abstentions
Meghan A. K. Johnson, 629 yes, 9 no, 13 abstentions
Theodore B. Law, 629 yes, 5 no, 12 abstentions
Juana I. Nesta, 626 yes, 6 no, 12 abstentions
Julia D. Sandstrom, 617 yes, 12 no, 13 abstentions

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

Sharon R. Anderson, 634 yes, 7 no, 13 abstentions
Randall E. Friesen, 629 yes, 6 no, 14 abstentions
Terrance S. Woodson, 635 yes, 3 no, 10 abstentions

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

Rachel E. Burke, 636 yes, 1 no, 13 abstentions
Jim Stanley-Erickson, 624 yes, 3 no, 14 abstentions

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Hilary Applequist, 637 yes, 2 no, 15 abstentions
Kristen M. Brown, 629 yes, 3 no, 17 abstentions
Sixto Michael Carrion, 630 yes, 6 no, 10 abstentions
Karen A. Rydell, 621 yes, 3 no, 16 abstentions

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Gregory E. Crawford, 629 yes, 10 no, 15 abstentions
Gail Dahlstrom, 619 yes, 8 no, 22 abstentions
Peter C. Nelson, 569 yes, 56 no, 21 abstentions

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICER FOR 2018 AND 2019

Vice-Moderator

Weston W. Gibson, 634 yes, 1 no, 11 abstentions

Moderator

Jonathan M. Wilson, 623 yes, 12 no, 10 abstentions

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT—CHIC

The moderator recognized Tim Ciccone, director of youth ministry, for a report on the CHIC in the summer of 2018. He also shared the Unite Curriculum, a 6-week all-church study.

34. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

The moderator recognized Carl Balsam, interim president of North Park University. In his report he thanked the Annual Meeting for affirming Mary Karsten Surridge as the new president of North Park University.

22. RECOGNITION OF CARL BALSAM, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY.

Gary Walter presented Balsam with a citation, and Kristine Strand prayed for him.

27. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2019 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 2019 and made the following motion: “COLT and the Executive Board recommends the fiscal year 2019 Mission and Ministry Budget in the amount of \$25,867,034 for adoption by the 2018 Covenant Annual Meeting.”

The mission and ministry expense budget is as follows:

Start and Strengthen Churches	\$ 3,105,212
Make and Deepen Disciples	\$ 1,235,078
Develop Leaders	\$ 2,587,858
Love Mercy and Do Justice	\$ 2,065,916
Serve Globally	\$ 12,131,748
Communications	\$ 1,379,159
Shared Services	\$ 3,362,063

The motion carried. The moderator recognized Garth McGrath, superintendent of the Great Lakes Conference, to pray for the budget and for Paul Hawkinson.

RECOGNITION OF RICHARD LUCCO AND CHRIS HAGBERG

The moderator recognized President Gary Walter, who called Richard Lucco to the platform to give the Annual Meeting an opportunity to give thanks for Lucco’s service. Lucco will be concluding his work at the end of this calendar year. Delegates gave him a standing ovation.

Walter also recognized and gave thanks for Chris Hagberg, his assistant for eighteen years. Delegates gave her a standing ovation.

37. COVTALKS

Adam Gustine introduced three people who talked about their ministries. Stephanie Williams O’Brien of Mill City Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, said that God gives us access to kingdom authority through Jesus and, that “Jesus loves strippers” (she requested the previous statement to be included in the minutes). Lavern Holdeman, a Covenant pastor and financial consultant who attends Community Covenant Church in Omaha, Nebraska spoke on financial leadership and the Lilly Grant to address financial burdens of ministers. Mauricio Dell’Arciprete, pastor of Nuevo Pacto in Minneapolis, spoke on Church for Kids which is serving the next generation of immigrants.

The vice-moderator made announcements and prayed. The assembly recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 23, 2018

1:41 p.m.

4.c. CREDENTIALING REPORT #3

The moderator recognized Karen Figueroa for the following final report from the credentialing committee:

Representing	Delegates	Churches
Conferences		
Alaska	5	2
Canada	8	6
Central	112	52
East Coast	51	29
Great Lakes	70	31
Midsouth	14	9
Midwest	69	31
Northwest	256	105
Pacific Northwest	69	33
Pacific Southwest	86	47
Southeast	16	11
Total of Conference Delegates	756	356
General		
Officers of the Covenant	1	0
Executive Board	29	7
Council of Administrators	12	1
Annual Meeting Officers	3	0
Board of Nominations	1	0
Covenant Ministerium	2	0
Assoc. of Cov. Camps and Conf. Centers	2	0
Commission Delegates	0	0
Serve Globally Fields	20	0
Regional Conference Offices	30	5
Total of General Delegates	100	13
TOTAL CREDENTIALLED DELEGATES	856	369
Honorary Delegates		
Advisers from Covenant Institutions	0	0
Advisers from Non-member Churches	0	0
Resource People	54	0
Registered General Conferees	198	14
Exhibitors	19	0
Support Staff	18	0
Total Additional Attendees	303	16
Total Registered Attendance	1159	385

34b. NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who on behalf the NPU Board of Trustees and in concurrence of the Executive Board, moved that the following amended constitution of North Park University be approved:

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.

The motion to approve the NPU Constitution was passed.

35.c. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The moderator recognized David Kersten, dean of North Park Theological Seminary, for his report. Highlights included expansion of distance education, launching the Ignite cohort, the development of the Stateville Correction Center seminary program, renovation of Nyvall Hall, and the launch of the Covenant Scholars program. Christine Rosell, member of the NPU Board of Trustees, prayed for North Park Theological Seminary and Dean Kersten.

28. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS

The moderator recognized Paul Hawkinson, who gave a report on the current status and future considerations of the clergy pension plan. He said the recom-

recommendations for changes will be shared at the 2019 Annual Meeting to be put into place by December 2019. He said the Board of Pensions and Benefits anticipates the recommendations will include the following: a proposal to close the current defined benefit plan to new individuals; selected amendments will be offered to remaining participants; inactive participants will be offered optional buyouts; if a participant is in the plan, they may choose to remain or to freeze benefits and join with the new pastors in a new plan; all new pastors will roll into a new plan (the Board of Pensions and Benefits will always have a mandated plan); the potential to build large, match-funding program for under-resourced churches.

31. REPORT FROM COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

The moderator recognized Roger Oxendale, president and CEO of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, who reported that CMB has 7,000 employees, serving in the neighborhood of 500,000 individuals. Dick Nelson offered prayer for Roger Oxendale and CMB.

30. REPORT FROM CENTRO HISPANO DE ESTUDIOS TEOLOGICOS

The moderator recognized Ed Delgado, president of CHET, who shared highlights, including three CHET graduates who are being ordained in 2018. Delgado also mentioned that Superintendent Danny Martinez of the Central Conference is a CHET graduate. Many countries are being served by CHET graduates. Valerie Thomas prayed for Ed Delgado and CHET.

32. REPORT FROM COVENANT TRUST COMPANY

The moderator recognized Ann Wiesbrock, president of Covenant Trust Company, who reported that CTC was created to serve the members, friends, and ministers of the Covenant Church. CTC has clients ranging from less than one year to 108 years old. It currently manages more than \$2 billion. CTC estate plans have distributed \$228 million to ministries in the Covenant. Meredith Randall prayed for Covenant Trust Company and Ann Wiesbrock.

18. MISSIONARY SERVICE RECOGNITION

The moderator recognized Al Tizon, executive minister of serve globally, and Gary Walter, president of the ECC, who honored the following three individuals for their missionary service: Keith and Florence Gustafson, Democratic Republic of the Congo (1984-2018) and Christy Taylor, East Asia (2007-2018).

COVENANT MISSION MOMENT 2

A “Celebrating the Mission” video was shown.

35. 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. Cindy Wu prayed for the PCP team and Renee Hale.

20. RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS CONCLUDING TERMS OF SERVICE

The moderator recognized Gary Walter, who expressed appreciation on behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church to Rachel Burke, David Danielson, and Juana Nesta, for their service to the Executive Board.

38. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 133rd COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who recommended that the minutes of the 133rd 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.

36. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RESPONSE TO DELEGATE QUESTIONS

The moderator recognized Nancy Lewis who invited administrators to come to the podium to answer delegate questions that had been presented in writing.

41. DELEGATE EVALUATION

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who invited delegates to fill out the emailed evaluation form.

39. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019 GATHER

Gonzalez reported that although they have been working on next year's Gather location, details are not yet finalized. The hope is to give details later this summer.

42. REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS

The moderator recognized Ed Gibreath, executive director of communication, who shared ways in which delegates could report back to their congregations: *Covenant Companion*, videos at Gather website, and delegate summary.

43. CLOSING STATEMENT

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who moved 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 133rd 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

James L. Chester, June 27, 2017, Loveland, Ohio
DuWayne V. Winters, July 8, 2017, Burlington, Iowa
Harold E. Nelson, July 29, 2017, Chatham, Illinois
James K. Dinsmore, August 15, 2017, Tehachapi, California
K. Wesley Olson, August 28, 2017, Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Lars J. Silverness, August 30, 2017, Floral Park, New York
Vernon K. Lund, September 13, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Howard P. Johnson, September 30, 2017, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
Bennie Simmons Jr., October 24, 2017, Gary, Indiana
Donald A. Njaa, October 28, 2017, Chicago, Illinois
Rodney M. Johnson, December 24, 2017, Madison, Wisconsin
Ronald L. Magnuson, February 8, 2018, Sawyer, Michigan
Earl R. Johnson, February 26, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Charles J. Duey Sr., March 7, 2018, Cromwell, Connecticut
J. Paul Thompson, March 14, 2018, Chandler, Arizona
James A. Swanson, March 18, 2018, New Smyrna Beach, Florida
John E. Sandberg, March 31, 2018, Cromwell, Connecticut
Ronald D. Mancini, April 6, 2018, Brewster, Massachusetts
James H. Gaderlund, April 14, 2018, Mountain View, California
Michael D. Fitzgerald, April 15, 2018, Scotts Valley, California
Paul E. Sparrman, April 18, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Maynard W. Anderson, May 21, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Missionaries

M. Carolyn Kelly, September 15, 2017, Northbrook, Illinois
Gordon J. Christensen, April 6, 2018, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert C. Peterson, April 22, 2018, Northbrook, Illinois
Ann (Kullberg) Carlson, May 9, 2018, Duluth, Minnesota

Pastors' Spouses

Edith Nelson (Harold), May 4, 2017, Chatham, Illinois
Janice Nelson (Elton) July 12, 2017, Turlock, California
Mary Larson (Kevin J.) October 11, 2017, Riley, Kansas
Jerome Maleski (Ann) December 28, 2017, Chicago, Illinois
Marian J. Carlson (David E.) February 5, 2018, Red Oak, Iowa
Mary Frances Henderson (Stanley), February 9, 2018, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Donna Swanberg (Harold) February 25, 2018, Bellevue, Washington
Lois L. Hirsch (Robert) February 27, 2018, Turlock, California
LaVerne E. Madvig (Donald) March 18, 2018, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota
Kira de Leon Ardon (Melvin) April 29, 2018, Rolling Hills Estates, Minnesota
Ernestine Olson (Richard), May 7, 2018, Shawnee, Kansas
Janice M. Swanson (Warren), May 11, 2018, Batavia, Illinois
Linnea Johnson (Earl), May 23, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Elna Jean Foss (Francis), May 24, 2018, Turlock, California

The motion was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez invited President Gary Walter to join her, and moved the following resolution of gratitude:

RESOLVED, that the 133rd 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, his people and his work in and through the Evangelical Covenant Church:

To the churches of the Northwest Conference, Superintendent Mark Stromberg and conference staff for hosting Go: Serve, and offering the gift of hospitality to our delegates and guests;

To our moderator, Sam Chang; vice-moderator, Nancy Lewis; Jonathan Wilson parliamentarian, and secretary, Michael DeLong; and backup secretary, Norma Ramos, together, these faithful servants, 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 Coslow and Craig Wickstrom, volunteer coordinators, all the sergeants-at-arms and their chair, Jim Coslow, and all the tellers with Kim Carlson, their chair, for overseeing the distribution of materials and LUMI devices during the business sessions and helping us have voice and vote in the meeting;

To the credentials committee, its chair, Karen Figueroa, committee members Carol Sato and Marcia Friedman, and Jill Ulven, Covenant events registrar, who together verified the certified delegates and tallied additional registrants;

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

To our children's ministry team: Kara Stromberg, coordinator, and Amber Keller, Heidi Swanson, Kristin Theilen, and the teams of volunteers from Bethlehem Covenant Church, Covenant Pines staff, and First Covenant Church of St. Paul that serve the future generation of Covenant delegates;

To Matt Lundgren, the worship leader who, with the worship team, vocalists, organist, and multiple participants 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 speakers: Michelle Sanchez, Beth Severson, and Danny Martinez; evening speakers: Gary Walter, Tammy Swanson-Draheim, and Curtis Ivanoff; CovTalk speakers: Mauricio Dell' Arciprete, Lavern Holdeman, and Stephanie Williams O'Brien;

To the recipients of the Irving J. Lambert Award (Rev. Karen Brewer) and T.W. Anderson Award (Dave and Kathy DeVries) for modeling for us the life of servanthood;

To James Brown and Erik Anderson, who co-produced worship services and business sessions;

To our ECC affiliates, for their strategic insight, partnership, and acts of generosity. With their support, we continue to be faithful in service and together, go further in mission this week and beyond;

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 and Ed Gilbreath, executive director of communications, who managed communication services before and during the event, including design work, printing, onsite reporting, media services, the Bookstore, and preparing our report as we return home;

To the Covenant Events team: Marti Burger, director of Covenant events, and David Bae, manager of Covenant events, and to Jill Ulven, registrar, who invested countless hours in every single detail of this engagement to create for us to be the church and be transformed by God's presence and the company of our brothers and sisters in the church. Because of their passion and service, this week we gathered to worship, gathered to learn, gathered to grow, gathered to send, gathered to celebrate and grieve, gathered to listen and to speak, gathered to try something new, gathered to continue to build on our Covenant legacy, gathered to build community and to discern;

To our Operations team and colleagues at 8303 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, associations, councils, committee members) who provided input and overall guidance in preparation for Gather '18 and this Annual Meeting and served in various roles throughout our time together; and

To all 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 133rd Covenant Annual Meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Gonzalez gave special commendations given to moderator Sam Chang, vice-moderator Nancy Lewis, and parliamentarian Jonathan Wilson, who were concluding their service. Gary Walter gave each a gift.

44. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed.

45. BENEDICTION

Vice-moderator Nancy Lewis gave the benediction. The meeting concluded at 4:41 p.m.

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Naperville: Flory Buki, Scot Gillan, David Sladkey

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Oak Lawn: Carol Raines, Pete Raines
Orland Park: Jon Fogel
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Lansing: Andrew Gates

Livonia: Ken White

Manistee: Kim Carlson, Pam Carlson, Herb Frost

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Tustin: Keith Bergstrom

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Rochester: Anna Vos, Elliot Vos

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Tulsa: Bill Clark

TEXAS

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Katy: Wayne Park

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Stanton: Kristin King, Matt King
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Urbandale, Shalom: Eugene Kiruhura

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Lindsborg: Darrell Cooper, Kate Cooper, Joe Vajgrt, Sharon Vajgrt
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Barnum: Alan Finifrock, Jeff Telker
Bemidji: Ekren Miller, Deanna Murphy, Jim Murphy, Curt Saufferer
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 Cook: Linda Freeman, Roger Freeman
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 Dawson: Erik Carlson, Tina Harding, Laurel Peterson
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