



AGENDA  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIXTH COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING  
June 23-25, 2022

We plan to give each agenda item the time necessary to ensure that it is fully addressed. To do this well while doing our best to adhere to the schedule as it currently exists, per Standing Rule 9, the moderator shall have the discretion to revise the order of agenda items to accommodate scheduling needs. Also, should we happen to address all business prior to the projected schedule's end time, it is at the discretion of the Annual Meeting Officers to adjourn the meeting early.

To ensure that you as a voting delegate can effectively have your voice heard throughout the meeting, we request that you do all you can to be present throughout the scheduled meeting time. There will be a few items that have pre-scheduled time certain. You can find those listed below.

**Time Certain**

**Thursday, June 23**

2:45 p.m.	Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award
3:00 p.m.	Service Recognition for Global Personnel

**Friday, June 24**

11:00 a.m.	Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report
1:30 p.m.	Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition
1:45 p.m.	Actions to Be Taken from the Ordered Ministry
3:00 p.m.	T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award

**Saturday, June 25**

9:40 a.m.	FY2023 Mission and Ministry Budget
10:30 a.m.	Removal of Ministerial Credentials

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\*Reports exceeding the ten (10) minute time limit per the Standing Rules are marked with an asterisk.


*Materiales traducidos y disponibles en español están marcados con un símbolo de suma en azul. +*

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## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

1. Morning Worship
2. Opening Statement by the Moderator
3. Greeting from Churches of the Midwest Conference


## **ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING**

4. Report on Credentials and Motion
  - a. Credentialing Report #1
  - b. Credentialing Report #2
  - c. Credentialing Report #3
  - d. Credentialing Report #4
  - e. Credentialing Report #5
5. Action on the Standing Rules of Order
6. Action on the Proposed Agenda 
7. Approval of Honorary Delegates and Resource Persons
  - a. Honorary Delegates
  - b. Resource Persons

## **MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSION**

8. Action on Churches Applying for Membership
  - a. Recognition and Prayer
9. Church Planter Commissioning\*
  - a. Recognition and Prayer
10. Action on Removal of Churches from the Roster
  - a. Recognition and Prayer

## **STATE OF THE MISSION**

11. Report of the President\* 

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE MISSION**

12. Report on Strategic Alignment Team Recommendation
13. Update on the Freedom, Unity and Responsibility Resource Paper
14. Report and Action on the Covenant Constitution and Bylaw Amendments
  - a. Report on 2021 North Park University Bylaw Amendments
  - b. 2021/2022 Covenant Constitutional Amendments
  - c. 2022 Proposed Covenant Bylaw Amendments
  - d. Presentation of Proposed 2022/2023 Covenant Constitutional Amendments

## **SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOR THE MISSION**

15. Election of President of the Evangelical Covenant Church
  - a. Report from the Presidential Nominating Committee
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results
16. Election of Executive Minister of Ordered Ministry and Develop Leaders
  - a. Report from the Ordered Ministry and Develop Leaders Nominating Committee
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results
17. Election of Executive Minister of Serve Globally
  - a. Report from the Serve Globally Nominating Committee
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results
18. Call of President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
  - a. Report from the Board of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results
19. Call of North Park Theological Seminary Faculty Members
  - a. Report from North Park Theological Seminary
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results

20. Board Elections\*
  - a. Presentation of 2022 Ballot
    - a.1. Executive Board
    - a.2. Board of the Ordered Ministry
    - a.3. Board of Pensions and Benefits
    - a.4. Board of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
    - a.5. Board of Trustees of North Park University
    - a.6. Annual Meeting Officers
    - a.7. Board of Nominations
  - b. Vote
  - c. Results
21. Actions to Be Taken from the Ordered Ministry for 2022\* (***Time Certain*** - 1:45 p.m. on 6/24/22)
  - a. Changes in Standing
    - a.1. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Active to Inactive
    - a.2. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Leave of Absence to Inactive
    - a.3. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Inactive to Active
    - a.4. Transfer of Ministerial Credentials
    - a.5. Resignation of Ministerial Credentials
    - a.6. Reinstatement of Ministerial Credentials
    - a.7. Removal of Ministerial Credentials (***Time Certain*** - 10:30 a.m. on 6/25/22)
      - a.7.i. Uncontested
      - a.7.ii. Contested (*Contingent on Ministerium's Annual Meeting Discernment*)
  - b. Approval of Licenses
  - c. Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination
  - d. Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning
  - e. Presentation of Candidates for Consecrated Missionary
  - f. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service
  - g. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament

## HONORING FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE MISSION

22. Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition (*Time Certain* - 1:30 p.m. on 6/24/22)
23. Service Recognition for Global Personnel (*Time Certain* – 3:00 p.m. on 6/23/22)
24. Recognition of John Wenrich, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church
25. Recognition of Rebecca Gonzalez, Executive Director of Operations
26. Recognition of Covenant Executive Board Members Concluding Term of Service
27. Recognition of Paul Wilson, Pacific Southwest Conference Superintendent
28. Recognition of Mark Stromberg, Northwest Conference Superintendent
29. Recognition of Dave Kersten, Dean of the North Park Theological Seminary
30. 2022 T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award (*Time Certain* – 3:00 p.m. on 6/24/22)
31. 2022 Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award (*Time Certain* - 2:45 p.m. on 6/23/22)

## FUNDING THE MISSION

32. Financial Report\* (*Time Certain* - 11:00 a.m. on 6/24/22)
  - a. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report
33. Presentation and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 Mission and Ministry Budget\* (*Time Certain* - 9:40 a.m. on 6/25/22)
34. Report from the Covenant Board of Pensions and Benefits
35. Report on 2021 Mission Advancement

## DIMENSIONS OF THE MISSION

36. Mission and Ministry Leadership Report
37. Report from Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET)
38. Report from Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
  - a. Report on Swedish Covenant Hospital Sale Proceeds
39. Report from Covenant Trust Company
40. Report from National Covenant Properties
41. Report from North Park University
  - a. Report of the President of North Park University
  - b. Report of the Dean of North Park Theological Seminary
42. Report from Paul Carlson Partnership

43. Mission and Ministry Leadership Response to Delegate Questions

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

44. Recommendations for Continuation of Commissions
  - a. Commission on Biblical Gender Equality
  - b. Commission on Covenant History
45. Delegate Evaluation
46. Arrangements for 2023 Annual Meeting

### **PREPARING TO GO FORTH IN MISSION**

47. Approval of Minutes of 136<sup>th</sup> Covenant Annual Meeting
48. Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the Covenant
49. Report to Congregations
50. Closing Statement
  - a. Resolution of Sympathy
  - b. Resolution of Gratitude
51. Adjournment
52. Benediction

#### **Annual Meeting Officers**

Moderator: Elizabeth Jensen

Vice Moderator: Rick Lindholtz

Secretary: Nilwona Nowlin

Parliamentarian: Eric Filkin

President: John Wenrich

Secretary of the Covenant: Rebecca Gonzalez